

From: Angus Sutherland
Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 10:07 AM
To: Luke Moore
CC: Daniel Lato; Hannah Jackson
Subject: RE:

Summary of the issues:

- The Wilderness Society (TWS) is a not-for-profit environmental advocacy organisation formed in 1976 focused on “protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia”.
- TWS met regularly with the Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad MP and former Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, on addressing Queensland’s land clearing rates and returning Queensland’s vegetation management legislation to pre-2013 requirements during the Palaszczuk Government’s first term.

Points of relevance:

- TWS Queensland’s campaign is primarily focused on the problem of land clearing.
- The 2015–16 Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) was released on 5 October 2017 and reported that land clearing had reached a rate of 395,000 hectares with clearing in the Great Barrier Reef catchments increasing by almost 50 per cent since 2012–13.
- The high rate of land clearing means Queensland is Australia’s largest source of land sector greenhouse gas emissions noting that New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, and Tasmania are all net carbon ‘sinks’, that is, where more carbon is stored in the landscape than is produced.
- Queensland’s land sector is actively participating in the Commonwealth Government’s Emissions Reduction Fund with 125 vegetation management projects registered that have generated over 4.1 million tonnes of carbon abatement (MtCO₂e) and over \$49 million in offset payments to date.
- During the 2017 State Election, the Palaszczuk Government committed to restoring vegetation management protections and investing \$500 million to undertake carbon farming with environmental co-benefits in key ecosystems across Queensland.
- Also during the 2017 election, rural sector peak bodies such as the Queensland Farmers Federation and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) indicated support for market-based mechanisms that incentivised managing land for ecosystem services like carbon sequestration as important for managing land clearing rates.

Land clearing

Deputy Position:

- Deforestation is:
 - killing native wildlife (an estimated 68 million wildlife over two years in Queensland);
 - harming the Great Barrier Reef;
 - degrading soils;
 - destroying forest and bushlands; and
 - contributing to climate change.
- TWS is advocating for new laws with a long-term vision of zero deforestation in Australia including:
 - ending deforestation;
 - investing \$300 million in dedicated fund to support farmers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to regrow forests and restore land; and
 - support development of clean, “green beef” industry that can be marketed as deforestation-free.

Departmental Suggested Response:

- The government is committed to introducing legislation to control land clearing.
- Government has committed to providing additional incentives and support of new industries such as ‘carbon farming’, which generate carbon credits through improved land management.
- One of the government’s flagship environmental commitments is a \$500 million Land Restoration Fund to support the

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growing carbon farming sector, focusing on supplying high quality carbon credits with verifiable co-benefits such as koala and threatened species habitat protection, improved water quality and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development.

- The government welcomes MLA's November 2017 announcement of an aspirational vision for a carbon neutral Australian meat industry by 2030 and looks forward to the opportunity to work with MLA and other organisations on achieving similar ambitions.

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From: Luke Moore

Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 9:43 AM

To: Hannah Jackson ; Angus Sutherland

Cc: Daniel Lato

Subject: FW:

Importance: High

Hi Hannah,

As the environment adviser do you have anything I can provide to Minister Farmer?

Regards,

Luke Moore

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From: Michael Fawley

Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 9:39 AM

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Subject:

Importance: High

Hi Luke,

Sorry for the late notice but Min. Farmer is meeting with 73(2)Irrelevant from the Wilderness Society at 2pm to discuss deforestation in Queensland. Do you have any briefs, lines etc. that I can provide to the Minister for the meeting?

Thanks,

Michael

Michael Fawley

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From: Daniel Lato
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 9:18 AM
To: Pamela Frost; Angus Sutherland; Hannah Jackson; Luke Moore; Natalie Bochenski; Tina Langford
Subject: RE: Stakeholders

This will probably change as the issues shift, but we'll probably need at least:

Waste and Recycling Industry Queensland

Queensland Conservation Council

WWF

Any further suggestions?

From: Pamela Frost

Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 9:13 AM

To: Daniel Lato ; Angus Sutherland ; Hannah Jackson ; Luke Moore ; Natalie Bochenski ; Tina Langford

Subject: Stakeholders

Hi team,

Our rapid response team has asked every office for a list of the top 3-5 stakeholders to give them a better focus of media tracking and an idea of what they could be providing in their hourly updates (ie so they can keep an eye on certain Twitter feeds/keywords in searches etc).

Any ideas for who we should list as our top 3-5 stakeholders?

Thanks ☺

Pamela Frost

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From: Angus Sutherland
Sent: Thursday, 1 March 2018 1:04 PM
To: Luke Moore
Subject: Wilderness Society_Brief for Minister meeting.docx
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Here's the brief we had for the ministers meeting

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Subject	Meeting with	73(2)Irrelevant	,The Wilderness Society
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Date: Wednesday, 17 January 2018

Time: 10.00am

Attendees:

Ms Georgine Roodenrys, Executive Director, Climate Change Policy Branch, 3330 5829,
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Ms Megan Surawski, Manager – Industry and Communications, Climate Change Policy Branch,
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Purpose of meeting: Introduction to Minister Enoch

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Departmental Suggested Response:

- The government is committed to introducing legislation to control land clearing and protect remnant and high conservation value, non-remnant vegetation.
- However, regulation will only address a proportion of the land clearing which is why the government has committed to providing additional incentives and support of new industries such as 'carbon farming', which generate carbon credits through improved land management.
- One of the government's flagship environmental commitments is a \$500 million Land Restoration Fund to support the growing carbon farming sector, focusing on supplying high quality carbon credits with verifiable co-benefits such as koala and threatened species habitat protection, improved water quality and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development.
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