From: WAKE Chris [Chris.Wake@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 3:25 PM
To: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Subject: RE: Ingrid - draft response to ABC follow-up questions re Yabulu refinery

Hi Ingrid,

My suggestion would be:

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is not aware of any financial assurance provided by BHP in relation to the Queensland Nickel refinery at Yabulu and is unable to comment on any agreement or otherwise by the former Bligh government in respect of this matter.

I've checked with previous project officers (including Dave Drew who was dealing with QN when BHP owned) and no one has any knowledge of their ever being a financial assurance provided.

Cheers,
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Cc: Media NPSR/EHP
Subject: Ingrid - draft response to ABC follow-up questions re Yabulu refinery
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Hi Ingrid

Thanks for assisting with this. Perhaps a response can be:

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Heritage Protection spokesperson

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has not been involved in any bond payments from BHP in relation to the Queensland Nickel refinery at Yabulu and is unable to comment on any agreement or otherwise by the former Bligh government in respect of this matter.

ENDS

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Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 2:39 PM
To: LEWIS Kieran
Cc: Media NPSR/EHP
Subject: enquiry re Queensland Nickel

Hi again Kieran,

I just have a follow up to this. The ABC has been told that when BHP owned the Qld Nickel refinery that there was a bond of sorts for remediation. We have also been told that the then Bligh Government agreed to let Clive Palmer purchase the refinery without any bond, and that the existing bond was repaid to BHP.

Is any of this accurate in any form?

Did BHP provide a bond of any form to the department? If so, what form did this bond take and how much did it entail?

Cheers,

Mark

From: LEWIS Kieran [mailto:Kieran.Lewis@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 January 2016 5:27 PM
To: Mark Willacy
Cc: Media NPSR/EHP
Subject: Response to your enquiry re Queensland Nickel

Good afternoon Mark

Thanks for your enquiry re Queensland Nickel. A response to your questions is attached.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 3 May 2017 4:48 PM
To: LEWIS Kieran
CC: LOWE Trinity; DAUNT Bettina; Media EHP/NPSR; CRADICK Adam; FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Subject: Re: Dean - for approval - response to The Australian re Qld Nickel

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Thanks Ingrid

In terms of approvals for matters of the ammonia investigation and the EPOs, as they are handled by Litigation, we've not in the past sought a second set of approvals from the region.

As Dean would also now like some words about the last inspection, we would run past you and Scott Sullivan as that *does* involve the region.

Coming soon.

Kieran

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Cc: ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Dean - for approval - response to The Australian re Qld Nickel

Hi Kieran

I have not seen this response

Ingrid

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From: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Sent: Thursday, 27 July 2017 10:26 AM
To: BRIDGE Tracy
Subject: Accepted: QNS EPO appeals - instructions sought

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2017 3:13 PM
To: BRIDGE Tracy; SULLIVAN Scott (EHP)
CC: GOLDSWORTHY Stephen
Subject: RE: QN meeting tomorrow

We can if we need to ideally it be at lunch time eg 12:30

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Cc: GOLDSWORTHY Stephen
Subject: QN meeting tomorrow

Hi Ingrid and Scott

Just wanting to see whether you are both still available for the QN meeting tomorrow as I have noticed that since I sent the meeting request, you have both been invited to other meetings.

I also note that Chris Wake will not be attending, but he said he was going to give you his update before he went 6) Personal Info Personal I

Kind regards
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Subject: FW: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs
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From: Ben Doyle [mailto:Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:09 AM
To: DLO DES
Subject: FW: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi,

Could I please confirm this additional question is currently being actioned?

Cheers,

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To: Michael Atkin <Atkin.Michael@abc.net.au>
Cc: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi Michael,
Please see response attached.
Cheers

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Importance: High

Hi Ingrid

For your URGENT approval please. Journalist has chased.

Litigation has approved the attached response (their minor changes tracked) to the ABC's questions about details of the Queensland Nickel EPOs.

Kieran

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Hi Ingrid,

Scott and my comments are included on the Lit comment version attached.

Cheers Nina

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Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 11:40 AM
To: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
CC: SULLIVAN Scott (DES)
Subject: FW: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs
Attachments: 060218 - Queensland Nickel EPOs - ABC (LIT & Compliance comments).docx

Hi Ingrid,

Scott and my comments are included on the Lit comment version attached.

Cheers Nina

From: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 11:23 AM
To: SULLIVAN Scott (DES) <Scott.Sullivan@des.qld.gov.au>; GROVES Nina <Nina.Groves@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs

Hi

Can you please fact check this for me

Ingrid

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From: BRIDGE Tracy
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 11:09 AM
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Cc: GOLDSWORTHY Stephen <Stephen.Goldsworthy@des.qld.gov.au>; LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>; HOPE Lindsay <Lindsay.Hope@des.qld.gov.au>; LOWE Trinity <Trinity.Lowe@des.qld.gov.au>; ESR <ESR@des.qld.gov.au>; Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs

Dear Ingrid

Please see the below.

We have reviewed the draft prepared by media and subject to the 2 minor suggested amendments **attached**, the content is correct from our perspective, however in light of the question asked it seems appropriate that the final approved response comes from you.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Kind regards
Tracy

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From: HOPE Lindsay
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 11:03 AM
To: BRIDGE Tracy <Tracy.Bridge@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs

Hi Tracy,

As requested, please find email below from Kieran.

Cheers,
Lindsay

From: LEWIS Kieran
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:53 AM
To: GOLDSWORTHY Stephen
Cc: LOWE Trinity; HOPE Lindsay; ESR; Media DES
Subject: Stephen - for approval - response to ABC's 7.30 re Queensland Nickel EPOs

Hi Stephen

For your approval, please.

Attached is a draft response to ABC's 7.30 re Qld Nickels EPOs. Response is based on previous responses.

Deadline not stated but if we can get it away soon it's off our plate ☺

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From: DLO DES
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:14 AM
To: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi – pls see emails below – can you please advise if it is being actioned?
thanks

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From: Ben Doyle [mailto:Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:09 AM
To: DLO DES
Subject: FW: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi,

Could I please confirm this additional question is currently being actioned?

Cheers,

Ben Doyle
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Minister for Science, Minister for the Arts
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From: Michael Atkin [mailto:Atkin.Michael@abc.net.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:05 AM
To: Ben Doyle <Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi Ben,

I've received this statement from the Department and gone back to it with this question – is this something you can also pursue?

I'm seeking the details of the six environmental protection orders on the nickel refinery.

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Thanks,

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Michael Atkin
Reporter, 7.30

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From: WATSON Matthew [mailto:Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 5 February 2018 2:56 PM
To: Michael Atkin <Atkin.Michael@abc.net.au>
Cc: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Michael: Yabulu nickel refinery

Hi Michael,
Please see response attached.
Cheers

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel EPOs

For: Michael Atkin
ABC 7.30
s4(6) Personal inform 3377 5118
mailto:Atkin.Michael@abc.net.au

Deadline: Not stated

Date: 06 February 2018

I'm seeking the details of the six environmental protection orders on the nickel refinery.

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science spokesperson:

In March 2016, EHP issued an environmental protection order (EPO), to the current operator and holder of the environmental authority for the Queensland Nickel refinery, Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd.

EPOs were also issued in to two related companies (QNI Metals Pty Ltd and QNI Resources Pty Ltd) and Mr Clive Mensink as the director of each company (that is, six EPOs were issued altogether).

The EPOs contained a number of requirements to ensure the refinery's compliance with its general environmental duty; to ensure all reasonable and practicable measures were taken to prevent or minimise environmental harm from the refinery's operations; and to ensure all necessary steps were taken to prevent the release of contaminated water from the refinery.

Suitably qualified and experienced staff must also be available at all times to ensure the requirements are complied with.

Each of the EPO recipients filed appeals against the decision to issue the EPOs, although Mr Mensink subsequently discontinued his appeals and on 28 August 2017, QNS, QNI Metals Pty Ltd and QNI Resources Pty Ltd also filed notices to discontinue their appeals.

The EPOs therefore remain in effect and all those who received them must continue to comply with them.

EPOs are a powerful tool to ensure the ~~all resource companies take~~recipient takes their environmental responsibilities seriously. ~~and the Queensland Government has strong environmental laws in place to ensure that the Department~~DES ~~can hold people to account if they do not comply.~~

Significant penalties are applicable for failing to comply with the EPOs, including up to 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to $3,942,187.

ENDS

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Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 12:04 PM
To: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Subject: RE: 060218 - Queensland Nickel EPOs - ABC (LIT & Compliance comments)

Thanks Ingrid, Kieran

From: FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 11:51 AM
To: LEWIS Kieran <Kieran.Lewis@des.qld.gov.au>; LOWE Trinity <Trinity.Lowe@des.qld.gov.au>; ESR <ESR@des.qld.gov.au>; Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: 060218 - Queensland Nickel EPOs - ABC (LIT & Compliance comments)

Hi Kieran

Some minor changes

Ingrid

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