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Gary for your information.

Andrea

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Hi Office of CSS DDG

I have found a link in relation to the article for Chief of Staff's urgent request.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-23/dingoes-set-to-become-pelorus-island-environmental-saviour/7652424>

Andrea

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Hi Andrea

Allan Williams in Threatened Species, NCS (Corro EHP CSS NCS) is the contact for this issue.

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Attachments: Pelorus Island - dingoes.docx

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Sent: Monday, 8 August 2016 12:20 PM
To: WILLIAMS Allan
CC: Corro EHP CSS NCS
Subject: RE: Draft DLO response

Thanks Allan. Donna will progress.

From: WILLIAMS Allan
Sent: Monday, 8 August 2016 12:19 PM
To: SEATON Richard
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Thanks Richard - I support and endorse the response.
Christine - will you manage the approval process from here please?

Allan

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Aug 2016, at 12:12 pm, SEATON Richard <Richard.Seaton@ehp.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Allan,

See DLO response below for your comment. Let me know any changes and who you want me to send for approval in MECS.

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Rich

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MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

CoS / Advisor Endorsed
 Date 17/8/16

SUBJECT: Interim conservation order to protect Beach stone-curlew on Pelorus Island, North Queensland

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Noted ☐ Further information required (see comments)	Minister's Signature:  Comments:	Date 17/8/16
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Action Required by: As soon as possible. The threat to the Beach stone-curlew already exists through the recent introduction of two canines to Pelorus Island which should be mitigated as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended the Minister:
 - sign** attached Interim Conservation Order (ICO) no.3/16 (Attachment 1) to:
 - prohibit the bringing a canine onto Pelorus Island for use in controlling goats or other pests;
 - prohibit the release of a canine on Pelorus Island with the intention of it being introduced into the ecosystem as a free-ranging animal;
 - require Hinchinbrook Shire Council (the predominant landholder) to remove, or to humanely destroy all canines that have already been released in Pelorus Island as a free-ranging animal within 14 days; and
 - suspend the operation of any permit or authority granted under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* or any other legislation to the extent that it contravene (a) and (b) above.
 - sign** the attached letter (Attachment 2) to the Mayor of Hinchinbrook Shire Council advising of the making of the ICO.

ISSUES

- The release of canines onto Pelorus Island was approved through a permit granted to Dr Benjamin Allan on 24 June 2016 by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.
- On 25 November 2015, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) had granted Dr Allen a scientific purposes permit under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the NCA) to monitor the responses of fauna and flora to the temporary addition of canines (said to be dingos) and the removal of goats on Pelorus Island.
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- EHP zoologists have subsequently advised that free-ranging canines on Pelorus Island are likely to predate on the Beach stone-curlew, which is listed as a threatened species under the NCA.
- Beach stone-curlews are likely to be most vulnerable to attack when they are asleep on the beach at night. Departmental zoologists advise that the presence of canines may also cause Beach stone-curlews to move away from the island to other areas of unknown risk.
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BACKGROUND

- Pelorus Island is a small (356ha) island located north of Palm Island, principally comprised of reserve land managed by Hinchinbrook Shire Council as Trustee. A population of feral goats are impacting vegetation and soil on the island, however other efficacious methods or controls are used in similar situations.
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- Pelorus Island is populated by a range of protected birds and animals including the Beach stone-curlew, which is a threatened species (vulnerable) under the NCA.

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CONSULTATION

14. In-house Legal have settled the ICO.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1. Interim Conservation Order No.3/16
Attachment 2. Advisory letter to Mayor of Hinchinbrook shire Council

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Dear Councillor 

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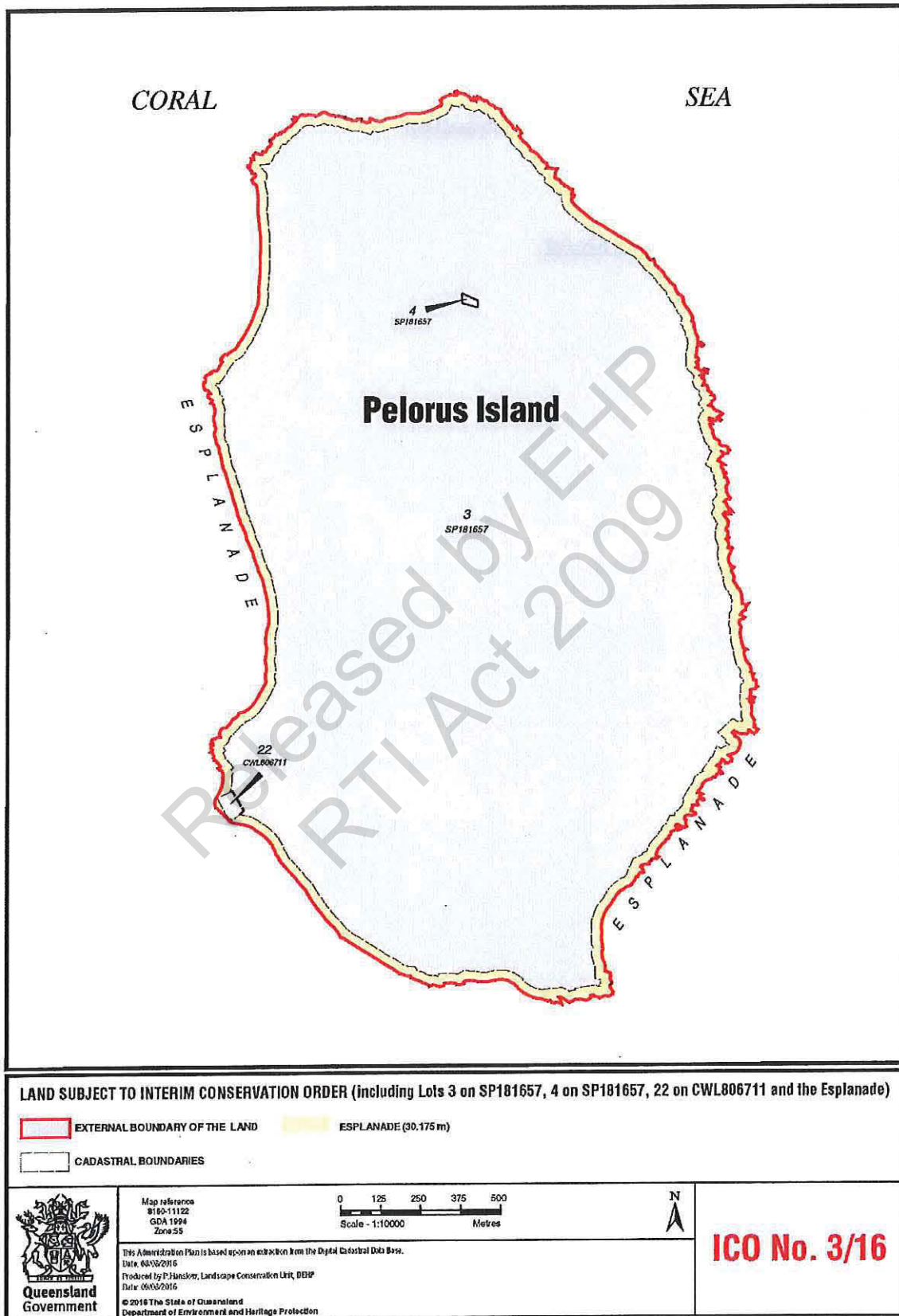
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Sent: Monday, 15 August 2016 5:07 PM
To: Corro EHP CSS NCS
Subject: FW: Further information - Beach stone-curlew background and Lots comprising Pelorus Island

Importance: High

Further Information regarding the Beach stone-curlew as requested by the Minister's Office plus details on Lots comprising Pelorus Island

Beach stone-curlew



Beach stone-curlew, Picnic Island,
Great Sandy Straits Photo: D Stewart (EHP)

- Beach stone-curlews range widely through SE Asia, Australia and Oceania, but are always at low densities and are considered rare throughout.
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- The Great Barrier Reef islands are considered to be the stronghold for the species.
- Beach stone-curlews are listed as Vulnerable in Queensland, Critically Endangered in New South Wales (where the population was recently recorded as 16 individuals) and Near Threatened on the global IUCN Red List.
- The species is found on deserted beaches all around northern Australia, usually in pairs. All types of beach are occupied. This species is easily disturbed and there are many areas where this bird is not found. They are usually solitary or in pairs. In New South Wales, each pair is separated by 10 to 150 km (mostly 20-50 km) where they hold exclusive territories.
- Beach stone-curlews are believed to be site faithful and will abandon beaches disturbed by humans, vehicles or dogs.
- Beach stone-curlews feed on the mudflats exposed at low tide but are forced to roost above the high tide mark making them prone to ambush predation where bush grows down to the foreshore.

- Breeding occurs between September and March, usually a single egg being laid in a sandy scrape, although a second egg may be laid if the first is destroyed. Eggs take about a month to hatch. Although downy chicks are precocial and can run soon after hatching, they are still highly prone to predation and can only fly well once three months old. Both parents care for the hatchling for between seven to 12 months.
- The low breeding rate, sparse population density, wide dispersal and proneness to disturbance and predation contribute to the vulnerability of Beach stone-curlew populations.

Details of Lots comprising Pelorus Island

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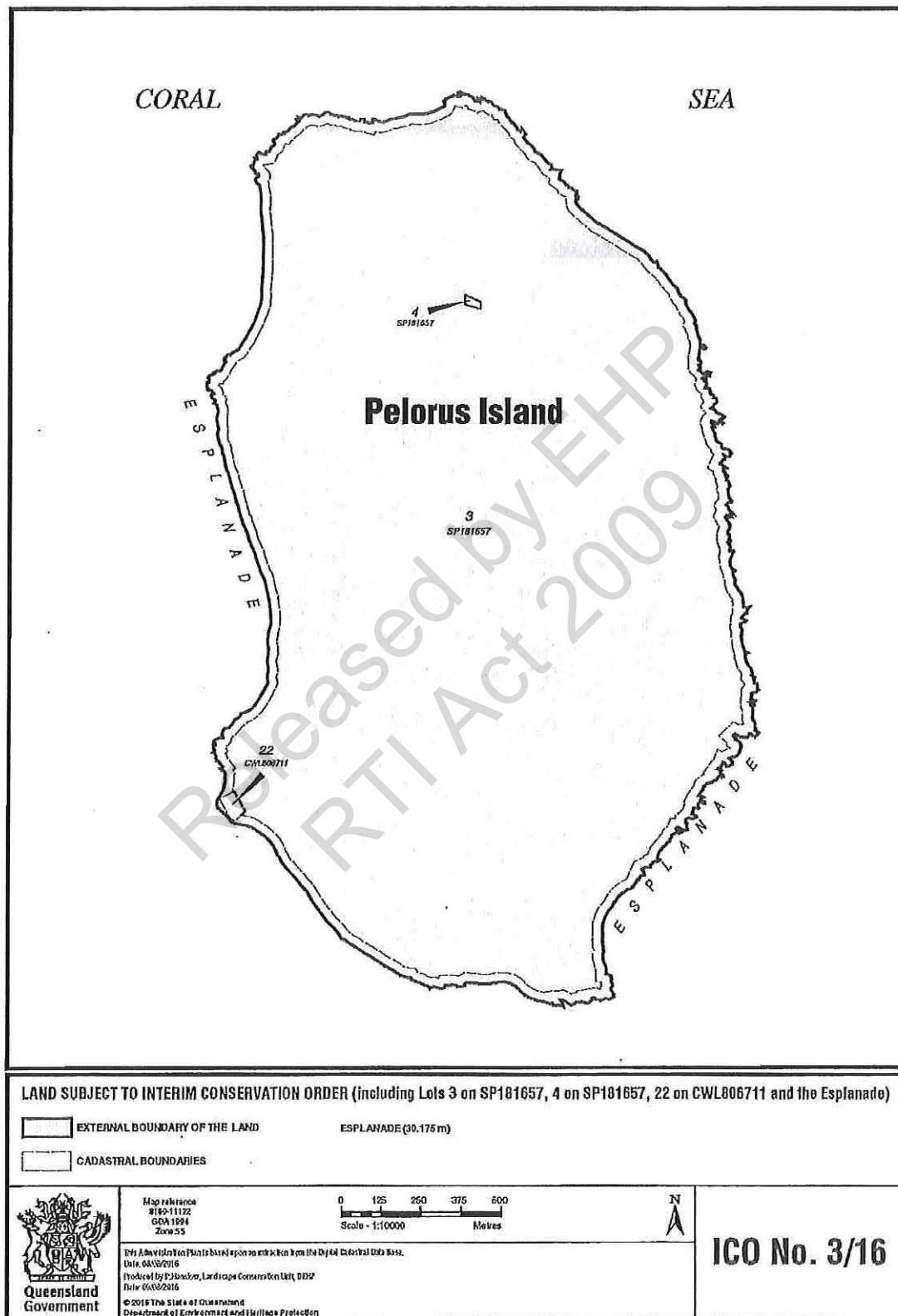


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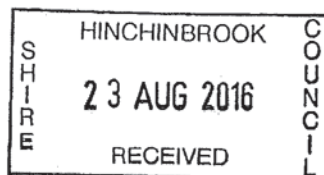
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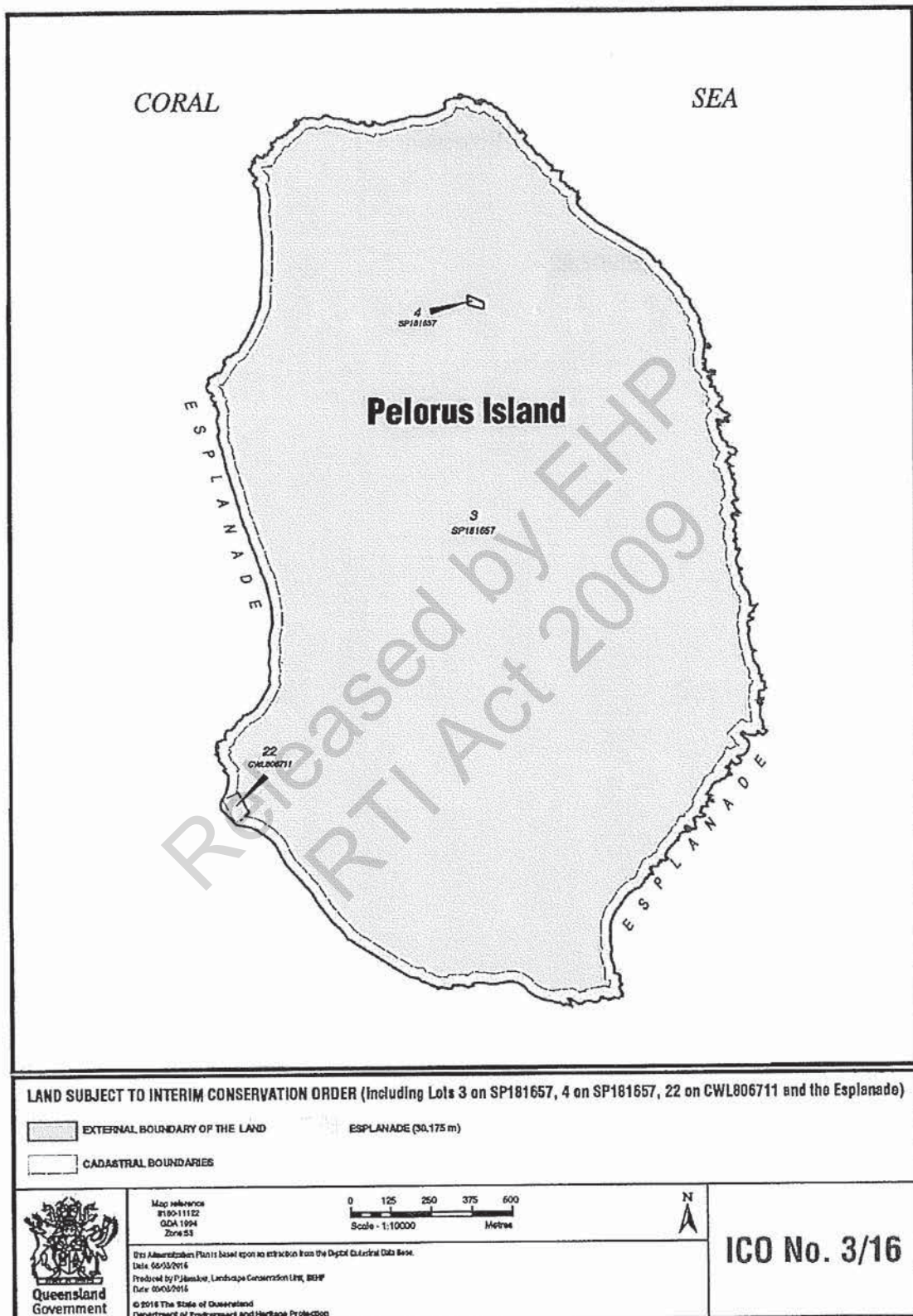
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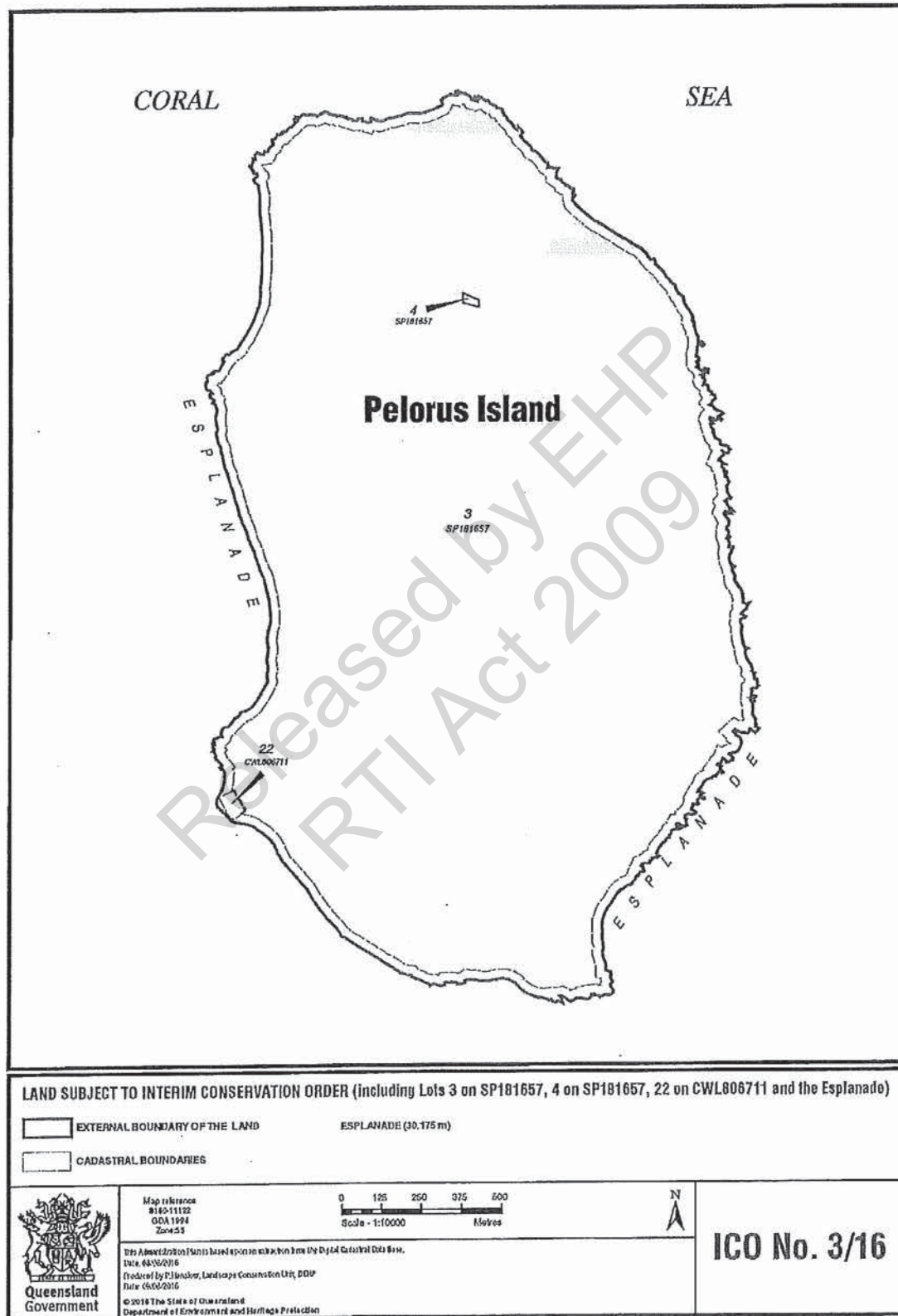
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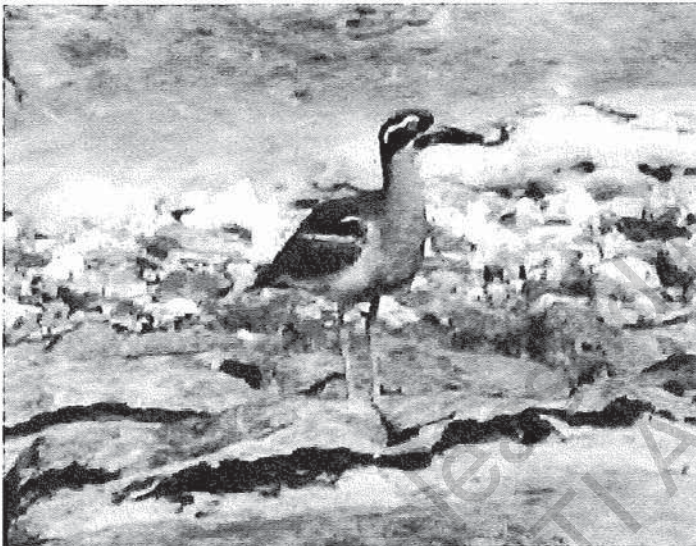
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Subject: FW: Further information - Beach stone-curlew background and Lots comprising Pelorus Island

Importance: High

Further Information regarding the Beach stone-curlew as requested by the Minister's Office plus details on Lots comprising Pelorus Island

Beach stone-curlew



Beach stone-curlew, Picnic Island,
Great Sandy Straits Photo: D Stewart (EHP)

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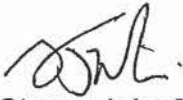
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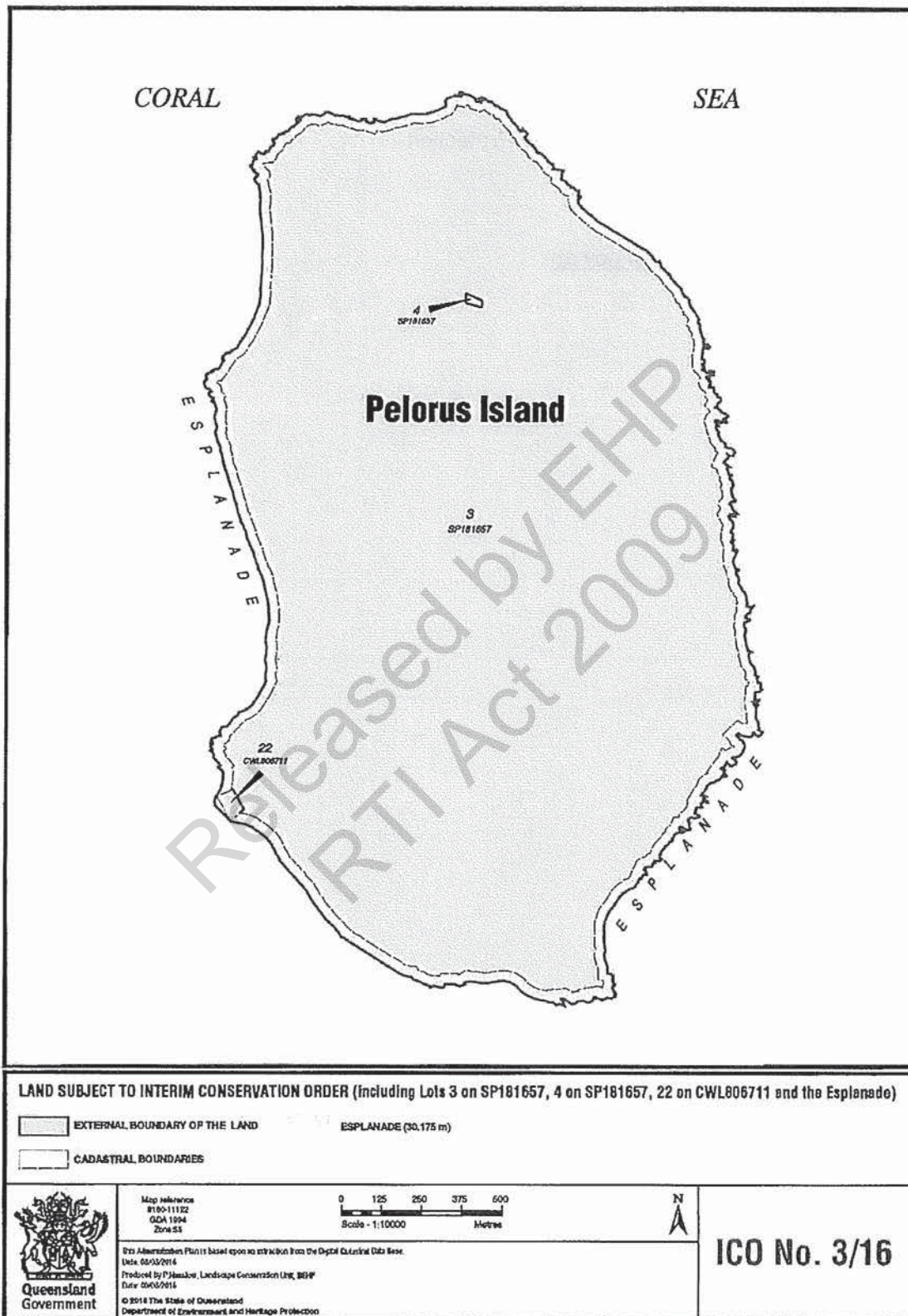
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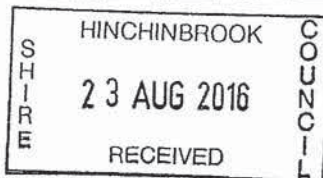
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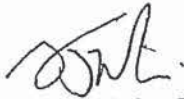
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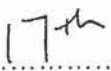
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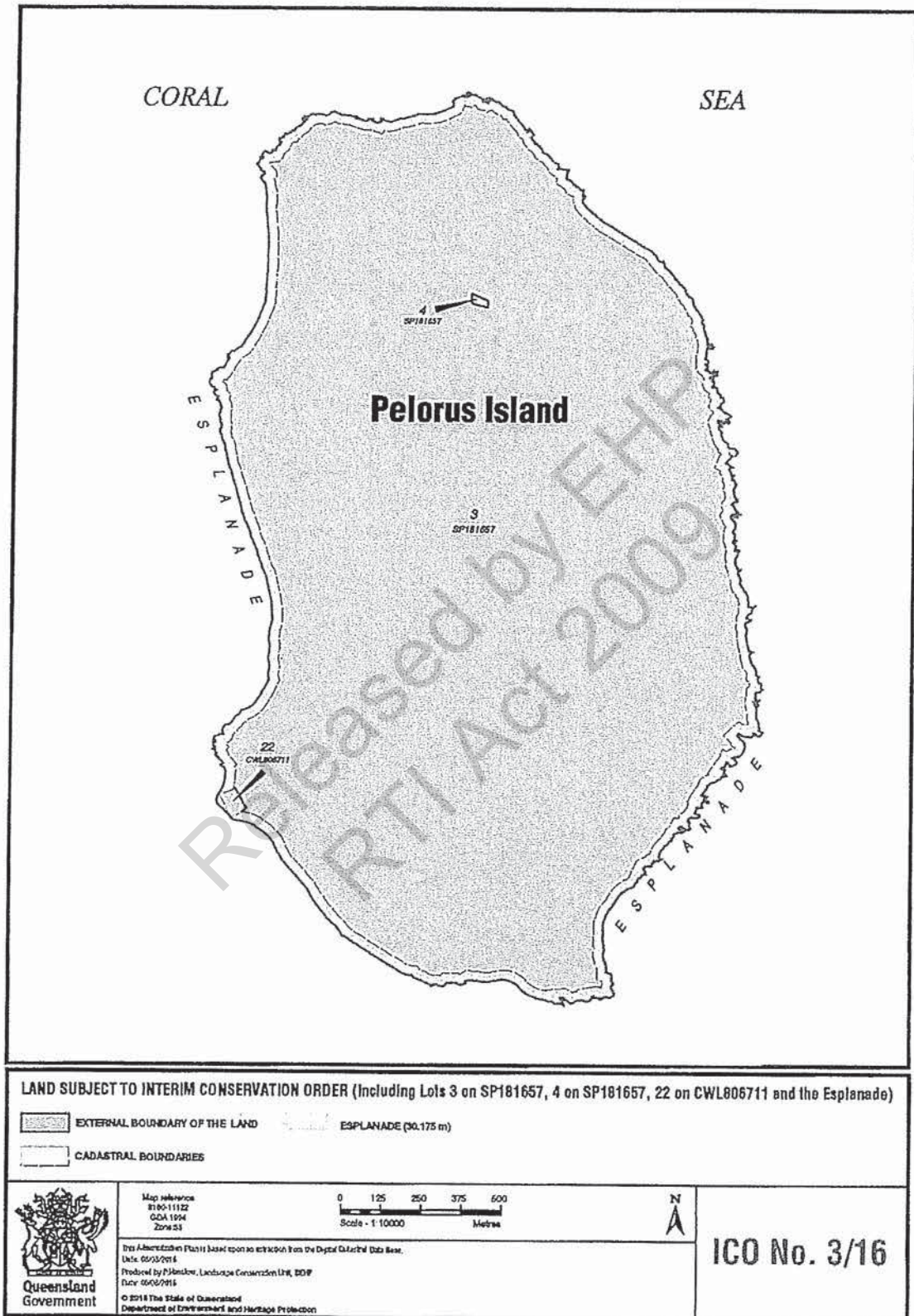
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