

From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 19 August 2016 8:28 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Media Madness and the Tree clearing laws

From: [s.73 - Irrelevant information]@scenicrim.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 19 August 2016 8:00 AM
To: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Media Madness and the Tree clearing laws

Dear Steven

I'm writing to you out of frustration, in regards to the vegetation management laws. I'm a technical professional whom works within both the agricultural and natural resource sector and I'm a very strong supporter of your proposed tree clearing regulations. But I'm dismayed at your media strategy to try to sell the changes to the public and the agricultural sector. Your proposed changes will not only benefit the environment but also improve the long term sustainability of the agricultural sector itself. I'm highly surprised that your media people and technical professional did not develop an engagement strategy around these benefits.

As a professional whom works daily with the agricultural industry I release, that if agriculture is to have a long term sustainable future, that farmers need these tree protection laws. In short many farmers need to be "saved from themselves" and furthermore, their grandchildren will thank you.

Now that your proposed legislation failed I suggest you reset your narrative from vegetation to trees and the benefits that these "trees" have to agriculture and the loss to the long term sustainability of the Ag industry, that short sighted people (the LHP , Agforce and the Katter party) has perpetrated on the hard working farmers of this State in the name of political point scoring e.g. highlight the own goal that Agforce has kicked.

Then highlight the benefits to farming that trees have , some of which are

- Preventing and reducing salinity
- Assist in aquifer recharge
- Helps keeps soil on the farm
- Improves water quality for farm use
- Prevents the sedimentation of water waterways
- Reduces the severity and impacts of flooding
- Protects high quality farmlands (alluvial flood plains) from erosion and loss
- Provides ecological services such as soil creation, pollination , pest control etc , etc.
- You remove enough vegetation in a catchment the whole hydrology can change, meaning water is less reliable and this give rise to business and investment uncertainty

The list goes on and on

Finally, I think you also need to print out a copy of your proposed legislation role it up and beat your media strategist over the head with it. Sorry for being so blunt but as I said, I work as a professional in this area and often develop media strategies around natural resource issues for the agricultural sector, and to see such a poor ham fist attempt at such an important issue

just boils my professional blood.

Cheers

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 18 August 2016 9:04 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Land clearing laws - concerns

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Thursday, 18 August 2016 8:39 AM

To: Peter.Wellington@parliament.qld.gov.au; External - Billy Gordon <Billy.Gordon@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Land clearing laws - concerns

Good afternoon

We are seeing first hand the detrimental effects of the Queensland land clearing laws in our area of Myola.

A rural zoned landowner, s.73 - Irrelevant information who intends to build an ecoresort has his proposal before State government as a State coordinated project.

He has now cleared over 100Ha of the land for a supposed cattle operation (which looks remarkably like the footprint for the proposed ecoresort).

This action was carried out, with little or no soil erosion controls, and has caused precious topsoil to flow down, as sediment, to the two creeks which drain from his property, damaging, and in one part, destroying the breeding habitat of our endemic critically endangered species, the Myola frog. This sediment has flowed to the Barron River and on to the Great Barrier Reef. Just another pressure on our precious Reef.

Under the new legislation before parliament, much of the area now cleared would have been declared essential habitat for this endangered species.

This landholder may never get approval for his eco-resort but we are now without this essential habitat. We fear that the frog monitoring project we are running in these creeks will only serve to catalogue the decline to extinction of this frog species.

This Vegetation management Act needs to be changed before we lose more precious habitat to some perceived increase in productive farmland.

Regards,

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From: SHAW Gary [Gary.Shaw@des.qld.gov.au] on behalf of DLO EHP [DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2016 2:39 PM
To: KERRIDGE Andrea
Subject: EHP request for an updated vegetation management standard response

Hi Andrea

Re: Vegetation management

Please refer to below advice from DLO @ DILGP.

I will return CTS 21862/16 for updating.

Gary

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From: DLO [mailto:dlo@dilgp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2016 2:29 PM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: EHP request for an updated vegetation management standard response

Hi Gary,

Yes, the response you provided is no longer current as the legislation did not pass.

I'm working with the DPO re an updated standard response – will provide to you when I do.

Thanks

Kind regards
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From: SHAW Gary [<mailto:Gary.Shaw@ehp.qld.gov.au>] **On Behalf Of** DLO EHP
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2016 1:52 PM
To: DLO
Subject: Vegetation management

Hi David

Re: Vegetation management

Attached is a draft reply based on text obtained from the Office of the Deputy Premier that this office has been using for responses.

Are you able to confirm if the attached draft reply is still current or is there a more recent standard reply that we can use?

Thanks

Gary

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2016 1:43 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Great Keppel Island dune interference

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2016 1:01 PM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Great Keppel Island dune interference

Dear Minister

Take note of the below email expressing my concerns with regards to construction activity occurring on Great Keppel Island that is disrupting established dunes with vegetation and places turtle nests with eggs at risk.

Regards

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Friday, 9 December 2016 12:20 PM
To: rockhamptonSARA@dilgp.qld.gov.au
Subject: Great Keppel Island dune interference

Dear s.73 - Irrelevant information

I understand you are the principal planning officer with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

I'm writing to you as a concerned constituent in the seat of Keppel regarding a public interest matter. Specifically, the suggestions that sand from the established dunes along Fisherman's beach, Great Keppel Island, is being used to resolve the long term erosion issues at Putney Beach, Great Keppel Island.

As a long term and regular user of Great Keppel Island, it is known to me that the area proposed to be disrupted has been used by turtles for nesting. Furthermore, these dunes are well and truly established with vegetation. Any disruption to these dunes would be contrary to the Queensland Government's Coastal Dune Management policies and a possible breach of related legislation.

I would like to discuss with the relevant authority, the concerns I have expressed in this email with the intent for any decision maker to strongly reconsider disrupting these dunes.

Please also register my interest as a stakeholder/interested party, for any environmental matters relating to Great Keppel Island.

Regards

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 5:22 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Attn MAYOR, RE DUNE MANAGEMENT

From: InfoEHP [mailto:info@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 3:04 PM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Attn MAYOR, RE DUNE MANAGEMENT

The following email was received at the EHP Client Engagement Unit via the info at EHP/NPRSR email address.

The email appears to be addressed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, Steven Miles

As such under our current email protocol we are required to forward immediately to the above email address without acknowledgement.

Please advise only if this is no longer the case.

Garry

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 3:01 PM

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Subject: Attn MAYOR, RE DUNE MANAGEMENT

MAYOR Mark JAMIESON
SUNSHINE COAST

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DIVISION 3 Cr Peter Cox
DIVISION 4 Cr John Connely
DIVISION 5 Cr Jenny McKay

DIVISION 6 Cr Christian Dickson
DIVISION 7 Cr Ted Hungerford
DIVISION 8 Cr Jason O'pray
DIVISION 9 Cr Steve Robinson
DIVISION 10 Cr Greg Rogerson

Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef

20th March 2017

Dear MAYOR JAMIESON

REFERENCE SHELLY BEACH DUNE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TRIAL

1) My biggest concern is that this will surely this will create a precedence for the whole Queensland Coast and Environments.. Human nature as is will see some using it for own needs and no responsibility to all. This surely is a policy for the few regardless of the needs of the many. I also believe this will be used by others not on the immediate foreshore.

2) there are many faults made in this trail.

To name a few. 1. This is a Resident nesting and hatching area for Loggerhead Turtles. It is the only significant area below Mon Repo on the QLD coast according Dr Col Limpus, a World renowned naturalist. (18 nests and hundreds of hatchlings) The glow appears to be a major problem more than the direct light. Pruning of trees and removal of same will enhance this problem.

2) As you already know there is no council statement that there is no individual entitlement.

3) This present foreshore does protect these residents from salt, sand and wind. This policy will make these worse again.

4) I need not remind you that there was NO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

5) Pruning of Casurinas takes away a food source for Corellas and Cockatoos.

6) Lastly in these areas proposed there will be a total of 35 trees 19 of which are Casurinas. This is no mean effort for a small area.

I am bitterly disappointed that no consultation process was implemented and that one had to wait 2 -4 days to be able to review the document. I feel the Council has let the Community at large down. This is more than Shelly Beach as it will impact on Queensland.

We have had a house at Shelly Beach for s.73 - Irrele and counted the area as pristine. I feel for its future.

With sorrow

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From: Megan Surawski [Megan.Surawski@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 1:18 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: Urgent Dot Points

Importance: High

Hi Gary,

I need urgent dot points on the following:

- Description and approval status of the Anya CSG Project
- What are the conditions in place regarding the 54 hectares of clearing of koala habitat (include details of offsets)?
- Who did the assessment of the koala habitat and what were the findings?

I need this information back by 4pm today (sorry for the tight timeframes).

Thanks,

Megan

Megan Surawski

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From: Megan Surawski [Megan.Surawski@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 March 2017 11:57 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: RE: Anya CSG Project

Hi DLO,

Can you please resubmit my request (which is **not** for the purposes of a media enquiry) to the Department with the additional questions:

- Was the state required to approve the gas development as this would require an environmental approval?
- What were the conditions regarding vegetation management?

Thanks,

Megan

Megan Surawski

Acting Senior Policy Advisor

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From: SHAW Gary [mailto:Gary.Shaw@ehp.qld.gov.au] **On Behalf Of** DLO EHP

Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 5:12 PM

To: Megan Surawski <Megan.Surawski@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Anya CSG Project

Hi Megan

Re: Anya CSG Project

In relation to your enquiry this morning, attached is media response as provided to the ABC.

Cheers

Gary

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From: Sara Hayden [<mailto:Sara.Hayden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 5:06 PM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: EHP response to your enquiry re koalas

Hi Gary

Please find media response as provided to the ABC.

Thanks
Sara

Sara Hayden

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From: SPACKMAN Maria [<mailto:Maria.Spackman@ehp.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 4:53 PM
To: roe.isobel@abc.net.au
Cc: Media NPSR/EHP <Media@npsr.qld.gov.au>
Subject: EHP response to your enquiry re koalas

Good afternoon Isobel

Thank you for your enquiry. An EHP response is attached for your consideration.

Regards
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Maria Spackman

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From: Katharine Wright [<mailto:Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:36 PM
To: Media NPSR/EHP
Cc: Sara Hayden
Subject: FW: koalas

Hello,

Could I have a response for Isobel by COB?

Thank you.

From: Isobel Roe [<mailto:Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:34 PM
To: Katharine Wright <Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Sara Hayden <Sara.Hayden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: koalas

Oh sorry
I read that wrong.

Questions:

- is the Minister/Department happy with a decision by the Federal Environment Department to allow clearing of koala habitat for QGC's project Anya near Dalby?
- does the Minister accept that offsetting the habitat by creating koala habitat somewhere else is unlikely to assist the displaced koalas?
- should the Government stop clearing habitat given the animal is nearing endangered status?

Thank you



Isobel Roe
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From: Katharine Wright [<mailto:Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:30 PM
To: Isobel Roe <Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>
Cc: Sara Hayden <Sara.Hayden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: koalas

Sorry Isobel, I meant you should put the questions to the dept – or I can.

Can you send them to me?

Thank you.

From: Isobel Roe [<mailto:Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:25 PM
To: Katharine Wright <Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Sara Hayden <Sara.Hayden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: koalas

Thanks heaps for putting those questions in.
Ideally I'd like something by 6.30am tomorrow.

ABC



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From: Katharine Wright [<mailto:Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:13 PM
To: Isobel Roe <Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>
Cc: Sara Hayden <Sara.Hayden@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: koalas

Hi Isobel,

I'm waiting to hear back from him but I think it's pretty unlikely today (it's chokas).

I'd definitely put some questions into the department so they can get started on a response.

Kind regards,



Katharine Wright
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Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 12:08 PM
To: Katharine Wright <Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: koalas

Hello

Is the Minister able to do anything with us on this?

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Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 8:57 AM
To: Isobel Roe <Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>
Cc: Katharine Wright <Katharine.Wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: koalas

Hello I'm no longer with Min Miles, having been moved across to Min Enoch.

I will forward this through to Kat Wright for you,

Regards,



Neil Doorley

Senior Media Advisor

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From: Isobel Roe [<mailto:Roe.Isobel@abc.net.au>]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 8:52 AM
To: Neil Doorley <Neil.Doorley@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: koalas

Hi Neil

This story which ran on radio this morning has got a fair response on social media. Even bigger on Twitter. It will go online later today.

https://www.facebook.com/ABCSouthernQueensland/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Is the Minister able to comment on this today? If not, I'll put some questions into the department.

The federal environment department has approved a gas company's plans to clear 54 hectares of koala habitat on the Western Downs.

Isobel Roe reports.

Q-G-C will drill new coal seam gas wells at a new project west of Dalby. The company's own reports say the land is koala habitat and about a third of it is critical to their survival. The environment department has approved the clearing as long as the impacts are offset. The Australian Koala Foundation's Deborah Tabart says federal environment laws have failed the species. **//Not one single piece of koala habitat in Queensland should be allowed to be cut down.//** A Q-G-C spokesman says the koala population on the land is marginal and the impact on numbers is unlikely to be significant.

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Sent: Thursday, 6 April 2017 10:21 AM
To: Corro EHP CSS DDG
Subject: FW: CTS 07582/17 Management of vegetation on foredunes of Shelly Beach

Good morning Office of CSS DDG

Forwarding a response from s.73 - Irrelevant information responding to the DDG reply under CTS 07582/17.

This correspondence no longer requires involvement of Office of the Minister, or MECU.

Please register and action as necessary at a departmental level.

Please ensure that CTS 07582/17 is referenced as 'Related Correspondence' when you create the new item for this further incoming.

Regards

Andrea



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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Wednesday, 5 April 2017 8:58 AM

To: Corro EHP Minister <EHPMinister.Corro@ehp.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: CTS 07582/17 Management of vegetation on foredunes of Shelly Beach

Dear s.73 - Irre

Many thanks for your reply on behalf of the Honourable Dr. Steven Mile.

It is an ongoing problem when it comes to the unauthorised vegetation thinning and clearing of the sand dunes on Shelly Beach which is continuing even now. This is happening because of the increasing residential devolvement in close proximity to the beach. Shelly Beach has already been mentioned by Dr. Col Limpus as an increasing primary nesting site for the critically endangered Loggerhead turtles as Mon Repos becomes less so due to climate change. The nesting area of Shelly Beach is just one kilometre long and already there are major gaps in the vegetation where artificial lighting penetrates through to the beach area. This discourages both the turtles wanting to nest on the beach and a problem for the hatchlings when they do emerge getting confused as to which direction to head. Perhaps a temporary solution until the vegetation recovers to the level it once was, is the erection of black out screens in the problem areas during at least the turtle nesting season. Of course as already mentioned in our letter, potential beach erosion is also a major issue.

We hope our Council will appreciate what good fortune it is to have such a beach and do everything to preserve its natural state. Perhaps it should be turned into a National Park.

Thank you again for such a positive reply.

Sincerely,

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From: Corro EHP Minister <EHPMinister.Corro@ehp.qld.gov.au>

To: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 4 April 2017, 17:46

Subject: CTS 07582/17 Management of vegetation on foredunes of Shelly Beach

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef.

A response to your correspondence is attached.

Should you have further enquiries, please contact Mr Michael Joyce, Acting Director, Southern Wildlife Operations of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone (07) 4796 7787.

Office of the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and
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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 April 2017 8:10 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Save endangered koala bushland on State government land

From: Mtcoottha Electorate Office [mailto:Mount.Coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 April 2017 4:21 AM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Save endangered koala bushland on State government land

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Monday, 17 April 2017 9:11 PM
To: Mtcoottha Electorate Office <Mount.Coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Save endangered koala bushland on State government land

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Queensland needs to manage vegetation clearing to protect habitat for our precious native wildlife, reduce our carbon emissions, and to keep the air we breathe clean. "At a time when the rest of the world is reducing their carbon pollution, Queensland is driving Australia's emissions up thanks to the LNP's tree-clearing laws". (<http://www.stevenmiles.com/saveourtrees>)

Queensland is facing significant loss of biodiversity with the current rate of land clearing and the loss of remnant forests forever.

On State-owned land in Carseldine, two remnant endangered ecosystems are located within the footprint of the State government's proposed Carseldine Urban Village. This bushland provides habitat for threatened species listed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The remnant endangered ecosystems should also be protected by the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. **Existing laws must be enforced to protect our precious wildlife.** The Queensland Government has promised to restore vegetation clearing laws to further protect our biodiversity. **The government must start by protecting remnant endangered ecosystems located on their very own property!** The Carseldine Urban Village proposal provides an opportunity for the Queensland Government - and for yourself as Environment Minister- to demonstrate a true commitment to reducing land clearing and protecting our biodiversity. **The first action in undertaking a recovery plan for koalas (and our other threatened wildlife) in South east Queensland should be to prevent the further loss of habitat for these species.** **I urge the Queensland Government to stand up for our environment. Now, more than ever, we need your support to enforce habitat protection and save Queensland's environment and climate from this reckless destruction.**

Thank you,

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Group leader, Carseldine Bush Crew

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 24 April 2017 8:21 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: File no: F2015/105410, Sunshine Coast Council Ordinary meeting

From: Mtcoottha Electorate Office [mailto:Mount.Coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 24 April 2017 5:24 AM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: File no: F2015/105410, Sunshine Coast Council Ordinary meeting

Apologies, I missed this email

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Sunday, 19 March 2017 6:13 PM
To: Mtcoottha Electorate Office <Mount.Coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: File no: F2015/105410, Sunshine Coast Council Ordinary meeting

File no: F2015/105410

Dear Public Representative

We are writing to you in regard to the Proposal 8.2.1 "Shelly Beach Dune Vegetation Management "Trial", published on Sunshine Coast Council's website on Friday, 17.03.2017. For voting at March 23rd Ordinary meeting.

Amongst many concerns, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. Why pick for a "Trial", Shelly Beach, the most significant Sunshine Coast nesting beach for the critically endangered, Loggerhead turtle?
2. No report from a turtle lighting expert was included in the proposal (or purposefully left out?). Findings of which would reflect the negative impacts of light pollution on adult and hatchling turtles.
3. Council website proudly states, \$2.7 M has been spent on dunes in the past six years. The Council website also mentions "Vegetation Clearing & Habitat Loss and Fragmentation" as a serious threat. This strip of vegetation is a significant wildlife corridor between Moffat and Kings Beach headlands.
4. The "Trial" "Windows" (wind tunnels?) has significant risks of dune erosion. Will the Proponents be held responsible for beach stabilisation when needed? It is not stated in the proposal, but not all the residents in these seven houses support this "Trial".
5. For many years, we have walked Shelly Beach several times a week. For several years we have been noticing a widening of gaps in vegetation in front of certain houses.
6. Finally, the Proponents' stated objective for this "Trial" is to improve their view and property values. It has no value to our wider community and will set a dangerous precedent for all councils in Australia to deal with in the future.

We would be happy to meet to discuss this proposal .

Please do not support this very transparent attempt for personal gain by just a handful of people.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 8:15 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: UQ tree clearing

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Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 6:16 AM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Subject: UQ tree clearing

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I am concerned there has been a failure to plan this project properly. The University Of Queensland needs a proper wildlife management plan that considers animal welfare and minimises animal harm and I ask that you correct your recent conduct.

I look forward to your reply. Thank you

Regards,

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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: URGENT - UQ ENVIRONMENTAL MISCONDUCT

Importance: High

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 11:42 PM

To: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: URGENT - UQ ENVIRONMENTAL MISCONDUCT

Importance: High

Dear Hon Dr Steven Miles,

I am a student at the University of Queensland, and I have very recently been made aware that UQ are currently in the midst of clearing 108 trees during spring, breeding season, where much wildlife inhabits and forages, including: echidnas, kookaburras, possums, birds, cockatoos and more.

Please see my email to UQ below regarding a request for urgent action and delaying of work until proper environmental plans have been put in place to allow the safe relocation of the animals inhabiting this area.

It is my understanding that UQ has been deceitful about when these trees are being cleared (they have already started and are planning to do more clearing tomorrow morning), and exactly how many are being cleared, the initial figure given was almost half the current figure. It is also my understanding that UQ has NO environmental management plan in place and are going against the recommendations of the RSPCA and the Public Service Ethics Act of 1994, and as a result I have grave concerns for the welfare of the animals at this site.

I am calling you to please take action to stop UQ from clearing these trees during the Spring and without an environmental management plan and attempts to relocate these animals.

Your help to protect our precious wildlife would be so greatly appreciated by so many UQ students, and the local fauna.

Kind Regards,

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant inf
Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 11:29 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information @pf.uq.edu.au>
Subject: URGENT
Importance: High

Dear UQ,

Please halt the removal of vegetation at the Student Residential Project site on Walcott Street, at the St Lucia Campus, and wait until the site has been evaluated by environmentalists, animals have been given the means and time to move one (AFTER SPRING which is breeding season) and then any remaining animals have been removed. Removing vegetation is unethical and unlawful during breeding season.

I am concerned that UQ are NOT meeting their obligations under the relevant legislation and this project beginning in Springtime will cause major trauma to native wildlife. I am concerned that there has not been sufficient time for the fauna spotter to assess the site prior to works and that carrying out these works in Springtime is unethical. I am concerned that in your communications you have been misleading with how many trees are proposed to be removed. I am concerned that the site is in very close proximity to a major riparian corridor being that of the Brisbane river, so it is of extremely high value to Urban Wildlife. I am concerned that animals need food now, and that removal of their food source will lead to their death when no management plan is in place and no rehabilitation has been done.

Revegetating the site after completion of the site is not a solution for the animals killed now.

I am concerned there has been a failure to plan this project properly. The University Of Queensland needs a proper wildlife management plan that considers animal welfare and minimises animal harm and I ask that you correct your recent conduct. For a leading university, which teaches many environmental courses, to not have the basic necessities in place is disgraceful.

Baby birds, perhaps not yet hatched have no way of fleeing their nest and WILL be KILLED if you clear these trees now. UQ will live on without commencing works now, these animals will not.

I look forward to your reply and will be persistent in my search for information until you plan for action on this very important issue is provided to me.

Thank you for your time in reading my correspondence, I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Regards,

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From: [s.73 - Irrelevant information]@majormedia.com.au]

Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 9:53 PM

To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Wildlife corridor

Dear UQ,

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I look forward to your reply. Thank you

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Subject: FW: Stop starving animals at UQ

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Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 9:49 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant@uq.edu.au s.73 - Irrelevant@pf.uq.edu.au
Cc: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Fw: Stop starving animals at UQ

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 9:40 PM
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There has not been sufficient time for the fauna spotter to assess the site prior to works and that carrying out these works in Springtime is unethical.

Your communications have been misleading with how many trees are proposed to be removed.

The site is in very close proximity to a major riparian corridor being that of the Brisbane River, so it is of extremely high value to urban wildlife.

The animals need food now, removal of their food source will lead to their death. Re-vegetating the site after completion of the site is not a solution.

There has been a failure to plan this project properly. The University Of Queensland needs a proper wildlife management plan that considers animal welfare and minimises animal harm and I ask that you correct your recent

conduct.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, and I sincerely hope the issue of habitat threat is taken seriously and addressed.

Kindly,

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 9:27 PM

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Importance: High

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 2:02 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: STOP removal of vegetation at Walcott Street, UQ

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 12:49 PM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant@pf.uq.edu.au; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 6:03 AM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Removal of Vegetation St Lucia

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Sunday, 3 September 2017 9:24 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 8:59 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Tree Clearing at UQ

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 4:39 AM

To: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 9:05 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Please Postpone the Land Clearing

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From: [REDACTED]@uq.net.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 12:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]@pf.uq.edu.au

Cc: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Please Postpone the Land Clearing

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 9:08 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: University of Queensland Tree Removal

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information [redacted]@uq.net.au]

Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 10:37 PM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant [redacted]@pf.uq.edu.au

Cc: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: University of Queensland Tree Removal

Dear UQ,

I am writing to you as a concerned and opposing former resident of Grace College, on the campus of the University of Queensland. One of the reasons I have since left is due to the proposed tree removal and building of residential building outside my former bedroom window.

I was disappointed to never have been consulted on a development that would impact my privacy and living conditions so dramatically. I ask and encourage that at a minimum, a line of trees along the boundary between Grace College and the new residential building remains.

I also write as a current student of Environmental Management, a degree which has fostered in me an understanding that before events take place in the environment that will impact species and/or people, an in depth consultation process must be followed through for ongoing positive results. This lesson was not displayed in the University's own actions, and I am very disappointed by this.

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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Removal of vegetation, Student Residential Project Site, Walcott St.

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Monday, 4 September 2017 7:46 PM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant information@pf.uq.edu.au; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Removal of vegetation, Student Residential Project Site, Walcott St.

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 10:57 AM
To: KERRIDGE Andrea
Subject: FW: Removal of 108 trees at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus, Brisbane

Importance: High

From: Environment [mailto:Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 10:35 AM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Erin Fentiman <Erin.Fentiman@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Danielle Cohen <Danielle.Cohen@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 1:49 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

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Subject: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

For whom it may concern!

Please halt the removal of 108 trees at the Student Residential project site on Walcott St at the St Lucia Campus.

It is now Springtime when many of our native animals and birds are breeding. It is a very bad time to destroy their habitat. You will also destroy a lot of food source for many other migrating animals. I am a wildlife carer and have seen the destruction when trees are felled in Spring. Not only do many babies die in the initial destruction, but many of the adults die a few weeks later due to loss of their habitat of food and shelter. Thousands die on the roads because they have no where safe to go. Many of our natives are very territorial and cannot just hop on another tree. Please reconsider. We are at a stage where we need to protect our environment. We have destroyed so much already. Please stop this project and give our children also a future in enjoying our wildlife!

Regards

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From: DLO DNRM [DLO.DNRME@dnrme.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 2:26 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: RE: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Afternoon Andrew,

Sorry for the delay in responding I was on a course.

DNRM will accept the emails and the need to respond to the phone call. Can you please send me all the relevant details so that I can allocate the task to someone within the Department ASAP.

PS: Unfortunately Jane has s.73 - Irrelevant information from the Assistant DLO position and s.73 - Irrelevant information When she returns to the Department she will be joining the Executive Correspondence Unit on a s.73 - Irrelevant information

Regards,

Anita Packwood

Departmental Liaison Officer

Department of Natural Resources and Mines



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From: BAKER-LOWE Andrew **On Behalf Of** DLO EHP
Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 12:23 PM
To: DLO DNRM <dlo.dnrm@dnrm.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Hi Anita & Jane

EHP has received a small campaign email of 17 emails regarding tree clearing at the University of Queensland. The emails mention vegetation clearing and the effects on wildlife. We have sent this around the department and the advice we have received back is the primary issue is vegetation clearing with the secondary issue being the protection of native wildlife. For this reason we are asking if DNRM would accept the referral of these emails to investigate.

To complicate matters further we received a phone call today from one person who has requested urgent action as further trees are to be cleared either today or tomorrow. If you do accept this referral can you also take this timeframe into

consideration. I will follow this email up with a phone call to discuss this further with you.

Cheers
Andrew

Andrew Baker-Lowe

Assistant Departmental Liaison Officer

Ministerial & Executive Correspondence Unit

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection



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From: Environment [<mailto:Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 9:00 AM

To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Tree Clearing at UQ

Peter Cossar

Administration Officer

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Minister for Environment & Heritage Protection

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 4:39 AM

To: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Tree Clearing at UQ

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 5:57 PM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Please consider the bigger picture

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 5:55 PM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant@pf.uq.edu.a

Cc: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Please consider the bigger picture

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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Tree destruction at UQ

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 9:24 PM

To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Tree destruction at UQ

Please stop the removal of 108 trees at the UQ St. Lucia campus,
And put an effective wildlife protection strategy in place.
Trusting that you will do the right thing.

s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: STOP UQ STARVING ANIMALS BY REMOVING THEIR FOOD SOURCE

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 8:41 PM

To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: STOP UQ STARVING ANIMALS BY REMOVING THEIR FOOD SOURCE

QLD Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection,
Ministerial Office, 1 William Street, Brisbane QLD 4000.

September 5th 2017

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 9:20 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: halt tree clearing immediately please

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 7:33 PM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant information@pf.uq.edu.au

Cc: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

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(UQ alumnus)

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 10:22 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Walcott Street Student Residential Project site works

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 9:54 AM
To: s.73 - Irre@pf.uq.edu.au
Cc: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Walcott Street Student Residential Project site works

Dear UQ Special Projects section

I was very concerned to hear of what appears to have been very poor planning around the removal of vegetation at the Student Residential Project site on Walcott Street at the St Lucia Campus.

Removal of vegetation during the breeding season of various species of native fauna present in the area is highly inappropriate.

This is made even more serious by the fact that the site very close to the important Brisbane River riparian corridor and therefore especially likely to have high numbers of native fauna impacted by poorly timed clearing activities.

Planning for this project needs to be reconsidered to include appropriate animal welfare and harm minimisation strategies, and I strongly urge you to postpone the works until this planning has been done and until after the spring breeding season.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. The Hon Dr Steven Miles, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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From: Environment [Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2017 8:46 AM
To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 2:45 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information @pf.uq.edu.au>
Cc: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

Thank you s.73 - Irrelevant information for your time to reply.

Unfortunately your words are really empty and meaningless and a lot of clap trap!!! Ringtail and brush tail possums cannot be relocated so no wildlife spotter can help them if the trees are felled. If the wildlife spotter sees a nest, what will happen???? Will the tree stay???? Or will someone climb up to save the babies???? Please I need an answer to these questions! Because I know many spotters have no option but to euthanise only!

Regards
s.73 - Irrelevant information

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information @pf.uq.edu.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 2:06:43 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Subject: RE: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

Dear s.73 - Irrelevant information

Thank you for your concerns expressed in your email of 5 September, 2017, re. consequences of removing vegetation at the Student Residential Project site on Walcott Street, at the St Lucia Campus.

UQ have met our obligations under the relevant legislation and are doing everything reasonable to minimise impacts. We have allowed additional time for our fauna spotter to monitor the site prior to commencement of the major tree removal works.

UQ implements necessary measures to minimise impact to fauna when tree removal cannot be avoided. We identify and put in place measures to satisfy the regulatory requirements for flora and fauna management as a minimum, including the *Planning Act 2016*, *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.

For this project, ARUP was engaged to prepare an *Environmental Assessment Report* that included an ecology review of the site. The findings of that report were used to obtain the Natural Asset Local Law (NALL) permit and an Exempt Clearing Certificate from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP).

Tree removals will occur before earthworks commence in November. It is being undertaken sequentially until mid-to-late October to encourage and provide for species to move away from the site on their own.

An approved fauna spotter catcher will be on site during tree removal activities. Our spotter catcher holds permits, including a Rehabilitation Permit and a Damage Mitigation Permit. These permits relate to the handling and relocation of wildlife and the holding of the Damage Mitigation Permit negates the need for a species management plan under the Nature Conservation Act. They will be inspecting the site prior to all removals and will continue to be on site for the duration of the removals to relocate any affected individuals in compliance with their permit conditions.

The above measures were already in place and extend beyond the 59 significant native trees noted on the signs to

the 108 trees total (native and invasive species) that we are likely to remove across the entire area of the development. The University has also established and continues to enhance designed natural habitats and corridors to better protect native species. More than 7000 trees are being added to the riverbank habitat as a direct response to this project, in addition to the 11,500 planted and approximately 20 complimentary bird and possum boxes installed over the past 2 years. The project will revegetate the site with appropriate species after construction is completed.

Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 1:44 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information <@pf.uq.edu.au>
Cc: Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au; mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au
Subject: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia!!!

For whom it may concern!

Please halt the removal of 108 trees at the Student Residential project site on Walcott St at the St Lucia Campus.

It is now Springtime when many of our native animals and birds are breeding. It is a very bad time to destroy their habitat. You will also destroy a lot of food source for many other migrating animals. I am a wildlife carer and have seen the destruction when trees are felled in Spring. Not only do many babies die in the initial destruction, but many of the adults die a few weeks later due to loss of their habitat of food and shelter. Thousands die on the roads because they have no where safe to go. Many of our natives are very territorial and cannot just hop on another tree. Please reconsider. We are at a stage where we need to protect our environment. We have destroyed so much already. Please stop this project and give our children also a future in enjoying our wildlife!

Regards
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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: WALCOTT ST TREE CLEARING

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2017 3:29 PM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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Kind Regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2017 4:27 PM
To: s.73 - Irrelevant information
Subject: RE: WALCOTT ST TREE CLEARING

Dear s.73 - Irrele

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Regards



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To: DLO EHP
Subject: FW: UQ Code Of Conduct YESTERDAY

From: s.73 - Irrelevant information
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PLEASE HELP US TO GET UQ TO START LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE, START ACTING RESPONSIBLY AND ETHICALLY AND START TAKING SOME POSITIVE ACTION.

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From: DLO DNRM [DLO.DNRME@dnrme.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2017 10:02 AM
To: BAKER-LOWE Andrew
Subject: RE: Felling of 108 trees at Walcott st St Lucia.

Morning Andrew,

I've just been told by one of my Minister's Advisors that this issue has been investigated and that it is perfectly legal and there is nothing that DNRM can do to stop the tree felling.

DNRM are still intending on responding but we will not be responding individually as they come in but rather as a single response to all lodged emails in about a weeks' time.

As such I have been asked to hold off on sending them through to the Minister's Office for one more week.

So I guess what I'm letting you know is that if you receive any more, it'll be fine to send them through as a combined email at the end of each day.

DNRM is still ok to accept them and respond.

Regards,

Anita Packwood

Departmental Liaison Officer

Department of Natural Resources and Mines



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From: Melanie Pilgrim [Melanie.Pilgrim@ministerial.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 20 October 2017 11:21 AM

To: DLO EHP; DLO.NP

Subject: Bunya Mountains National Parks UNESCO World Heritage List Nomination - hold up in progression of application

To whom it may concern,

Today the Ministerial Office received a call from

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M: s.73 - Irrelevant information

He requested that somebody respond to him regarding the UNESCO World Heritage List Nomination for the Bunya Mountains National Park. He relayed that the national Park had been on the Nominations List since 2010 and that nothing had progressed since then. He wants to understand what exactly is holding up the progression of the Nomination.

Additionally he wanted to highlight and ask that the loop hole in *the Vegetation Management Act* has allowed the destruction of an endangered grass land of which he asserts is the penultimate left of its kind with the Poa Labillardieri Tussock Grass which is endangered and houses two other species the Bunya Mountains Giant Skink Lampasas and the Turnix melanogaster – Black – Breasted Button Quail which is listed on the Australian Government site as requiring a recovery Plan as at 2009.
http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon_id=923.

He points out that the family of Sir Jo are building the roads only now 87 years on from when Sir Jo bought the “roads” back in 1930. He believes there is corruption involved and that should be prevented from happening because of the threats to three endangered species.

He asks that action be taken to protect these species and that somebody contact him to relay how, why, who and what can be done to protect these species.

As his phone call appears to cross over both departments I would appreciate your help in either deciding who should take the lead etc.

Many thanks

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Notice of decision on request to change a
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Date: **8 February 2017**

Edify Energy
C/-RPS Australia East Pty Ltd
PO Box 943
AIRLIE BEACH QLD 4802

Details of development approval for which change is requested:

Details of approved development: **Development Application for Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Major Utility (Solar Power PV Facility)**

Street number and address of land to which approval relate: 7508 Bowen Developmental Road
SPRINGLANDS

Lot and plan details of land to which approval relates: L: 2 RP: 742329

Date the original development application was decided: 30 July 2015

Details of request for change

Date request for change was made: 18 January 2017

Conditions requested to be changed:

Condition 1.5

The development of the site will be staged over a period of eight (8) years and up to a maximum project size of 2 GigaWatt (AC) This approval is valid for eight (8) years from the date of decision to allow the completion of the approval in full.

Responsible entity for deciding the request: **Whitsunday Regional Council**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Decision on request for change

I wish to advise that, on 8 February 2017, the request to change the development approval was:

☒ approved with conditions. The amended conditions of the approval are set out below.

Condition 1.5

The construction of the development can be staged; however, construction of the last stage must be completed within eight (8) years from the day this approval takes effect. The development can operate up to a maximum output of 2 GigaWatts (AC).

If the request is approved, a copy of the decision notice for the original application is attached, showing the changes.

Appeal rights

If the responsible entity for deciding this request is the assessment manager or a concurrence agency, the person who made the request to change the development approval may appeal against the decision in this notice to the Planning and Environment Court by lodging a written notice of appeal with the registrar of the Court. You may also have a right to appeal to the Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committee.

For more information about your appeal rights and how to commence an appeal, see the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, chapter 7, parts 1 and 2.

If the responsible entity for deciding this request is the assessment manager, an entity that gave the responsible entity a notice under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, section 376 or a pre-request response may appeal against the decision in this notice to the Planning and Environment Court by lodging a written notice of appeal with the registrar of the Court. You may also have a right to appeal to the Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committee. For more information about your appeal rights and how to commence an appeal, see the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, chapter 7, parts 1 and 2.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely,

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Doug Mackay

Manager Development Assessment

Date: **8 February 2017**

B.C. **Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning**
Mackay, Isaac Whitsunday Regional Office
PO Box 257
MACKAY QLD 4740
SPD-0117-033468

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved drawings and documents:

Plan/Document Name	Prepared By	Plan Number	Dated
Whitsunday Solar Farm Indicative Site Plan	RPS Australia East Pty Ltd	123040-1-1 Rev C	26/03/2015
Whitsunday Solar Farm Indicative Detailed Site Plan (Parking, Offices and Amenities)	RPS Australia East Pty Ltd	123040-1-2 Rev A	25/03/2015

- 1.2 The following further development permits are required prior to commencement of work on site or commencement of the use:

- Plumbing and Drainage Works; and
- Building Works.

All Plumbing and Drainage Works Development Permits must be obtained prior to the issue of a Building Works Development Permit.

- 1.3 Where a discrepancy or conflict exists between the written conditions of this approval and the approved plans, the requirements of the written condition(s) will prevail.
- 1.4 The applicant shall demonstrate and provide evidence that compliance with all conditions of this development approval and any other subsequent development approvals as a result of this development approval have been complied with at the time of commencement of the use.
- 1.5 The construction of the development can be staged; however, construction of the last stage must be completed within eight (8) years from the day this approval takes effect. The development can operate up to a maximum output of 2 GigaWatts (AC).

2.0 CLEARING, LANDSCAPING AND FENCING

- 2.1 Secure fencing around each of the proposed solar PV areas must be provided prior to the commencement of each stage to ensure appropriate control of access into the operational areas of the facility. The fence shall be constructed to ensure the entire perimeter of the Plant (in each stage) is enclosed. The perimeter fence shall be a five strand barb wire fence, with a minimum height of 1 metre, or an alternative fencing solution that provides an equal or greater security level.
- 2.2 The existing site vegetation not within the proposed solar panel areas, and associated onsite accesses and operational areas, particularly adjacent to Bowen Developmental Road, must be retained to provide additional screening to the development.
- 2.3 Any vegetation removed must be disposed of to the requirements of the Council. Transplanting, chipping or removal from site is the preferred solutions.
- 2.4 All vegetative waste cleared as part of the development of the site is to be either:
- a) stored neatly on site and shredded within sixty (60) days of clearing; or
 - b) removed off the site to an approved disposal location.

3.0 EARTHWORKS

- 3.1 All site works must be designed by an experienced and qualified Civil or Geotechnical Engineer.
- 3.2 During and at the completion of the excavation and filling of the site, the applicants Civil/Geotechnical Engineer shall supervise, and at the completion of each stage, certify that the work carried out on site are stable and will remain so over the long term, and will not cause adverse impact on adjoining property.
- 3.3 Prior to commencement of works for each stage, the applicant must submit to Council for approval, engineering design drawings detailing the proposed scope and extent of proposed fill levels for that stage. All filling is to be placed, trimmed and compacted as a minimum to standards identified in AS 3789. Compaction test results for each Stage are to be submitted to Council for its records.
- 3.4 During and at the completion of the excavation and filling of each Stage, the applicants Civil/Geotechnical Engineer shall supervise, and at the completion of each stage, certify that the work carried out on site complies with this Decision Notice and Council's Development Manual.

4.0 ACCESS AND PARKING

- 4.1 Prior to commencement of the first stage, the applicant must lodge with Council, a civil engineer's design and construction certification (by an experienced and qualified engineer). The certification must be addressed to Council and must certify that External Access, Internal Access, onsite parking and manoeuvring areas have been designed and constructed according to the conditions of this Decision Notice and achieves compliance with Bowen Planning Scheme, Councils Development Manual, AS 2890 and AS 1428.
- 4.2 Prior to any work commencing on the first stage, engineering design drawings (Access and Onsite Parking), demonstrating compliance with Council's Bowen Shire Council Planning Scheme and Councils Development Manual (current at the time of development), Australian Standard AS2890, AS1428 and this Decision Notice must be submitted to Council for review and approval.
- 4.3 The external access from the pavement of Peter Delamothe Road to the property boundary must be constructed to comply with the dimensions, gradients and specifications as indicated on Council's Standard Drawing R0035 prior to commencement of the first Stage.
- 4.4 Accesses must be located so as to achieve Safe Intersection Sight Distance in accordance with Section 3 of Austroads Guide to Road Design – Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections.

5.0 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- 5.1 Design and construct a potable water supply in accordance with Council's Planning Scheme or Planning Policy applicable at the time. Such work must be in accordance with an approved detail design at future building application stage.

6.0 SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

- 6.1 The applicant is to provide, at the time of application for a building permit, a detailed effluent disposal report demonstrating that an on-site domestic sewerage treatment system can be established in accordance with the Plumbing Code of Australia 2011 and the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater code.

7.0 STORMWATER AND FLOODING

- 7.1 All stormwater drainage works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (current at the time of standards applicable at the time) and in accordance with Council's Development Manual (or equivalent replacement document current at the time of development).

- 7.2 The developed flows from each stage must be drained to a lawful point of discharge. If required, easements for this purpose must be provided over all land from the development to the lawful point of discharge.
- 7.3 Prior to any work commencing on each Stage, engineering design drawings (Stormwater Drainage), including calculations and certifications of the design, demonstrating compliance with Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (current at the time of development), Council's Development Manual (current at the time of development) and this Decision Notice must be submitted to Council for review and approval.
- 7.4 All site works must be undertaken to ensure that there is no increase in flood levels and/or flood frequency at any locations where existing landowners and/or users are adversely affected by waterway flooding for all events up to and including Q100.
- 7.5 Stormwater for the development must include gross pollutant traps, or other appropriate water quality measures to ensure stormwater from the site does not cause measurable levels of water pollutants in the receiving waters to fall outside the acceptable ranges specified in the 'Australian Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters', ANZECC 2000.
- 7.6 Prior to commencement of each Stage, the applicant must lodge with Council, a civil engineer's design and construction certification (by an experienced and qualified engineer). The certification must be addressed to Council and must certify that the stormwater drainage works have been constructed in accordance with the requirements of Queensland Urban Drainage Manual current at the time of development, Council's Development Manual (current at the time of development) and this Decision Notice and will not cause adverse effects to adjoining or downstream properties or infrastructure.

8.0 ROADWORKS

- 8.1 Prior to any work commencing on the first Stage, the applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan and submit to Council for review and approval. The Traffic Management Plan must include provisions for effective traffic management so as to provide a safe environment for all road users, protection to the public from traffic hazards that may arise as a result of construction activities and is to minimize disruption and delays to all road users.

9.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 The applicant shall submit to Council for approval, prior to the commencement of the first Stage, a Bushfire Management Plan specific to the site and specific to the proposal.
- 9.3 An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) must be approved by Council prior to commencement of the first Stage and all recommendations of the Environmental Management Plan must be completed to the requirements of Council. The EMP must address but not be limited to the following issues:
- water quality and drainage;
 - fauna management;
 - vegetation clearing;
 - top soil management;
 - interim drainage plan during construction;
 - construction programme;
 - geotechnical issues;
 - weed control;
 - emergency vehicle access;
 - traffic management plan during construction;
 - noise and dust suppression;

- vibration and blast from adjoining use; and
- other issues as required.

9.4 Prior to preparation of the EMP the proponent should obtain, from Council, a comprehensive list of issues to be addressed in the Environmental Management Plan.

10.0 EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 10.1 Prior to commencement of any work on each Stage, the applicant must submit to Council for approval, a site based Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plan for that Stage.
- 10.2 The plan must be prepared in accordance with Council's Development Manual (current at the time of the development), the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Engineering Guidelines for Queensland Construction Sites, June 1996 by The Institution of Engineers, Australia and the EPA Best Practice Urban Stormwater Management – Erosion and Sediment Control Guideline.
- 10.3 The strategy of the plan must be implemented and maintained for the duration of the operational and building works, and until exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised.
- 10.4 Discharges of water pollutants, wastewater or stormwater from the site must not cause measurable levels of water pollutants in the receiving waters to fall outside the acceptable ranges specified in the 'Australian Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters', ANZECC 2000.
- 10.5 The applicant must ensure that when undertaking any on-site or external works, including any filling and extraction, appropriate dust control measures are implemented in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and complies with the relevant air quality objectives defined in the Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2008.

11.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 11.1 Any building materials, equipment and the like must be appropriately tied down, placed indoors and secured on site at the time of preparation for cyclone events. The onsite supervisor is to ensure that all contractors/employees take the necessary steps to secure the construction site in the event of a cyclone.
- 11.2 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the site. No storage of materials, parking of construction machinery or contractors' vehicles will be permitted in Bowen Developmental Road or adjoining land unless written permission from the owner of that land and Council is provided.
- 11.3 It is the developer's responsibility for the full rectification of any damage caused to neighbouring public infrastructure (such as footpaths, driveways, fences, gardens, trees and the like) caused by contractors, including clean-up of any litter or waste that is a result of the subject development.

12.0 ADVISORY NOTES

12.1 Hours of work

It is the developer's responsibility to ensure compliance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994, which prohibits any construction, building and earthworks activities likely to cause nuisance noise (including the entry and departure of heavy vehicles) between the hours of 6.30 pm and 6.30 am from Monday to Saturday and at all times on Sundays or Public Holidays.

12.2 Noise during Construction and Noise in General

It is the developer's responsibility to ensure compliance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

12.3 General Safety of Public during Construction

It is the project manager's responsibility to ensure compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. It states that the project manager is obliged to ensure construction work is planned and managed in a way that prevents or minimises risks to the health and safety of members of the public at or near the workplace during construction work.

It is the principal contractor's responsibility to ensure compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. It states that the principal contractor is obliged on a construction workplace to ensure that work activities at the workplace prevent or minimise risks to the health and safety of the public at or near the workplace during the work.

It is the responsibility of the person in control of the workplace to ensure compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. It states that the person in control of the workplace is obliged to ensure there is appropriate, safe access to and from the workplace for persons other than the person's workers.

- 12.4 Enquiries relating to the aforementioned conditions should be directed to Planning and Community Services who will direct the enquiry to the relevant officer.

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Revised Conditions –
Department of Infrastructure, Local
Government and Planning**

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING ACT 2009, IDAS
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION



Department of Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning

Our reference: SPD-0117-033468
Your reference: 20140882

03 February 2017

Chief Executive Officer
Whitsunday Regional Council
PO Box 104
Proserpine QLD 4800

Attention: Doug Mackay

Dear Mr. Mackay,

Notice about request for permissible change—relevant entity given under section 373(1) of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* for Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Major Utility (Solar Power PV Facility) over Lot 2 on RP742329, 7508 Bowen Developmental Road, Springlands, QLD 4804

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning received a copy of the request for a permissible change under section 372(1) of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* on 17 January 2017 advising the department, as a relevant entity, of the request for a permissible change made to the responsible entity under section 369 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

The department understands that the proposed changes are as follows:

- Amendment to Whitsunday Regional Council Negotiated Decision Notice Approval 20140882, Condition 1.5 which currently states –
“The development of the site will be staged over a period of eight (8) years and up to a maximum project size of 2 GigaWatt (AC). This approval is valid for eight (8) years from the date of decision to allow the completion of the approval in full”
- To be changed to state –
“The construction of the development can be staged; however, construction of the last stage must be completed before eight years from the day this approval takes effect. The development can operate up to a maximum output of 2 GigaWatts (AC).”

The department has considered the proposed changes to the development approval and advises that it has no objection to the change being made.

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If you require any further information, please contact Dylan Brown, A/Senior Planning Officer, on (07) 4898 6812, or via email MIWSARA@dilgp.qld.gov.au who will be able to assist.

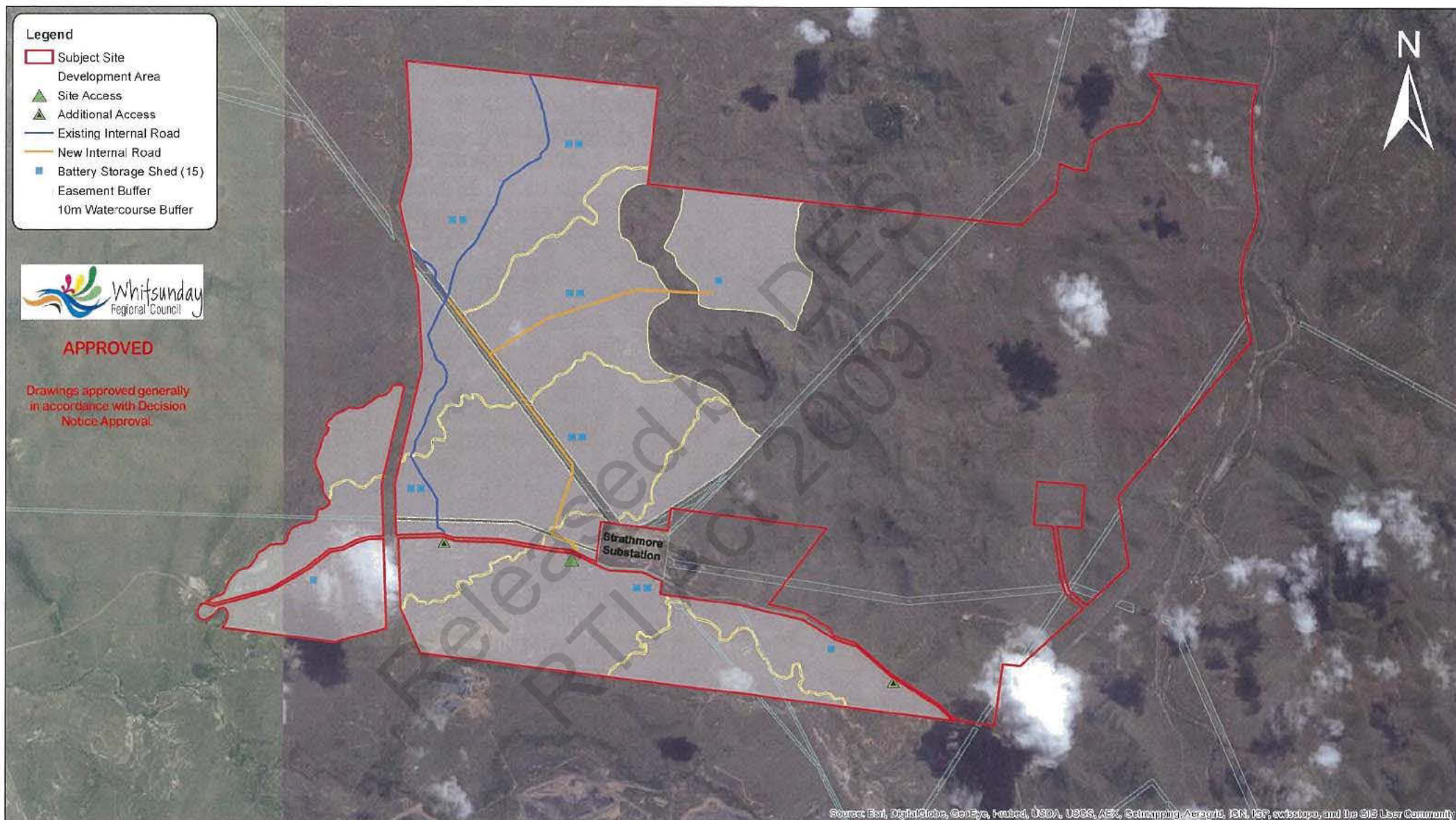
Yours sincerely

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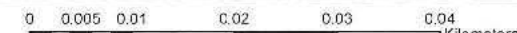
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From: LANCASTER Annie [Annie.Lancaster@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 11:43 AM
To: LANCASTER Annie
Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ
Attachments: RegulatedVegetationManagementMap-20170906120240354000.pdf

From: Peter Cossar [mailto:Peter.Cossar@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2017 9:03 AM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Hi Andrew, please find attached advice.

Peter Cossar

Administration Officer

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From: Talbot Speechley
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2017 11:27 AM
To: Peter Cossar <Peter.Cossar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Hi Peter

As discussed yesterday, I am keeping you guys in the loop with the UQ tree clearing situation.

The actions sit inside the current tree clearing framework which Labor tried to amend in 2016. As such there is no action that can be taken at a State level.

Thanks
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From: NICHOLAS Graham [<mailto:Graham.Nicholas@dnrm.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 1:32 PM
To: Talbot Speechley <Talbot.Speechley@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: HOUGHTON Sophie <Sophie.Houghton@dnrm.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Hi Talbot

From all the emails the vegetation clearing appears to be related to freehold land on Walcott Street owned by the University, either on Lot 1 on SP137545 or adjoining. The land along Walcott St is mapped as category X on the Regulated Vegetation Management Map. See attached map. There are no requirements for clearing on these lots under the vegetation management

framework.

Can't say for sure but there may be requirements for clearing this vegetation under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* administered by EHP, or under the Brisbane City Council's planning scheme or local laws.

Regards

Graham Nicholas

A/Deputy Director-General

Natural Resources Division

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From: Talbot Speechley [<mailto:Talbot.Speechley@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 11:45 AM

To: NICHOLAS Graham <Graham.Nicholas@dnrm.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

A whole lot more. I believe a lot of these are the same email.

From: Teryn Fonda

Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 11:39 AM

To: Talbot Speechley <Talbot.Speechley@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Teryn Fonda

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From: DLO DNRM [<mailto:dlo.dnrm@dnrm.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 3:00 PM

To: Teryn Fonda <Teryn.Fonda@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Teryn,

Please find attached 18 emails received by EHP that all relate to vegetation clearing by the University of Queensland. Their DLO was advised by his department that this would best be addressed by DNRM. Andrew advised me that we may receive more.

EHP also advised they received a phone call indicating that some trees have already been removed and this action is being taken to try and save the rest of them which are also scheduled to be removed soon.

Can you log in these pieces of correspondence and advise of an appropriate response action given the information passed on from EHP.

Regards,

Anita Packwood

Departmental Liaison Officer

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From: BAKER-LOWE Andrew **On Behalf Of** DLO EHP

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 12:23 PM

To: DLO DNRM <dlo.dnrm@dnrm.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Referral request - Tree Clearing at UQ

Hi Anita & Jane

EHP has received a small campaign email of 17 emails regarding tree clearing at the University of Queensland. The emails mention vegetation clearing and the effects on wildlife. We have sent this around the department and the advice we have received back is the primary issue is vegetation clearing with the secondary issue being the protection of native wildlife. For this reason we are asking if DNRM would accept the referral of these emails to investigate.

To complicate matters further we received a phone call today from one person who has requested urgent action as further trees are to be cleared either today or tomorrow. If you do accept this referral can you also take this timeframe into consideration. I will follow this email up with a phone call to discuss this further with you.

Cheers

Andrew

Andrew Baker-Lowe

Assistant Departmental Liaison Officer

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From: Environment [<mailto:Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 9:00 AM

To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Tree Clearing at UQ

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 4:39 AM

To: External - Mount Coot-tha Electorate Office <mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Tree Clearing at UQ

Dear Dr Miles,

Please halt the removal of vegetation at the Student Residential Project site on Walcott Street, at the St Lucia Campus. Such removal of vegetation is unethical and unlawful during breeding season.

I am concerned that UQ are NOT meeting their obligations under the relevant legislation and this project beginning in Springtime will cause major trauma to native wildlife.

I am concerned that there has not been sufficient time for the fauna spotter to assess the site prior to works and that carrying out these works in Springtime is unethical.

I am concerned that the site is in very close proximity to a major riparian corridor being that of the Brisbane river, so it is of extremely high value to Urban Wildlife.

I am concerned that animals need food now, removal of their food source will lead to their death.

Revegetating the site after completion of the site is not a solution.

I am concerned there has been a failure to plan this project properly. The University Of Queensland needs a proper wildlife management plan that considers animal welfare and minimises animal harm.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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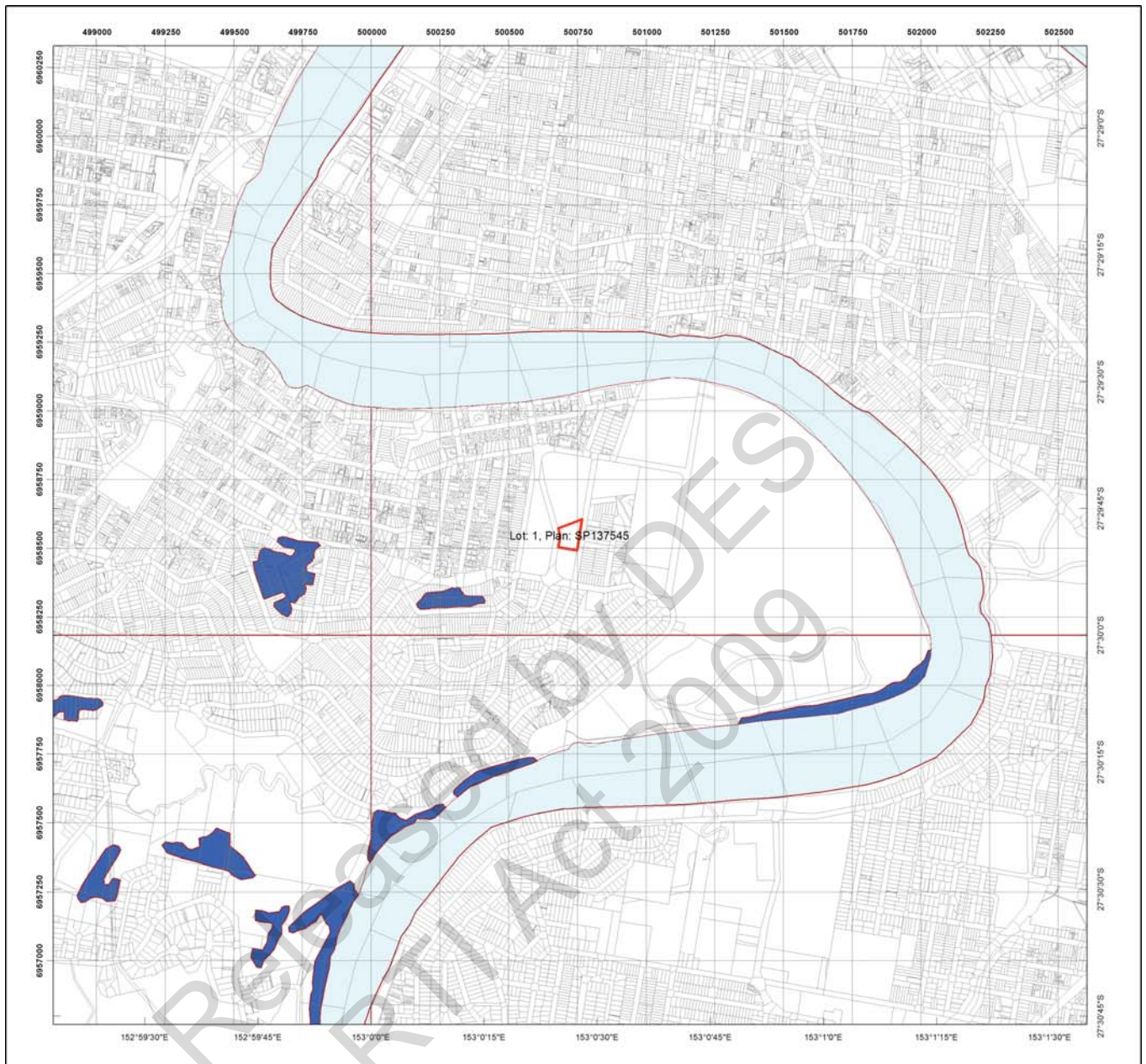
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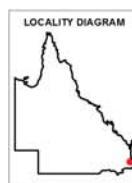
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Regulated Vegetation Management Map

Legend

- Lot and Plan
- Category A area (Vegetation offsets/compliance notices/VDcs)
- Category B area (Remnant vegetation)
- Category C area (High-value regrowth vegetation)
- Category R area (Reef regrowth watercourse vegetation)
- Category X area (Exempt clearing work on Freehold, Indigenous and Leasehold land)
- Water
- Area not categorised
- Cadastral line
- Property boundaries shown are provided as a locational aid only



This product is projected into:
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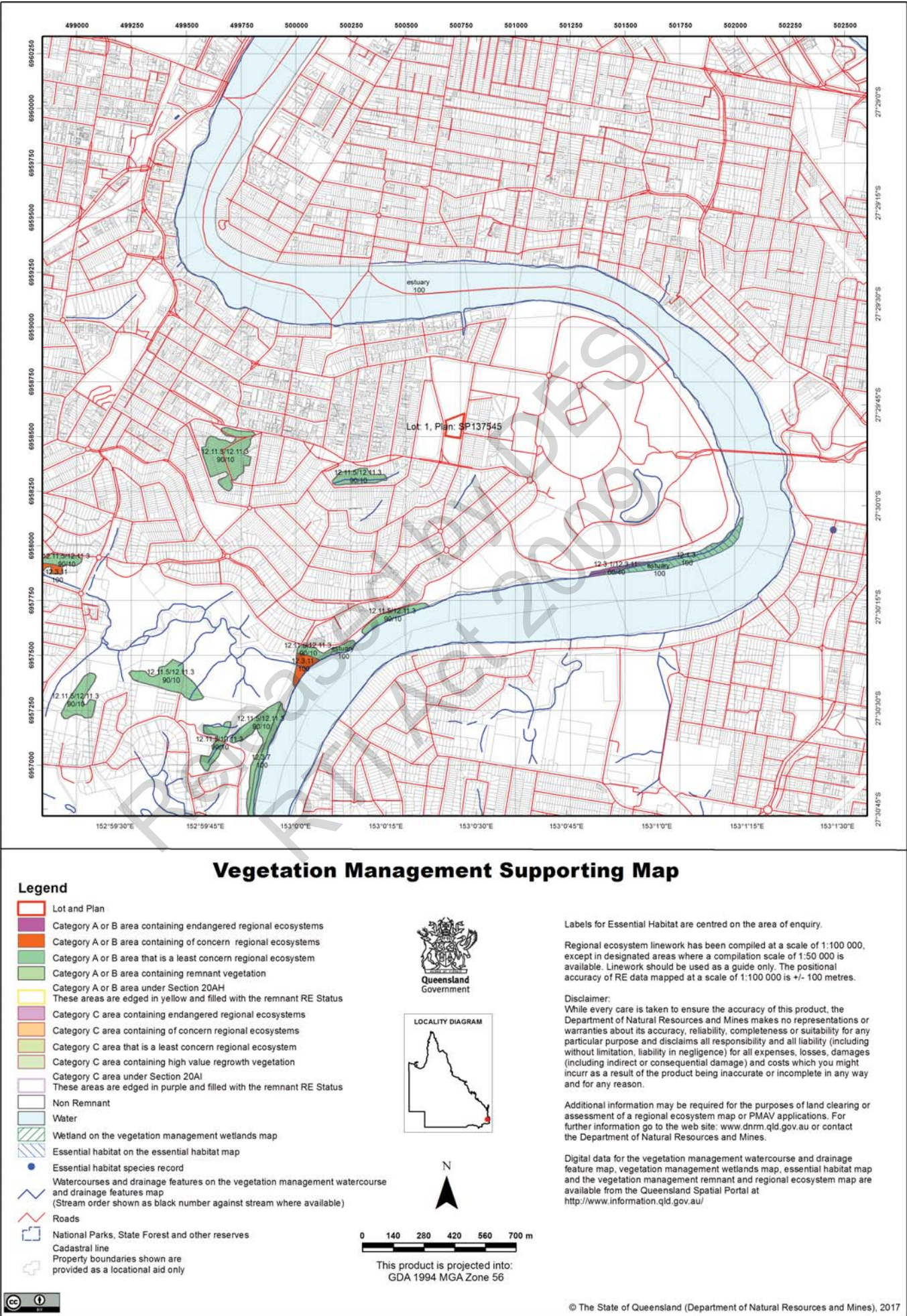
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Additional information required for the assessment of vegetation values is provided in the accompanying "Vegetation Management Supporting map". For further information go to the web site: www.dnrm.qld.gov.au or contact the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Digital data for the regulated vegetation management map is available from the Queensland Spatial Portal at <http://www.information.qld.gov.au/>

This map is updated on a monthly basis to ensure new PMAVs are included as they are approved.





Vegetation Management Act 1999 - Extract from the essential habitat database

Essential habitat is required for assessment under the:

- State Development Assessment Provisions - State Code 16: Native vegetation clearing which sets out the matters of interest to the state for development assessment under the *Planning Act 2016*; and
- Self-assessable vegetation clearing codes made under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*

Essential habitat for one or more of the following species is found on and within 1.1 km of the identified subject lot/s on the accompanying essential habitat map. This report identifies essential habitat in Category A, B and Category C areas. The numeric labels on the essential habitat map can be cross referenced with the database below to determine which essential habitat factors might exist for a particular species. Essential habitat is compiled from a combination of species habitat models and buffered species records.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines website (<http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au>) has more information on how the layer is applied under the State Development Assessment Provisions - State Code 16: Native vegetation clearing and the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.

Regional ecosystem is a mandatory essential habitat factor, unless otherwise stated.

Essential habitat, for protected wildlife, means a category A area, a category B area or category C area shown on the regulated vegetation management map-

- 1) (a) that has at least 3 essential habitat factors for the protected wildlife that must include any essential habitat factors that are stated as mandatory for the protected wildlife in the essential habitat database; or
- 2) (b) in which the protected wildlife, at any stage of its life cycle, is located.

Essential habitat identifies endangered or vulnerable native wildlife prescribed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Essential habitat in Category A and/or Category B

No records

Essential habitat in Category C

No records

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Attachments: URGENT - UQ REMOVAL OF VEGETATION.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Environment [mailto:Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 10:41 AM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT - UQ REMOVAL OF VEGETATION TODAY

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From: s.73 - Irrelevant information

Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 10:30 AM

To: s.73 - Irrelevant information <s.73-irrelevant@pf.uq.edu.au>; Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: URGENT - UQ REMOVAL OF VEGETATION TODAY

Please find attached urgent communication regarding planned works today that I have just found out about and are appalled by.

Thank you for your review and consideration.

Kind Regards,

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5 September 2017

SUBJECT: URGENT - UQ REMOVAL OF VEGETATION

Dear s.73 - Irrelevant and Hon Dr Steven Miles, QLD Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection,

I understand that UQ seek to resume the removal of 108 trees at the St Lucia campus 6 September 2017.

Please halt any actions until obligations under the relevant legislation have been met. This project beginning in Springtime will cause major trauma to native wildlife – removal of vegetation during breeding season is unethical and unlawful.

I am concerned that there has not been sufficient time for the fauna spotter to assess the site prior to works. I am concerned there has been a failure to plan this project properly. The University Of Queensland needs a proper wildlife management plan that considers animal welfare and minimises animal harm and I ask that you correct your recent conduct.

I am concerned that communications from UQ have been providing misleading information.

I am concerned that the site is in very close proximity to a major riparian corridor being that of the Brisbane River, so it is of extremely high value to urban wildlife.

I am concerned that animals need food now, removal of their food source will lead to their death. Revegetating the site after completion of the site is not a solution.

I look forward to your reply. Thank you

Best Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 28 March 2017 12:45 PM
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From: BARKER Tracey **On Behalf Of** Corro EHP ESR PGC
Sent: Tuesday, 28 March 2017 11:09 AM
To: LOWE Trinity <Trinity.Lowe@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Cc: ESR <ESR@ehp.qld.gov.au>
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Hi Trinity

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Approval

Location of 25000 seal gas wells and associated infrastructure within the area of the
to be used in the proposed project (see Appendix 1)

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Proposed action

to be used in the proposed project (see Appendix 1)

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Approval decision

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Decision summary

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Signature

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date of decision

Conditions attached to the approval

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I hope this information addresses your questions.

Cheers
Gary

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Subject: FW: Wildlife Queensland's Policy for Vegetation Management
Attachments: Minister Miles.docx; Approved Policy Document.docx

From: Environment [mailto:Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2017 12:43 PM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Wildlife Queensland's Policy for Vegetation Management

From: Policy Support [<mailto:polycysupport@wildlife.org.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2017 12:30 PM
To: Environment <Environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Wildlife Queensland's Policy for Vegetation Management

Dear Minister Miles,

Please see attached correspondence.

Kind Regards,

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Policies and Campaigns Manager

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Vegetation Management Policy

1 SCOPE

This policy establishes the perspective of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (WPSQ) regarding vegetation management. This document reviews and updates any previous comment on WPSQ vegetation management policy, to reflect the current thinking of the organisation and formally address the required reform of legislation in Queensland. This policy will provide sufficient context relating to vegetation management in Queensland, outline the goals of WPSQ, and the required actions to achieve them. This policy is confined to the impact of State government legislation regarding vegetation management.

2 CONTEXT

Current Status of Vegetation and Legislative Turmoil

The *Vegetation Management Act 1999* was enacted to regulate vegetation clearing such that remnant vegetation was conserved in **endangered*** and **of-concern ecosystems**. Additionally the Act sought to prevent biodiversity loss, maintain ecological processes and manage the environmental impacts of clearing to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas and promote sustainable land use. This legislation does not include grasslands, which constitute more than a third of Queensland. While the goals of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and its implementation were not perfect, its enactment ceased broad-scale clearing and assigned higher conservation status to **high value regrowth**. Amendments to the Act in 2013 by the Liberal National Party government have resulted in significant escalation of clearing rates, with consequential negative impacts on the environment and its wildlife.

In 2013 the Liberal National Party government amended the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* which saw a major loosening of vegetation legislation and regulation in Queensland. Significant amendments which contributed to this loosening of the legislation included, but were not limited to:

- *Replacement of vegetation clearing permits with self-assessable codes for thinning remnant bushlands, clearing encroaching woodland, and fodder harvesting within four regions (under Area Management Plans).*
- *The introduction of the **high value agriculture clearing** and **irrigated high value agriculture clearing** permit processes.*
- *The removal of the protective status for regrowth vegetation.*
- *The addition of “sustainable land use” as a new Purpose for the Act. As the sustainable land use was not defined, it lead to an unacceptable level of arbitrariness in the legislation.*
- *Landholders deemed liability was removed from the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.*

**Bold type indicates definitions are provided.*

This resulted in an escalation of clearing rates. Between the years of 2014 and 2015, more than 296 000 hectares of **woody vegetation** was cleared in Queensland, a 91% increase in clearing rates compared to the 2011 to 2012 record (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection¹ 2016). As a consequence of the relaxed laws on vegetation regulation and protection, environmental problems such as declining biodiversity and the declining health of the Great Barrier Reef, have been exacerbated.

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland acknowledges that Commonwealth legislation and bylaws and other associated legal instruments enacted by the various local authorities, also do contribute both positively and negatively to vegetation management within the State.

Biodiversity Crisis

There is at present a biodiversity crisis on earth, as we continue to reach unprecedented levels of species loss every year (Driscoll et al. 2012). The clearing of vegetation to convert the land for urban, rural residential and agricultural use is the primary driver of biodiversity decline globally, with the consequent **habitat fragmentation**, loss and incursions by invasive species being the specific pressures (McAlpine, Fensham & Temple-Smith 2002; Estavillo, Pardini & Da Racha 2013; Driscoll et al 2012). Clearing can disrupt prevailing climate condition, where loss of native vegetation can increase regional temperatures and reduce annual rainfall (Driscoll et al. 2012). This variable climate puts further pressure on species by impairing their ability to persist in areas that were once their **ecological niches**, as well as their ability to disperse to any remaining suitable habitat across a fragmented landscape.

In Queensland, vegetation clearing is now considered the largest pressure on threatened fauna and flora species (Cocklin & Dibden 2013; Department of Environment and Heritage Protection¹ 2016). Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, a species is listed as threatened if it is classified as 'vulnerable', 'endangered', or 'extinct in the wild'. Between the years of 2007 and 2015, the number of native flora listed as threatened has increased by 275 species, and the number of threatened fauna listed as threatened has increased by 61 species (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection¹ 2016). Additionally, it is the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland's understanding that the conservation status of approximately 700 flora species is still in need of assessment. Moreover, there has been an increase in the number of Australian **endemic species** classified as 'extinct in the wild' during this time period (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection¹ 2016).

In addition it is thought that the full-scale impact of vegetation clearing on biodiversity cannot be entirely appreciated, as following the fragmentation of the landscape there is a stationary period of species richness. Species richness is a comprehensive but relatively simplistic measure of biodiversity determined by the number of different species identified in a unit area (Brown & Reilly 2016). As a result of a stationary period of species richness, there is an effective "**extinction debt**" (McAlpine, Fensham & Temple-Smith 2002). This means there may be a greater impact on species observed in the future as a result of current clearing, with more species listed as threatened than described in current assessments. Assessment has been focused on species spatial distribution, with very little temporal assessment of records in cleared areas. Many species of least concern and restricted to South East Queensland and the Brigalow Belt, may be currently threatened by clearing but have not been appropriately assessed.

Coastal Ecosystems and the Great Barrier Reef

Vegetation clearing poses a number of immediate and indirect threats to coastal ecosystems (Thornburn, Wilkinson & Silburn 2013). The conversion of woody vegetation to pastoral land and land for urban and rural residential development degrades the soil leading to increased erosion, which results in impaired water quality (Erftemeiger, Riegl, Hoeksema & Todd 2012). Furthermore, this land-use change subjects the Great Barrier Reef to agricultural and urban runoff, where nutrient loads and pesticides enter into the Reef via catchments (Marine Pollution Bulletin 2012). Most notably, the clearing of vegetation and following land-use change has had severe adverse impacts on the health and long-term viability of the Great Barrier Reef (Broadie & Waterhouse 2012).

The Great Barrier Reef is currently in such poor condition that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Heritage Committee considered inscribing it as **World Heritage in Danger** (Grech, Pressey & Day 2015). To avoid this, the Australian federal government made a commitment to UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee to focus collective government effort on restoring the health and preservation value of the Reef, specifically in regards to improved land management. This commitment was enacted in the form of the *Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan 2015* which identified vegetation clearing as the most immediate threat to the Reef. This Plan included a priority action statement to 'strengthen the Queensland Government's vegetation management legislation to protect remnant and high value regrowth native vegetation, including riparian zones' (Department of Environment and Energy 2015). Thus far the government has not adhered to the commitment made to UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee, failing to act on those promises made for improved management of vegetation, specifically in Queensland.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change

Vegetation clearing for agricultural and urban land-use is a major source of global greenhouse gas emissions. The burning of knocked down trees for clearing, above-ground cleared vegetation decay, and the decay of the tree root structures, results in emission of carbon dioxide (Henry, Danaher, McKeon & Burrows 2002). Increased emissions and the associated adverse impacts of cumulative climate change, are a major threat on fauna and flora species world-wide (Driscoll et al. 2012; Kettle & Koh 2014). The current and increasing rates of clearing in Queensland has contributed to observable increased greenhouse gas emissions (Ngugi, Johnson & McDonald 2011). Climate change is thought to exacerbate pressures to fauna and flora such as fragmentation and habitat loss, supporting a cyclic relationship between pressures from vegetation clearing or modification to the vegetation's ecological structure, and the intensification of the resulting ecological consequence (Lindenmayer et al. 2010).

Future Action Needed

In March 2016, the Labor government proposed the enactment of the *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*, as a step in the right direction to reinstate a number of pre-2013 restrictions to vegetation clearing. These amendments were designed to reinstate the protection of riverine and riparian vegetation, the requirement for

offset measures, and the “onus of proof”, where landholders would be held accountable for the vegetation illegally cleared on their property unless proven otherwise. Later in August 2016, this Reinstatement Bill was rejected in Parliament with the minority Labor government failing to get enough support for the new laws to pass.

For the sustainable and effective management of vegetation in Queensland, there needs to be a cultural shift in how people view their environment. This shift needs to remove the stigma associated with preservation of vegetation as a sign of impaired development ability. There needs to be a better understanding at the local, regional and state level that highlights just how sensitive the environment is to vegetation clearing, and its adverse impacts to ecological systems.

Clearing for urban and rural residential development and resource extractions is a major concern and is largely omitted from any legislation. There is little in place to restrict any form of vegetation clearing in South East Queensland, with approval for a number of large projects granted, with little mind for the subsequent environmental degradation.

Certain legislative provisions need to be reinstated and others further enhanced, to ensure vegetation is protected. Exemptions for intensive development such as high value agricultural clearing need to be removed, to protect threatened fauna and flora species and avoid the major decline of water quality impacting upon the Great Barrier Reef. Additional to reinstating protective measures, vegetation management needs to include more than that for rural areas and address the impact of urban and rural residential development, and the mining industry. There is a clear need for collective political support for improved vegetation management in Queensland (Society for Conservation Biology Oceania 2016). Furthermore, this management practice needs to reflect the scientific evidence for best practice.

3 GOALS:

The overarching goal is to achieve enhanced vegetation management in Queensland for rural and urban lands, resulting in both the decreased loss and improved connectivity of native vegetation. Supporting this overarching goal are the following aims:

- Advocate for the amendment of existing vegetation management legislation.
- Limit broad-scale clearing to approved and permitted activity following the successful amendment of existing legislation. The cumulative impact of clearing small areas, especially in urban and rural residential areas, must be considered and approved.
- Build the capacity to maintain, value and manage native vegetation.
- Advocate a **landscape approach** to vegetation management.

4 ACTIONS:

Advocate for the amendment of existing vegetation management legislation

Alterations

- Remove the established permitted assessment of vegetation clearing for the purpose of “high value agriculture” and “irrigated high value agriculture”.
- Redefine high-value regrowth to encompass that of the last 20 years, as opposed to the year of 1989.
- Remove those exemptions surrounding vegetation clearing for mining, ensuring clearing for infrastructure and accompanying activity such as clearing for roads and building buffer zones, are included in the cumulative environmental impact assessment.
- Replace “purpose tests” with “ecological impact statements”.

Reinstatements

- Reinstatement the “onus of proof” for cleared vegetation to ensure landholders take responsibility and are held accountable for illegal clearing on their property.
- Re-establish the protection of high-value regrowth areas on not only leasehold land, but also freehold and Indigenous land.
- Reinstatement the requirement for a riverine protection permit before any clearing of vegetation in any watercourse can be committed.
- Reinstatement the requirement for environmental offsets. However, offsetting should not be treated as a complete, comprehensive replacement of that habitat lost.

Additional Provisions

- Limit the reliance of vegetation management on self-assessable codes and guidelines.
- Limit the reliance of conservation of significant, threatened, and/or endangered flora species on the use of **Trigger Maps**.
- Ensure the habitat of threatened species is not adversely impacted by clearing.
- Ensure the disturbance/clearing of grasslands is included in the regulation of **endangered** and **of-concern ecosystems**.
- Require all fauna and flora surveys for development undertaken in Queensland meet a set of prescribed survey standards. As a minimum, surveys must satisfy the requirements outlined in the *Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Survey Guidelines 2014* and the *Flora Survey Guidelines 2016*. This will ensure uniformity, and maintain a minimum quality of survey reports generated across the State.

Limit broad-scale clearing to approved and permitted activity following the successful amendment of existing legislation. The cumulative impact of clearing small areas, especially in urban and rural residential areas, must be considered and approved.

- Redefine “vegetation thinning” to avoid outcomes comparable to broad scale clearing under the guise of thinning.
- Require professional fauna and flora surveys of the area before any clearing activity is undertaken. Surveys must comply with prescribed survey standards. Furthermore surveys must be undertaken and permits assessed and issued, by accredited persons/organisations.
- Concurrence powers be established for the Queensland Herbarium, Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

Build the capacity to maintain, value, and manage native vegetation.

- Identify knowledge needs.
- Modify the current approach to informing the general public of the current condition of biodiversity in Queensland, and the role of vegetation clearing in its evident decline.
- Ensure retrospectivity in proposed legislation for the management of vegetation across the State. Specifically, ensure there are appropriate precautionary measures taken in future to avoid “panic clearing”.
- Address habitat loss, climate change and cumulative impact on the Great Barrier Reef formally in the Queensland vegetation management framework.
- Commit to the IUCN recommendations made for reduced clearing within catchment areas, the waters of which flow into and impact upon the Great Barrier Reef.

Advocate a landscape approach to vegetation management.

- Advocate investment in creating wildlife corridors for improved connectivity across the landscape that promotes an approach to managing ecological processes that does not solely focus on “place”. Specifically, enhance the ability of native fauna and flora species to disperse across a modified landscape.
- Advocate to increase the current required buffer zone of natural vegetation for watercourses. The increase to buffer zone area will vary and must be calculated based on **stream order**, and location, purpose, and intensity of use.
- Shift the focus of vegetation management of rural lands, to further include urban and industrial areas.
- Encourage coordination in regional planning initiatives, to assist in the complementarity of planning documents.

5 RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND ASSOCIATED LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

- *Economic Development (Vegetation Management) By-Law 2013*
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*
- *Fisheries Act 1994*
- *Flora Survey Guidelines 2016.*
- *Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014*
- *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006*
- *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- *Planning Act 2016*
- *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan 2016*
- *Reef Quality Protection Plan*
- *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*
- *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009*
- *State Planning Policy 2009*
- *Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Survey Guidelines 2014*
- *Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*
- *Vegetation Management Act 1999*

6 DEFINITIONS:

Ecological Impact Statements:

A document which illustrates the environmental impacts of a proposed action, positive or negative. These environmental impacts include those to water, land, air, structures, living organisms and/or intrinsic environmental values. The *National Environmental Policy Act 1969* indicates when an Ecological Impact Statement is required (Argonne National Laboratory, Office of Environmental Management 2012; Queensland Government, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection² 2016).

Ecological Niches:

The position of a species within its environment, including the role it plays, and all interactions with both biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) factors (Arrington 2013).

Endangered Ecosystems:

An ecosystem is listed as an “endangered ecosystem” under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* if remnant vegetation is less than 10% of its pre-clearing extent, or if there is 10-30% of remnant vegetation remaining but the remnant vegetation is less than 10 000ha. Additionally an ecosystem is “endangered” if only 10% of precleared vegetation is unaffected by severe degradation or biodiversity loss, or only 10-30% of precleared remnant vegetation remains unaffected by severe degradation or biodiversity loss, or it is a threatened ecosystem (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection³ 2014).

Endemic Species:

A species which can only be found, unless otherwise introduced, in a specific region or area. That is, besides that location which it is 'endemic' to, this species cannot be found anywhere else in the world (Vreugdenhil et al 2003).

Extinction Debt:

The consequence of the considerable time lag between loss and fragmentation of habitat and observable species extinction (Ford et al 2009).

Habitat Fragmentation:

The process of landscape disruption that sees once vast areas of habitat segmented into disjointed habitat patches, primarily driven by human activity such as land clearing and the displacement of native vegetation species for others (Franklin, Noon & George 2002).

High Value Regrowth:

That vegetation found on land that was leased under the *Land Act 1994* for agricultural purposes and vegetation of an endangered, of-concern and least-concern ecosystem in a location not cleared since December 1989. Furthermore, High Value Regrowth does not apply to freehold or indigenous land (Persijn & Ayriss 2013).

High Value Agriculture Clearing:

The clearing of native vegetation to establish, cultivate and harvest crops. It does not include clearing for grazing activities or plantation forestry (Department of Natural Resources and Mines 2013).

Irrigated High Value Agriculture Clearing:

The clearing of native vegetation to establish, cultivate and harvest crops, or pasture (e.g. a dairy producer irrigating pasture) that will be supplied with water by artificial means. It does not include clearing for plantation forestry (Department of Natural Resources and Mines 2013).

Landscape Approach:

From Wildlife Queensland's perspective a landscape approach to vegetation management:

- recognises biophysical processes and their importance in supporting not only the environmental but also the economic and social values that society may need for that landscape considering the future;
- understands vegetation is a key tool for ensuring all biophysical processes continue to function if not improve or at least maintain environmental outcomes;
- recognises relevant spatial scale for each process and resource under consideration;
- requires spatial maps and other tools to: express vegetation management priorities and demonstrate landscape processes and functions.

Of-Concern Ecosystems:

An ecosystem is listed as an "of-concern ecosystem" under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* if remnant vegetation is 10-30% of its pre-clearing extent, or if there is more than 30% of remaining remnant vegetation, the extent is less than 10 000ha. Additionally the ecosystem is "of-concern" if only 10-30% of precleared vegetation remains unaffected by moderate degradation or biodiversity loss (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection³ 2014).

Offsets:

In the context of vegetation management, offsets are measures taken to counterbalance the impacts of vegetation cleared for industry, development and agricultural purposes. As outlined in the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* an offset can include work conducted to maintain the viability of a prescribed environmental matter, the preparation of a plan for the managing of the prescribed environmental matter, as well as initiatives for scientific research and the implementation of education programs. An environmental offset can include but is not limited to specific revegetation initiatives. Environmental offsets can also include the delivery of an activity that provides benefits to environmental, social, cultural or economic matters (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection³ 2014).

Stream Order:

A simplified method for the classification of streams based on their relative size and location within a catchment area. Stream classification is determined by the number of tributaries upstream. This is because tributaries alter their physical characteristics, join and eventually transform into rivers. First and Second Order streams are commonly referred to as 'headwater' streams, as they exist at the head of the catchment. Accurate spatial information on the stream location and catchment boundaries is necessary to guide the effective management of waterways and catchments.

Trigger Maps:

In Queensland, native plants to Australia are protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The clearing, harvesting, growth and trade of protected flora species is regulated by the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006*. The protection of native plants applies for those plants that reside in the wild, and does not apply to those that are exempt from this plant protection framework, as outlined in the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006*. Examples of exemptions include but are not limited to, a situation in which a person wishes to remove a protected plant to avoid or reduce risk of death or serious injury, or a situation in which a person wishes to remove a protected plant to avoid or reduce risk of serious damage to buildings or property.

If a proposed project for the modification or clearing of vegetation is not classified as exempt, proponents are required to consult the Protected Plants Flora Survey Trigger Map prior to the commencement of any work. This consultation will highlight whether the proposed project falls into a high-risk area. A high-risk area is one that contains or is likely to contain endangered, vulnerable or near threatened (EVNT) native plant species. The distribution of EVNT species is illustrated by point-locations of these species, according to a range of data sets including HERBRECS, Corveg, and databases of regional offices, local naturalist clubs and expert panels. There remains a large proportion of Queensland that does not have any or has extremely basic botanical data documented. This threatens the viability of some of the application of Trigger Map assessment (Franks 2014).

If the project area is deemed a high-risk area, a flora survey must be carried out and the project may require a permit for any proposed clearing to occur. The onus is on the proponent to organise the completion of the survey by a suitably qualified person. The flora survey if required, must comply with the *Flora Survey Guidelines 2016*, which details who is suitably qualified to undertake such a survey, the parameters of the subject area that must be surveyed, the methods that must be undertaken for the successful completion of the survey, and the

specific criteria and documentation that must be included in the final flora survey report. If there are issues in meeting the specific requirements for the flora survey as outlined in the guidelines document, a proponent may lodge a request form for Variation from the *Flora Survey Guidelines*. The results of the flora survey will determine whether the proposed project of vegetation modification or clearing is approved.

Woody Vegetation:

Native shrubs and trees that are more than two meters in height. The vegetation has multiple roles, including a source of refuge for a diverse range of fauna, protection of the land and economic and recreational value (Office of Environment and Heritage NSW 2015).

World Heritage in Danger:

A site of World Heritage can be inscribed as World Heritage in Danger if there are conditions threatening those elements which granted the property World Heritage Significance initially via either ascertained danger or potential danger. Ascertained danger to a natural property can include decline in populations of endangered species or species of outstanding universal value by natural factors or human-made factors, deterioration of the natural beauty or scientific value of a site (human-induced), or the integrity of the site is threatened by human encroachment. Potential danger to a natural property can include modified legal protective status of the area, the property is threatened by planned resettlement or development activity, there is an outbreak or threat of armed conflict which threatens the property, there is an incomplete or inadequate management plan for the site, or those impacts of climatic or geological nature (UNESCO World Heritage Centre 2016).

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Dear Minister Miles,

We have been directed by the State Council of Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Wildlife Queensland) to forward you a copy of the recently developed policy on Vegetation Management.

As you may be aware, Wildlife Queensland is a long established and respected wildlife-focused conservation group with over 6500 supporters spread across numerous branches throughout Queensland, and even interstate. Wildlife Queensland aims to protect flora and fauna, influence choices about developments that impact our environment, educate the community about the environment and actively engage the community with hands-on, wildlife focused projects.

Effective management of vegetation is critical for the conservation of biodiversity, preservation of the Great Barrier Reef, and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

In Queensland, vegetation clearing is considered the largest pressure on threatened fauna and flora species. Between the years of 2007 and 2015, the number of native flora listed as threatened has increased by 275 species, and the number of threatened fauna listed as threatened has increased by 61 species (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection 2016). Furthermore, it is Wildlife Queensland's understanding that the conservation status of approximately 700 flora species is still in need of assessment.

Undoubtedly you appreciate the full-scale impact of vegetation clearing on biodiversity cannot be entirely recognised, as following the fragmentation of the landscape there is a stationary period of species richness (a comprehensive but relatively simplistic measure of biodiversity calculated by the number of different species identified in a unit area). As a result there is an effective extinction debt, which could imply there is a greater impact on species due to current clearing that will become apparent in future, but remain undetected in current assessments.

From your actions to date it is obvious you are aware vegetation clearing is the most immediate threat to the Great Barrier Reef. In Queensland's *Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan 2015*, a priority action statement to 'strengthen the Queensland Government's vegetation management legislation to protect remnant and high value regrowth native vegetation, including riparian zones' was included. To date, despite government efforts there has been a failure to commit to this objective. Vegetation management and regulation has loosened considerably in amendments to the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* by the Newman Government, resulting in an overwhelming increase in State clearing rates. Between the years 2014 and 2015 more than 269 000 hectares of woody vegetation was cleared in Queensland, a 91% increase in clearing rates compared to the 2011 to 2012 record (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection 2016).

The current and increasing rates of vegetation clearing in Queensland has contributed to observable increased greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change is thought to exacerbate pressures to fauna and flora from fragmentation and habitat loss, and is also a driving force in the degradation to the health and long term sustainability of the Great Barrier Reef.

Wildlife Queensland's overarching goal is to achieve enhanced vegetation management in Queensland for rural and urban lands, resulting in both the decreased loss and improved connectivity of native vegetation. Supporting this overarching goal are the following aims:

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- Build the capacity to maintain, value and manage native vegetation.
- Advocate a landscape approach to vegetation management.

Highlights of the Actions included in the policy document to achieve these goals, include:

- Amendments to the legislation:
 - o Removal of the established permitted assessment of vegetation clearing for the purpose of high value agriculture
 - o Removal of those exemptions surrounding vegetation clearing for mining
 - o Re-establish the protection of high value regrowth areas on not only leasehold land, but also freehold and Indigenous land
 - o Reinstate the requirement for a riverine protection permit before any clearing of vegetation in any watercourse can be committed
- Limit the reliance of management on Self-Assessable Codes and the use of Trigger Maps. Instead, require professional flora and fauna surveys for development projects and ensure these surveys meet a prescribed standard. As a minimum, ensure surveys satisfy the requirements outlined in the *Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Survey Guidelines 2014* and the *Flora Survey Guidelines 2016*.
- Concurrence powers be established for the Queensland Herbarium, Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation, and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.
- Advocate for investment in creating wildlife corridors for improved connectivity across the landscape that promotes an approach to managing ecological processes that does not solely focus on "place". Specifically, enhance the ability of native fauna and flora species to disperse across a modified landscape.
- Shift the focus of vegetation management of rural lands, to further include urban and industrial areas.

Wildlife Queensland applauds any positive step you could make to help in the fruition of this vegetation management policy. Your willingness to engage with Wildlife Queensland will be viewed as genuine support for improved vegetation management practice, for the preservation of the environment and its wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

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Hi Gary,

Please find attached response to your below request.

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Please note the following request from Minister Miles' office:

I was wondering if DNRM has come across a similar enquiry to the below before regarding vegetation management. Are there any words that can be shared with our office to provide in a response?

In view of the Qld land clearing problem, perhaps farmers could be encouraged to put their existing land & trees to better use?

What if farmers wanted to clear some of their land were told to take stock of all the trees/lg-bushes on their property. A detailed plan of the type, size, tree numbers & location of the trees in relation to other trees was submitted to the relevant gov dept.

The idea is for the land that has fewer, sparsely spaced trees on it, to be put to one side for possible clearing. Then the area that has more trees per acre to it, is to have extra trees planted on it - so that the same No of trees are on the property after the survey & land clearing takes place.

A space of say 2 yrs is to be given for newly planted trees [not saplings, but existing rooted trees] to get established.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
PROTECTION AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

CTS No.	20423/16
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KEY ISSUES

- The proposal suggested in the request from the Office of the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef is similar to how environmental offsets work.
- The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has not had a similar enquiry before.
- Environmental offsets are administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP).
- The environmental offset framework allows clearing of regulated vegetation in exchange for rehabilitating and protecting unregulated vegetation.
- The suggested response to Minister Miles' office is that the environmental offset framework currently allows for the clearing of regulated vegetation in exchange for rehabilitating and protecting unregulated vegetation. The Queensland Environmental Offsets Policy has further details on the requirements for offset areas.
- The environment offset team within EHP (Mr Nick Weinert, Acting Director) would be able to provide additional information regarding the matters of state environmental significance that require offsetting.

BACKGROUND

- EHP administers the environmental offsets framework.

NEXT STEPS

- DLO to respond to EHP.

ATTACHMENTS

1. N/A

From: LANCASTER Annie [Annie.Lancaster@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 2:17 PM
To: LANCASTER Annie
Subject: FW: Di Glynn re: Heritage or ecological significance impacts Enoggera Reservoir
Attachments: 201608151138.pdf; 20160803_Enoggera Reservoir_Quest News.JPG

Importance: High

From: Cameron Mitchell [mailto:Cameron.Mitchell@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 29 August 2016 5:21 PM
To: DLO EHP <DLO.EHP@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Cc: DLO.NP <DLO.NP@npsr.qld.gov.au>; Peter Spencer <Peter.Spencer@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: s.73 - Irrelevant re: Heritage or ecological significance impacts Enoggera Reservoir
Importance: High

Hi Gary

Ray – Included you due to QPWS involvement with these plans.

Are we able to have some departmental dot points on the matters raised by s.73 - Irrelevant by **midday Wednesday, 31 August** please?

The attached Quest News article provides context to s.73 - Irrelevant letter.

Essentially, do the tourism and recreational plans for Enoggera Reservoir have any impacts on the sites heritage or ecological significance?

s.73 - Irrelevant specifically raises questions on:

- Whether a heritage landscape assessment report or similar type of report was undertaken as part of the recreation and tourism development proposals for the Dam?
- Was such a report submitted to the Heritage Council as part of the planning process?
- What ecological assessments were undertaken as part of the recreation and tourism developments proposals for the Dam?
- Were these development proposals assessed against the Bushfire Code of BCC City Plan 2014?
- Are copies of these assessments/reports publically available?

Kind regards

Cameron Mitchell

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Members you can book your Parliament caucus drop-in with Minister Miles Tue 4.45-5.45pm, Wed 4-5pm and Thu 4.45-5.45pm. We're looking forward to it.

We aim to respond to all caucus enquiries within 5-10 business days. If you require urgent advice, we're happy to help, but please let us know.

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THE GAP

Dam, that looks like fun



James Brownlie and Yulia Kornienko from Riverlife. Picture: JAMES BROWN

Heather Ludgate

ENOGGERA Reservoir will become the adventure capital of the western suburbs under a plan to expand the dam's offerings.

Tourism operators Tree Top Challenge and Riverlife are negotiating to set up high ropes courses as well as on-site mountain bike hire and water activities.

The plan has the support of Environment Minister and state

Labor MP for Mt Coot-la Steven Miles, who announced the proposal.

Riverlife owner John Sharpe said the picturesque dam offered a new experience for visitors.

"The place is absolutely beautiful, it's a completely different experience from what's on offer at Kangaroo Point," Mr Sharpe said.

"We've got the beach experience (at Tangalooma), we've got the urban experience ... but what

we're lacking for our international visitors and students is that unique wilderness experience and this is a gateway to a National Park."

Tour and hire options for kayaks, stand up paddle boards and mountain bikes were likely to be considered.

Group activities such as laser tag or Segway tours have also been discussed.

Meanwhile, Tree Top Challenge director Max Taylor said the site's

trees and topography were well suited for a high ropes course.

Mr Taylor, who grew up in The Gap, said he hoped to offer 80 aerial challenges on five courses.

Mr Miles said more new projects on or near National Parks were part of a recently finalised eco-tourism strategy.

He said extra parking, as part of the first stage of developments at Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre, had been provided.

WESTSIDE

Sellers keep firm hold on discounting



PROPERTY owners have been holding firm on their selling prices during the past year, offering only small discounts to achieve a sale.

The latest figures from CoreLogic show that across Greater Brisbane, Southbank and Arana Hills were the best performers, averaging just 1.6 per cent vendor discounting in the year ending April, 2014.

Suburbs like Red Hill (3.2 per cent) and Indooroopilly (4.7 per cent) were among the best in the west.

Belle Property principal Robin McIlwain said as a suburb matured and the closer it was to the city, the more tightly held and the firmer the prices.

"Too many only average 3.2 house sales a month, and when a property comes on the market, the seller is in control of the price," Mr McIlwain said.