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To: DLO EHP
Cc: DLO.NP; Eddie Fraser (Eddie.Fraser@ministerial.qld.gov.au)
Subject: FW: Vehicle use on Wonga Beach - Tropical North Queensland

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Hi Gary

I note that there are two previous EHP letters on this location (CTS29682/15 and CTS28766/15). I note one of the questions is who is responsible for the Curlew (highlighted yellow below) and who responsible for the ecosystem.

I've discussed with A/RD QPWS Great Barrier Reef region who advised that depending on the location the land between low and high tide may be managed by NPSR.

Can you please arrange for EHP to lead the response and obtain input from A/RD Dan Schaper regarding the responsibilities for the area of land between low and high tide.

Thanks

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25 FEB 2016

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Thank you for your email of 19 January 2016 concerning the use of vehicles on Wonga Beach. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am advised that Mr Dan Schaper, Acting Regional Director for the Great Barrier Reef region within the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing, contacted you on 21 January 2016 about the tenure of Wonga Beach, Douglas Shire and answered your queries about administrative responsibility for land above and below high-water mark.

The beach stone-curlew is an Australian native animal and is protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the NCA) which is administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP). The NCA regulates the taking of protected wildlife and penalties may apply to any individual unlawfully interfering with such wildlife. While there are offences under the NCA for interfering with protected wildlife, it is not in itself an offence to drive on a beach where wildlife may be present.

If you witness or suspect an offence at Wonga Beach in relation to the beach stone-curlew, I encourage you to complete the Wildlife complaint report form which is available on the EHP website at <www.ehp.qld.gov.au/contactus/#complaints>.

The Minister hopes this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Lindsay Delzoppo, Director, Wildlife Management of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone 3330 5393.

Yours sincerely

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Noisy quad bikes rev up meeting at Wonga

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SIMMERING tensions over the use of quad bikes at a remote beach just south of the Daintree River will be addressed at an upcoming community meeting.

Douglas Shire Council Mayor Julia Leu said "a number of complaints" had been received from residents upset about the vehicles being used at Wonga Beach.

Several accidents have also been reported.

Technically, the use of quad bikes is illegal on beaches because it constitutes driving an unregistered vehicle on a roadway.

"There has been an increase in the use of quad bikes and people have raised their concerns directly with the council about public safety and environmental damage," Cr Leu said.

"There has also been a bit of discussion on Facebook.

"We're a small community – it's not a difficult thing for us to say let's talk about it, and have a meeting."

Cr Leu said one suggestion the council would be investigating was whether a section of the beach could be a "designated area" for the vehicles.

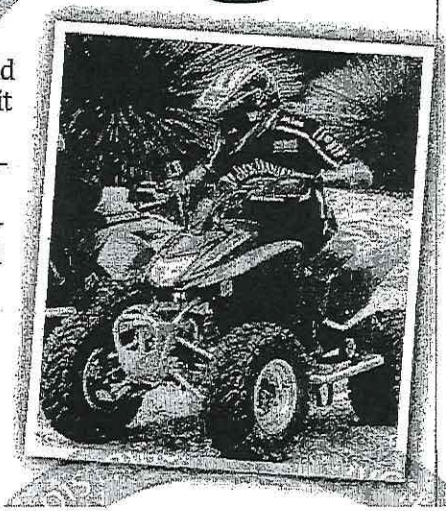
Manager of council-owned Wonga Beach Caravan Park, Bob Hando, said there were two or three riders who did "doughnuts and created a bit of noise".

"The majority of bike riders are great," he said.

"They just go fishing – they're nice and slow and quiet."

The community meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at 6.30pm at Wonga Beach State School.

All residents are welcome to attend.



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From: Bruce Clarke
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This morning I spent a few hours at Wonga Beach with s.73 irrelevant information I believe s.73 ir has been in touch with Cr. Abigail Noli regarding this issue, so maybe she could also shed light on this problem which is as big if not bigger than Illegal Campers. s.73 irrelevant inf took me on a tour of the hot spot access points for the quad bikes, and believe me, there are plenty. The skate park is an access point even though it has signage warning against vehicles on the beach. The toilets at Janbal Close is used frequently. The bollards that have been placed here at the property access path are so wide apart that a car can drive through even though it is a pedestrian path only, and also the chain can be lifted for access also. Daintree Palms estate (owned by Wroxall Investments) has 3 or more quad bike access points which are made by the owners of these bikes. The Caravan Park Boat Launching site is another popular entry for Quads, even though it has signage saying No vehicles on Beach and, To be used for boat launching and retrieval only. The northern end of Wonga is another hot spot. On high tides when there is no beach to travel on, the quads have been making there own tracks through the buffer zone with no regard for any vegetation. The Environmental impact on these areas is devastating. These quads are travelling Wonga Beach from the skate park to the mouth of the Daintree River. I could see the damage in the sand that these bikes make. s.73 ir mentioned that Four Mile Beach was once used for vehicles. This is quite true, as I drove on Four Mile quite often in my younger days. This was stopped due to the death of a motor cyclist on the beach. I hope we do not have to wait until this happens before the issue is addressed. It is a problem that will take a long term to address, as Illegal Camping is, but Illegal Camping has slowed since Council took action. These bikes also travel on the roads at Wonga unregistered. There would be no insurance for an accident on the beach, and maybe the Council would be held responsible (I don't know the legal aspects of this situation.)
My main two concerns are Safety Issues and the Environmental damage to the buffer zone, but there is a lot more at stake than just these two issues. Mentioned this morning where some ways that would slow the Quad bike issue down somewhat. These were, the use of the culled coconut trees to be placed across the access points that are not used by the public, upgrade signage to include prohibiting quad bikes on the beach, use of large rocks to prevent access, although some of the owners have removed large rocks with their bobcats.
It is a very serious issue, and I do think we can tackle it in some way. As per the Illegal Camping, we have to start somewhere.
Photos will be sent from another source.

Regards,

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