

From: Gregory Sue [Sue.Gregory@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 9 August 2012 10:12 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: Madden permits
Attachments: camel co permit.pdf; noosa horse riding permit.pdf

Hi Simon, I've attached both permits issued to Dave Madden (one each for Camel and Horse riding).

Cheers, Sue.

Sue Gregory | A/Team Leader
Tourism and Visitor Services | QPWS
Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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Attachment 1 – Camel Safari Itinerary

Equipment is hired – set up and removed same day

Catered tours are for groups including;

- Corporate, Incentive and meetings, Special interest, Educational, Charity, Christmas functions for business, Sporting and social clubs, Weddings.

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Attachment 1 – Camel Safari Itinerary

4) Half Day Beach and Bush Safari

Route Option 1 1st cutting north to 3rd cutting and return
Route Option 2 1st cutting south to the existing vehicle closure/migratory bird area on the Noosa River north bank

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max Camels
4 hrs	twice	am/pm	10	up to 60	2	16
	weekly					

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Rego Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	2-4
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	2-4

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions

Catered Safari

Equipment

- Marquee up to 6m x 12m
- 3-4 tables
- Chairs – number subject to pax
- Drinks station with beach umbrellas
- Portaloo

Equipment is hired – set up and removed same day

Catered tours are for groups including:

- Corporate, Incentive and meetings, Special interest, Educational, Charity, Christmas functions for business, Sporting and social clubs, Weddings.

5) Full Day Beach and Bush Safari

Route Option 1 1st cutting north to 3rd cutting and inland via Powerline track
Route Option 2 1st cutting south to the existing vehicle closure/migratory bird area on the Noosa River north bank

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max Camels
6 hrs	twice	am/pm	10	up to 60	2	16
	weekly					

Support Vehicle/s

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Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	2-4
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Catered Safari

Equipment

- Marquee up to 6m x 12m
- 3-4 tables
- Chairs – number subject to pax
- Drinks station with beach umbrellas
- Portaloo

Attachment 1 – Camel Safari Itinerary

Camel Company Australia

1) 2 Hour Beach and Bush Safari

Route 1 1st cutting north to 3rd cutting (2.5km) and return
Route 2 1st cutting south to Noosa River north bank and return

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max Camels
2 hr	Daily	09:30 Or 1330	4-6	16-20	2	16

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Registration	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions

2) 1 Hour Beach and Bush Safari

Route Option 1 1st cutting north 1.5km and return
Route Option 2 1st cutting south, half way to Noosa River north bank and return

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max Camels
1 hr	Daily	10:30 1330	4-6	16-20	2	16

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Registration	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions.

3) 1.5 Hour Beach and Bush Safari

Route Option 1 1st cutting north ¾ way to 3rd cutting and return
Route Option 2 1st cutting south ¾ way to Noosa River north bank and return

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max Camels
1.5 hrs	Daily	1500 or 1030	4-6	16-20	2	16

Support Vehicles

Type	Model	Colour	Rego Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions.

Camel Company Australia: horse riding tours Cooloola Recreation Area

Map 1: Safari Option: 2 hours

- Route 1 1st cutting south to spit and return
Route 2 1st cutting north to 3rd cutting (route then follows SCRC inland horse trail)
Route 3 1st cutting north to just south of Teewah Township

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max horses
2 hrs	Daily	0930	4	12	2	14

Horses per tour are in accordance with Queensland Workplace Health and Safety, Code of Practice for horse riding.

- Minimum 6, includes 2 guides, 4 clients
- Maximum 14, includes 2 guides, 12 clients

Support vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Registration Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions

Map 2: Safari Option: 1 Hour

- Route 1 1st cutting north (1.5km) and return
Route 2 1st cutting south (half way) to Noosa River north bank and return

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max horses
1 hrs	Daily	1330	4	12	2	14

Horses per tour are in accordance with Queensland Workplace Health and Safety, Code of Practice for horse riding.

- Minimum 6, includes 2 guides, 4 clients
- Maximum 14, includes 2 guides, 12 clients

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Registration Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions

Map 3: Safari Option 1.5 hours

- Route 1 1st cutting south to Noosa River north bank and return
 Route 2 1st cutting north (2.5km) to 3rd cutting and return
 Route 3 1st cutting north to (southern boundary) Teewah Township

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max horses
1.5 hrs	Daily	1500	4	12	2	14

Horses per tour are in accordance with Queensland Workplace Health and Safety, Code of Practice for horse riding.

- Minimum 6, includes 2 guides, 4 clients
- Maximum 14, includes 2 guides, 12 clients

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Rego Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Departure times may vary dependant on tide, beach and weather conditions

Map 4: Half day safari

- Route 1 1st cutting south to Noosa River north bank and return
 Route 2 1st cutting north (2.5km) to 3rd cutting (route then follows SCRC inland horse trail)
 Route 3 1st cutting north to (southern boundary) Teewah Township

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max horses
4 hrs	daily	am/pm	4	12	2	14

Horses per tour are in accordance with Queensland Workplace Health and Safety, Code of Practice for horse riding.

- Minimum 6, includes 2 guides, 4 clients
- Maximum 14, includes 2 guides, 12 clients

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Rego Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
Triton	Dual Cab	silver	958 MUK	1-2

Option – Catered Ride

Catered tours are for groups; corporate, incentive and meetings, special interest, educational, charity, Christmas function for business, sporting, social clubs and weddings.

Equipment is hired – set up and removed same day

- Marquee up to 3m x 6m
- 1-3 tables
- Chairs x pax
- Drinks station with beach umbrellas

- Portaloo

Map 5: Full day safari

- Route 1 1st cutting south to Noosa River north bank, north to 3rd cutting (route then follows SCRC inland horse trail).
- Route 2 1st cutting north to (southern boundary) Teewah Township and return

Duration	Frequency	Depart Time	Min Pax	Max Pax	Guides/Tour	Max horses
6 hrs	daily	am/pm	4	12	2	14

Support Vehicle/s

Type	Model	Colour	Rego Details	Guides
Landcruiser	Utility	white	898 LFV	1-2
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Catered tours are for groups; corporate, incentive and meetings, special interest, educational, charity, Christmas function for business, sporting, social clubs and weddings.

Equipment is hired – set up and removed same day

- Marquee up to 3m x 6m
- 1-3 tables
- Chairs x pax
- Drinks station with beach umbrellas
- Portaloo

From: Camel Company of Australia [camelco@bigpond.com]

Sent: Friday, 10 August 2012 8:21 AM

To: HUGHES Simon

Subject: Fwd: RE:

Attachments: Final Permit Rainbow Beach Horse Rides.Inskip.pdf; Final Permit.CamelCompany Cooloola RAM.pdf; Final Permit.Noosa Horse Riding Cooloola RAM.pdf; Information Notice Camel Coy Camels Cooloola RAM.pdf; Information Notice Noosa horse riding Cooloola RAM.pdf; Information Notice Rainbow Beach Horse Rides Inskip.pdf

Our permits

----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE:

Date:Tue, 14 Dec 2010 14:28:30 +1000

From:Hesse Angelika <Angelika.Hesse@derm.qld.gov.au>

To:Camel Company of Australia <camelco@bigpond.com>

Hi Dave,

Find attached the final draft for your permits. You will receive signed copies within a few days.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Kind Regards Angelika

Angelika Hesse | Operations Manager - Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
Great Sandy Region | **Department of Environment and Resource Management**
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From: Camel Company of Australia [<mailto:camelco@bigpond.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, 8 December 2010 2:28 PM

To: Hesse Angelika

Subject:

Hi Angelika ,

Just following up on phone conversation yesterday regarding the permits for the Camels and Horses on Cooloola and the horses at Inskip.

Would you beable to bring me up to date with progress and approval status of those permits.

If there is any chance of having these to me before the end of the week that would be most welcome. The reasons for this would of been explained by G Turner at your meeting in Noosa 25th November.

I forgot to discuss the gates that are to be erected on the path where I walk the camels.

Regards
Dave Madden.

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3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

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From: Turner Gennieve [Gennieve.Turner@nprsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 9:44 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm
Attachments: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc; BNE2007-15209fin.doc; BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc; FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm

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Cant remember the content but I think you should find the information required.

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Date Prepared:	15 January 2008	Prepared by:	Sarah Allison
Approved by:	Rob Allan	Title:	A/Business Manager
Position:	A/Director, QPWS, Southern Region	Division/Region:	Southern Region, QPWS
Date Approved:	16 January 2008	Telephone:	3202 0225
		Other Refs:	MBH2
		Track No:	SU/07/1417

Ref: BNE1401-3
BNE2007/15209
SU/07/1417

Mr Dave Madden
Director
Camel Company Australia Pty Ltd
camelco@bigpond.com

Dear Mr Madden

I refer to your e-mail of 11 December 2007 to the Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth regarding your camel business finding a long term site on the Noosa North Shore. As she is no longer the responsible Minister, Ms Nelson-Carr has referred the issue to the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation for response.

I am advised that, on 13 July 2007, representatives from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the former Minister's then Senior Policy Advisor attended a meeting organised by Mr Glen Elmes MP, Member for Noosa, to discuss your company's operations on the Noosa North Shore. At this meeting, I am advised that the QPWS did not support accommodating camels on protected area estate since this would be inconsistent with the management objectives of the area.

Discussion also occurred in relation to tenure dealings on the Noosa North Shore that stemmed from a joint State and Council land use study that will result in significant changes to the designation of some parcels of lands.

I understand that the Noosa Shire Council supports the camels being kept locally if a suitable land tenure, preferably Council land, could be identified. Subsequent to the above meeting, the QPWS has had further discussions with the Department of Natural Resources and Water regarding prospective land tenure rationalisation of the Noosa North Shore. I have been advised that this could be a lengthy process.

Under these circumstances, it seems that the most likely opportunity for you to succeed in securing a suitable location for your camels is through direct negotiation with the Noosa Shire Council.

The Minister hopes this information clarifies the situation. Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wolf Sievers of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on telephone 3202 0235.

Yours sincerely

Simon Munro
Policy Advisor

Date Prepared:	13 Feb 08	Prepared by:	Sarah Allison
Approved by:	Alan Feely	Title:	Principal Project Officer
Position:	Executive Director, QPW	Division/Region:	Great Sandy Region
Date Approved:		Telephone:	4121 1938
		Other Refs:	
		Track No:	SU/08/0

Ref: BNE
BNE2008/1187

Mr Dave Madden
Director
Camel Company Australia Pty Ltd
camelco@bigpond.com

Dear Mr Madden

I refer to your correspondence of 15 January 2008 concerning accommodation for your camels.

As advised in the letter from my advisor Simon Munro, dated 31 January 2008, Queensland Parks and Wildlife (QPW) is negotiating a land tenure rationalisation process with the Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) on the Noosa North Shore. As was advised in January, this is likely to be a lengthy process.

It is my understanding that the Noosa Shire Council supports the camels being kept locally if suitable land tenure, preferably Council land, can be identified. This is, however, subject to the above negotiations.

My department's view remains that the most likely opportunity for you to succeed in securing a suitable location for your camels is through direct negotiation with the Noosa Shire Council.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Wolf Sievers of the Environmental Protection Agency on telephone 3202 0235.

Yours sincerely

Andrew McNamara MP
Minister for Sustainability,
Climate Change and Innovation

From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 10:28 AM
To: TURNER Gennieve
Subject: RE: Emailing: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc, BNE2007-15209fin.doc, BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc, FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

I'll check that to - ta

Simon Hughes

Principal Project Officer

Tourism and Visitor Management Unit

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From: Turner Gennieve
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 10:25 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: RE: Emailing: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc, BNE2007-15209fin.doc, BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc, FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm

Should have but not sure why it is not on file - give me 10

-----Original Message-----

From: Hughes Simon
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 10:24 AM
To: Turner Gennieve
Subject: RE: Emailing: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc, BNE2007-15209fin.doc, BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc, FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm

Hey Gennieve. Have you got a copy of the DLO request dot points? The file wasn't attached to your email.

It could be useful

Simon Hughes

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From: Turner Gennieve

Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 9:45 AM

To: Hughes Simon

Subject: Emailing: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc, BNE2007-15209fin.doc, BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc, FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm

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From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 4:41 PM

To: NAVIE Luke

Subject: Madden 2

Attachments: Emailing: Assessment camel co RR.doc; Emailing: FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm; Emailing: Kate Jones Minister DERM (2).doc, BNE2007-15209fin.doc, BNE2008-1187 Madden 2nd letter.doc, FW DLO REQUEST - Camel Company Australia - Noosa North Shore - Due noon Tuesday 13 April 2010.htm, FW Equathon a.htm

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Cheers Luke

Simon Hughes

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From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 4:41 PM
To: NAVIE Luke
Subject: Madden
Attachments: Fwd: Fw: Media Support; Fwd: RE;; Fwd: Re: CONFIDENTIAL

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

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From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 9:39 AM
To: Southern Permits Team
Subject: FW: Map of Commercial operator sites- GSRR
Attachments: commercial tour operator_nns_tenure_020313.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

For further 2eference when amendments come in for David Madden (two permits) and Alex Watson - Equathon.

Conditions coming from Steve Price soon.

Simon Hughes

Team Leader

Southern Permits Team

Commercial and Visitor Services

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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From: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 9:20 AM
To: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); Hughes Simon
Subject: FW: Map of Commercial operator sites- GSRR

From: Enslin Justin
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 8:07 AM
To: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); Bakhach Omar
Subject: Map of Commercial operator sites- GSRR

Hi Steve,
A couple of minor changes and we have mapped a communal car park area. This parking area can be taken off if you think it will better that way. All parking for actual CTOs is within their sites. This communal car park would be for the use of clients should they drive themselves in.
Thanks

Justin Enslin | Ranger in Charge:Southern Cooloola
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service | Great Sandy Region | [Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing](#)
t: (07) 5470 3412 f: (07) 5470 3429
e: Justin.Enslin@npsr.qld.gov.au.

From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 11:26 AM
To: 'camelco@bigpond.com'
CC: Southern Permits Team; PRICE Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
Subject: FW: Commercial Agreements

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Hi David

As discussed on the phone.

Steve Price will call you regarding this application with a view to negotiating a commercial Agreement for your businesses.

Kind regards

Simon Hughes

Team Leader

Southern Permits Team

Commercial and Visitor Services

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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From: Meleisea Lucia **On Behalf Of** Southern Permits Team
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 7:17 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: FW: Commercial Agreements

From: Camel Company of Australia [mailto:camelco@bigpond.com]
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 4:03 PM
To: Southern Permits Team
Subject: Commercial Agreements

Attention: Simon Hughes

Dear Simon,

I would like to apply to have our existing permits to Operate a commercial activity in a RAM area changed to a Commercial Activity Agreement.

- Noosa Horse Riding - Permit No TVCA02986410
- Camel Company Australia P/L - Permit No - TVCA02985710

We believe Commercial Activity Agreements would give a more secure tenure for our business operations on the Noosa North Shore.

The Department is currently negotiating an operating area and conditions for the permit holders. We would request the Commercial Activity Agreement commence when the present negotiations have been finalized and extend for a term

of 10 years accepting that a review of the agreement be carried out at 5 years.

Adequate Public Liability Insurance is already in place with the existing permits.

Applicant suitability criteria would have already been assessed with the existing permits.

As you would be aware our businesses have been on a stand down for the past 2 years and the Commercial Activity Agreements would enable financial applications to assist in the re-establishment on my businesses.

Currently there is only 9 months left before expiration of the permits and this would not be adequate to support any such applications. I am aware that the current permits would be renewed in December this year, I have had discussions with my accountant and it is felt that a secure tenure is what we would need to make a presentation to our bank manager.

Please advise of a suitable time to discuss the process and possibility of this request. Thanks for your time.

Kind Regards
David Madden
Camel Company Australia &
Noosa Horse Riding
0408710530

RTI DL RELEASE - NPSR

RE: Camels to discuss

From: Sharpe Paul [Paul.Sharpe@nprsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 4:03 PM
To: Dargusch Marc; Hughes Simon
CC: McCarthy Damian
Subject: RE: Camels to discuss

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Marc,

Yep the 1 year renewals were agreed to, but with hindsight we should have gone with 3 year renewals.

The cancellation of Permits and then the issue of new Agreements at any time, was never really an issue, as long as we account for permit fees paid, and refund or credit that.

Re the Permit versus Agreement decision; the matter of what is a TIPA activity / TIPA site is again relevant, horse and camel riding on a beach at Cooloola is, for mine, the same as quad biking on an existing track on Moreton Island, that is: it is neither a TIPA activity, nor at TIPA site, and so a renewal, swap to Agreement (of any term), transfer via surrender / reissue, or even granting of a new Permit should not be an issue. BUT ...

Recent attempts to document the rules around TIPA transfers and new Permits have failed.

I think we now have to also consider if the applicant 'has previously applied, and previously we knocked them back, then they don't get a permit, if not, we may be able to issue a new one??

Agree Marc...we really need a clear 'shared view' of how we intend dealing with the above issues pre-TIPA.

There is plenty of confusion in central office over this issue.

I don't have the answers.

PS.

From: Dargusch Marc
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 2:43 PM
To: Sharpe Paul; Hughes Simon
Subject: RE: Camels to discuss

G'day Sime and Paul

Has our stance changed on dealing with renewals on TIPA sites ? It was only last year that there was debate about how long we would renew permits for - I believe some FI operators were only extended by one year. The debate also related to Cooloola/Moreton and I thought we agreed that we might look to extending for 3 years as TIPA timing was unclear. We were definitely not looking at transitioning to CAAs pre-TIPA and definitely not looking at extending the duration of either their permits or CAAs to something greater than 3 years.

We need to get our heads together as this is closely related to bedding down issues surrounding the release of capacity in TIPA areas - another area where we seem to be changing our stance.

We really need a clear 'shared view' of how we intend dealing with the above issues pre-TIPA. There is plenty of confusion in the Regions over this issue.

Keen to talk.

Regards - Marc

Marc Dargusch

A/Manager

Commercial & Recreation Development Unit
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From: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)

Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 12:00 PM

To: Hughes Simon

Cc: Sharpe Paul; Dargusch Marc

Subject: RE: Camels to discuss

Hi Simon / Paul

I have no objections to renewing these permits for three years and while philosophically I support the notion of issuing a commercial activity agreement I am leaning towards deferring the support of such at this point in time. Yes, this may be somewhat differing from recent conversations.

I understand Cooloola was identified as a TIPA site and as such issuing of an agreement may be jumping the gun with regards to determining sustainable use of the area and appropriate fees. Even if we do not run a full TIPA process the renewing of a permit will buy some time to allow for consideration of these matters. However if we issue an agreement I believe we will be locked into issuing agreements for future requests even before we know where we want to be in the future.

I strongly believe considering recent event that Mr Watson and Mr Madden (both have approached us with regards to longer security) are offered the same arrangements however it does raise a question of the current application before us where the operator is planning to operate out of the Noosa North Shore Retreat. All being equal should we be offering them an

agreement also?

Renewing existing permits for three years will essentially bring existing operators in line and will also allow time for some TIPA or similar consideration of this activity to take place. The reality is that we would not be in a position to offer a greatly extended agreement anyway due to some of the land dealings and while this in itself does not influence my overall consideration these matters will influence the length of any agreement being issued at least in the short term.

I will organise to talk to Madden and Watson with regards to reissuing their permits for three years.

Cheers

Stephen Price

Operations Manager

Sunshine Coast Burnett

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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Stephen.Price@npsr.qld.gov.au

From: Hughes Simon
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 2:46 PM
To: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
Cc: Sharpe Paul
Subject: FW: Camels to discuss

FYI – We don't have a problem with this at all

Simon Hughes

Team Leader

Southern Permits Team

Commercial and Visitor Services

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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From: Sharpe Paul
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 1:32 PM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: Camels to discuss

Simon, any reason why, with the Regions concurrence, we would not issue a new Permit for 3 years, or dare I say and Agreement for longer??

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RE: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc

From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 3:13 PM
To: PRICE Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
CC: SHARPE Paul; GREENTREE Anne
Subject: RE: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc

Importance: High
Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Mick/Steve

I agree

The capacity of Commercial Riding activities are not an issue under TIPPA and it is unlikely that they would be specifically prescribed. We should assess on impact and impact on the opportunity of other commercial users who we have been considering negotiating Agreements with. Also we have been actively facilitating exclusive use by two operators.

The proposed route is on existing identified horse trail network.

I think we should take a risk based approach to this decision.

Cheers
Simon

Simon Hughes
Team Leader
Southern Permits Team
Commercial and Visitor Services
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-----Original Message-----
From: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 2:52 PM
To: Cubis Mick; Hughes Simon
Subject: FW: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc
Importance: High

Mick

This advice differs from that received verbally from Simon Hughes who has indicated no reasons why we should refuse on TIPPA grounds.

I believe it would be appropriate to seek clarification on the TIPPA matter for this particular location before we finalise.

I believe it would be difficult to justify declining on this basis however I am not up to speed on the history of TIPPA and its particular implications. I understand there have been no refusals for this type of activity (riding) on Noosa North Shore previously. If so it would be reasonable to suggest there would be no previous disadvantage of approving this one.

Steve

Stephen Price

RE: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc

Area Manager
Sunshine and Fraser Coast
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing

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-----Original Message-----
From: Seeleither Jamie
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 12:24 PM
To: Cubis Mick; Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture)
Subject: FW: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc
Importance: High

Mick/ Steve
A commercial Agreement assessment has been carried out for Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd trading as Noosa North Shore Retreat proposal to carry out horse tours.

In line with the current information from Anne G. that our pre TIPA stance remains the same as previous- Gennieve has indicated that the permit application should be refused. The main reason for the refusal is the "No new operators prior to TIPA". This may not please the applicant but will please other pre existing operators who have been enabled recently.

I haven't yet received a response from the email I sent the last week regarding clarification/ reinforcement of the Region's maintenance of the QPWS pre TIPA stance but possibly now require more urgent clarification in relation to this assessment.

I would appreciate some discussion/ clarification.

Regards
Jamie Seeleither

Senior Ranger - Visitor Management
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
Sunshine and Fraser Coast Region

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-----Original Message-----
From: Turner Gennieve
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 10:03 AM
To: Seeleither Jamie
Cc: Turner Gennieve
Subject: Emailing: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc
Importance: High

Jamie

Please find attached assessment report for permit to conduct commercial activity/ies on QPWS managed area/s submitted by Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd, trading as Noosa North Shore Retreat to conduct commercial horse riding activities.

The applicant has applied to conduct activities for the following sites and routes; Beach Rd, Maximillian Rd, the Beach between high water & low water,existing designated horse trails through the National Park & SCRC reserves.

The attached assessment has been conducted over QPWS managed areas within the Cooloola Recreation Area only. There are no designated horse trails through the National Park. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all necessary authorisations to conduct commercial horse riding activities on other lands as required by all Queensland and Commonwealth Government Departments, local authorities and other statutory authorities.

Please note: A Memorandum of Understanding between the then Department of Environment and Resource Management, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for the collaborative management of the Noosa north Shore area, as part of the Cooloola Recreation Area requires QPWS to liaise with the SCRC when assessing permitting commercial and group activities associated with the Noosa North Shore area. Refer attached MOU Section 2.2.9 Management of commercial and group activities.

At this stage I have advised the SCRC that QPWS is in receipt of an application from Lake Cooroibah P/L to conduct commercial horse riding on the NNS and that we are currently conducting an assessment for that part of the activity that occurs on QPWS managed lands only. The SCRC advised that they had no knowledge of an application been submitted to council - at that time.

For your consideration.

Regards Gennieve

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 140313 (a).doc

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From: Brittingham Geoff [Geoff.Brittingham@nprsr.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 6:09 PM

To: Greentree Anne

CC: Cubis Mick; Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); Seeleither Jamie; Hughes Simon; Cambourn Neil

Subject: FW: Noosa North Shore Commercial Activity Permit Assessment

Attachments: Noosa North Shore_CA Assess Report RAM 280313 (a).doc; Noosa North Shore_application (2).pdf; Attach 1.pdf

Anne

You more than anyone is aware of how long TIPA discussions have been going. Adopting an interim approach since 2006 of refusing all new activities subject to TIPA is probably approaching the end of its useful life. Is there an option to review this position and adopt a new interim position whilst TIPA is considered further?

With regard to this particular assessment I endorse its content, however, I am concerned that refusal of an activity that is consistent with RAMA due to TIPA pending is not an overly strong position. Of further concern is that this particular applicant advises that Horse Riding has been a part of the enterprise run from his facility for 30 years. This being the case perhaps we should be considering this application based on historic use of the site?

If we are to continue to apply the no new entrant pending TIPA approach then we should strongly advise (if we don't do already) all potential applicants pre-lodgement that no further authorities will be granted. That will save a lot of work, manage expectations and save applicants forking out application fees for activities we do will not approve pending TIPA.

For your consideration and discussion as necessary.

Regards

Geoff Brittingham
Regional Director (Sunshine and Fraser Coast)
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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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Email: geoff.brittingham@nprsr.qld.gov.au

From: Cubis Mick

Sent: Tuesday, 2 April 2013 4:49 PM

To: Brittingham Geoff

Cc: Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); Seeleither Jamie

Subject: FW: Noosa North Shore Commercial Activity Permit Assessment

Geoff

The application by Noosa North Shore retreat to conduct Horse riding tours has been assessed and is enclosed. The recommendation is as follows.

"Consideration for each of the criteria has been made and it is considered that this application for permit to conduct commercial activities 'horse riding tours' within the Cooloola Recreation Area **be refused** pending the outcome of the Tourism In Protected Areas (TIPA) process – as per

Delegates Advice 2013."

This is consistent with assessments made since 2006.

I endorse the assessment but request again that discussions are held with Commercial and Visitor Services to clarify the status of TYIPA and our approach to these assessments.

For your consideration and forwarding to Southern Permits Team if you are happy with it.

thanks

Mick Cubis
Manager Technical Support
Sunshine and Fraser Coast Region
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
07 54596113

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From: Seeleither Jamie
Sent: Thursday, 28 March 2013 2:46 PM
To: Cubis Mick
Subject: Noosa North Shore Commercial Activity Permit Assessment

Mick

Please find attached the assessment for the Noosa North Shore Retreat's Commercial Activity application to conduct horse riding activities.

The assessment is consistent with all the assessments for new activities/ new operators assessed in the past 8 years with regards to the pending TIPA process. Also in question is the likely cumulative effect of the activity(in addition to the capacity of activities currently being undertaken in the area and the capacity and the impact on other users of the Recreation Area. Sunshine Coast's Regional Council's response on this activity on North Shore is also attached as information and also as adherence to the MOU regarding cooperative management on the North Shore.

Normally I would forward this assessment directly to the southern permits team but am keen for you to endorse (or seek higher endorsement) both the assessment for this application and this ongoing stance with regards to commercial activities applications in TIPA areas.

Given the elapsed time already this assessment would need to be forwarded to Southern permits early next week.

Happy to discuss if required.

Regards

Jamie Seeleither

Senior Ranger - Visitor Management
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21/02/2013

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542696 & 542689

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\$281.10 + \$638.99 = \$919.10

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GUIDE

1. The applicant is the person or legal entity intending to carry out the activity and in whose name the relevant permits or licences are to be issued.

The registered address is legally required for the serving of notices.

It is the address of a person or entity and cannot be a post office box.

Important information for applicants

Information requested in this form is required to enable your application to conduct an activity on QPWS managed areas to be processed. If you have any difficulties completing the form, please contact QPWS Customer Service Team on (07) 3330 5016 or qpws@nprsr.qld.gov.au.

Your application must be assessed and a permit granted by the chief executive before you can proceed with the nominated activity.

Please read any information sheets and policies relevant to your application. Before submitting this application you should understand the requirements of legislation relevant to the proposed activity/ies i.e. the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Forestry Act 1959*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and subordinate legislation.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST ALLOW AT LEAST 40 BUSINESS DAYS PROCESSING TIME FOR THIS APPLICATION. SHOULD FURTHER INFORMATION BE REQUIRED A FURTHER 20 BUSINESS DAYS MAY BE APPLICABLE.

Tick relevant boxes below if the applicant(s) are:

- ☐ a sole trader or individual
- ☒ a company
- ☐ a local government
- ☐ the State of Queensland acting through a government department
- ☐ a body corporate
- ☐ an incorporated association
- ☐ other (please provide details) _____

1. Registered legal entity details

REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITY NAME

Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd

TRADING NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

Noosa North Shore Retreat

REGISTERED ADDRESS

1-90 Beach Rd, Noosa North Shore

POST CODE

4565

TELEPHONE

07 5447 1225

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Enter the Australian Company Number (ACN) or Australian Business Number (ABN) of the incorporated company or the Association Number (AN) of the incorporated association; or the title and section of the legislation that gives the statutory corporation its legal status.

Note: The Australian Company Number (ACN) or Australian Business Numbers (ABN) must be provided for Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA) and Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 (RAM) applications

Registered legal entity details *continued*

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ACN/ABN/AN OR TITLE AND SECTION OF LEGISLATION ABN 30 149 271 198
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IS YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD BY MAIL OR E-MAIL? (please tick) ☐ Mail ☒ E-Mail (list address) dirk@crest.com.au
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2. Authorised signatory

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2. Authorised signatory

The authorised signatory is the person authorised to sign an application on behalf of a corporation and in doing so declares that the corporation will be bound by the conditions associated with the granting of the agreement.

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY FULL NAME Dirk Olbertz	TITLE Mr
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POSITION IN CORPORATION Director

TELEPHONE 07 5447 1225	FASCIMILE 07 5447 1266	MOBILE sch4 - Personal information - mobile
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E-MAIL ADDRESS dirk@crest.com.au
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3. Contact person

3. Contact person (if different from signatory)

Should we require further information regarding this application, please provide a contact person with authority to respond on behalf of the legal entity.

FULL NAME

TELEPHONE

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4. Project details

Applications should be submitted at least 40 business days prior to the start of the activity to allow processing and assessment time.

It is recommended that you discuss your proposed activity with QPWS regional staff prior to lodging your application. Application fees are not refundable.

The dates you intend to be on the nominated area and the duration of the permit.

Select the activity that best describes your proposal.

4. Project details

a. Pre-lodgement meeting

If you have attended a pre-lodgement meeting or discussed your proposal previously with DNPRSR provide details here.

QPWS OFFICER NAME AND DATE OF MEETING

b. Specify the term of the new permit

DATE FROM	DATE TO (INCLUSIVE)
17 March 2013	16 March 2016

☐ Three months ☐ 12 months ☐ Two years ☒ Three years

c. Select an activity that best describes your proposal:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Abseiling/rock climbing | ☐ Motorised activity |
| ☐ Bicycle riding | ☐ Night activities |
| ☐ Bushwalking | ☐ Orienteering |
| ☐ Canoeing / rafting / kayaking | ☐ Picnicking |
| ☐ Filming and photography | ☐ Scenic flights |
| ☐ Hang gliding / Para gliding | ☐ Swimming |
| ☒ Horse riding | ☐ Wedding, civil or religious ceremony |
| ☐ Motorcycling | ☐ Other |

If you require more space, please attach a separate sheet

d. Describe your proposed activity:

To conduct tourist horse riding tours on currently designated horse riding trails on the Noosa North Shore.

The base operations for the horse riding tours will be the existing permanent equestrian facilities located at the Noosa North Shore Retreat. These facilities have successfully operated for over 30 years and horse riding tours have operated from the site since that time. Operation of the horse riding tours from the resort ceased in January when the lessee terminated its tenancy agreement with the resort.

The equestrian facilities represent a sunk investment of over \$3 million and are core to the tourism offer at the Noosa North Shore Retreat. Accordingly the resort wishes to continue the Horse Riding Tours from the resort as a core activity of the resort.

e. Frequency of operation

Daily ☒ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other ☐

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Please give detail below (e.g. the number of tours per day and days of the week)

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f. On which day/s of the week do you propose to conduct the activity?

Please give detail below for each day, indicating if the activity will be day use or camping.

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Day use	Camping	Day Use	Camping	Day Use	Camping	Day Use	Camping	Day Use	Camping	Day Use	Camping	Day Use	Camping
☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐

g. Details of nominated areas, staff and participants

Please give details of the area/s in which the activity is to take place and number of participants and staff who will visit these areas. If your application includes roads or watercourses, please attach a map of the proposed route. Lodging an application without the sufficient information may delay the assessment of your application.

PARK /FOREST NAME	SITES / ROADS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF STAFF	CAMPING YES / NO	TIME OF ARRIVAL	TIME OF DEPARTURE
Great Sandy National Park - Cooloola Section	Beach Rd, Maximillian Rd, the Beach between high water & low water, existing designated horse trails through the National Park & SCRC reserves	12	3	no	day time subject to tides	duration 2 hours

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Horse Riding Tours will be available seven days per week but operate at peak on weekends and school holidays. At peak there may be 4 groups of 12 horses out for a 2 hour ride. Riding is variable due to weather and tides.

The Horse Riding Tour operation will operate NO differently as to what it has done so in the past 10 years.

s78B(2) - Substantial Harm to Entity

s78B(2) - Substantial Harm to Entity These facilities underwrite the provision of quality systems and management of the horses to ensure minimal impacts on the wider environment. All other operators are itinerant and do not have access to facilities of this nature on the Noosa North Shore.

The Noosa North Shore Resort was purchased from Receivers by Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd in Feb 2011. Lake Cooroibah since has invested a further \$2.5m in refurbishments and has invested heavily in resuscitating this tourist facility. The horse riding offer is integral to the tourism at Noosa North Shore Retreat and its restoration as an operation at the resort is essential to its further recovery as tourism destination.

h. Indication of vehicle, vessel, tent, structures and equipment

List style and size of vehicles / vessels / structures and equipment to be used in conjunction with activity.

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ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY NUMBER	VEHICLE ACCESS REQUIRED YES / NO	VEHICLE / VESSEL / AIRCRAFT / STRUCTURE TYPES EG 4WD / COACH / MT BIKES / TENTS / MARQUEE ETC (Filming and photography also question 8)	NO. OF VEHICLES / VESSELS INVOLVED
			The Resort currently operates horse floats and shuttle buses which service the resort generally. These vehicle will operate solely from the existing resort and are not required to traverse QPWS lands.	

5. Commercial activity

A commercial activity is an activity conducted for gain.

For examples of activities conducted for gain refer to the Information Sheet – Commercial activities in QPWS managed areas.

5. Commercial activity other than filming and photography

a. Have you held a similar permit in the last three months?

☐ Yes

☒ No

IF YES, STATE THE PERMIT NUMBER:

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New fee ☐ \$ _____

Renewal fee ☐ \$ _____

6. Filming and photography

This section to be completed by applicants who intend to undertake filming/photography in QPWS managed areas.

6. Filming and photography in QPWS managed areas.

a. What is the maximum number of people to be on the site?

☐ 1-2

☐ 3-5

☐ 6-25

☐ 26-50

☐ 51 or more

For further information on filming and photography on QPWS managed areas refer to:

Information Sheet - Commercial filming and photography in QPWS managed areas

Operational Policy – Commercial filming and photography – General requirements

Operational Policy – Commercial filming and photography – Major productions

b. Which of the following structures or equipment types do you intend to use?

☐ Dressing shed

☐ Props / sets

☐ Fencing / barriers

☐ Rigging/ Safety lines

☐ Firearms or pyrotechnics

☐ Scenery modification

☐ Generators

☐ Shelters

☐ Onset sound effects

☐ Smoke / Mist

☐ Photographic hide / blind

☐ Sound / lighting equipment

☐ Portable toilets

☐ Tracks / booms / crane

☐ Other

☐ None

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Structures fee ☐ \$ _____

No structures fee ☐ \$ _____

DETAILS

NA

c. What is the purpose of the activity?

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Advertising | ☐ Motion picture |
| ☐ TV series | ☐ Educational / training |
| ☐ Photo-journalism print | ☐ Intermittent wildlife / landscape |
| ☐ TV documentary | ☐ Other → describe below |

DETAILS

NA

d. What is the purpose of the activity?

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Advertising | ☐ Motion picture |
| ☐ TV series | ☐ Educational / training |
| ☐ Photo-journalism print | ☐ Intermittent wildlife / landscape |
| ☐ TV documentary | ☐ Other → describe below |

DETAILS

NA

e. What is the subject of the photography / filming?

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Competitive Event | ☐ Natural landscape / scenery |
| ☒ Wildlife | ☐ Cultural sites |
| ☐ Natural events | ☐ QPWS staff / visitors |
| ☐ Holiday / travel / lifestyle | ☐ Other → If other provide details |

DETAILS

NA

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f. QPWS staff assistance may attract additional fees.

f. If you will be requiring QPWS staff assistance, provide details here.

DETAILS

No

g. Will your proposals include any of the following?

- ☐ Introduction of animals or animal parts (alive / dead); plants or plant parts (alive / dead); rock or soil
- ☐ Activities off-track or in undeveloped locations
- ☐ Disturbance of animals, plants, rocks or soil on in the area
- ☐ Feeding native animals

DETAILS

NA

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7. Applicant suitability

A permit may be issued if the applicant is considered a suitable person as prescribed under either or both section 53(3) of the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and Schedule 2 of the *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006* as relevant to the application.

In the last 3 years have you or an associated person ^a:

Please provide any relevant details in the box below

a) held or been a party to any of the following permits or authorities which has been suspended or cancelled: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a commercial activity agreement or similar agreement in Queensland or another state or country- a protected area authority ^b (including a commercial activity permit)- a wildlife authority- a similar or relevant authority in another state or country	☐ Yes ☒ No
b) accumulated 10 or more demerit points under of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>- <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i>	☐ Yes ☒ No
c) been convicted of an offence against any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>- <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i>- <i>Forestry Act 1959</i>- <i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i>- <i>Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</i>- an offence relating to wildlife against under another Act- an offence in another State or country?	☐ Yes ☒ No
DETAILS	

^a **associated person**, means,—

- (a) if the applicant is a corporation—each executive officer of the corporation; or
- (a) if the applicant is not a corporation, a person who—
 - (i) is regularly or usually in charge of the applicant's business; or
 - (ii) regularly directs or will regularly direct staff of the applicant's business in their duties or proposed activity or business.
 - (iii) is, or will be, in a position to control or substantially influence the activity or business, or proposed activity or business.

^b **a protected area authority** includes a permit to take, use, keep or interfere with cultural or natural resources, an apiary permit, an aboriginal tradition authority, an Island custom authority, camping permit, restricted access area permit, stock grazing permit, stock mustering permit, travelling stock permit, permit to enter a national park (scientific), commercial activity permit, permit to solicit donations or information, group activity permit, permit to use recreational craft or special activity permit.

8. Application assessment additional information

Please attach a statement including any additional information not already provided that will assist in assessing your application. Your application will be assessed against a range of matters required by the relevant legislation including the following.

For activities in protected areas (for example, national parks):

- the chief executive cannot grant an activity permit for a protected area that is inconsistent with the management principles for the area; or the interim or declared management intent, or management plan, for the area.
- 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.
- 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.
- any contribution the applicant proposes to make to the conservation of nature.
- any relevant Australian or international code, instrument, protocol or standard or any relevant intergovernmental agreement.
- the precautionary principle, public health and safety and the public interest.
- whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold the authority.
- any recovery plan for wildlife to which the authority applies.
- 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.
- for an application for a relevant authority for a national park (Cape York Peninsular Aboriginal Land) – the indigenous management agreement for the protected area
- the impact the activities that may have on the character and amenity of the area and adjacent areas.
- the likely cumulative effect of the proposed use and other uses on the area.
- the orderly and proper management of the area.
- anything else the chief executive considers appropriate to achieve the object of the Act.
- For further information please refer to the *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006* and *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006*.

For activities in State forest:

- the chief executive must ensure each State forest is used and managed in the way the chief executive considers appropriate to achieve the purposes of the *Forestry Act 1959* having regard to the benefits of permitting grazing in the area; the desirability of conservation of soil and the environment and of protection of water quality; and the possibility of applying the area to recreational purposes.
- no permit, license, lease, authority, agreement or contract may be granted if it is inconsistent with any existing permit, license, lease, other authority, or agreement or contract granted or made in respect of the same land
- For further information please refer to the *Forestry Act 1959*

For activities in Recreation Areas:

- the purpose of the Act, that is - to provide for the establishment, maintenance and use of recreation areas and to provide, coordinate, integrate and improve recreational planning, recreational facilities and recreational management for recreation areas, having regard to the conservation, cultural, educational, production and recreational values of the areas and the interests of area land-holders.
- the management intent for the recreation area, and the area's current draft or approved management plan.
- conservation of the area's cultural and natural resources.
- the amenity of the area and adjacent areas.
- the size, extent and location of the proposed use in relation to other uses of the area or adjacent areas.
- the likely cumulative effect of the proposed use and other uses on the area.
- public health and safety.
- any relevant Australian or international code, instrument, protocol or standard or any relevant intergovernmental agreement.
- the applicant's suitability and whether there are any grounds for refusing the application.
- For further information please refer to the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

For further information please refer to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*; *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006*; *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006*; *Forestry Act 1959*; and *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

9. Applicant's certification

Note: If you have not told the truth or attempted to be misleading in this application, you may be liable for prosecution under the relevant Acts or Regulations.

I have read and understand the public liability, indemnity, release and discharge requirements of the DNPRSR and I agree to comply with and be bound by these conditions.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

I understand that information supplied on or with this application form may be disclosed publicly in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Evidence Act 1977*.

10. Privacy statement

I understand that information supplied may be disclosed publicly in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Evidence Act 1977*. Information may be disclosed to third parties for research and auditing purposes.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

4 February 2013

Complete the following checklist.

- ☒ Application form(s) signed and completed
- ☒ Permit fees paid or enclosed
- ☒ Supporting information attached (e.g. maps)
- ☒ Read DNPRSR Information Sheet – Public liability insurance and indemnity.
- ☐ Provided extra information to support application.

Please return your completed application kit to:

**Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
Customer Service Team**

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BRISBANE QLD 4001

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Email: qpws@dnprsr.qld.gov.au

Website: www.dnprsr.qld.gov.au

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING:

Insurance Requirements – If this application is approved you will be required to hold public liability insurance and indemnify and release the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. Please refer to relevant departmental information available at www.dnprsr.qld.gov.au concerning public liability insurance, indemnity, release and discharge requirements.

Application fees are non refundable – Please note that applications can not be accepted without payment of the application fee; once paid application fees cannot be refunded.

Processing time - You must allow at least 40 business days processing time for this application. Should further information be required a further 20 business days may be applicable.

Assessment Checklist

Tourism and Visitor Management

Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006 / Forestry Act 1959 / Recreation Area Management Act 2006

Assessment Criteria for Group / Commercial Activity Permit Applications

APPLICATION FOR:	Commercial Activity Permit		
PROJECT NO:	398738	ACTIVITY DATE:	26/02/2013
APPLICATION RECD DATE:	12/02/2013		
ASSESSMENT DUE DATE:	10/04/2013		
TVP FOLLOW UP DATE:	13/03/2013		
APPLICANT:	Lake Cooribah Pty Ltd		
TRADING AS:	Noosa North Shore Retreat		
ACTIVITY PROPOSED:	Horse riding, guided tour		
CAMPING BOOKED (if applicable):	☐ Yes ☒ Not Applicable		
AREA/S WHERE ACTIVITY IS PROPOSED:	<p>NOTE FOR ASSESSING OFFICERS: Please refer application to local FPO office when SPFs involved and include comments below</p> <p>Great Sandy National Park — Cooloola Section</p> <p>Cooloola Recreation Area</p>		

STATE PLANTATION FORESTS	Does this activity involve State Plantation Forests? Y ☐ N ☐
If yes, has a formal assessment been undertaken by Forestry Plantations Queensland? Y ☐ N ☐	
Provide details below.	

MEETING DISCUSSION NOTES: <include site visit details>				
Date	Attendees (Applicant / RIC / Permit Officer / District Manager / Director etc)	Meeting Type (Face to Face / Teleconference / Phone)	Location (of meeting)	Comments / Outcomes of Meeting



Assessment Criteria for Tourism and Visitor Management Applications

Ongoing	Jamie Seeleither, Senior Ranger - Visitor Management, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Sunshine and Fraser Coast Region & Gennieve Turner, Assessing Officer	Telephone / face to face	Detailed discussions regarding application, location, history, assessment criteria and outcome.
20 March 2013	Applicant, Dirk & QPWS, Gennieve Turner, Assessing Officer	Telephone	<p><u>QPWS, Gennieve Turner</u> advised the applicant 'Dirk': QPWS assessment has been conducted and is limited to the proposed route on QPWS managed areas within the Cooloola Recreation Area; first and third cuttings; and the beach between the mouth of the Noosa River and the southern end of Teewah Township.</p> <p>There are no designated horse trails through the national park.</p> <p>There was a section of training running due west from the third cutting that was once in the national park this was excised out of the national park as road easement and is now under Council; this section does have a RAM area overlay.</p> <p>The applicant is responsible for applying, obtaining and complying with all necessary authorisations to conduct commercial horse riding activities on "Sunshine Coast Regional Council reserves" and other lands as required by all Queensland and Commonwealth Government Departments, local authorities and other statutory authorities.</p> <p>Applicant confirmed proposed route 'beach'. Has 10 horses looking at buying another 2. Maximum of 4 tours per day 12 horses per tour max. At peak there may be 4 groups with a maximum of 12 horses on the beach at 1 time – rare.</p> <p>Applicant was advised of legislative time frame i.e. 40 business days.</p> <p>Regarding status; unable to advise when and if his permit would be issued. Delegate is the only authorised person to sign off on final permit.</p> <p>Advised to contact Southern Permits Team for updates on status.</p> <p>Applicant 'Dirk' confirmed: the proposed route on the beach is between the mouth of the Noosa River and southern end of Teewah Township and is not applying for other areas within RA.</p> <p>Proposed route is on the existing horse network trail advertised on the web.</p> <p>Proposed route will replicate what Equathon used to do.</p> <p>Confirmed he understood that the other areas were managed by council. Primarily seeking his permit to operate on the beach.</p> <p>The applicant requested to know if he would have his permit to operate on the beach by Easter 2013. Not to be able to run.</p>

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			<p>Council had been on to him over the past days, sending him broke.</p> <p>Has been to see Glen Elmes who advised that he was having the process by QPWS expedited.</p>
20 March 2013	Nikki Clements\Community Land Permits Project Manager Community Services\Sunshine Coast Regional Council	Telephone 0414 451 086	<p>CRA, NNS MOU– QPWS authority. In accordance with MOU In accordance with the MOU Section 2.2.9 Management of commercial and group activities Commercial and group activities in the CRA require a permit or agreement administered by the QPWS. The QPWS will liaise with the SCRC when assessing and permitting commercial</p> <p><u>Refer attachment 1</u></p> <p>From: Nikki Clements [mailto:Nikki.Clements@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au] Sent: Wednesday, 27 March 2013 1:57 PM To: Seeleither Jamie Cc: Sheryl Krome; Coralie Nichols; Mitch Wilson; Peter Nagel; Chris Allan; Of Tony Wellington - Tewanin Office; Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); Turner Gernieve Subject: Commercial Horse Riding - Noosa North Shore</p>

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Matters to be considered under Recreation Areas Management Act 2006:

	ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS	Y/N
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (a) & S58 2 (a)(i)	<p><i>The purpose of this Act is for the establishment, maintenance and use of recreation areas; and to provide, coordinate, integrate and improve recreational planning, recreational facilities and recreational management for recreation areas, having regard to the conservation, cultural, educational, production and recreational values of the areas; and the interest of area land-holders.</i></p> <p>Is the proposed activity consistent with the purpose of this Act? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)</p>	Yes

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	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:</p> <p>Applicant</p> <p>The applicant states "The Noosa North Shore Resort was purchased from Receivers by Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd in February 2011. The base operations for the horse riding tours will be the existing permanent equestrian centre. These facilities have successfully operated for over 30 years and horse riding tours have operated from the site since that time. Operation of horse riding tours from the resort ceased in January when the lessee Alex Watson Pty Limited t/a Equathon Holdings terminated its tenancy agreement with the resort. The resort wishes to continue the horse riding tour from the resort as a core activity of the resort".</p> <p>Proposed Activity</p> <p>Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd has applied to conduct tourist horse riding tours on the Noosa North Shore, including traversing Beach Road, Maximillian Road, the beach between high water and low water, existing designated horse trails through the national park and Sunshine Coast Region Council reserves.</p> <p>Frequency of operation</p> <p>Horse riding tours will be available seven days per week but operate at peak on weekends and school holidays. At peak there may be 4 groups of 12 horses out for a 2 hours ride. Riding is variable due to weather and tides.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Assessing Officer acknowledges <u>if the application is considered in isolation</u> the proposed activity with the relevant authorities <u>is consistent</u> with the purpose of the <i>Recreation Area Management Act 2006</i>.</p> <p>Explanatory notes</p> <p>The assessment has been conducted and is limited to the proposed route on QPWS managed areas within the Cooloola Recreation Area; first and third cuttings; and the beach between the mouth of the Noosa River and the southern end of Teewah Township. There are no designated horse trails through the national park.</p> <p>The applicant is responsible for applying, obtaining and complying with all necessary authorisations to conduct commercial horse riding activities on "<u>Sunshine Coast Regional Council reserves</u>" and other lands as required by all Queensland and Commonwealth Government Departments, local authorities and other statutory authorities.</p> <p><u>Legislative and policy framework</u></p> <p><i>Recreation Area Management Act 2006</i></p> <p>Purpose of Act</p> <p>(1) The main purpose of this Act is—</p> <p>(a) the establishment, maintenance and use of recreation areas; and</p> <p>(b) to provide, coordinate, integrate and improve recreational planning, recreational facilities and recreational management for recreation areas, having regard to—</p> <p>(i) the conservation, cultural, educational, production and recreational values of the areas; and</p> <p>(ii) the interests of area land-holders.</p>
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Assessment Criteria for Tourism and Visitor Management Applications

Recreation Area Management Act 2006

Section 121 of the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* states that a person must not take a live animal into a RAM area, or keep a live animal in a RAM area other than in accordance with the Chief Executive's written approval or a corresponding authority.

121 Restriction on animals in recreation area

- (1) A person must not, other than in accordance with the chief executive's written approval or a corresponding authority—
(a) take a live animal into a recreation area; or
(b) keep a live animal in a recreation area.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units

Authority to ride a horse on QPWS managed lands will generally be conveyed by a permit or regulatory notice appropriate to the tenure, as detailed in the following sections. Authorities or permits to horse ride do not convey exclusive use of an area or trail unless specifically stated.

A group activity permit or a commercial activity permit may also be required.

Cooloola Recreation Area

Horse riding is permitted within the Cooloola Recreation Area by regulatory signage and is **only permitted** on the beach between the beach closure area at the mouth of the Noosa River to the northern end of Teewah township (approx. 12km). The beach access first and third cuttings at Noosa North Shore are the only access points to the horse riding trail.

A group activity permit or a commercial activity permit may also be required.

Existing situation

There are currently three commercial operations permitted to conduct commercial horse and camel riding on the CRA. Noosa Horse Riding, Equathon Holdings and Camel Company were issued commercial activity permits to conduct their operations within the recreation area on the basis of pre-existing and proven historical use of the beach prior to the declaration of the recreation area.

Area closures

Lower Noosa North Shore

To protect migratory and resident birds an area of beach on the lower Noosa North Shore (mouth of the Noosa River) is permanently closed to vehicles, dogs and horse riders. Commercial horse riding is **not permitted** within this area.

Vehicle free zone (between first and third cuttings)

To provide an area for passive recreation the then Noosa Shire Council closed the Noosa North Shore Beach to vehicles between the first and third cutting (2.5 kilometers), effective from Monday 11th October 2010. The closure area is a designated dogs on a leash area.

The closure area is located adjacent to the Noosa North Shore Beach campground and offers a diversity of recreational opportunities including beach and water based activities. Recreational horse riding is permitted under regulatory signage. Three commercial operators (horses and camels) are permitted to traverse the zone. The area is unpatrolled by surf life savers and has no facilities provided.

Horses can still access the Sunshine Coast Regional Council designated horse trail, but **must not** traverse the beach north of Teewah township or other walking tracks and firebreaks in the Cooloola Recreation Area, including the Cooloola Great Walk.

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	<p>Nature Conservation Act 1992</p> <p>Object of Act</p> <p>The object of this Act is the conservation of nature. The conservation of nature is to be achieved by an integrated and comprehensive conservation strategy for the whole of the State.</p> <p>Horse riding is currently not allowed on most national parks. This is because of concerns associated with their impact on the landscape which were viewed as having management implications. Horse riding is allowed on some national park (recovery), conservation park and resources reserve areas and may be allowed on national parks with the written approval of the chief executive under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>. For example, the Bicentennial National Trail.</p> <p>As a part of this Government's commitment to opening up the protected area estate, an investigation into opportunities to increase access for horse riding across all tenures is being undertaken. Any changes to the Nature Conservation Act 1992, with regard to opportunities for horse riding, will be undertaken as a part of a review of this act which it is anticipated will be completed by the end of 2013.</p> <p>Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006</p> <p>Section 25.1 (g) of the <i>Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006</i> requires that the public interest be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legitimate aspirations of the community for use of QPWS managed areas are a vital consideration in prioritising and managing recreation. Activities will be favoured if they are consistent the management principles and: are popular with broad community support; have substantial unsatisfied demand in that the activity cannot reasonably be located out the QPWS managed area (consideration of all tenures is necessary); and increase the diversity of recreation opportunities available to the community. <p>The legitimate aspiration of the community for the use of QPWS managed areas are a vital consideration in prioritising and managing recreation.</p> <p>Legislation administered by the QPWS does not specify all the matters that must be considered or the conditions that must be satisfied before a permit to conduct a commercial activity is granted.</p>	
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (b) & S58 2 (a)(ii)	<p><i>The chief executive must have regard to the management intent for the recreation area, and the area's current draft of approved management plan;</i></p> <p>Is the proposed activity consistent with the management intent or management plan for the area? Y / N (If no, please complete section below)</p>	Pending the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system.

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REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:

The proposed activity **is inconsistent** with the management intent for the area.

Proposed Activity

Lake Cooribah Pty Ltd has applied to conduct "tourist horse riding tours on the Noosa North Shore including traversing Beach Road, Maximillian Road, the beach between high water and low water; existing designated horse trails through the national park and Sunshine Coast Region Council reserves".

The assessment has been conducted and is limited to: the proposed route on QPWS managed areas within the Cooloolo Recreation Area; first and third cuttings; and the beach between the mouth of the Noosa River and the southern end of Teewah Township. There are no designated horse trails through the national park.

The applicant is responsible for applying, obtaining and complying with all necessary authorisations to conduct commercial horse riding activities on "Sunshine Coast Regional Council reserves" and other lands as required by all Queensland and Commonwealth Government Departments, local authorities and other statutory authorities.

Explanatory notes

Section 50 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006 requires that the chief executive can not grant an activity permit for a protected area that is inconsistent with –

- (a) The management principles for the areas; or
- (b) The interim or declared management intent, or management plan, for the area.

Great Sandy Region Management Plan (1994-2010)

This management plan is not a statutory management plan under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* or the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

The Great Sandy Management Plan was prepared and approved in 1994 to protect natural, cultural and economic values of the Region. It is considered a management statement for the purpose of providing management direction for the region. The plan was revised in September 2005.

Strategy 3: Recreation tourism and visitor use

3.23 Horse and camel riding

- See also: 1.12 Introduced pest species
3.04 Permit arrangements
3.10 Tourism

Desired outcomes

By or before 2010, to have commercial horse and camel riding operations within the Great Sandy Region limited to the level, style, size and ownership of authorised operations existing in 1992.

Proposed guidelines and actions

- 1 The existing commercial horse and camel riding operations will be permitted to continue as non-conforming, pre-existing uses. The operations will not be permitted to expand or be traded.
- 2 The operations will be monitored regularly to identify any impacts occurring and possible methods of impact mitigation.
- 3 Apart from the existing authorised operation, horse and camel riding will not be permitted on the Great Sandy National Park.

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Tourism in Protected Areas (TIPA)

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) assesses the appropriateness of proposed activities using legislated management principles, management plans, visitor management strategies, other relevant regional strategies, databases and other management tools such as the landscape classification system and Sustainable Visitor Capacity (SVC) assessment tool.

The Fraser Island Recreation Area and the Cooloola Recreation Area are highly popular and are in high demand from both independent and commercial visitors. To ensure a balance between conservation of the state's iconic national parks and tourism, the previous Queensland Government—through the previously termed Department of Environment and Resource Management's Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Tourism Queensland and the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation— developed the Tourism in Protected Areas (TIPA) framework in partnership with the tourism sector.

TIPA provides a management framework for commercial operations in key protected areas which attract high visitation—to help ensure a sustainable future for both Queensland's environment and is essential to the tourism industry. A key element of TIPA is the establishment of sustainable visitor capacity (SVC) thresholds to help ensure that visitor impacts are managed within the assimilative and regenerative capacity of identified visitor sites and to maintain the natural integrity of the protected area

The Department has established an agreement with Tourism Queensland whereby expressions of interest for commercial tourism opportunities on QPWS managed areas should be conducted in a 'partnership' approach with either Tourism Queensland or the relevant Regional Tourism Organisation. The purpose of this agreed approach is to ensure that specialist tourism expertise is enlisted to develop and present the commercial opportunity in a way that best meets industry needs.

In accordance with the TIPA initiative and the QPWS Delegates Advice new commercial capacity has not been granted for Cooloola for a number of years. The few exceptions being proven historical use on Cooloola's beaches prior to the declaration of the Cooloola Recreation Area or as approved by the previous Great Sandy Region Operations Support Manager and/or the Director Tourism and Visitor Management.

National Parks Recreation Sport & Racing – Top 10 Priorities (Six Month Plan) – status?

The NPRS&R announced its Top 10 Priorities (Six Month Plan) in 2012 which included the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system. The review and report back will examine whether the current approach to TIPA aligns with the commercial objectives and needs of tourism operators. This process is currently underway.

The Region is currently uncertain of the direction and timeframe the TIPA process and its implementation will take.

Under current circumstances, new commercial capacity would not usually be granted in the Cooloola Recreation Area until the TIPA process is completed. It is intended that this issue will be resolved in the TIPA process and the Commercial Tour Operator will be considered alongside other current and perspective operators under the TIPA initiative.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Department of Environment and Resource Management, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. For the collaborative management of the Noosa North Shore areas, as part of the Cooloola Recreation Area.

The Cooloola Recreation Area (CRA) was declared on the 17 October 2010. The CRA overlays the largely undeveloped coastline from the Noosa River north to the township of Rainbow Beach and includes national park and other state lands down to the low water mark. The NNS area south of First Cutting was included in the CRA after agreement was reached in support of a collaborative management approach between then Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the SCRC. The declaration of the CRA does not change the underlying land tenure or the landholder's statutory obligations and responsibilities.

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	In accordance with the MOU Section 2.2.9 Management of commercial and group activities Commercial and group activities in the CRA require a permit or agreement administered by the QPWS. The QPWS will liaise with the SCRC when assessing and permitting commercial and group activities associated with the NNS area. QPWS issued permits and agreements do not negate or replace any additional commercial standards or licences that an operator or activity may require. The SCRC remains responsible for administering local government health and environmental services requirements for instance those associated with safe handling, preparation and sale of food.	
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (c) & S58 2 (a)(iii)	Conservation of the area's cultural and natural resources Are the impacts on the area's cultural and natural resources from the proposed activity acceptable? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)	Pending the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system.
	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED: <i>Amenity of the area and adjacent areas</i></p> <p>Cooloolo Recreation Area The activity as outlined by the applicant is confined to the beach between high water and low water; within a high use area and is unlikely to have unacceptable long term impacts on the (beach) areas natural resources.</p> <p>Great Sandy Region Management Plan 1994, revised version September 2005 Section 3.23 Horse and camel riding See also: 1.12 Introduced pest species 3.04 Permit arrangements 3.10 Tourism</p> <p>Background information No comprehensive assessment of the effects of horse or camel riding in the Great Sandy Region has been undertaken. However, preliminary observations in a Victorian study of the condition of walking and horse tracks suggest increased track deterioration and weed invasion due to horse traffic.</p> <p>Potential management problems include soil erosion, soil compaction, vegetation damage through trampling, pollution of waterways and damage to archaeological sites. Impacts on native vegetation caused by horses and camels include disturbance due to grazing, introduction of non-local plants and ringbarking of native tree species. Horse and camel riding is not permitted on national parks, but may be allowed on State forests.</p>	
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (d) & S58 2 (a)(iv)	Are the impacts the proposed activity may have on the amenity of the area and adjacent areas acceptable (eg roads, buildings, litter, noise, other users, regulation of activities)? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)	Pending the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system.

Assessment Criteria for Tourism and Visitor Management Applications

REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:

Authority to ride a horse on QPWS managed lands will generally be conveyed by a permit or regulatory notice appropriate to the tenure. Authorities or permits to horse ride do not convey exclusive use of an area or trail unless specifically stated.

A group activity permit or a commercial activity permit may also be required.

Declaration Cooloola Recreation Area

Prior to the declaration of the recreation area QPWS jurisdiction below the high water mark in Cooloola only applied where a Marine Park or Recreation Area had been declared, e.g. Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area. The Great Sandy Marine Park – Northern Section includes all tidal lands and waters between Rainbow Beach and Double Island Point, and extends southward from Double Island Point for approximately 200 metres along Teewah Beach. QPWS had no control over commercial operators utilising the inter-tidal zone below the high water mark outside the boundaries of the national park.

Cooloola Recreation Area (CRA) was declared with regulation in effect from 17 October 2010. The recreation area encompassed the majority of the Cooloola section of the Great Sandy National Park managed by the then Department of Environment and Resource Management, some public lands managed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council as well as lands managed by several State government departments. Since the declaration the area has been managed under the Recreation Areas Management Act 2006.

Cooloola Recreation Area – Horse Riding

Horse riding is permitted within the Cooloola Recreation Area by regulatory signage and is **only permitted** on the beach between the beach closure area at the mouth of the Noosa River to the northern end of Teewah township (approx. 12 kilometres). The beach access first and third cuttings at Noosa North Shore are the only access points to the horse riding trail.

Horses are **not permitted** within the beach closure area at the mouth of the Noosa River. Horses can still access the Sunshine Coast Regional Council designated horse trail, but **must not** traverse the beach north of Teewah township or other walking tracks and firebreaks in the Cooloola Recreation Area, including the Cooloola Great Walk

Existing situation

There are currently three commercial operations permitted to conduct commercial horse and camel riding on the CRA. Noosa Horse Riding, Equathon Holdings and Camel Company were issued commercial activity permits to conduct their operations within the recreation area on the basis of pre-existing and proven historical use of the beach prior to the declaration of the recreation area.

1. Mr David John Madden, trading as Noosa Horse Riding
A maximum of 14 (fourteen) horses is allowed in the Cooloola Recreation Area at any time.
A maximum of 5 horse tours or 36 people are permitted per day.
2. Mr Alex Watson Pty Ltd, trading as Equathon Holdings
A maximum of 12 (twelve) riders plus 2 staff per day. Maximum 2 (two) tours per day.
3. Camel Company Australia Pty Ltd, Mr David John Madden
A maximum of 16 (sixteen) camels is allowed in the recreation area at any one time.
A maximum of 5 (five) camel tours or 60 persons are permitted per day.

Note: 42 animals (camels and horses) are permitted to conduct activities within the designated beach zone (approx. 12 kilometres) at one time or a maximum total of 120 riders per day.

More recently, Noosa Horse Riding, Equathon Holdings and the Camel Company have had their permits amended to include use of a portion of the Great Sandy Resource Reserve as a commercial set down and pick up area for business activities (namely horse/ camel tours) only. No extended or overnight stays are permitted. Private (non-business recreational use of the area) is not permitted on the resource reserve. No additional capacity was applied for or offered as part of this amendment.

There is currently no capacity applied to free and independent riders, nor is there are a process for applying capacities e.g. identified length of stay, how many horses per day and maximum group sizes.

Comment [t1]: JS for the purposes of accuracy could you check my maths.

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	<p>Tourism in Protected Areas</p> <p>A key tool in the implementation of TIPA is the sustainable visitor capacity framework, which has been developed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify limits of visitor capacity taking into account factors including, but not limited to, existing use and impacts, natural restrictions of the area, existing infrastructure and alternative opportunities; • consider anticipated future growth, aspirations and opportunities in the surrounding landscape; • allocate capacity in consultation with stakeholders and considering the needs of commercial operators and other visitors including schools, other organised groups and independent visitors; and • identify options to achieve the vision which may include access to alternative sites, upgraded or new infrastructure and alternative, innovative tourism activities. <p>By monitoring all visitor use, TIPA will ensure sites are managed at sustainable levels. This will make available the full capacity allocated for commercial tourism use. It will also ensure that any impacts are identified and managed to ensure Queensland's internationally recognised national parks remain an iconic tourism experience.</p>	
<p>RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (e) & S58 2 (a)(v)</p>	<p><i>The size, extent and location of the proposed use in relation to other uses of the area or adjacent areas</i></p> <p>Is the size, extent and location of the proposed activity acceptable for the area or adjacent areas?</p> <p>Y / N (if no, please complete section below)</p>	<p>Pending the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system.</p>

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	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:</p> <p><i>This section should be read in conjunction with the explanatory notes related to assessment criteria (impacts the proposed activity may have on the amenity of the area and adjacent areas acceptable (eg roads, buildings, litter, noise, other users, regulation of activities) and (management intent for the recreation area).</i></p> <p>Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006</p> <p>Section 25.1 (g) of the Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006 requires that the public interest be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legitimate aspirations of the community for use of QPWS managed areas are a vital consideration in prioritising and managing recreation. Activities will be favoured if they are consistent the management principles and: are popular with broad community support; have substantial unsatisfied demand in that the activity cannot reasonably be located out the QPWS managed area (consideration of all tenures is necessary); and increase the diversity of recreation opportunities available to the community. <p>The legitimate aspiration of the community for the use of QPWS managed areas are a vital consideration in prioritising and managing recreation.</p> <p>The applicant submits the following:</p> <p>"Horse Riding Tours will be available seven days per week but operate at peak on weekends and school holidays. At peak there may be 4 groups of 12 horses out for a 2 hour ride. Riding is variable due to weather and tides".</p> <p>"The Horse Riding Tour operation will operate NO differently as to what it has done so in the past 10 years. Noosa North Shore Resort has a sunk investment of \$3m in the only substantial equestrian facilities on the Noosa North Shore. These facilities underwrite the provision of quality systems and management of the horses to ensure minimal impacts on the wider environment. All other operators are itinerant and do not have access to facilities of this nature on the Noosa North Shore".</p> <p>"The Noosa North Shore Resort was purchased from Receivers by Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd in Feb 2011. Lake Cooroibah since has invested a further \$2.5m in refurbishments and has invested heavily in resuscitating this tourist facility. The horse riding offer is integral to the tourism at Noosa North Shore Retreat and its restoration as an operation at the resort is essential to its further recovery as tourism destination".</p>
<p>RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (f) & S58 2 (a)(vi)</p>	<p><i>The likely cumulative effect of the proposed use and other uses on the area</i></p> <p>Are the effects of the proposed activity on other users acceptable? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)</p> <p>Pending the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system.</p>
	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:</p> <p><i>Refer to the explanatory notes related to assessment criteria (impacts the proposed activity may have on the amenity of the area and adjacent areas acceptable (eg roads, buildings, litter, noise, other users, regulation of activities) and (management intent for the recreation area).</i></p>

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RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (g) & S58 2 (a)(vii)	Public health and safety Are the risks associated with the proposed sites and/or activities to participants or the general public acceptable? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)	Yes
	REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED: <p>The proposal is <u>acceptable</u>. Safety and sustainability conditions would be applied.</p> <p>The applicant is responsible for meeting all safety requirements. The activities are regular activities undertaken by both the general public and existing permitted commercial operators within the CRA.</p> <p>The length of beach in question is used for a variety of other uses including families undertaking recreational beach activities, dog walking, swimming, jogging and sunbaking. There is potential for conflict with these other uses.</p> <p>Local QPWS officers advise they have received a number of documented complaints with regards to horse riding, public health and safety concerns including horse faeces and inexperienced riders within the no vehicle zone adjacent to the Noosa North Shore Beach Campground where children play</p>	
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (h) & S58 2 (a)(viii)	Any relevant <i>Australian or international code, instrument, protocol or standard or any relevant intergovernmental agreement</i> Does the proposed activity allow us to meet other relevant Queensland, national or internal codes, instruments, protocols or standards or any relevant intergovernmental agreements in existence (eg Burra Charter, World Heritage Convention, JAMBA, CAMBA, Ramsar)? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)	Yes
	REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:	
RAM Act 2006 S53 1 (j)	Whether there are any grounds for refusing the application Are there any other grounds for refusing this application? Y / N (if yes, please complete section below)	Yes

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	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:</p> <p><i>Refer criteria RAM Act 2006 S53 1(b) & S58 2(a)(ii) The chief executive must have regard to the management intent for the recreation area, and the area's current draft of approved management plan;</i></p> <p>Under current circumstances, new commercial capacity would not usually be granted in the Cooloola Recreation Area until the TIPA process is completed. It is intended that this issue will be resolved in the TIPA process and the Commercial Tour Operator will be considered alongside other current operators under the TIPA initiative.</p> <p>Any contrary decision which is inconsistent and contrary to the norm would need to be considered in future assessments to ensure the fundamental principle of fair and equitable access is maintained. The precedent that would be established if the present application is granted would potentially render ineffective the TIPA process ineffective.</p>	
RAM Act 2006 S53 2 & S58 2 (b)	<p><i>Without limiting subsection (1), the chief executive may have regard to anything else the chief executive considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of this Act.</i></p> <p>Have all other matters been considered in assessing this application? Y / N (if no, please complete section below)</p>	Yes
	<p>REASON AND CONDITION IF REQUIRED:</p>	

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- ☐ Based on my assessment, there is no known reason to me why this application should be refused.
- ☐ Based on my assessment of the application, this proposal is consistent with the principles for management of this/these protected / recreation / forest area(s) only with the modifications listed below:

The Assessing Officer submits the following:

The assessment has been conducted and is limited to the proposed route on QPWS managed areas within the Cooloola Recreation Area; first and third cuttings; and the beach between the mouth of the Noosa River and the southern end of Teewah Township. There are no designated horse trails through the national park.

The applicant is responsible for applying, obtaining and complying with all necessary authorisations to conduct commercial horse riding activities on "Sunshine Coast Regional Council reserves" and other lands as required by all Queensland and Commonwealth Government Departments, local authorities and other statutory authorities.

The Region continues to host a significant nature-based tourism industry including 35 operators ranging from hang gliding, mobile vending, parachuting and a range of guided day tours and safaris who utilise the Cooloola and Inskip Recreation Areas.

With the growth in tourism many people have sought to set up new businesses undertaking commercial activities within Cooloola and Inskip ranging from hang gliding, mobile vending, parachuting, surf camps, including an extensive range of guided day tours and safaris. In addition, many existing operators have requested and applied for additional sites and / or capacities to be added to commercial activity permits.

In keeping with the National Competition Policy and the principles of equity, ethical behaviour and natural justice, QPWS does not favour any particular operator or operators when allocating authorities to conduct commercial activities on QPWS managed area. To date, in accordance with the principles of TIPA all applications and informal requests have being refused. The few exceptions being proven historical use on Cooloola's beaches prior to the declaration of the Cooloola Recreation Area or as approved by the Great Sandy Region Operations Support Manager and/or the Director Tourism and Visitor Management.

Any additional commercial capacity identified in the CRA would potentially be in high demand and would require the Department to actively conduct an expression of interest process which would be advertised. All potential operators would then have an opportunity to apply for any capacity through a **fair, equitable, open and transparent** expression of interest process.

The NPRS&R has announced its Top 10 Priorities (Six Month Plan) which includes the review on the current framework and approach governing the TIPA system. The review and report back will examine whether the current approach to TIPA aligns with the commercial objectives and needs of tourism operators. This process is currently underway.

The Region is currently uncertain of the direction and timeframe the TIPA process and its implementation will take.

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Any contrary decision which is inconsistent and contrary to the norm would need to be considered in future assessments to ensure the fundamental principle of fair and equitable access is maintained. The precedent that would be established if the present application is granted would potentially render ineffective the TIPA process ineffective.

Recommendation:

Consideration for each of the criteria has been made and it is considered that this application for permit to conduct commercial activities 'horse riding tours' within the Cooloola Recreation Area **be refused** pending the outcome of the Tourism In Protected Areas (TIPA) process – as per Delegates Advice 2013.

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☐ Based on my assessment of the application, this proposal is inconsistent with the principles for management of this/these protected / recreation / forest area(s) based on the reasons listed below.

Please note if the recommendation is to refuse or approve with modifications to the existing application, this must be discussed with the applicant, prior to referral to Tourism & Visitor Services for processing.

The application has been discussed with the applicant on [<insert date>](#).

Recommendation:	Approve / Refuse	If refused, detail reasons below:

Signature	Gennieve Turner via email	Date	28 March 2013
Assessing Officer		Position	Ranger Visitor Management
Signature		Date	
Endorsing Officer		Position	

Please return completed assessment to TOURISM & VISITOR SERVICES UNIT (email / fax to relevant Project Manager)

PERMIT / APPROVAL NUMBER _____

From: Sharpe Paul [Paul.Sharpe@npsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 11:01 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: FW: Horse Riding on Noosa North Shore
Attachments: Equathon Letter to Minister Jann Stuckey 12 April 2013.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 9:38 AM
To: Corro NPRSR Minister and DG
Cc: Cook Clive; Greentree Anne
Subject: FW: Horse Riding on Noosa North Shore

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Kind regards

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From: Alex Watson [<mailto:alex@equathon.com>]
Sent: Saturday, 13 April 2013 1:18 PM
To: tourism@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Cc: premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au; NationalParks@ministerial.qld.gov.au; Glaister John; Price Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); 'Noosa Electorate Office'; mark.jamieson@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au; 'Cr Stephen Robinson'; 'Dirk Olbertz'; 'Michael Craig'; Daniel.Gschwind@qtic.com.au; 'Damien Massingham'; 'Donna Little'; 'Anne Wilson'; clairebourke1@bigpond.com; eco@ecotourism.org.au; 'Mick Hodges (Custom Alloy)'
Subject: Horse Riding on Noosa North Shore

Dear Minister, Dear Jann,

Please see the attached letter regarding issues affecting tourism operations and recreation on Noosa North Shore.

Yours sincerely,

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12 April, 2013

Hon. Jann Stuckey MP
Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business
and Commonwealth Games
GPO Box 1141,
Brisbane QLD 4001

via email: tourism@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister, Dear Jann,

HORSE RIDING TOURISM ON NOOSA NORTH SHORE

I am writing to seek your assistance in leading positive change for the best future for horse riding tourism and recreation on Noosa North Shore.

My business, Equathon Horse Riding, has been an active participant in promoting Adventure Tourism in Queensland. From attendance at Destination Q last year in Cairns to being a QLD Tourism Awards Winner we seek to provide world-class horse riding experiences to our customers.

Since your election to office I have steadfastly supported the LNP policies of promoting a more engaged process between tourism, outdoor recreation and access to conservation areas where this is appropriate and sustainable. As an example, we have recently had a very good outcome working with QPWS in regard to the continuation of horse riding for the local community in Eumundi Conservation Park.

The Noosa North Shore is a contentious area where we, as a responsible tourism business, are continually under pressure to preserve the right to access trails which provide a worthy experience to our customers. We need a committed plan, agreed to by the various stakeholders, which gives our business and recreational riders a clear view of the future tenure of horse riding in this area. In the absence of a plan it is impossible for us to invest in developing and promoting a tourism business to local, interstate and international visitors that supports the high standards we expect for operators in Queensland.

Currently we are receiving outstanding support from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. Minister Dickson, Director-General, John Glaister and local QPWS staff led by Stephen Price have been excellent in assisting us with access and good management strategies for riding activities on Teewah Beach. I would like to recognise and sincerely thank them for their efforts.

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Outside of the beach itself we must have access to trails which provide a safe and worthwhile experience for customers. Unfortunately, under the previous state government and the then Noosa Council, environmental lobbyists have been able to push through the closure of trails which were in long-standing use for horse riding. Despite an absence of scientific evidence to demonstrate why horse riding should cease to be permitted in these areas, and with almost no consultation with tourism operators or the public, a significant list of trails have been closed.

Most recently, in the immediate aftermath of the Noosa de-amalgamation vote Council officers have written to us to advise that another series of trails which have been in use for horse riding for the past 30 years or more are now closed without further consultation. This is despite a recent survey conducted by the SCRC demonstrating that some 80 percent of residents and visitors are in favour of horse riding on the Noosa North Shore.

Minister, we need leadership and planning in this area for the future of tourism and recreation. Tourism is the major economic activity in Noosa so it seems totally counter-productive to be making policy to hurt the interests of viable and responsible tourism operators. Regularly, Equathon is listed on TripAdvisor as being in the top one or two activities to do in Noosa. However, we cannot run a world-class experience for customers if we are, as it seems now, to be restricted to riding along the side of roads and under a series of power-lines. That is sub-standard and really, in regard to a quality tourism experience, is inadequate at best.

Without wanting to labour the point I wish to demonstrate the extent we go to be engaged and responsible in the conduct of our business. We are members of Tourism Sunshine Coast, Tourism Noosa, Tourism Fraser Coast, the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation, EcoTourism Australia (Advanced level registration) and current permit holders with QPWS.

With all these bodies we actively contribute to the promotion of nature-based and adventure tourism and the promotion of outdoor recreation for the benefit of locals and visitors alike. It is a topic we are passionate about and to which we are extremely committed.

We firmly believe that horse riding is an activity that has historical, cultural and recreational rights to be included in conservation areas where proper scientific evidence demonstrates that any impacts can be mitigated and managed. The most recent scientific research published by QPWS itself (Dr. J. Neldner, July 2012) shows that even in the case of intensive horse riding activity on trails in South-East Queensland the impacts were negligible.

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Unfortunately, all too often we are seeing the desire to close horse riding trails being led by the persuasion of minority group philosophy and prejudice rather than by scientific evidence and good management in the interests of the broader public.

Minister, even though these latest challenges to our business and the rights of horse riders are a local council issue I am asking you and your government to take a leadership role in this area by asking the key stakeholders to come to the table and work for a sustainable plan for horse-riding into the future on Noosa North Shore. From my discussions with Mr. Damien Massingham, General Manager of Tourism Noosa, I am aware that Tourism Noosa has offered to convene such a meeting.

In closing, I underline the fact that although this letter is from my principal role as a director of Equathon it is also on behalf of other concerned local business owners such as Noosa North Shore Retreat and recreational horse riders who are either local residents or regular visitors to Noosa North Shore. I have copied this letter to those interested parties.

Looking forward to your response with thanks for all you have done and continue to do for the future of tourism in Queensland.

With kindest regards,

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c.c. Premier Campbell Newman

NPRSR – Minister Steve Dickson, Mr. John Glaister, Mr. Stephen Price

Hon. Glen Elmes MP

SCRC – Mayor Mark Jamieson, Cr. Stephen Robinson

Noosa North Shore Retreat – Mr. Dirk Olbertz, Mr. Michael Craig

QTIC – Daniel Gschwind – Chief Executive

Tourism Noosa – Mr. Damien Massingham, General Manager

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 11:42 AM
To: SHARPE Paul
Subject: RE: Horse Riding on Noosa North Shore

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

No issue – looks like reduced access to Council areas and he give's us a wrap. All roads available on our estate except NP tenure

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FW: Emailing: Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

From: Turner Gennieve [Gennieve.Turner@nprsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 April 2013 10:54 AM
To: Hughes Simon
Subject: FW: Emailing: Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Simon - I don't believe we have authority to provide Equathon with access to the road easement as shown on the approved activity area - not sure?

Given councils current stance on commercial activities on community lands, road reserves etc - recommend that you discuss this Marc - he was involved in amending Alex's permit and should be able to shed more light.

Cheers GT

-----Original Message-----
From: Turner Gennieve
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 8:12 AM
To: Enslin Justin
Subject: RE: Emailing: Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

Thanks Justin.

Interesting to know that the area in question is road easement (Council)/ RA

Cheers GT

-----Original Message-----
From: Enslin Justin
Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2013 11:45 AM
To: Turner Gennieve
Subject: RE: Emailing: Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

Hi GT,
The little section in question running due west from Third cutting has been exised out of NP as road easement.(Council).But the RAM comes along and overlays this section of road easement. With this being the case, horses are allowed to traverse a ram area subject to written authority hence our little red line running west to border of RAM area.....eureka!!!

All the other stuff on handrawn map is either private or road reserve (council).
Hope this helps.
Cheers

Justin Enslin | Ranger in Charge:Southern Cooloola Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service | Great Sandy Region | Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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-----Original Message-----
From: Turner Gennieve
Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2013 8:31 AM
To: Enslin Justin
Subject: Emailing: Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

Hi Justin - can you assist with the following?

I was not involved in the original assessment for the CAP... Therefore I need some assistance i.e. a description of the route Equathon used to traverse from the equestrian centre on to the beach - e.g. from the back of the equestrian centre the horses traverse thru Or along a firebreak or road reserve etc etc

GT

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Map 1 Equathon CAP route.pdf

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From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@nprsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 3:49 PM
To: 'info@camelcompany.com.au'; 'info@noosahorseriding.com.au'
CC: Southern Permits Team
Subject: Amended Camel and Horse Permits
Attachments: Camel Co Info Notice.pdf; Camel Co Permit.pdf; Noosa Horse Riding Info Notice.pdf; Noosa Horse Riding Permit.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Hi Dave and Lyn

I sincerely apologise for taking time in redrafting your permits' amendments.

As you know, the process has undergone considerable negotiation and liaison between QPWS Sunshine Fraser Region officers and yourselves. My team has been diligent and careful in the drafting to ensure accurate, standardised conditions across all horse permits, to foster the positive working relationship that QPWS seeks to maintain with all animal Commercial Operators in the Cooloola RAM.

Please find attached an electronic copy of your amended permits for camels and horses, which includes exclusive access to a designated site in the Great Sandy Resource Reserve for the purposes of unloading and conducting your business horse and camel riding activities on the adjacent Cooloola Recreation Area beach.

We have not charged you any fees for negotiating these complex amendments to your permits as I understand that the Regional officers have actively sought to provide you with this unique site opportunity to ensure the continuation of your horse riding business and provide for a start-up of your camel tours, which have not been run for a number of years due to access issues with the Regional Council.

These permits are valid until the 14th December this year. In our initial decisions we discussed the opportunity to draft a longer term Commercial Agreement for your activities. While QPWS is very supportive of developing Agreements for these types of activities in the Cooloola RAM it was decided to not progress this at this stage as the Tourism in Protected Areas policy framework has not been finally decided by Government. This policy to convert all permit holders to longer term Agreement is likely to apply to most operators where there is a commercial demand for access. Providing you with an Agreement prior to this decision may impact on a number of similar operators within the area who may also wish to enter into an Agreement for this activity.

I am aware that you have since requested a three year permit, and I can confirm that we can issue both these amended permits under current legislation for a further three years from the date of receipt of an application for each permit with full payment of fees. Each application will incur a reduced Application Fee of \$140.50 as both permits will require minimal assessment, and no change to conditions. The Permit Fees for each permit for more than two years will be \$638. We can do a pro-rata discount on the permit fees for both applications from the date that we receive any application before the end of your current permits. For example if you submit on June the 14th we will refund you for 6months of each old permit at approximately \$106 per permit.

Application and Permit Fees are detailed on-line on the Department website. Please follow the following links for more information.

http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/services/index.php?category_id=237

Should you wish to apply for new permits with a further three year term please complete the application forms that can be found in the following link:

<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/forms/index.html>

Please phone me at any time if you require additional information, or if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards

Simon Hughes

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From: Hughes Simon [Simon.Hughes@npsr.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 3:56 PM

To: BARTLETT Amie

Subject: FW: Horse and Camel Permits

Attachments: Camel Co Info Notice.pdf; Camel Co Permit.pdf; Noosa Horse Riding Info Notice.pdf; Noosa Horse Riding Permit.pdf; Noosa North Shore Info Notice.pdf; Noosa North Shore Permit.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Simon Hughes

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Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

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From: Powley Alicia

Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 2:08 PM

To: Hughes Simon

Subject: Horse and Camel Permits

Hi Simon

Attached are the 3 information notices and permits for the horse and camel riding.

Cheers

Alicia

Alicia Powley

Project Support Officer

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Information Notice

This notice is issued by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to advise of a statutory decision on a permit application under conservation legislation.

Dirk Olbertz
Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd
t/a Noosa North Shore Retreat
1-90 Beach Road
NOOSA NORTH SHORE QLD 4565

Our reference: 398738

Dear Mr Olbertz,

Re: Decision made in relation to your application under environmental legislation administered by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has assessed your application received on 25/02/2013 and wishes to advise you of the decision in regard to each application as specified below:

Permit applied for	Permit Number	Decision
Commercial Activity Permit issued under the provisions of the <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i>	TVR506980613	Granted

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE: Please be advised that the Queensland Government has increased the minimum level required for public liability insurance to \$20 million. You are advised to obtain this level of insurance as soon as possible once a new permit is issued.

Please note the following:

- It is highly recommended that the Principal Holder check updated Park Alerts for possible park/track closures on the NPRSR website, prior to commencing any activities on QPWS managed areas. Please refer to: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/park_alerts/index.php.

For each permit applied for that has been granted, the conditions of approval are attached. Please note that for each approval, this Notice of Decision and the relevant attachments constitute the permit documentation. Please retain this documentation for your records.

Cooloola Recreation Area

- Please be considerate of other recreation area users and ensure excessive noise is kept to a minimum.
- Please ensure students are supervised at all times.
- The Principal Holder is responsible for ensuring all groups are briefed on appropriate safety and risk management issues including emergency action plans.
- Please ensure all rubbish is removed from the estate.
- Your activity must not interfere with use of the protected area by others, i.e. do not reserve or cordon off any area for exclusive use or engage in antisocial behaviour.
- Access to the protected area or part of the protected area may be restricted/closed (at short notice) due to severe weather conditions, other natural disaster or for management purposes eg. fire, flood. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring all group members are made aware of closures and that they comply with all signage and/or directions given by QPWS officers.

¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation administered by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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This notice is issued by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to advise of a statutory decision on a permit application under conservation legislation.

If during the life of your permit you propose to vary your operation from that authorised, or undertake any changes to your business structure, you must notify the Commercial and Visitor Services Branch at the address below and if necessary, apply for a variation to your permit. Also, you must advise of any change of address.

You, or your agents, must carry a copy of your current commercial activity permit whilst carrying out commercial activities on any QPWS managed area within Queensland. You may be asked by park staff conducting random checks to show your commercial activity permit to ensure commercial activities on QPWS managed areas are covered by a permit and that permit conditions are being observed.

Failure to comply with permit conditions may result in further action such as an infringement notice and associated demerit points, suspension or cancellation of the permit or prosecution.

Returns

Please find attached a commercial tour operator return form. As the holder of a commercial activity permit, you are required to submit a daily record return (electronic preferred – southernpermits@npsr.qld.gov.au) (a separate return is required for each month) within 20 business days following the end of each calendar quarter i.e. 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December specifying the following information for each day that a tour is conducted:

- date of each visit;
- name of each protected area, state forest, forest reserve, recreation area visited;
- name of each site visited within the protected area, state forest, forest reserve, recreation area;
- number of clients subject to daily site fees; and
- number of clients that camped (if applicable)

Please note that a 'NIL' return must be submitted even if no tours have been conducted. Camping fees must be paid prior to the activity being conducted.

The current fees are listed below.

Daily Site Fees:

Daily site fees are statutory fees payable for the use of the QPWS managed area levied at the following rates:

- **\$1.69** per person fee, for activities lasting less than 3 hours per day within the Cooloola Recreation Area
- **\$3.05** per person fee, for activities lasting more than 3 hours per day within the Cooloola Recreation Area

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24 April 2013

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S53. Recreation Areas Management Act 2006

(1)

- (a) the purpose of this Act;
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- (c) conservation of the area's cultural and natural resources;
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- (g) public health and safety;
- (h) any relevant Australian or international code, instrument, protocol or standard or any relevant intergovernmental agreement;
- (i) the requirements mentioned in section 50;
- (j) whether there are any grounds for refusing the application.

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The *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* has review and appeal provisions available to you should you be dissatisfied with this decision. In summary these include:

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From: Bartlett Amie [Amie.Bartlett@nprsr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 4:43 PM
To: 'dirk@crest.com.au'; 'stephen@novusurban.com'
CC: HUGHES Simon
Subject: Commercial activity permit _TVP506980613
Attachments: Noosa North Shore_final permit 240413.pdf; Noosa North Shore_Info Notice 240413.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find your attached commercial activity permit and information notice.

Apologies for the delay in finalising your commercial activity permit. We have been careful in the drafting of your permit to ensure accurate, standardised conditions across all commercial activity permits involving horse riding in the Cooloola RAM. Unfortunately these negotiations have taken some time.

Please feel free to contact me on the below details if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Amie

Amie Bartlett

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Dirk Olbertz
Lake Cooroibah Pty Ltd
t/a Noosa North Shore Retreat
1-90 Beach Road
NOOSA NORTH SHORE QLD 4565

Our reference: 398738

Dear Mr Olbertz,

Re: Decision made in relation to your application under environmental legislation administered by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has assessed your application received on 25/02/2013 and wishes to advise you of the decision in regard to each application as specified below:

Permit applied for	Permit Number	Decision
Commercial Activity Permit issued under the provisions of the <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i>	TVR506980613	Granted

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE: Please be advised that the Queensland Government has increased the minimum level required for public liability insurance to \$20 million. You are advised to obtain this level of insurance as soon as possible once a new permit is issued.

Please note the following:

- It is highly recommended that the Principal Holder check updated Park Alerts for possible park/track closures on the NPRSR website, prior to commencing any activities on QPWS managed areas. Please refer to: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/park_alerts/index.php.

For each permit applied for that has been granted, the conditions of approval are attached. Please note that for each approval, this Notice of Decision and the relevant attachments constitute the permit documentation. Please retain this documentation for your records.

Cooloola Recreation Area

- Please be considerate of other recreation area users and ensure excessive noise is kept to a minimum.
- Please ensure students are supervised at all times.
- The Principal Holder is responsible for ensuring all groups are briefed on appropriate safety and risk management issues including emergency action plans.
- Please ensure all rubbish is removed from the estate.
- Your activity must not interfere with use of the protected area by others, i.e. do not reserve or cordon off any area for exclusive use or engage in antisocial behaviour.
- Access to the protected area or part of the protected area may be restricted/closed (at short notice) due to severe weather conditions, other natural disaster or for management purposes eg. fire, flood. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring all group members are made aware of closures and that they comply with all signage and/or directions given by QPWS officers.

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If during the life of your permit you propose to vary your operation from that authorised, or undertake any changes to your business structure, you must notify the Commercial and Visitor Services Branch at the address below and if necessary, apply for a variation to your permit. Also, you must advise of any change of address.

You, or your agents, must carry a copy of your current commercial activity permit whilst carrying out commercial activities on any QPWS managed area within Queensland. You may be asked by park staff conducting random checks to show your commercial activity permit to ensure commercial activities on QPWS managed areas are covered by a permit and that permit conditions are being observed.

Failure to comply with permit conditions may result in further action such as an infringement notice and associated demerit points, suspension or cancellation of the permit or prosecution.

Returns

Please find attached a commercial tour operator return form. As the holder of a commercial activity permit, you are required to submit a daily record return (electronic preferred – southernpermits@npsr.qld.gov.au) (a separate return is required for each month) within 20 business days following the end of each calendar quarter i.e. 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December specifying the following information for each day that a tour is conducted:

- date of each visit;
- name of each protected area, state forest, forest reserve, recreation area visited;
- name of each site visited within the protected area, state forest, forest reserve, recreation area;
- number of clients subject to daily site fees; and
- number of clients that camped (if applicable)

Please note that a 'NIL' return must be submitted even if no tours have been conducted. Camping fees must be paid prior to the activity being conducted.

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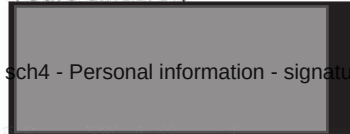
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