

**Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL BRIEFING NOTE**

TO: Acting Deputy Director-General, CSS

SUBJECT: Scientific Purposes Permit – Sea World

<div> <div>Approved</div> <div>Not Approved</div> <div>Noted</div> </div> <div>Further information required</div>
Signed: (6) Personal information Dated: 24/11/12

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Acting Deputy Director General:

approve the attached Scientific Purposes Permit (SPP) for Village Roadshow Theme Parks Pty Ltd (Sea World) to collect freshly dead dolphin carcasses from shark nets and Queensland beaches (Attachment 5).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Sea World has previously held an SPP to collect dolphin carcasses, conduct post mortems and to collect reproductive material for research. Their most recent permit expired in September 2012.
- An application was received by PALM on 20 September 2012, to continue this project for a further five years.

CURRENT

- Sea World wishes to conduct this work along the coast from Rainbow Beach south to the New South Wales border.
- Sea World is required to provide relevant information to the EHP StrandNet database.
- Reproductive material will be collected from the carcasses and frozen to be used in research.
- Cetacean Expert Dr Ilze Brieze and Kristy Currie, Senior Conservation Officer, NPRSR Moreton Bay have considered and supported this application.

A/DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Assessment Report to Delegate
- Attachment 2 - Assessment form completed by Dr Ilze Brieze
- Attachment 3 - Assessment form completed by Kristy Currie
- Attachment 4 - Notice of Decision for signing by the A/DDG
- Attachment 5 - Permit WISP12115912 for signing by the A/DDG

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Assessment Report to the Delegate

Nature Conservation Act 1992

NOTES:

1. Each assessment report prepared to support recommendations made for decision is to be structured in the format shown below.
2. Double click on the box to check / Click once on grey area to type in.
3. The assessment report is to be completed, to confirm conclusion of supervisory review/endorsement, and decision stages of the process.

Scientific Purposes

(protected species off protected land)



Animals



Plants



Other

PROJECT NO: 72911

PERMIT NUMBER: WISP12115912

DATE RECEIVED: 20/9/2012

FILE NO: TWB4503

DATES REQUESTED: 26/9/2012 – 26/9/2017

ACTUAL DATES: 1/12/2012 – 30/11/2017

APPLICANT NAME: Village Roadshow Theme Parks Pty Ltd (Sea World facility)

ADDRESS: PO Box 190, SURFERS PARADISE QLD 4210

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the proposed project should be:

☐ Approved

☒ Approved with conditions

☐ Refused

Assessing Officer: JACQUI BROCK

Signed

Date: 16/11/2012

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Delegate's comment (if any):

Delegate:

Signed:

Date:

Assessment Report to the Delegate

1) Project Title

Collection of reproductive material from freshly dead cetaceans

2) Project Aim

This is a continuation of a project for which Sea World have held a permit since 2007.

Sea World will be collecting dolphin carcasses and conducting post mortems. Information will be provided to StrandNet.

In addition to this, the aim is to collect reproductive material from freshly dead cetaceans either caught in the shark nets or stranded on the Queensland coast. This material will then be frozen and stored in liquid nitrogen. When it is needed, the material will be thawed and transported. It will then be used in assisted reproductive programs i.e. it will be used to produce genetically diversified animals in captivity. This material will also be used to develop knowledge and techniques in assisted reproductive techniques in cetaceans which may have beneficial outcomes for any future recovery programs for endangered cetacean species.

3) Species of Focus

Tursiops truncatus – Off-shore bottlenose dolphin (Least concern)

Tursiops aduncus – In-shore bottlenose dolphin (Least concern)

Sousa chinensis – Indo-pacific humpback dolphin (Near threatened)

4) Location(s)

Waters – Rainbow Beach to Queensland/NSW border

5) Proposal Justification

If reproductive material can be collected successfully it will be used in a number of ways:

- To provide a bank of frozen reproductive material which may provide an opportunity to enhance the genetic diversity of wild endangered or threatened cetacean populations.
- The knowledge and techniques that are perfected may be able to be used in any future recovery program for endangered species.
- To provide a means of increasing the genetic diversity of captive cetacean species in Australian collections without taking live animals from the wild.

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6) Regional/ Specialist Reviews

Kristy Currie, Senior Conservation Officer, NPRSR Moreton Bay – assessed and approved. Kristy commented that a Marine Park permit will be required for any collecting done within Marine Parks. Also that carcass disposal should be conducted in a timely and efficient manner and in accordance with direction from QPWS or the local council.

Ilze Brieze, Manager, Wildlife Management Strategy, EHP (Species Expert) assessed and approved and suggested similar conditions to the previous permit. Ilze's comments included "This technology is not yet established in Australia so this project will build local knowledge in relation to the species *Sousa chinensis*. Post mortems of deceased dolphins collected for this project will also provide information on the health of local populations which will help inform management decisions. The information will be input to the state government StrandNet database, making it available for analysis as part of the state's centralised data repository. Improving the technology may also lead to conservation benefits globally by reducing the need for facilities housing captive cetaceans to capture additional animals from the wild for the purpose of building genetic diversity in their collections and maintaining numbers.

Should the focus of the work outlined by the applicant shift more towards enhancing captive collection rather than building and contributing to scientific knowledge, then another type of authorisation may be considered more appropriate in future, should the work be ongoing".

7) Assessment Report Considerations

The application has been assessed in a manner consistent with the statutory provisions outlined below.

(a) Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006

Considerations under S25 Relevance to the proposal	
In considering an application for a relevant authority, the chief executive must <u>have regard</u> to each of the following	
(a) the impact the activities that may be carried out under the authority may have on the conservation of the cultural or natural resources of a protected area or native wildlife	☒ Yes ☐ No
(b) the effect the grant of the authority will have on the fair and equitable access to nature, having regard to, in particular, the ecologically sustainable use of protected areas or wildlife	☒ Yes ☐ No
(c) any contribution the applicant proposes to make to the conservation of nature	☒ Yes ☐ No
(d) any relevant Australian or international code, instrument, protocol or standard or any relevant intergovernmental agreement	☒ Yes ☐ No
(e) the precautionary principle	☒ Yes ☐ No
(f) public health and safety	☒ Yes ☐ No
(g) the public interest	☒ Yes ☐ No
(h) for an application for a relevant authority other than a camping permit—whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold the authority, having regard to the matters mentioned in schedule	☒ Yes ☐ No Refer to 7b – Considerations under NC(WM) Reg 2006 S218
(i) for an application for a relevant authority for a national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land)—the indigenous management agreement for the protected area;[s 26] NC(A)R 2006	☐ Yes ☐ No N/A
(j) any recovery plan for wildlife to which the authority applies	☒ Yes ☐ No

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(k) any other matter stated in a management instrument as a matter the chief executive must have regard to when considering an application for the authority	☒ Yes ☐ No
Comments – Only animals found dead in the wild will be collected. No animals will be killed for the purpose of this project.	

Division 6 Scientific purposes permit – Protected Animals

Subdivision 1 Purposes

Considerations under S217 – Purpose of permit

The purpose of a scientific purposes permit for animals is to allow a person to take, keep or use a protected, international or prohibited animal for conducting scientific research for a genuine scientific purpose	☒ Yes ☐ No
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Subdivision 2 Restrictions on grant of permit

Considerations under S218 Restriction about persons to whom permit may be granted

(1) The chief executive may grant a **scientific purposes permit** to a person only if—

(a) the person is, or is associated with, any of the following—

(i) a tertiary or other institution administered by the Commonwealth or a State;	☐ Yes ☒ No
(ii) an entity that is involved in scientific research; and	☒ Yes ☐ No

(b) if the person is an individual—the individual—

(i) is receiving, or has completed, postgraduate training in scientific research relevant to the activities the person proposes to carry out under the permit; or	☒ Yes ☐ No
(ii) has achieved a satisfactory level of competence in scientific research relevant to the activities the person proposes to carry out under the permit.	☒ Yes ☐ No

(2) Also, the chief executive may grant a scientific purposes permit to a person associated with an institution or entity only if the chief executive is satisfied the way the scientific purpose is to be achieved is consistent with the requirements of the institution or entity	☒ Yes ☐ No
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Considerations under S219 Restrictions on grant of permit authorising animal to be taken

(1) The chief executive may grant a **scientific purposes permit** for a **protected animal** authorising the holder to take the animal only if the chief executive is satisfied —

(a) the animal is to be taken, kept, used or processed for research that will, or is likely to, make a significant contribution to community knowledge about the matter for which the research is carried out; and	☒ Yes ☐ No
(b) the animal is not intended to be taken, kept, used or processed for a commercial purpose; and	☒ Yes ☐ No
(c) it is necessary to take the animal from the wild, including, for example, because there are no animals of the same species in captivity that are available or appropriate for the research that is to be carried out under the permit.	☒ Yes ☐ No

Subdivision 4 Carrying out activities under permit

Considerations under S222 Giving return of operations

(1) The holder of a scientific purposes permit for an animal must give the chief executive a return of operations for the permit – <u>Have returns been submitted?</u>	☒ Yes ☐ No
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SPECIAL CONSIDERATION – SPP PROTECTED ANIMALS

Considerations under <u>S220 Restriction on grant of permit for particular mammals</u>	
(1) The chief executive may grant a scientific purposes permit whales or dolphins only if the whale or dolphin is to be taken, kept, used or processed for scientific research that has been recommended by —	
(a) the scientific advisory committee; or	☐ Yes ☒ No
(b) a person who is recognised in the research community for whales or dolphins as a person who is highly experienced and qualified in scientific research about whales or dolphins.	☒ Yes ☐ No
COMMENTS: The applications has been assessed by Ilze Brieze, EHP.	

- NOTE – Permit is to be signed by Category 1 Officer

(b) Native title / CYPAL / ILUA comments from Aboriginal Groups

Native Title assessment and notifications were carried out by PALM. The response date for comments or queries by the relevant parties was due by 2 November 2012. No comments were received.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE PROTECTION

SCIENTIFIC / EDUCATION PURPOSES PERMITS APPLICATION

PROJECT ASSESSMENT

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicant Name :	Seaworld
Project Title :	Collection of reproductive material from freshly dead cetaceans
Permit Processing Officer :	Jacqui Brock
Referral Officers :	Ilze Brieze
Referral Date :	4 October 2012
Deadline for Assessment :	Please complete and return this form by COB on 18 October 2012. Please contact the processing officer if this is not possible. The Application will be considered supported without a response.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

Please provide a statement of evidence to support any negative response.

Question		Response
1.	Is the project likely to have an adverse impact on rare or threatened species or threatened ecosystems?	No
	Collection of carcasses/samples will only involve animals that are already deceased.	
2.	Is the project likely to cause inappropriate damage to an ecosystem?	No
	Carcasses/samples will only be collected from deceased animals entangled in shark nets or stranded/washed ashore on beaches.	
3.	Is the project considered to be ecologically sustainable?	Yes
	No impacts on existing populations and environment.	
4.	Is the scientific purpose of the project legitimate?	Yes
	Overseas, for example in the USA, cetacean reproductive research and assisted reproductive technology have been undertaken for a number of cetacean species, including <i>Tursiops</i> spp. This technology is not yet established in Australia so this project will build local knowledge while also contributing to global knowledge and expertise, particularly in relation to the species <i>Sousa chinensis</i> .	
5.	Is it reasonably necessary for the research to be conducted?	Yes

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	<p>This technology is in its infancy in Australia in regard to cetaceans so this project will build local knowledge. Post mortems of deceased dolphins collected for this project will also provide information on the health of local populations, which will help inform management decisions. This information will be input to the state government StrandNet database, making it available for analysis as part of the state's centralised data repository.</p> <p>Improving the technology may also lead to conservation benefits globally by reducing the need for facilities housing captive cetaceans to capture additional animals from the wild for the purpose of building genetic diversity in their collections and maintaining numbers.</p> <p>The applicant suggests the use of assisted reproductive technology may be of benefit for recovery programs established for endangered cetacean species. This outcome is yet to be demonstrated and is likely to be of limited assistance to the recovery of wild populations. It is unlikely that the two near threatened inshore dolphin species in Queensland (<i>S. chinensis</i> and <i>Orcaella heinsohni</i>) would benefit from this approach and conservation efforts for these species should continue to focus on in situ management.</p>	
6.	Does any plan, regulation or agreement prevent the issue of the permit?	See comments
<p>A scientific purposes permit can only be granted for the purpose of conducting scientific research for a genuine scientific purpose. This project, as outlined above, will contribute to scientific knowledge and build expertise in Australia and is supported on that basis.</p> <p>However, a SPP can not be granted to take an animal if it is intended that the animal is to be taken, kept or used for a commercial purpose (see s219, wildlife management regulation, following). The applicant states that one of the aims of the project is to 'produce genetically diversified animals in captivity' and 'make these collections more self-sustaining'. While this is a practical approach to long-term management of captive populations, given an Australian facility is unable to capture animals from the wild to add to their collections, it does ultimately serve a commercial purpose.</p> <p>Should the focus of the work outlined by the applicant shift more towards enhancing the captive collection rather than building and contributing to scientific knowledge, then another type of authorisation may be considered more appropriate in future, should the work be ongoing.</p> <p>Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006 219 Restriction on grant of permit authorising animal to be taken (1) The chief executive may grant a scientific purposes permit for a protected animal authorising the holder to take the animal only if the chief executive is satisfied— (a) the animal is to be taken, kept, used or processed for research that will, or is likely to, make a significant contribution to community knowledge about the matter for which the research is carried out; and (b) the animal is not intended to be taken, kept, used or processed for a commercial purpose; and (c) it is necessary to take the animal from the wild, including, for example, because there are no animals of the same species in captivity that are available or appropriate for the research that is to be carried out under the permit.</p>		
7.	Is the project likely to impact any approved program of work?	No

	The applicant will need to work in consultation and association with the state government in regard to the collection of carcasses from shark nets and beaches.	
8.	If the project includes species of cultural significance or relates to cultural resources of significance to a community or group of aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islanders particularly concerned with the land where the resource is to be taken, are there any objections to the issuance of the permit?	No
	Provided the relevant communities are appropriately consulted on the collection of carcasses/samples.	
9.	Are community attitudes to the project likely to be adverse?	No
Species this assessment applies to:		
<i>Tursiops truncatus, Tursiops aduncus, Sousa chinensis</i>		

Assessment Result (please tick or cross one box below)

Unconditional Support and Approval	
Conditional Support and Approval	✓
No Support, disapproval (with justification)	

Comments, Suggested Permit Conditions and Justification of Decision :

See comments in application assessment above.

Suggest similar conditions to the previous permit.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION BELOW

Assessing Officer's Name :	Dr Ilze Brieze
Date of Assessment Decision :	02/11/2012
Please e-mail this form back to: jacqui.brock@ehp.qld.gov.au	

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SCIENTIFIC / EDUCATION PURPOSES PERMITS APPLICATION

PROJECT ASSESSMENT - QPWS MANAGED AREA – PARKS STAFF

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicant Name :	Seaworld
Project Title :	Collection of reproductive material from freshly dead cetaceans
Permit Processing Officer :	Jacqui Brock
Managed Areas Proposed :	Rainbow Beach to NSW border (inc Moreton Bay Marine Park)
Referral Officer :	QPWS Moreton Bay Region
Referral Date :	4 October 2012
Deadline for Assessment :	Please complete and return this form by COB on 18/10/2012 Please contact the processing officer if this is not possible. The Application will be considered supported without a response.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

Please provide a statement of evidence to support any negative response.

Question	Response
1. Does the project conflict with any regulation, management plan or management program for the managed area(s)?	No
2. Will the project activities have any negative impact on the conservation of the cultural or natural resources of the protected areas or native wildlife?	Potentially
Traditional owners of Moreton Bay have an affiliation with many marine species including dolphins. As part of the stranding response coordinated by QPWS Traditional owners will be consulted prior to the commencement of research and traditional owner aspirations will be incorporated in the handling and disposal of the animal.	
3. Is the project likely to cause the status of any wildlife or communities to decline within the managed area(s)?	No
4. Is the project likely to result in damage or harm to a managed area's character and amenity?	Potentially
Amenity of the marine park may be temporarily degraded if the post mortem is conducted in areas used and visible to the public. Carcass disposal should be conducted in a timely and efficient manner and in accordance with direction from QPWS or the local council.	
5. Is the project likely to result in a negative impact on a managed area's infrastructure, staff or users?	Potentially
As outlined above	

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6. Is it likely that the project will contribute to a significant negative cumulative impact on the protected area?	No
7. Is the project likely to impact any approved program of work?	Potentially
QPWS responds to marine wildlife standings in the Moreton Bay Marine Park. This research must be conducted in liaison with QPWS staff and in accordance with existing procedures for dealing with marine wildlife standings. e.g. reporting and disposal.	
8. Are community attitudes to the project likely to be adverse?	No
Community attitudes are not likely to be adverse. To minimise opposition from the public and for safety reasons it is recommended that necropsies are not conducted in public view.	

Protected Areas this assessment applies to	Main Contact Phone Number

Assessment Result (please tick or cross one box below)

Unconditional Support and Approval	
Conditional Support and Approval	
No Support, disapproval (with justification)	
Comments, Suggested Permit Conditions and Justification of Decision : A Marine Park permit will be required for Seaworld to obtain dolphin carcasses/samples from the Marine Park. A Marine Park Permit application has not been received.	

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION BELOW

Assessing Officer's Name :	Kristy Currie
Date of Assessment Decision :	9/10/12
Please e-mail this form back to: jacqui.brock@ehp.qld.gov.au	

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Government
Department of
Environment and
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Notice of Decision

Approval of application

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Village Roadshow Theme Parks
Pty Ltd (Sea World)
PO Box 190
SURFERS PARADISE QLD 4210

Our reference: TWB4503 72911

Dear (6) Personal info

I am pleased to advise that your application for a Scientific Purposes Permit has been approved.

Please find enclosed permit number WISP12115912 which has been issued under the provisions of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. You are asked to carefully read the conditions attached to this permit. Included with this letter is advice on the review and appeal process that may be available to you. Should you seek a review or appeal, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (the department) advises that you seek independent advice before taking such action.

The Principal Holder listed on the permit is responsible for all activities that are undertaken under the jurisdiction of the permits listed above, including the activities of nominated authorised assistants. Your cooperation is requested in observing the following matters:

- Additional persons authorised to collect under this permit must while collecting
 - (a) carry a copy of the permit endorsed by the permit holder with the additional persons name and residential address; and
 - (b) carry a form of identification that displays a coloured photograph of the person, such as a Queensland driver licence.
- Names of additional persons authorised and endorsed by you should be provided in writing to the office issuing the permit.
- Any change of details including change of name, residential address, postal address or business address must be advised in writing before or immediately after the change has occurred.

A return of operations (Wildlife Data Return and Report) must be submitted on the standard reporting forms within 10 business days of the anniversary date of the permit each year the permit is in force; and within 10 business days of the expiry date.

Please submit these forms, along with any reports or publications arising from the research to the Project Officer (Scientific Permits), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, PO Box 731, Toowoomba QLD 4350. Alternatively, reports may be submitted electronically to SPPreport.southern@ehp.qld.gov.au. Penalties may apply if returns are not submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Geoff Clark
Delegate
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Enquiries:

Jacqui Brock
PO Box 731
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

DATE: 22-11-12

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Permit¹

This permit is issued under the following legislation:
S12(E) Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006

Scientific Purposes Permit

Permit number: WISP12115912

Valid from: 01-DEC-2012 to 30-NOV-2017

Parties to the Permit

Role	Name	Address
Principal Holder	Village Roadshow Theme Parks Pty Ltd (Sea World) (t/a Village Roadshow Theme Parks Pty Ltd (Sea World)) 60 010 919 623	c/ Movie World, Pacific Highway OXENFORD QLD 4210
Person In Charge	ch4p4(6) Personal informatio	sch4p4(6) Personal information

Permitted Location Activity Details

Location (s)	Activity (s)
Non Protected Area - Rainbow Beach to Qld Border (Waters)	Research on non-protected areas for scientific purposes

¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation.

Permit Details

Species Details

Location		Activity	
Non Protected Area - Rainbow Beach to Qld Border (Waters)		Research on non-protected areas for scientific purposes	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Category	Quantity
Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin	Sousa chinensis	Dead	50 Animal/s Parts/Products
Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin	Tursiops aduncus	Dead	50 Animal/s Parts/Products
offshore bottlenose dolphin	Tursiops truncatus	Dead	50 Animal/s Parts/Products

Conditions of Approval

Agency Interest: Biodiversity

PB1 This permit authorises the holder to collect freshly dead carcasses from either shark nets or Queensland beaches. The carcasses may be transported to Sea World or if the carcass is at a remote location it may be processed in situ.

A Marine Wildlife Stranding and Mortality Report must be submitted via email to strand.data@derm.qld.gov.au as soon as possible.

Reproductive material may be collected from the animals.

Carcass disposal should be conducted in a timely and efficient manner and in accordance with direction from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service or the local council.

The Queensland Museum must be offered first refusal of any excess material.

Unless otherwise specified, all practices and procedures undertaken pursuant to this permit are to be in accordance with those details contained in and attached to the Application for a Scientific Purposes Permit signed by the Principal Holder on 10 September 2012.

PB2 The Principal Holder must contact the relevant Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Office prior to commencing activities in Marine Parks. Current Marine Park permits must be held prior to collecting in Marine Parks.
Great Sandy Marine Park (07) 4197 4002
Moreton Bay Marine Park (07) 3131 2888

PB3 Environmental impact is to be kept to a minimum.

PB4 Collecting activities are to be effected away from public view.

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- PB5 No animals are to be killed specifically for use under this permit.
- PB6 This permit (or a copy plus proof of identity of the permit holder) must be carried while engaged in any activity authorised by the permit.
- Assistants authorised by the Principal Holder/Person in Charge must carry a copy of this permit endorsed by the Principal Holder/Person in Charge showing their full name and address. Assistants must also carry photo identification such as a Drivers Licence.
- The Principal Holder must notify the Project Officer (Scientific Permits) Toowoomba, of any additional collectors or assistants authorised by the Permit Holder.
- PB7 The Principal Holder must ensure that all vessels used in connection with the activities permitted herein are clearly marked Research Vessel while being used for those activities.
- PB8 A return of operations (Wildlife Data Return and Report) must be submitted on the standard reporting forms:
- within 10 business days of the anniversary date of the permit each year the permit is in force; and
 - within 10 business days of the expiry date.
- The return is to show numbers of specimens of each species, the type of habitat and specific locality or localities where they were collected. This information is to be supplied to the Project Officer (Scientific Permits), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, PO Box 731, Toowoomba or electronically to sppreport.southern@ehp.qld.gov.au
- A copy of any resulting publication from this research is to be provided to the Project Officer (Scientific Permits), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, PO Box 731, Toowoomba or electronically to sppreport.southern@ehp.qld.gov.au

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Signed

Geoffrey Clare
Delegate
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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Dear 4(6) Personal inform

Thank you for your email of 12 September 2012 concerning the capture of an injured dolphin by Sea World to fit a prosthetic tail. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection recognises your concern and departmental officers recently met with marine mammal experts at Sea World to discuss the health and wellbeing of the dolphin. The department was advised that the injury appears to be healed and the dolphin is swimming independently.

The condition of the animal will be monitored in the wild to enable a proper assessment to be made of its health over time. Any future decision to intervene would be based on expert veterinary assessment.

The Minister hopes this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Dr Ashley Bunce, Director of Wildlife Management of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone (07) 3330 5274.

Yours sincerely

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Troy Collings
Chief of Staff

ACTION SHEET

MINISTER'S OFFICE USE

- ☐ Minister Reply
☒ Chief of Staff Reply
☐ Briefing Note

- ☐ Departmental Response
☐ Department Action
☐ Department Information

☐ Refer to: _____

☐ No Further Action Required

- ☐ Copy to
 ☐ Director-General

Comments:

Signature: _____ 3) Personal int Date: 14 / 9 / 12

MECU USE

TO: _____ Dept Ref: CTS _____ / _____ Due Date to MECU _____ / _____ / _____

RELATED CORRESPONDENCE: _____

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Frangi Spilsbury

From: EHP Complaints <Ehpcomplaints@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 9:41 AM
To: Environment
Subject: FW: URGENT : Dolphin with no tail

Importance: High

The following email was received at the EHP Client Engagement Unit via the complaints at EHP email address.

The email is addressed to the minister.

I apologise if you have already received this email as I thought it had already been sent previously.

According to CSI this type of enquiry needs to be directed to the above email address.

Please advise if this is not the case.

Garry

Client Engagement
Communication Services
Corporate Communications
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www.ehp.qld.gov.au

From: sch4p4(6) Personal information
Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2012 6:15 PM
To: EHP Complaints; premiers.master@premiers.qld.gov.au
Subject: URGENT : Dolphin with no tail
Importance: High

ATTENTION MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Dear Minister,

Please, please, please, please, pleassssssseeeeeee let SeaWorld capture and fit a prosthetic tail to the dolphin whose tail was
Taken by a shark.

It is ludicrous that you would think that letting this dolphin suffer either a slow death due to the problems it would face catching food or a cruel death by being eaten alive when SeaWorld are willing and able to give this dolphin a chance at a longer life. They would release the animal once it was fully recovered so what is the problem. On the news they said it was up to your decision and according to the report your department has said "let nature takes it's course", come on please, this is such a crazy attitude.

I am sure nature does take it's course many, many times, however when man is made aware of a problem and has the ability to do something about it, why are you taking the 'high moral ground'????? Let Sea World fit this dolphin with a prosthetic tail.

Please reconsider,

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c.c Premier Campbell Newman



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