

CTS No. 02113/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

SUBJECT: Limited review of the Moreton Island Management Plan with regard to conditionally
registered vehicles.

TIMEFRAME

- Urgent

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **sign** the attached letter to the Premier advising that Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will shortly commence a process to amend the existing Moreton Island Management Plan to address the government's policy objective of adding to the types of vehicles that can be operated on Moreton Island.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- In 2006 [redacted] applied to QPWS for a permit to operate a [redacted] on Moreton Island. This application was denied as it was deemed the vehicle proposed did not comply with conditionally registered vehicles that were allowed to operate on Moreton Island at that time.
- The Moreton Island Management Plan (MIMP) was finalised and approved in 2007 and allowed for the continuation of conditionally registered quads, trikes and trail bikes for island residents and landowners. Other conditionally registered vehicles are not directly addressed in the MIMP.
- [redacted] have previously had the decision reviewed by the Queensland Ombudsman (2007) and a 12 month permit was issued for their Rhino due to the realisation the initial permit refusal was prior to the MIMP being enacted.
- Dune buggies and other types of recreational vehicles as well as agricultural and construction vehicles, such as Rhinos, have not been accepted under the limited access scheme for residents and landowners on Moreton Island. This issue is covered under the QPWS Operational Policy *Use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas* (**Attachment 1**).
- A request from the Premier in 2012 (**Attachment 2**) has asked for consideration to be given in taking appropriate action for the addition to the list of vehicles that can be driven on Moreton Island.
- Advice to the Premier in January 2013 in reply to CTS 18118/12 was that a limited review of the MIMP would be possible prior to the scheduled 2017 full review to progress this initiative of addressing the conditionally registered vehicles issue on Moreton Island. In particular the permitting of a 'Rhino' vehicle.
- The process of amending the management plan will take some time due to statutory requirements to undertake one round of public consultation on an amended draft plan, formally consider public submissions and obtain Governor-in-Council approval of a final amended plan.
- Amendment of the management plan will not remove any limitations which apply to the types of vehicles that are able to be operated on Moreton Island under powers or legislation administered by other government departments, such as the Queensland Police Service (**refer to Attachment 3**).

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – QPWS Operational Policy – Use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas
- Attachment 2 - CTS 18118/12
- Attachment 3 - CTS 12648/12

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Minister for National Parks,
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28 FEB 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
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Dear Premier

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2013 concerning a limited review of the Moreton Island Management Plan and reclassification of permitted vehicle types.

I have requested the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service give this matter appropriate priority to commence the process of amending the existing Moreton Island Management Plan with the aim to have this matter resolved by the end of the 2013 calendar year.

The process for amending a plan under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* requires one round of public consultation to be undertaken on the amendment (known as an amending plan), consideration of public submissions by the Minister and Governor-in-Council approval of a final amending plan.

While this action will resolve the management planning and policy issues from a park access perspective, the matter will still require concurrent resolution from the Department of Transport and Main Roads to progress the requirements for reclassification of this vehicle type to permit it to be conditionally registered, and any other requirements from the Queensland Police Service. I have requested the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing work with these agencies to assist in resolving any barriers to realising this in a timely fashion.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely


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Operational Policy

Plant and equipment

Use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas

Operational policies provide a framework for consistent application and interpretation of legislation and for the management of non-legislative matters by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) of the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM). Operational policies are not intended to be applied inflexibly in all circumstances. Individual circumstances may require a modified application of policy.

Policy subject

This policy sets out how conditional registration affects the use of vehicles on QPWS managed areas. It includes guidelines intended to support QPWS officers assessing the proposed use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas.

Background

All vehicles used on roads in QPWS managed areas, other than exempt vehicles, must be registered. This includes QPWS vehicles used for estate management and vehicles used by contractors, lessees, or other Government agencies.

Conditional registration is a valid form of registration and applies to non-standard vehicles that are ineligible for general registration. Where these vehicles must have access to roads conditional registration is required. All vehicles that comply with normal registration requirements are not eligible for conditional registration.

The *Nature Conservation (Protected Area Management) Regulation 2006* makes it an offence to operate a conditionally registered vehicle on a protected area without written approval and limits when an approval may be given. It is not possible to authorise a conditionally registered vehicle for private recreational use on a protected area.

Vehicles with conditional registration must comply with the conditions of use for that vehicle. Not all types of conditional registration require an approval from the road owner or manager as a condition of the registration. However, vehicles registered with the location limitations LO3 and/or LO6 (A) require permission from the road owner or manager regardless of the land tenure.

Vehicles without the LO3 or LO6 (A) location limitation, including some agricultural and construction vehicles, do not require QPWS authorisation to operate in a State forest, forest reserve or timber reserve.

Full details of the conditions for use and levels of access are outlined in the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) conditional registration guideline (PDF, 258.3kb*).

Definitions

QPWS managed area includes:

- protected areas (State land) including national park (scientific), national park, national park (Aboriginal land), national park (Torres Strait Islander land), national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land),

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national park (recovery), conservation park and resources reserve dedicated under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA).

- recreation areas (RAM areas) under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* (RAM Act).
- State forests (other than areas of State plantation forest), forest reserves and timber reserves managed under the *Forestry Act 1959*.

For the purpose of this policy, QPWS managed areas do not include marine parks under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

QPWS managed road includes any road that forms part of a QPWS managed area. Any areas dedicated to public use as a road (also known as dedicated or gazetted roads) are not QPWS managed roads.

Road for the purposes of this policy is taken to include any area that is open to or used by the public and is developed for, or has as one of its uses, the driving or riding of motor vehicles. This includes areas dedicated to public use as a road, but excludes areas declared under a regulation not to be a road.

There are various definitions of 'road' in Queensland legislation. Definitions relevant to the QPWS managed estate include those in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*, the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* and the *Land Act 1994*.

Vehicle as defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* includes any type of transport that moves on wheels (and hovercraft), but does not include a train or tram. A vehicle includes any item attached to the vehicle.

Agency vehicle includes all vehicles owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by DERM/QPWS for its officers to carry out their duties, including an officer's private vehicle that is agreed to be used to carry out official duties.

Non-agency vehicle includes all vehicles other than agency vehicles.

Non-standard vehicle is a vehicle that does not comply with the Queensland Road Safety Standards and as such is not eligible for regular registration or general operation on a road.

Exempt vehicle is defined by section 4 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* as (refer to the full regulation for further clarification and definition of terms):

- an agricultural implement, if it is being towed by an agricultural machine suitably matched to the implement; or another vehicle of a suitable size for towing the implement; or
- a trailer being towed by an agricultural machine that is being used for its intended agricultural purpose; or a conditionally registered vehicle with limited access registration; or
- a motorised golf buggy or other motorised machinery being used on a golf course or on a golf course car park, or a motorised golf buggy being used for directly crossing a road dividing a golf course; or
- a ride-on mower, other than a ride-on mower that is an agricultural machine, that is being used for mowing, and is: directly crossing a road; or crossing from one road related area to another road related area; or on a road related area; or
- walking speed equipment that is on a road only for: loading it onto, or unloading it from, another vehicle; or repositioning it at a work site; or
- a low powered motor vehicle (not more than 200 watts); or
- a vehicle that is not a motor vehicle or a trailer; or
- a vehicle being towed by a tow truck operating as a tow truck; or
- a racing vehicle being used on a racing track or in a related area for a racing track; or
- a motorbike being used in freestyle motocross in a freestyle motocross area; or

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- a motorbike being used in an observed trial in an observed trial area; or
- drawn plants being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle of a size suitable for towing the plant.

Policy statement

Agency vehicles

Agency vehicles that do not comply with requirements for full road registration, except exempt vehicles, require conditional registration to travel on a road, including a QPWS managed road.

Queensland DTMR has advised that Agency vehicles operating under conditional registration location restriction LO3 do not require written authorisation from DERM/QPWS when operating on any QPWS managed areas.

Agency vehicles operating under conditional registration on lands other than QPWS managed areas must have written authority from the owner or manager of the area.

Visitors, contractors and other non-agency vehicles

Non-agency vehicles may be authorised when used:

- by contractors, local government authorities and/or other government agencies undertaking approved management on the area
- by lessees and/or permittees undertaking an activity relevant to a valid authority over the area
- by neighbour/s dependent on the area for access between portions of their property
- by universities, non-government organisations and/or research institutions undertaking approved research or management activities on the area
- by people with mobility disabilities
- by any person undertaking law enforcement, emergency or rescue activities
- as part of recreational activities conducted under a group activity permit
- as part of commercial tourism activities conducted under a commercial activity permit

Authorisation will not be given for recreational activities other than as part of a group activity or commercial activity permit. Recreational use by individuals will not be authorised.

Authorisation may only be given if both the proposed activity and type of vehicle are considered safe, sustainable and appropriate. Authorisation must not be given if the type of vehicle is considered likely to:

- damage or significantly adversely affect the area's cultural or a natural resources; or
- pose a serious risk to the health or safety of the public.

For authorisation under group activity permits and commercial activity permits, the use of a non-standard vehicle must improve or be integral to the proposed activity's overall safety or sustainability.

Authorisation will be withdrawn

In the event that a conditionally registered vehicle is operated in any way other than that set out in the conditions of an authority or permit to operate in the QPWS managed area, the authorisation will be withdrawn by written notice.

Non-agency conditionally registered vehicles observed operating beyond the scope of their conditional registration should be reported to DTMR.

Use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas

Guidelines

Authorising conditional registered vehicles

The use of conditionally registered vehicles may be authorised:

- as part of another licence, permit, commercial activity agreement or other authority; or
- by a letter of authority given by the appropriate Senior Ranger, Operations Managers or Regional Manager; or
- in the case of persons with restricted mobility, by a letter of authorisation from the appropriate Ranger in Charge.

Assessing neighbour/s dependent on the area for access

Neighbours may be authorised:

- when the person owns or occupies the land; and
- when the sole purpose is going directly to or from the property; and
- the most direct and reasonable route to or from the land is through the QPWS managed area.

Moreton Island limited access scheme

Under the Moreton Island limited access scheme, authorisation may be given for conditionally registered vehicles to operate on QPWS managed roads within the Moreton Island Recreation Area via a *Service Permit Exemption*. This exemption applies to quads, trikes and trail bikes only. Dune buggies and other types of recreational vehicle will not be considered. This applies only to:

- residents and landholders on Moreton Island; and
- the extent permitted by the RAM Act, NCA, *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006* and any management plan for the area.

Assessing persons with restricted mobility

A conditionally registered vehicle may be authorised to access QPWS managed roads, management tracks or areas otherwise restricted to recreational vehicles (for example, management tracks accessing amenities blocks, beach access from camping sites) when it is used to provide access for people suffering from a condition that:

- is not temporary; and
- significantly restricts the person's mobility.

However, under no circumstances will these vehicles be authorised to access an area managed only for pedestrian or non-motorised access (for example, walking tracks).

Persons with restricted mobility will be required to provide a medical certificate:

- verifying the nature of the person's condition
- supporting the person's capacity to operate the vehicle in a range of outdoor environments (including unsurfaced and rough roads, on sand and in water crossings) shared with other vehicles (including four-wheel drives and motorbikes) operating at a range of speeds.

Reference materials

Guideline for conditionally registered vehicles in Queensland, Queensland Transport Form number 17, version 1.2, August 2008.

Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006

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QPWS Operational Policy: landscape classification system for visitor management

Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010

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Approved by

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Signature

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Dear Premier

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In line with the government's election commitment to facilitate access to national parks, officers from my department have commenced discussions with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), to attempt to progress a solution that would allow inclusion of this class of vehicle in the Moreton Island Limited Access Scheme.

I understand that the ultimate decision for the reclassification of the vehicle type to permit it to operate legally and safely on state roads and recreation areas rests with TMR..

I have obtained commitments from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing that the review of the Moreton Island Management Plan will consider an appropriate addition to the list of vehicles that can be driven on Moreton Island, and am advised that a limited review may be possible sooner than the scheduled review in 2017 to progress this initiative.

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NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT & RACING

DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON OFFICER (DLO) - RESPONSE TO MINISTER'S OFFICE QUERY

REQUEST DATE: 22 October 2012

ISSUE: Decision to refuse permission for [redacted] to operate a [redacted] vehicle on Moreton Island National Park and Recreation Area.

QUESTIONS:

- Provide step by step advice on what changes (and associated risks at every stage) need to be made to permit this activity?
- Provide information on the particulars of the vehicle from the original permit issued in 2005/6.

RESPONSE:

Steps required by QPWS (only);

1. Management Plan Review

Amend the Moreton Island National Park, Cape Moreton Conservation Park and Moreton Island Recreation Area Management Plan (the Management Plan), and add the required subset of this class of vehicle ('Utility - off road, 2 axles only, < 2 tonne GVM'), in the Moreton Island limited access scheme, alongside quads, trikes, and trail bikes.

The Management Plan is an approved management plan for the purposes of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA) and the Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 (RAM). The Management Plan was approved in 2007 and is not due for review until 2017.

The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* was amended in 2011 to simplify the amendment of existing management plans by removing the need for two rounds of consultation and the need to consult on the entire plan.

Amendment of a management plan must follow the processes prescribed by those Acts. This includes a mandatory round of formal public consultation, including advertising and receipt of public submissions. The minister is required to consider all submissions and approval by the Governor-in-Council is required for the amended management plan to take effect.

Amendment of the plan to facilitate approval of this additional type of conditionally registered vehicle is likely to take several months and divert existing limited resources from other priority business imperatives.

2. Limited Access Scheme Review

The Moreton Island limited access scheme allows for residents and landholders to be granted an authority to use conditionally registered quads, trikes and trail bikes for the purpose of transiting the recreation area and national park to or from their place of residence.

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The management plan (and the related Operational Policy) explicitly excludes other vehicle classes; it states that "*Dune buggies and other types of recreational vehicle will not be considered*". It should be noted that construction equipment such as backhoes are also conditionally registered, so it is necessary to define the types of conditionally registered vehicles that may be permitted.

A (fee exempt) Vehicle Access Permit issued by QPWS for island residents and landowners to use vehicles on the island is subject to the driver holding a drivers license, the vehicle being registered (or conditional registration) and (for conditionally registered vehicles) an area and route specific Police Permit.

QPWS worked closely with Island residents, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), during development of the Management Plan to establish the limited access scheme. QPWS continues to work closely with TMR and QPS in relation to conditional registration and road safety. Regardless of any change made to the Management Plan, DTMR and QPS agreement to a change to the limited access scheme would be required before any off road utility (such as protection of [redacted]) could be authorised to operate in the area. Note that a QPWS authority alone would not allow use of the vehicle, and that a QPS permit is also required.

3. Operational Policy and supporting document review

The Moreton Island limited access scheme, is outlined under the QPWS Operational Policy - Use of conditionally registered vehicles on QPWS managed areas. Permits are issued using a standard permit template and conditions.

Both documents require approval by the DDG QPWS, but amendments can be made quickly once the Limited Access Scheme and Management Plan are amended.

4. Particulars of the vehicle authorised in 2005/2006.

The vehicle authorised in 2006 was a [redacted].

- Please follow the attached link for pictures and vehicle specifications;
[http://www.atv.com/specs/yamaha/utility/2005/\[redacted\]/auto-4x4.html](http://www.atv.com/specs/yamaha/utility/2005/[redacted]/auto-4x4.html)
- Please follow the attached link to QTMR vehicle class information;
http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Registration/Conditional%20registration/Construction%20vehicles/cond_rego_utility_off_road.pdf

5. Additional background;

- In 2006, [redacted] imported a [redacted] and requested a permit to operate the vehicle in the Moreton Island National Park and Recreation Area under the provisions of the Moreton Island limited access scheme.
- The scheme allows for conditionally registered quads, trikes and trail bikes to be authorised for use by residents and land holders. The scheme does not allow for other types of conditionally registered vehicles to be authorised and this is given effect through the management plan.
- A [redacted] is classed by DTMR as an 'off road utility'. Off road utility vehicles are within the construction and agriculture classifications but not recreational vehicle classification. The permit was refused on the basis that the management plan did not allow

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for a permit to be granted for a conditionally registered vehicle other than a quad, trike or trail bike.

- On review of the decision and surrounding materials, the Queensland Ombudsman's office identified a procedural error in the finalisation of the management plan, which meant that QPWS was not yet bound by the management plan at the time the decision was made. Consequentially, QPWS granted a 12 months permit to the [redacted] to operate the vehicle.

In addition to the QPWS permission, the [redacted] held the conditional registration and permit from the Queensland Police Service required to operate the vehicle, however, both were subsequently withdrawn.

- It is understood that DTMR is reviewing the classification of conditionally registered vehicles with a view to including certain types of off-road utility vehicles such as the [redacted] in the conditionally registered recreational vehicle category.

Recommendation

It is **recommended** that QPWS liaise with DTMR and QPS regarding possible amendment of the classification of off-road utility vehicles, the Moreton Island limited access scheme and the management plan be amended to allow this type of vehicle to be authorised.

Note that the re-assignment of resources to amend the plan at any time in the immediate future will have flow on effects and cause potential delays to other priority business.

Note that the amendment will provide for other vehicle requests of this type to be approved in the limited access use area.

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CTS No. 19468/12

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Helicopter landing at Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, Cape York Peninsula
Aboriginal Land by [redacted] to ensure the protection of an indi

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Minister	[redacted]	
Dated	27/12/13	

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **Note** that in July 2012, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) signed a protocol with the Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust (Land Trust) to give effect to [redacted] request received in early 2012, to land a helicopter on Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land (CYPAL).
- **Note** that the Land Trust have responded favourably to [redacted] new request through the agreement of an amended and signed protocol.
- **Note** that the department has issued a new Authority.
- **Sign** the attached letter (**Attachment 3**) responding to the email enquiry of 17 December 2012 from Mr David Kempton MP (**Attachment 4**).

BACKGROUND

- Rinyirru (Lakefield) is Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land (CYPAL) that is freehold aboriginal land with a national park "overlay". Compliance with most native title future act processes over this land is realised through an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), which provides consent to an Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA).
- In May 2011, these agreements were signed by the State of Queensland. On 6 February 2012, the ILUA was registered with the National Native Title Tribunal and therefore, all dealings by the State over this land are bound by the conditions and schedules of these agreements.
- In early 2012, [redacted] made an application to land his helicopter on Lakefield. This triggered significant negotiations around the ability of the traditional owners to refuse the activity, in accordance with their native title rights and the ILUA and IMA, as the landing of a recreational aircraft was deemed to constitute a "Significant Activity" requiring Traditional owner consent.
- Following an internal review, the department developed a protocol with the Land Trust to enable this activity to occur and through which it can "routinely" consider other applications of a similar nature without need for case by case consent.
- While the legal ability exists to issue a permit to land a helicopter, these types of activities have been identified by the Trust as being "Significant Activities", (due to their ability to land anywhere) and subject to the drafting of a protocol.
- [redacted] application in September 2012, to land in new locations and during the seasonal closure, triggered an amendment to the existing July 2012 protocol.
- On 24 January 2013, the department signed a revised Aircraft Landing Authority protocol with the Land Trust for Rinyirru National Park, CYPAL (**Attachment 2**).
- On 24 January 2013, [redacted] was issued with an authority to land his helicopter, consistent with this protocol (**Attachment 1**).
- The protocol applies for one year from the date of signing until 24 January 2014 and establishes agreed conditions that will apply to the landing of aircraft, in order to facilitate what may become "regular" activities, only requiring comment rather than consent.

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KEY ISSUES

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Consultation:

- The department worked closely with the Land Trust to negotiate an acceptable arrangement on the protection of ar behalf within the constraints of the State's powers.

Legislation:

- IMAs are negotiated pursuant to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
- Schedule 5 (k) of the IMA recognises the granting of an aircraft landing authority as a Procedural Activity after three years of the agreement date until a protocol for these activities is agreed.
- Section 6.4(b) requires the State to seek the Land Trust's comments about a Procedural Activity and to (c) consider those comments before approving or conducting the activity.
- Schedule 6 (Section f (v)) of the IMA identifies "permits to use recreational craft" as a "Significant Activity". A "Significant Activity" requires the consent of the Land Trust prior to being granted or conducted.
- Section 6.11 (b) of the IMA requires the State to seek the Land Trust's consent to Significant Activities and (c) obtain this consent in writing.
- [redacted] original application for a Permit to use a recreational craft was made under the Nature Conservation (Admin) regulation, Pt 2, div 1, s 10(j)
- For an application for a relevant authority for a National park (CYPAL) to be considered, the delegate under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* must have regard to (amongst other matters) the IMA for the protected area.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Authority granted January 2013
- Attachment 2 - Indigenous Management Agreement – Protocol for granting of Aircraft Landing Authority (January 2013)
- Attachment 3 - Response letter for signature to Mr David Kempton MP
- Attachment 4 - Email from Mr David Kempton MP

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Conditions:

The following conditions apply to aircraft landings conducted under this authority:.

1. The authority holder must provide 24 hours written notice of intended aircraft landings to the Ranger in Charge Rinyirru (Lakefield) NP (CYPAL) Sarah Jess at Sarah.Jess@derm.qld.gov.au and the Land Trust tourism portfolio representative Les Harrigan at leslieharrigan@ [REDACTED]
2. The authority holder must maintain public liability insurance, licences and registrations appropriate to the operation of the aircraft.
3. The authority holder must ensure landings are conducted during daylight hours and do not occur within 50m of any person or vehicle at any time.
4. The authority holder must ensure the safety of all other users of the NP (CYPAL) at all times in relation to operation of the aircraft.
5. This authorisation does not authorise any commercial use or activity in relation to the use and operation of the aircraft in the NP (CYPAL).
6. This authorisation does not represent a guarantee that the authorised landing sites will be in a safe condition at the stated times. The pilot must ensure that the location is suitable for use under the prevailing weather conditions and that it is free of obstructions, including animals, at the times of landing and take-off.
7. The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport, and Racing is indemnified against any claims relating to property damage, or injury or death to persons, caused while landing on or taking off or attempting to land or take off from the location specified in this authorisation.

p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right

James Newman
Regional Director – Northern
Regional Operations West

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport, and Racing

Date

24 January 2013

NOTE: The location described above may not meet the "Guidelines for aeroplane landing areas' described in the Civil Aviation Advisory Publication No 92-1-(1).

Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land)

Indigenous Management Agreement — Protocol for Granting of Aircraft Landing Authority

between

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service for the State of Queensland

and

Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust

Recital

The Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) commenced on 21 June 2011 and sets out joint management provisions for the Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) (NP (CYPAL)).

This protocol applies only to the consideration and granting of Aircraft Landing Authorities for Rinyirru (Lakefield) NP (CYPAL) by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), for recreational purposes. This protocol does not apply to Aircraft Landing Authorities for commercial purposes.

This protocol replaces all previous protocols for the granting of aircraft landing authorities and applies to all authorities granted after the date on which the last party signs this protocol (protocol date).

Under the IMA, granting an Aircraft Landing Authority within three years of the agreement date is a routine activity unless a protocol for these authorities is agreed before that date. This protocol applies to the granting of Aircraft Landing Authorities for a period of one year from the protocol date.

The conditions stated in this protocol comprise the approved protocol for granting Aircraft Landing Authorities and form additional conditions of any Aircraft Landing Authority granted by the QPWS for Rinyirru (Lakefield) NP (CYPAL).

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust (the Land Trust) agree that QPWS can grant Aircraft Landing Authority with the following conditions:

1. An Aircraft Landing Authority can only be issued by QPWS after a correctly completed application form for Permit to Land Aircraft or Use Recreational Craft is received by QPWS.
2. An Aircraft Landing Authority can only be issued for an approved aircraft (helicopter) at the approved sites agreed by QPWS and the Land Trust (Schedule 1).
3. Additional approved sites can be considered and approved by QPWS and the Land Trust in writing at any time.
4. QPWS will install and maintain a routed sign consistent to the QPWS sign manual — Designated aircraft landing site — No Parking.
5. The applicant must provide 24 hours written notice of landing within the authorised period, unless otherwise advised, to the Ranger-in-Charge Rinyirru (Lakefield) NP (CYPAL) and the Land Trust tourism portfolio representative (Schedule 2).
6. The applicant must maintain public liability insurance, licences and registrations appropriate to the operation and maintenance of recreational aircraft.
7. Any additional vehicles to be used by the applicant during the activity must also be appropriately registered and insured for use on Queensland roads and conditional registrations do not apply.
8. An Aircraft Landing Authority can only be issued for use by the applicant during daylight hours.
9. The applicant must ensure landing at the authorised site does not occur within 50m of any person or vehicle at any time.
10. The applicant must ensure the safety of all other users of the NP (CYPAL) at all times in relation to operation of the aircraft.
11. The Aircraft Landing Authority will not apply for any commercial use or activity that creates revenue for the applicant in relation to the use and operation of aircraft in the NP (CYPAL).

Site no.	Coordinates	Description	Date approved
1.	In a 200m radius from: 14° 45' 59.0" S 144° 04' 54.0" E	South east of Hann Crossing—existing cleared and hardened pad. See attached image.	11 July 2012
2	In a 200m radius from: 14° 38' 48" S 144° 06' 51" E	200m upstream of the Bizant River camping area—open and grassy area adjacent to the river.	12 Dec 2012

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This 94th day of January 2013

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North Kennedy River

Lakefield Road

Hann Crossing

Landing Site
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144° 04' 54.0" E
(200m Buffer)

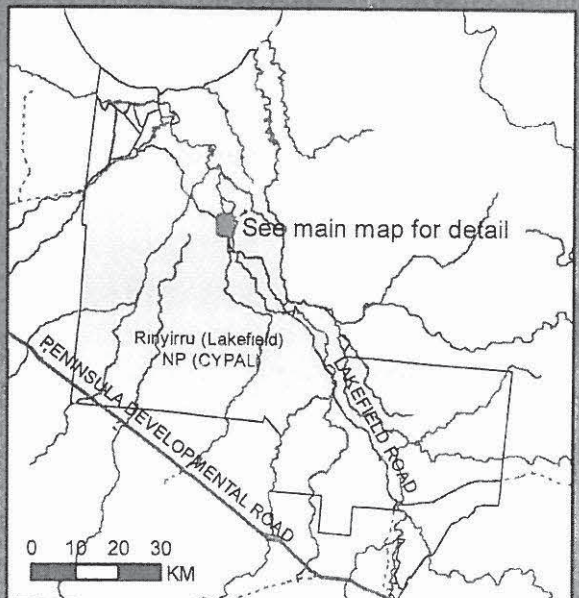
Lakefield Road

Authorised Landing Area One
Hann Crossing
Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (CYPAL)



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Hon Steve Dickson MP
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Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

Our Ref: CTS 19468/12

28 FEB 2013

Mr David Kempton MP
Member for Cook
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Dear Mr Kempton

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2012, making representation on behalf of [REDACTED] regarding his application for a permit to land a helicopter at Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land.

I am pleased to advise that in January 2013, a protocol was developed and signed between the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) and the Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust (the Trust), in response to [REDACTED] application.

Officers of the department have been working closely with the Trust to negotiate an amendment to the protocol to accommodate [REDACTED] landing sites and request to land during the seasonal park closure. An Authority for this activity has subsequently been issued.

I have instructed the department to ensure a review of the protocol is completed prior to expiry, to determine what improvements can be made and consent obtained from the Trust to expedite similar approvals in the future, noting that amendment is subject to agreement from the Trust.

I hope this information is of assistance when replying to your constituent. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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From: Newman James
Sent: Thursday, 3 January 2013 1:23 PM
To: Tucker Beth
Subject: FW: Helicopter landings Lakefield,

-----Original Message-----

From: Cook Electorate Office [mailto:COOK@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 17 December 2012 4:40 PM
To: Newman James
Cc: [redacted] Steve Dickson (Ministerial)
Subject: Helicopter landings Lakefield,

Dear James

I have been contacted by [redacted] who has made application for a permit to land a helicopter at a specific site in the Lakefield National Park for a specified period in 2013.

[redacted] made this application on your advice that it was a requirement under the terms of the Indigenous Management Agreement.

If this is the case then the time in respect of which you should have made a decision has well passed.

I have only had a scant opportunity to peruse the document and question whether a permit is required at all.

Given that 3 years have not elapsed since the signing of the agreement the landing of a helicopter would appear to be a routine activity (section 6.2 granting an aircraft landing authority) which does not require notification be given to or consent obtained from the Land Trust unless a protocol for the activity has been agreed schedule 4 Routine Activities item (I)

I understand there is no such protocol in place.

If I am correct (and I am sure you will correct me if I am not) [redacted] does not require the consent of the land trust and therefore you are in a position to issue him with a permit immediately (if he in fact requires one at all.)

It appears from clause 6.2 no permit is required

I would be pleased if you could confirm within 7 days that either a permit is not required or you will issue the permit immediately.

I look forward to your reply

Regards

David Kempton

Member for Cook
Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: 2013 National Mountain Bike Marathon Championship – Herberton Range State Forest - Atherton

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TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required by 22 February 2013 to allow time for further planning associated with this event.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that the Tablelands Integrated Mountain Biking Alliance (TiMBA) propose to invite the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, to launch the 2013 National Mountain Bike Marathon Championship, to be held on Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) estate near Atherton, on 21 April 2013.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Cycling Australia and Mountain Bike Australia are co-hosting the 2013 Australian National Mountain Bike Marathon championship with Tableland Cycle Sports (TCS), an Atherton Tablelands based club focussed on cycling activity, on 21 April 2013.
- The event will be held in the Herberton Range State Forest and Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve, now named Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park, immediately adjacent of the Town of Atherton. These tenures are managed by QPWS.
- The proposed track will include QPWS purpose built mountain bike single trail, management roads and fire trails on QPWS estate, over a 29 km circuit with 1100 m vertical climbing. Elite riders will be required to complete three circuits on the event day.
- The mountain bike tracks are being constructed under Capital Works funding from QPWS with the current stage (2012-2013 Financial Year) committing \$250,000. Further development stages are currently under review pending funding availability.
- Some of the historic mountain bike trail construction has been developed by local clubs under a Memorandum of Understanding with QPWS.
- The Atherton Gun Club and Atherton Rifle Club have agreed to provide their club infrastructure (covered staging area, toilets, kitchens, etc) to help support the hosting of the event. These are located immediately adjacent to the state forest.
- The event is likely to attract between 300 and 500 riders from across Australia. With organising and support crews, media and spectators, the event could involve between 1000 and 1500 attendees.
- The event is already being presented as having positive economic benefits for the local Atherton and Tablelands community.
- TiMBA and TCS have been very positive about the QPWS Mountain Bike Trail development and have indicated a strong interest in having the Minister involved in, or launching, the National Event.
- A further suggested option is for this event to provide the basis for the Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park to be opened by the Minister.
- The event is seen as being a positive message for QPWS in providing access to its reserves, developing partnerships with recreational users and the development of quality visitor infrastructure.
- Consultation:** Tablelands Integrated Mountain Biking Alliance (TiMBA) Chair, Mr Michael Lawrence, Tableland Cycle Sports (TCS) President, Mr Mark Knowles and Race Director, Mr David Prete, Tablelands Regional Council Facilities Manager, Mr Dean Davidson.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: A/Minister for National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing

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Minister.....	
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SUBJECT: Feral Animal Control, including Horses at Carnarvon National Park

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is urgent and is required prior to 4 March, 2013 - the scheduled date for the control program to commence.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) intends to continue to implement its control effort on feral horses by aerial shooting at Mount Moffatt, Buckland and Ka Ka Mundi Sections of Carnarvon National Park in March 2013; and
- note** proposed operations will be in compliance with relevant statutory obligations, departmental policies and procedural guides.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Feral animals, horses, pigs and cattle are having a significant impact on the natural and cultural values within Carnarvon National Park (the Park).
- In February 2006, a comprehensive aerial survey was conducted over the Park using a nationally validated survey method. This survey returned a population estimate of 12,600 feral horses in the region and over 4,300 on the Park itself.
- In 2007, a plan for the management of feral horses and other pest animal species at the Park was developed in consultation with park neighbours, Traditional Owners, AgForce, Wildlife Queensland, Bush Heritage Australia, RSPCA Queensland and Biosecurity Queensland. The plan
 - comprehensively addressed the justification for implementing effective control actions
 - systematically reviewed control options, both lethal and non-lethal
 - critically reviewed all related animal welfare issues
 - charts a detailed action plan to effectively achieve the objectives being sought.
- Aerial and ground shooting, combined with strategic fencing are the principal control methods that have been used at the Park. Mustering by contractors has also been attempted in two large areas totalling about 88 000 hectares, but no animals were able to be removed.
- In areas with rugged terrain and limited access, aerial shooting is considered to be the most appropriate and humane control method.
- Since August 2007, just over 6,600 feral horses and 350 feral pigs have been humanely destroyed.
- On-going control efforts over several years are critical to the success of this program in achieving a sustained reduction in the density of feral horses and an associated recovery of the key natural and cultural heritage values at the Park.
- Consultation:** This feral horse management program continues to receive the widespread support from the conservation sector led by the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and the National Parks Association of Queensland.
- Five independent operational reviews by Biosecurity Queensland (BQ) and RSPCA (Qld) at the Park and four at Rokeby and Boodjamulla National Park verified full compliance with nationally recognised model codes of practice, standard operating procedures and best practice humane destruction outcomes.

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	Name: Jason Jacobi Position: A/Executive Director Tel No: 3330 5272	Name: Position: Tel No:	

- *Key Communication Messages:* QPWS intends to run the same media profile for this year's program as adopted previously. No pre-emptive announcements of field operations would be made and attempts would be made to foster joint responses with BQ, WPSQ and RSPCA (Qld) to any issues raised.
- \$85,000 (excluding wages) has been allocated to this project under the 2012-2013 QPWS Strategic Pest Management program.
- No additional system development or enhancement is required and existing trained staffing resources will be deployed.

PROPOSED ACTION

- A sixth phase of the aerial shooting program is planned for the week commencing 4 March 2013. Depending on conditions, an alternative date for the operation may be during the week commencing 1 April 2013.
- Proposed operations will be in compliance with relevant statutory obligations, departmental policies and procedural guides.
- The Director, Conservation Management Branch (QPWS) will be the primary contact for coordinating any media responses and input from organisations represented on the stakeholder review committee to ensure consistency of message.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Lethal feral horse control programs generally have the potential to precipitate vocal opposition from some special interest groups. QPWS has developed and implements 'best practice' operating standards that have proven to be an effective means of mitigating against the negative comments that may be promoted by others in the media.
- When allowed to reach high levels, the feral horse population causes serious environmental degradation on the Park, impacts on the safety of park visitors and also impacts on the productive capacity of surrounding leasehold lands. The department is legally obligated to redress these threatening processes.
- The feral horse control program has demonstrated success in reducing feral horse populations, reducing environmental impacts and potential for horses to impact on surrounding leasehold land production values.
- The success of this program has led to a reduction in required frequency of aerial control requirements from annual control to one in two or three years depending on results of population and environmental impact monitoring across the Park.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

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Dated	4/4/13	

SUBJECT: Acquisition of land for addition to the protected area estate

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this brief is required as soon as possible as the property is currently on the market.

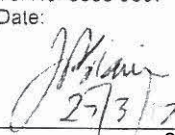
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve the acquisition of lot 11 on SP210443 (known as protection of an indigenous place), situated near the town of Stanthorpe on the New England Tableland, for inclusion in the protected area estate as conservation park under section 29(1)(d) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

BACKGROUND/ISSUES

- This brief was initiated from the State Land Acquisition Branch within the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP).
- Lot 11 on SP210443 is a 20.5 hectare property wedged between two sections of Broadwater State Forest that has recently been made available for the Government to purchase by the Landholder protection of an indigenous place (Attachment 1).
- The property is of high conservation value and is also regarded as an important acquisition due to its strategic position in the landscape, which will assist in the holistic management of the area, improve recreational visitor access to existing state forests and reduce management costs over time.
- The Girraween Management Unit of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) currently manages the two parcels of land that make up Broadwater State Forest as separate entities.
- The acquisition of lot 11 on SP210443 will bridge the gap between these two areas and in doing so will allow QPWS to administer the land as one contiguous unit. This, in turn, will help reduce threatening processes and lead to improved management outcomes across the broader landscape.
- The Girraween Management Unit Visitor Management Strategy and the Granite Belt Wine and Tourism organisation promotes bushwalking, horse riding, mountain bike riding and orienteering to occur in Broadwater State Forest, as it is only five minutes from the town of Stanthorpe. Local tourist operators such as Happy Valley Retreat would benefit from Broadwater State Forest encouraging a variety of visitor opportunities. Currently, visitors cannot access one section of the state forest from the other.
- This block predominately consists of *Eucalyptus andrewsii* and *E. youmanii* woodland with scattered stands of *E. prava*, *Angophora floribunda* and *Callitris endlicheri*. The understory consists of a variety of shrubs and is likely to include the endangered *Boronia repanda* and *Tylophora woollsii*, and it is highly likely that other vulnerable species such as spotted-tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus maculatus*), powerful owl (*Ninox strenua*), glossy black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*), *Hibbertia elata*, *Conospermum burgessii* and *Rulingia hermannifolia* exist on the property as well.
- In addition, the property is in good condition with very little erosion and habitat disturbance. A detailed assessment of the property is attached (Attachment 2).
- The block was previously listed at \$80,000 and is now currently listed for \$50,000, which appears less than other properties of this size in the area and represents a very small proportion of the Government's overall acquisitions budget.

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- *Budget:* The acquisition of this parcel of land will be covered from the State's land acquisitions budget held by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. All capital expenses and actions relating to the acquisition and transfer of this land will be paid for and completed by EHP.
- This acquisition will not require any increase in operational funding as it is contiguous with existing estate, and is relatively small in size.
- *Consultation:* QPWS staff from the Girraween Management Unit have been consulted and are in support of this proposal.
- *Legislation:* Section 29(1)(d) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* pertaining to the dedication of land as Conservation Park

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Locality Map
- Attachment 2 - Property assessment

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

SUBJECT: Townsville - potential Ministerial visit

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TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is not urgent.

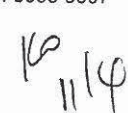
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the following events for a potential visit to Townsville:
 - the second stage of the 'Cape Pallarenda Trails' capital works project will be complete and ready for the Minister to officially open on 17 to 19 May 2013;
 - Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has allocated \$300 000 to a capital upgrade of 'The Forts' complex on Magnetic Island National Park with \$50 000 in planning now underway; and
 - an aerial shoot of feral pigs is planned for Bowling Green Bay National Park on 8 and 9 May 2013.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The 'Cape Pallarenda Trails' is the collective name given to the recreational trails on the Townsville Town Common and Cape Pallarenda conservation park in Townsville.
- By the end of April 2013, QPWS will have completed the second stage of a \$380 000 capital project to enhance the Cape Pallarenda Trails (**Attachment 1**).
- Since October 2012, QPWS has committed to building 3.6km of new shared trail to create a 7.6km loop around Freshwater Lagoon, a wetland on the Townsville Town Common Conservation Park.
- The Cape Pallarenda Trails now consist of:
 - 10.1km of mountain bike trails
 - 11.1km of walking trails
 - 13.7km of shared trails.
- Walkers and runners can use all 34.9km and mountain bike riders have access to 23.8km of trail, accessible from a choice of trailheads within 10km of the Townsville CBD, and providing an outstanding recreational opportunity close to a city centre.
- In June 2011, the Town Common Working Group was established to enable the land owners (Townsville City Council, Department of Defence and QPWS) to work collaboratively and prevent duplication of effort.
- A concept plan titled 'Revitalising the Townsville Town Common' was developed, with the Cape Pallarenda Trails being a foundation to the overall concept (**Attachment 2**).
- Another project to start in April 2013 is the \$300 000 upgrade of 'The Forts' complex on Magnetic Island, which will result in the upgrade of the walking track and enhancement of the area's interpretative material and car parking arrangements.

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- 'The Forts' is the most popular national park visitor site on Magnetic Island and comprises a walking track network, lookouts and significant World War II historical infrastructure.
- On 8, 9 and 10 May 2013, a strategic pest management project for the control of feral pigs will be undertaken within the RAMSAR listed wetlands of Bowling Green Bay National Park.
- The Bowling Green Bay feral pig control work is an opportunity for the Minister to promote the outcomes of the control program and QPWS's broader efforts in feral animal control and the specialised skills of its staff undertaking this work.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Creating the Freshwater Loop Shared Trail
- Attachment 2 - Revitalising the Townsville Town Common

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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SUBJECT: Proposed acquisition of Bingara (part), Werewilka and Boorara

TIMEFRAME

- The briefing note was requested by the Minister's Office for consideration as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that the department has assessed the new proposed boundary alignment for the Bingara property as discussed in a Ministerial meeting held on 26 March 2013 (**Attachment 1**);
- note** that the assessment confirms that Bingara, Werewilka and Boorara are all suitable for acquisition as national park, only subject to ongoing operational funding;
- note** that the costings for management of Bingara (part), Werewilka and Boorara have been updated and remain unfunded and should be used for the purposes of negotiating an acceptable funding arrangement with officers of EHP (**Attachment 2**);
- note** that the future grazing of Bingara (part), Werewilka and Boorara is not supported and would significantly compromise their conservation value and increase annual costs for management; and
- note** that alternate management arrangements may be available with private conservancies. However, this would be subject to further investigation of public liability issues and legislative change.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- This brief is in addition to previous Ministerial Deputation Brief (**Attachment 1**) and is in response to further information requested regarding the potential acquisition of Bingara (part), Werewilka and Boorara.
- The new proposed acquisition of Bingara (part), Werewilka and Boorara, adjacent to Currawinya National Park, would form a very large contiguous protected area of 339,878 hectares.
- The proposed acquisition area contains a significant portion of the upper catchment of Werewilka and Boorara Creek which flow into the lake systems of the RAMSAR listed (internationally recognised), Currawinya National Park.
- Active artesian springs, listed as an endangered ecological community under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC), are an important feature of the proposal and harbour an array of endemic species and isolated populations of both flora and fauna. The Tunca Springs area on Bingara is highly significant.
- Grazing of the proposed acquisition areas is not supported due to the high conservation value of the RAMSAR area and the springs. Grazing is a threatening process in these vegetation types. The production value of livestock feed in these areas is marginal, and much of this area is not currently grazed. There is also very little water for stock in these areas.
- (**Attachment 3**) details the area in the southern part of Bingara that the State would seek to acquire. If part of this area is not included in the offer of sale, then the State would need to reconsider the remaining values and priority for acquisition (**Attachment 4 and 5**).
- Thargomindah has become an important hub for tourists who are travelling across the southwest of Queensland towards South Australia and New South Wales. The acquisition of these properties provides an opportunity to establish a circuit route for tourists to travel from Euro to Currawinya, up through the new acquisition area (Boorara) and Lake Bindegolly and back to Thargomindah.

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- There are significant economies of scale and efficiencies when managing several large, contiguous parcels of land.
- Due to the distances involved in managing these properties, it will be necessary to establish a new management base in a central location. The preferred location from preliminary assessments is the Werewilka homestead site. Having separate management bases over one large park is consistent with the effective management arrangements of other large and difficult to access parks, such as Carnarvon National Park where there are three management bases.
- Although the area proposed for acquisition has been increased, the capital funding required for fences has not changed significantly due to the savings in managing contiguous areas. Note that this figure would need to be dramatically increased if grazing was permitted.
- Management costs estimated in previous briefing material have been updated to reflect the proposed acquisition of Boorara. (Refer below and for additional detail – **Refer Attachment 5**)

Item	Initial Costs (Capital) \$	Ongoing annual operating costs \$	Notes
Labour costs		250,000	Based on labour cost of three rangers (WOO5, WOO4, WOO3)
Work-base setup	500,000		Capital Works investment for new Ranger base, upgrade of existing facilities, and purchase of essential management infrastructure (workshop) and equipment (tractor)
House	350,000		Capital Works investment for ranger accommodation based at Werewilka (remote area)
Day-to-day Operating costs		80,000	Annual operating costs required for vehicles, fuel, electricity, maintenance etc.
Strategic Pest & Fire Projects		65,000	Annual strategic funding for priority fire and pest projects
Essential Capital funding	150,000	80,000	Annual Capital Works investments for boundary fences (based on adjacent parks)
Non-essential Capital funding	300,000		Capital Works investment for visitor facilities (camping, picnic area)
TOTAL	\$1.3M	\$445,000	

- Alternate management options – potential caretaker agreements with the existing lessees or management agreements with non-government agencies, such as Bush Heritage Australia, could be investigated to minimise management costs. These kinds of arrangements do not yet exist on other QPWS managed areas and raise significant public liability and lease issues. This option requires legislative change and further policy development.

MINISTER'S COMMENT

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Previous Ministerial Deputation Brief
- Attachment 2 - Bingara area of interest
- Attachment 3 - Values of proposed acquisitions
- Attachment 4 - Detailed Values Assessment
- Attachment 5 – Revised cost estimate

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Meeting details: 12.15pm on Wednesday 26 March 2013
at Parliament House

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Mr Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego

The Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

The Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources
and Mines

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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing**

SUBJECT: Succinct description of key subject(s) to be raised at meeting

DEP REP: Jason Jacobi, Executive Director – Regional Operations West, Queensland
Park and Wildlife Service on telephone (07) 3330 5272.

BACKGROUND

- [REDACTED], of [REDACTED] Cunnamulla, have made representations to Mr Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego, regarding the potential acquisition by the State of part of Bingara (a grazing lease) for national park purposes.
- Bingara is located approximately 30km west of Eulo on the Adventure Way in south-west Queensland. (**Attachment 1**).
- [REDACTED] are willing to sell part of Bingara, but have voiced frustration by the delay in definitive advice being provided to them.
- Mr Hobbs has requested the meeting with relevant Ministers to resolve the matter.
- Both the western portion of Bingara and an adjacent grazing lease (Werewilka) have been assessed and are considered suitable for national park purposes. (**Attachment 2**) The lessees of Bingara, as well as the lessee of Werewilka, are willing vendors.
- The lessees of Bingara want to subdivide their lease, sell the western portion, and amalgamate the eastern severance with their other adjoining property, Merimo, for build-up purposes.
- Whilst the subdivision of rural leases is generally not supported, in certain circumstances a subdivision may be approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NRM) (**Attachment 3**).
- The western half of Bingara (approx 45,000 hectares) and Werewilka (approx 53,377 hectares) are situated in the Mulga Lands bioregion. Both properties have been offered to the government for purchase by the present lessees, the [REDACTED] family at Bingara and [REDACTED] at Werewilka, in order for the land to be managed and preserved for future generations as national park.
- The former Protected Area Selection Panel (representing officers from the departments of Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP), Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), NPRSR and NRM) approved the acquisition of both properties as high priority, following assessments in early 2012.
- A market valuation for both properties was subsequently undertaken establishing a range of \$1.4 to \$1.45 million for the area of interest on Bingara and \$1.75 to \$1.8 million for Werewilka (excluding GST).

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- EHP has sought Commonwealth Government National Reserve System (NRS) funding for the purchase of these properties. While feedback from the Commonwealth Government on the funding submission has not yet been received, EHP is in a position where it can purchase these lands outright, subject to Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing approval to accept responsibility for the ongoing management of these lands.
- The proposed acquisition of Werewilka and the western part of Bingara would be a very significant addition to the reserve system of the Mulga Lands Bioregion, adding to comprehensiveness, representativeness, adequacy and the protection of endangered communities and species.
- The proposed properties lie within the poorly represented West Warrego Subregion of the Mulga Lands Bioregion. Werewilka-Bingara includes 16 regional ecosystems (REs), of which one is endangered and five are 'of concern'. Seven regional ecosystems are of high to very high priority for representation, including one that consists of springs on alluvia. Active springs with endangered plants and animals are a very high value of the property.
- The proposal is part of a planned highly significant conservation area linking the existing protected areas of Currawinya and Lake Bingegolly. Ninety nine percent of the area is listed as of state significance for its context and connectivity.
- This proposed acquisition also has the potential to significantly increase tourism within south-west Queensland. A range of opportunities exist in the area for recreational activities as well as opportunities for ecotourism focused on the artesian springs and other scenic locations throughout the property. The Yowah opal fossicking area is located within the Bingara area of interest and is also considered a tourist attraction.
- Capital set-up costs would be covered by the EHP acquisition budget and NRS funding, if received.
- Potential management agreements with the existing lessees or with non-government agencies such as Bush Heritage Australia could be sought to minimise management costs.

CURRENT ISSUES

- EHP has expressed interest in the purchase of part of Bingara Pastoral Holding for national park.
- Once the protection of an indiv have expressed an interest in selling the property to the Queensland Government, however, request timely advice so as to allow future planning and management of the property.
- While EHP may fund the purchase of the properties, NPRSR have the ongoing management responsibility for national parks in Queensland.
- Day-to-day management of national parks requires significant ongoing funding. An estimate of costs is tabled below:

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Labour costs		170,000	Based on labour cost of two rangers (WOO5, WOO4)
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House	350,000		Capital Works investment for ranger house (remote area)
Day-to-day Operating costs		80,000	Annual operating costs required for vehicles, fuel, electricity, maintenance etc.
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Essential Capital funding	150,000	80,000	Annual Capital Works investments for boundary fences (based on adjacent parks)
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- [ce the protection of an ind] are willing vendors for the sale of the western portion of Bingara.

Suggested Response

- NPRSR recognises that Bingara has significant environmental values.
- EHP is awaiting confirmation of a funding application through the Australian Government's funding initiative, before it is in a position to begin negotiations

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Locality map

Attachment 2 - National park proposal – Werewilka-Bingara

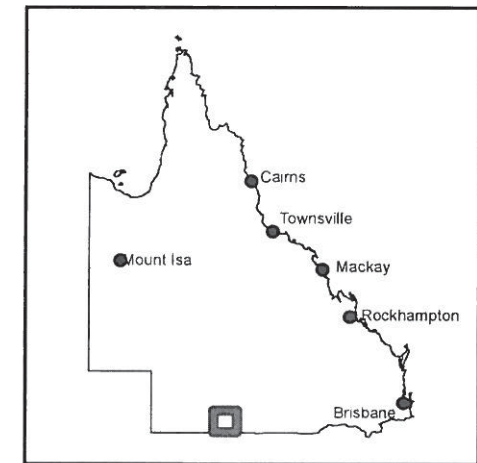
Attachment 3 - Subdivision reply from DNRM

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Aerial Imagery Map

Bingara
Werewilka &
Boorara

-  Bingara area of interest
-  Werewilka
-  Boorara



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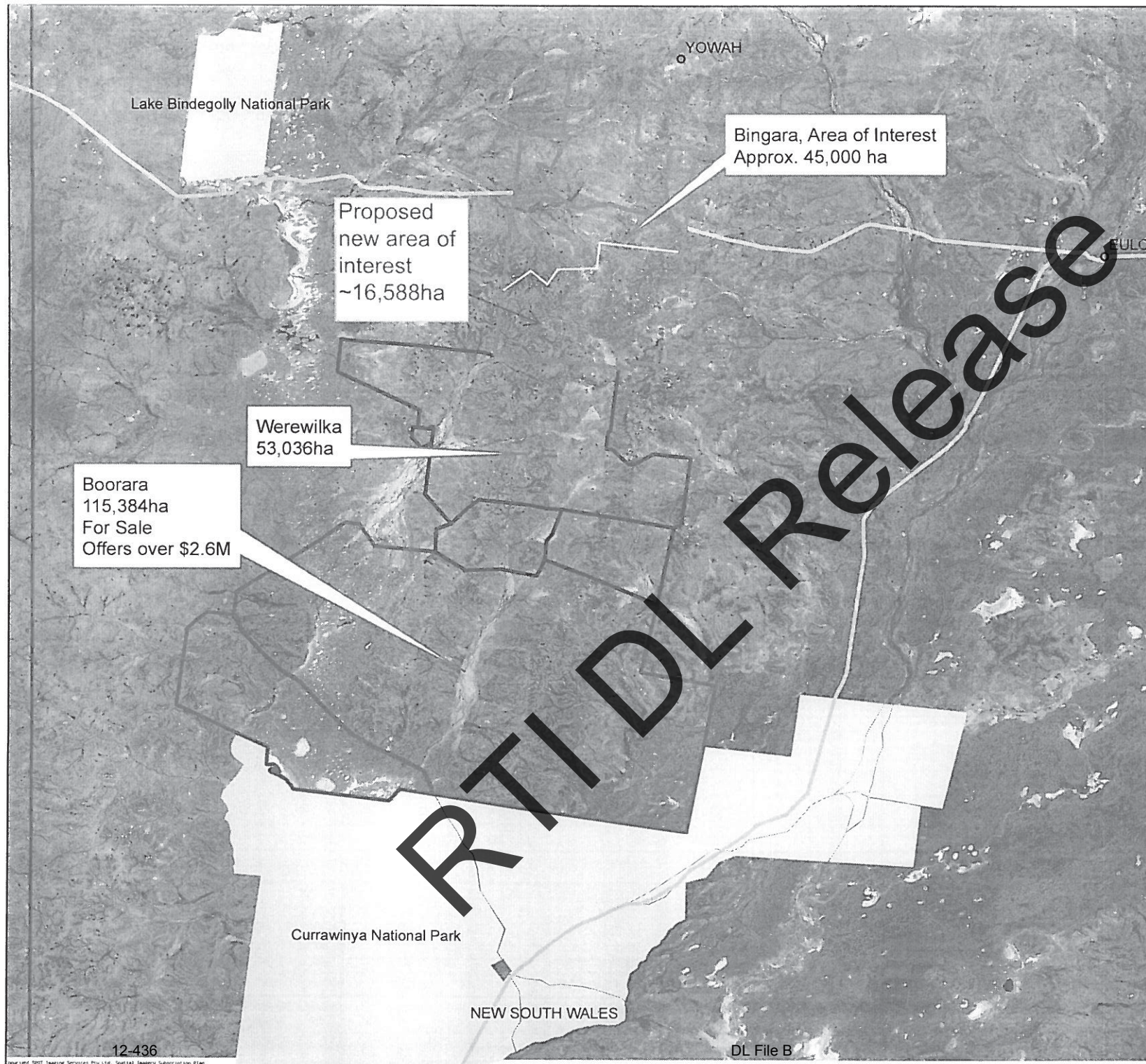
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Attachment 2 - Protected area selection criteria for Boorara, Werewilka and part of Bingara

Criteria	Rating	Description
Contribution to comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system	Very High	The properties are located in the under-represented Mulga Lands bioregion and West Warrego Subregion. Boorara also covers parts of Urisino Sandplains and Cutaburra-Paroo Subregions. They include 23 regional ecosystems, 12 of which are of high to very high priority for reservation. Artesian Springs are a priority for protection in the bioregion.
Resilience to climate change (connectivity, threat mitigation, refugia)	Very High	The proposal will protect a large part of the catchment of the Ramsar listed Currawinya National Park, and this will increase the resilience of the area. Active artesian springs on the property are vital refugia for endemic spring species and provide water for other wildlife in even the driest times.
Conservation of ecosystem services	High	Contains almost the entire catchment of Werewilka Creek and Boorara Creek which flow into the Currawinya Lakes Ramsar and Directory of Important Wetlands in Currawinya National Park.
Contribution to adequacy at landscape or protected area level	High	Boorara-Werewilka-Bingara will conserve a large continuous area of Mulga woodlands in good condition, as well as alluvial systems, so contributed to landscape-level adequacy. The protected area will be large enough to manage successfully.
Conservation of priority ecosystems and species	High	One of the REs on the proposal consists of springs on alluvia and is home to a number of rare and threatened species. Nine threatened species including four plant and five animal species have been recorded. One of the REs is endangered and nine are 'of concern'. Priority ecosystems include EPBC-listed spring ecosystems and other poorly represented ecosystems (open grasslands; stony residuals).
Representation of geological features, freshwater systems or wetlands	Very High	The area includes good representation of granite outcrops associated with artesian springs. The property is a natural discharge area for the Great Artesian Basin as evidenced by the mound springs in the area.
Socioeconomic benefits	High	The property is likely to have high values for ecotourism in the area. The proposal will extend the size of Currawinya National Park, which is iconic for the Bilby enclosure and the Lakes, from 154,870 hectares to approx. 339,878 hectares.
Cultural values	Very High	Significant Indigenous and European cultural sites have been recorded on the proposal.
Current condition (poor to very good)	Good to Very Good	The Werewilka and Bingara are in good condition and there is adequate pest and weed management. Few weed and pest species have been recorded. Boorara will require a field inspection to determine the condition of the property.
Practicality of management	Medium	The properties can be managed in conjunction with other areas but would require additional resourcing. Improved management of Currawinya NP will be gained due to controlling activities on Boorara.
Level of threat if Boorara, Werewilka and Bingara is not acquired	Medium	Exploration leases exist over part of the proposal and a small mining lease for opal fossicking exists on part of Bingara. If the landholder changes there is a risk of poorer land management in the future

Photos



Key

- 1 – Granite Springs (Werewilka)
- 2 – Fish Springs (Werewilka)
- 3 – Regional Ecosystem 6.7.14; This RE has very poor representation in protected areas
- 4 – Tunca Springs (Bingara)

Further information requested by the Ministers Office regarding detail on initial and ongoing cost estimates.

- The proposed acquisition properties have not been inspected from an infrastructure and day-to-day management perspective. As such it is unknown what condition the essential management infrastructure is currently in (boundary fences, houses, sheds, water). The costs of providing this infrastructure, or utilising existing infrastructure can be highly variable. The acquisition of Binya National Park in 2008 illustrates this issue. Binya is a relatively small park in comparison to the proposed acquisitions and has required significant investment totalling approximately \$410,000 over the past 5 years. These investments have included: power supply infrastructure upgrades, water supply upgrades, septic upgrade, and boundary fence replacement, shed repairs, house repairs with a further investment into the homestead of over \$150,000 needed to bring it up to a habitable standard. Further capital investment of \$170,000 into fencing has been approved.
- Further detailed analysis of the initial capital costs and ongoing operational costs for these proposed acquisitions have been provided in the below table. Discussions with EHP staff have indicated that the estimates provided below will be acceptable for negotiating funding arrangements.
- If the below estimates are insufficient and definitive costing's required, QPWS Regional representatives will need to conduct a full site inspection of the proposed acquisitions. It is anticipated that this could be undertaken within a four week timeframe.

ATTACHMENT 5 – Revised Cost Estimate

Item	Initial Costs (Capital) \$	Ongoing annual operating costs \$	Notes	Further detailed analysis
Labour costs		250,000	Based on labour cost of three rangers WOO5, WOO4, WOO3	WOO5 \$76,708.82, WOO4 \$68,086.05, WOO3 \$59,622.73 + remote area allowances, training, PPE etc. The Southern Mulga Management Unit currently manages Currawinya, Binya, and Lake Bindigolly NPs. This unit consisted of 5 staff, but was recently reduced to four staff following the recent MOG changes. Current staff levels consist of an OO6, OO5, OO4, and OO3 (part time). The OO6 and OO2 are based in Thargomindah, and the OO5 and OO4 at Currawinya. Due to the vast area of the proposed acquisitions, it will be necessary to establish a new Ranger base to ensure effective management and to meet community expectations. This new unit will consist of three additional staff including an OO5, OO4, and an OO3. The location of these staff will be Werewilka or Boorora depending on location, suitability, and standard of existing infrastructure, including housing and sheds etc. Both OO5's (existing and proposed) will be in charge of their respective areas and will report to the OO6 position in Thargomindah.
Work-base setup	120,000		Capital Works investment for new Ranger base, upgrade of exiting facilities, and purchase of essential management infrastructure (workshop) and equipment (tractor).	As a result of further investigation, it has become apparent that the Boorora homestead complex may be suitable to use as a new ranger base. While an on ground inspection has not occurred, the capital investment has been considerably reduced from \$500,000 to \$120,000 to reflect the new information.
House	100,000		Capital Works investment for ranger house based at Werewilka (remote area) This figure may be able to be significantly reduced if the proposed acquisition	As a result of further investigation, it has become apparent that the Boorora homestead complex may be suitable to use as a new ranger housing. While an on ground inspection has not occurred, the capital investment has been considerably reduced from \$350,000 to \$100,000 to reflect the new information.

			includes the Boorora Homestead.	
Day-to-day Operating costs		80,000	Annual operating costs required for vehicles, fuel electricity general infrastructure maintenance, etc.	2 vehicles @ \$24,000 each/annum Fuel for vehicles \$8,000 each/annum, Fuel for tractor \$5,000/annum Misc - electricity (house and ranger base) General infrastructure maintenance etc \$16,000.
Strategic Pest & Fire Projects		65,000	Annual strategic funding for priority fire and pest projects	Includes infrastructure protection burning, Fuel reduction burning, Feral animal control - pig, goat, and wild dog control – includes mustering, trapping, ground and aerial baiting, ground and aerial shooting, Purchase of weed control herbicide
Essential Capital funding	150,000	80,000	Annual Capital Works investments for boundary fences based on investment required on adjacent parks	Please note that boundary fence inspections have not occurred and that these figures are an estimation of initial and ongoing costs. Fencing costs can be highly variable due to many factors including: terrain, remoteness, contractor availability, accessibility, number of creek/river crossings, survey requirements, clearing requirements, drainage requirements, existing fence removal, neighbour contributions, cultural inspections etc. The proposed acquisitions have an external boundary of approximately 250kms. Average costs for a fence in western Queensland is \$9,100/km, made up of the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Survey \$1,500/km o Clearing \$2500/km o Materials \$2000/km o Construction \$3100/km
Non-essential Capital funding	300,000		Capital Works investment for visitor facilities	Camping area, picnic area, toilet, signage, vehicle access
TOTAL	\$670,000	\$445,000		

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

Tuesday 12 February 2013, 2.30pm

Mr Gavin King MP, Assistant Minister for Tourism, Member for Cairns

Mr George MacDonald, Project Manager, Dreaming Track

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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

**SUBJECT: Dreaming Track Project as proposed by Balkanu Cape York Development
 Corporation**

BACKGROUND

- The Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will be meeting with Mr Gavin King MP, Assistant Minister for Tourism, Member for Cairns and Mr George MacDonald, Project Manager, Dreaming Track at Parliament house at 2.30pm on Tuesday 12 February 2013 to discuss the Dreaming Track Project.
- Assistant Minister King has sought support from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) to assist Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation (BCYDC) with its funding application to Infrastructure Australia.
- Mr James Newman, Regional Director Northern Region, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is the departmental contact for this project and has provided a commitment to facilitate the approvals.
- Mr George Macdonald is the Project Manager on behalf of BCYDC.
- The Traditional Owners for Archer Point and Annan River are represented by the Yuku Baja Muliku Land Trust (the Trust).
- The Trust has an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) (QI2006/054) with the State (represented by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS)) under statutory agreement for land tenure resolution and joint management.
- With consideration to the budget limitations, commercial sustainability, tenure constraints, traditional owner commitment and the strategic vision of BCYDC, the Dreaming Track project has been identified as having the greatest opportunity for success in the area around Archers Point and Black Mountain National Park near Cooktown.
- A number of meetings chaired by BCYDC have taken place with the Regional Director, Mr James Newman, who advised BCYDC that the permit approval period from application date is achievable regarding final alignment of the track on national park estate.
- The proposed project would be a 'rugged coastal and inland walk experience' with varying degrees of difficulty over numerous landscapes and suitable for multi-use in sections. No similar coastal experience currently exists in the region.
- The exact alignment of the track or location of any infrastructure has not been provided to QPWS, however an overall concept of the project is being developed by 'Firescape' under contract to BCYDC.
- The development of low level walking tracks and camping and recreation facilities is consistent with the provision of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* which administers the areas of national park, resource reserve and conservation park.
- Dependent on existing statutory processes being adhered to (specifically in relation to Native Title notification) and compliance with the ILUA and cultural heritage management practices, there is opportunity for low level development which requires no major approvals from local, state or federal governments.

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CURRENT ISSUES

- BCYDC has a number of milestones it is required to achieve by 30 June 2013 to ensure the release of further Commonwealth funding (\$1.5 million over 12 months) administered through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NRM).
- BCYDC has highlighted that its highest priority for expenditure of this money is on an existing national park estate near Cooktown.
- A written agreement will be required with NRM that the asset being constructed by NRM on NPRSR estate will be an NPRSR asset on completion.
- Transfer of asset ownership from NRM to NPRSR should occur as soon as possible post completion.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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Monday 22 April 2013, 2:00pm

Mr David Hudson, Convenor, Common Interest Working Group

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TO: **Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing**

SUBJECT: **Meeting with Townsville Town Common Working Group**

DEP REP: No departmental representative has been requested to attend.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr David Hudson, Convenor of the (Townsville) Town Common Working Group has actively attempted to keep the Minister informed on the current planning and operational works on the Townsville Town Common.
- The Townsville Town Common area reflects the historic pasturage reserve used as a town common by the Townsville community for over 100 years and includes Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) estate, Townsville City Council (the Council) Reserves and Commonwealth land for Defence and airport purposes.
- The Town Common Working Group is independently convened by Mr Hudson and has representation from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department), Council, Department of Defence, Townsville Airports Ltd., NQ Dry Tropics, Townsville Enterprise Ltd and Conservation Volunteers Australia.
- The Town Common Working Group has recently published a concept plan titled '*Revitalising the Town Common*' for the area, which will be launched by the Townsville Deputy Mayor on Friday 10 May (**Attachment 1**).
- Development of *Revitalising the Town Common* has in part been sponsored by BHP Billiton (Cannington) and the Commonwealth Caring for our Country through respective grants.
- *Revitalising the Town Common* highlights the importance of the area to the community as a readily accessible green space near the Townsville City Centre, current investments to improve the areas accessibility and aspirations for its future role in the community.
- For the onsite visit of the Town Common, the Minister will meet with Mr Hudson and potentially a representative from NQ Dry Tropics, Townsville Enterprise Limited, Conservation Volunteers and the Council on behalf of the larger working group.
- It is likely that most of the visit will be focussed on the work recently undertaken by QPWS on developing mountain bike and shared trails on the conservation parks.
- By the end of April 2013, QPWS will have completed the second stage of a \$430,000 capital project to enhance Cape Pallarenda trails. Walkers and runners can now use 34.9km of trail and mountain bike riders have access to 23.8km of trail, providing an outstanding recreational opportunity only 10km from the city centre.
- The Minister will have the opportunity to formally open the new trail network during his visit to Townsville on 17-19 May 2013 (CTS 05393/13).
- Other conversation points may be around future heritage tourism at the Cape Pallarenda office site and also the potential for formalising a 'Friends of Parks' volunteer program.
- The Cape Pallarenda office is likely to be left vacant with the new State Government offices due for completion toward the end of 2013.

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- QPWS is investing re-use options for the Cape Pallarenda office, including tourism opportunities. Townsville Enterprise Ltd has been assisting QPWS in working through options for the site.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia has over twenty years of history of volunteer effort on the Town Common (across QPWS and Council land) and this continues with one day a week by dedicated volunteers.
- A work plan has been developed and is being implemented by Conservation Volunteers Australia on the conservation parks (**Attachment 2**).
- The Friends of Parks initiative will provide an avenue to capitalise on and expand the existing Conservation Volunteers Australia program.
- The Conservation Volunteers Australia program and the involvement of mountain biking groups on The Common are excellent examples of volunteering services that QPWS wishes to strengthen and support through its Small Grants program, which the Minister is due to announce on 10 May 2103.
- The Conservation Volunteers Australia program will also benefit from the second stage of the Friends of Parks initiative whereby volunteer coordinators will be appointed to expand and enhance volunteering and 'voluntourism' opportunities across the Queensland parks and forest estate.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Revitalising the Town Common
- Attachment 2 - CVA Workplan

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Chillagoe Cave Tour Ticketing

TIMEFRAME

- This briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign** the attached letter of response to Cr Rosa Lee Long, Mayor of the Tablelands Regional Council (TRC) (Attachment 1);
- note** that a new system of Cave Tour Ticketing is currently under development and negotiation for the Chillagoe Caves and this process is being led by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), in close consultation with the TRC and industry; and
- note** that during the week of 14 January 2013, QPWS staff met with the Cr Lee Long and officers of the TRC.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- In order to avoid the loss of community postal services in Chillagoe and in a creative attempt to provide an administrative presence in the Chillagoe National Parks office, the Government signed an agreement with Australia Post to become the franchisee of the Chillagoe Post Office in 1993.
- Following ongoing public and industry criticism of the Chillagoe tourism product offered by the Government, an all encompassing internal strategic review was completed in 2001.
- In 2002, the Government divested the:
 - Post Office licence - being sold to the protection of an indi for \$1.00; and
 - cave tour ticketing and booking administration through an agent agreement with the Chillagoe Hub (the Hub).
- The Hub is a Visitor Information Centre that provides the focal point for visitors to town. The facility is relatively modern, well designed and was built using Heritage Trails Network funding from the then State/Commonwealth initiative.
- The Tableland Regional Council own the Hub facility and prior to it being managed by an agent working for the Government, it was staffed by volunteers.
- The agent agreement negotiated with the Hub is a 'special' historic agent agreement and is far more generous in regard to commissions than those considered standard for agents for IAParks/ParksQ – the current departmental online booking system.
- In 2005, the entire Chillagoe Cave Tour product (tours, ticketing, booking, asset maintenance, etc) was the subject of a Tourism in Protected Areas (TIPA) pilot that tested the theory and practice of capacity trading, issues around latency and sustainable visitor capacity (SVC).
- This pilot involved an expression of interest process developed in partnership with Tourism Queensland (TQ), Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) and North Queensland Land Council.
- The tourism industry in North Queensland at that time was strong and the expression of interest process attracted many proponents.
- Despite the level of interest from individual operators, both TQ and TTNQ were unable to support any of the proponents on the basis that none (or all combined) were able to provide a satisfactory product that could replace that being provided by the Government. As a result, Ranger guided tours continue at Chillagoe.
- There were concerns broadly throughout industry that if the cave tour product failed, the ramifications for the many accommodation providers in Chillagoe would be dire.
- The Ranger guided cave tour product provided in Chillagoe is widely regarded as the economic

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mainstay for the community, and has been such consistently for over 30 years.

- Recent discussions with key industry representatives for the Alliance for Sustainable Tourism has suggested that given the current economic climate or near term forecast, that they would not advise, nor support, the full commercialisation of the cave tour product in Chillagoe.
- The Agent arrangement between the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) and the Hub was reviewed as part of the Portfolio Budget Review Committee (PBRC) process in mid 2012 (**Attachment 2**).
- The current agreement between the State of Queensland and [redacted] ce the protection of an ind [redacted] will expire on 31 March 2013 (**Attachment 3**).
- It was determined through the PBRC process that NPRSR could increase revenue and broaden client service options by not renewing the current agent agreement with the Hub.
- Cr Lee Long, Mayor, TRC has raised concerns about the future of the Hub, a TRC owned information centre in Chillagoe which currently provides tickets for the Chillagoe Cave Tours.
- The review concluded that significant savings could be achieved by moving to an online booking platform, in addition to other booking options (i.e. a booking agent in Chillagoe). Ongoing review of options to establish a booking agent in Chillagoe will include the [redacted], TRC and regional tourism representatives.
- In July 2012, [redacted] advised the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) that they did not intend to renew the agreement. They have since changed their position in this regard.
- The presence of the existing 'special' agent agreements with the Hub is becoming increasingly hard to justify to other Visitor Information Centres who are staffed by volunteers and claim that options for their own revenue generation through special agreements would enable them to better support tourism broadly and market QPWS products (e.g. Misty Mountains trails out of Mission Beach).
- In a recent meeting with Cr Lee Long, Mayor, TRC and Michael Trout, Chairman, Tropical Tablelands Tourism, TRC conceded to the Regional Director, Northern that it was unlikely that the Post Office and banking services would close down if NPRSR didn't renew the agreement with the Hub, as it was only [redacted] who was looking to retire and that [redacted] would continue to operate the Post Office, but on reduced opening hours.
- Should the [redacted] sell the Post Office business, it is unlikely that it would continue in its existing location and TRC would lose its only paying tenant from the Hub facility.
- In order to address TRC's principal concern that they would have to 'mothball' the Hub if there were no manager present onsite, NPRSR has offered to relocate the local national park office to the Hub so long as NPRSR did not incur any associated maintenance or rental costs.
- NPRSR is currently developing a new online booking system for the cave tours to be introduced at the expiry of the current agreement for ticket sales held by [redacted]
- Given the lengthy negotiations that have taken place surrounding the proposed online platform, and the [redacted] intention to remain as operators of the Hub, NPRSR may consider an extension to the current agreement, while a booking agent arrangement is investigated.
- Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Dalrymple raised the issue of Chillagoe Cave Tour ticketing in Parliament on 12 February 2013 (**Attachment 5**).
- The issue has been subject to local media interest (Cairns Post 15 February 2013- **Attachment 6**).

Consultation:

- Cr Rosa Lee Long, Mayor, TRC.
- Mr Dean Davidson, Manager, Plant and Facilities Management, TRC.
- Ms Gwyneth Nevard, Manager, Visitor Information Centres, TRC.
- Mr Michael Trout, Chairman Tropical Tablelands Tourism.
- Mr Max Shepherd, Chairman, Alliance for Sustainable Tourism.
- Mr John Courtenay, Tourism Representative, Cape York Regional Planning Committee.
- [redacted], Proprietors, The Hub.
- [redacted] potential new operator for The Hub.
- Northern Tourism Forum.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter to Cr Rosa Lee Long, Mayor, Tablelands Regional Council
- Attachment 2 – CTS 12329/12 PBRC request – Chillagoe Caves
- Attachment 3 – Agreement between The State of Queensland and judice the protection of an individual, trading as The Hub Chillagoe
- Attachment 4 – Letter to sent 4 December 2012
- Attachment 5 – Member for Dalrymple Mr Shane Knuth statement in Parliament 12 February 2013
- Attachment 6 – Media Article – Cairns Post 15 February 2013.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

SUBJECT: Boundary fence between Currawinya National Park and Ningaling Station

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required by 30 January 2013 to enable a timely response to the Member for Warrego.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note that the replacement of the common boundary fence between Currawinya National Park and Ningaling Station has been the subject of discussions over several years due to the complexity of the boundary in the Paroo River channels and extensive flooding over the last three summers
- sign the letter to Mr Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego, responding to his letter making representations on behalf of [redacted] (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The replacement and realignment of the common boundary fence between Ningaling Station and Currawinya National Park is complex and has been discussed for many years. The original gazetted alignment dates back to the 1800s and the environment has altered considerably since that time, with extensive changes to the channels of the Paroo River. The gazetted alignment is no longer suitable for a boundary fence as it crosses the channels many times, has many large trees growing on it and is subject to regular flows and floods which would damage fences.
- "Give and Take" boundaries are common across Queensland, where agreement on the location of a working boundary fence is reached by the parties together. However, in this instance, the boundary of the park also forms the boundary of the Currawinya Lakes Ramsar Wetlands area. The Ramsar Convention is an international and intergovernmental treaty under which its member countries are required to maintain the ecological character of their Wetlands of International Importance. A Ramsar Convention listing is binding in international law.
- Clearing of remnant vegetation within the Ramsar area for a new fence line is problematic and would involve a significant change of land use, however, while [redacted] have an appropriate alignment already cleared on their property, it appears from the correspondence supplied by Mr Hobbs that they no longer consent to the fence being located on their property, which they previously did.
- Agreement on the fence location, construction standards and input required from each party is generally formalised in a Fencing Agreement prior to construction. As part of the Fencing Agreement with [redacted], the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) supplied materials for a section of the fence in 2000, 2008, and 2012. Unfortunately [redacted] and [redacted] have not yet constructed this fence. Extensive flooding and the resulting inaccessibility of the site has delayed further works over the last four years which has, in turn, exacerbated flood damage to the existing fences.

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- In order to expedite the fence replacement for the 30 km boundary, the fence is being considered in two sections. The first section is 15 km long and is located on an existing alignment with the Fence Agreement finalised in December 2012. The department has provided funds to [redacted] to [redacted] the protection of an indiv [redacted] for clearing of the fence line and has also delivered the fencing materials.
- Following on-site inspections for the second 13km section, there was mutual agreement that the river alignment was unsuitable for a boundary fence as it would cost three times the cost of a fence on higher ground, would be more difficult to access and maintain and would be unsustainable as a stock-proof fence.
- A line already cleared on Ningaling Station by [redacted] for the installation of an electric fence to prevent cattle from entering the difficult river frontage was proposed as a management boundary and a suitable location for a fence (with provision for pumping water from the river for stock).
- [redacted] were originally amenable to this proposal, however, it appears from their representations to Mr Hobbs that they now wish to reconsider their position. Departmental officers only became aware of this upon receipt of Mr Hobbs' recent correspondence and are disappointed that they were not informed of the change of heart before representations were made to Mr Hobbs.
- It is noted that [redacted] made representations to Mr Hobbs regarding this issue in March 2011 (Attachment 2).
- The department has demonstrated a willingness to negotiate and participate in joint fencing over a long period. Departmental officers have continued to work closely with [redacted] including making site visits to inspect the original boundary and proposed realignments.
- The department is still in negotiations with [redacted] in order to reach equitable agreement regarding the placement of the boundary fence.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Letter to Mr Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego
- Attachment 2: CTS 04321/11

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Minister for National Parks,
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Mr Howard Hobbs MP
Member for Warrego
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Dear Mr Hobbs MP

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2012 making representations on behalf of your constituents, [redacted] sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy about replacing the boundary fence between Ningaling and Currawinya National Park.

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) is responsible for the management of national parks in Queensland. Working with community partners is recognised as an integral component of park management and the department takes its responsibilities as a neighbour very seriously.

I am advised that the matter of fencing the Ningaling Station and Currawinya National Park boundary alignment is significantly complex, as the alignment is located within the Paroo River channels. Replacement of a fence in this location is not practical due to periodic flooding. I am also aware that the matter of how best to realign the boundary fence to reduce future flood impacts has been the subject of discussions between the department and the [redacted] over a period of several years. A further complicating factor is that Currawinya National Park is a Ramsar wetlands area and the State thus bears certain management obligations in that regard.

Where boundary fences are required between department-managed lands and neighbouring lands, appropriate arrangements are developed through consultation. These arrangements are recorded in written Fencing Agreements. The department and [redacted] reached agreement in December 2012 in respect of part of the boundary fence and has already provided the [redacted] with funds to pay for clearing and for fencing materials. A section of 13 kilometres of boundary fence remains the subject of negotiations.

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Departmental officers were of the understanding that an agreed path existed for the remaining 13 kilometres on an alignment already cleared by [redacted] with provision for pumping water from the Paroo River for stock use. Departmental officers were not aware that [redacted] had reconsidered their position on this agreement until receiving your correspondence. I have advised department staff to recommence negotiations with [redacted] regarding the fence alignment for this section. If [redacted] have additional concerns, they are encouraged to contact Mr Sean Walsh, Senior Ranger, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, on telephone 07 4654 4708.

Departmental officers have been in regular contact with [redacted] and have participated in site visits to investigate the best route for the remaining section of fence in the Paroo River channels. The department has demonstrated a willingness to negotiate and participate in joint fencing over a long period, supplying fencing materials to [redacted] in 2000, 2008 and 2012. As such, I look forward to this matter being finalised in the near future.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing



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Dear Minister

I write on behalf of my constituents [redacted] judge the protection of an individual whose property [redacted] adjoins Currawinya National Park at Hungerford. Over the past twelve months they have suffered extensive damage to the boundary fence as a result of flooding along the Paroo River. The [redacted] have sort assistance from the Park Rangers to help clear the fenceline but have been told no assistance is available. Your Department's Management Plan for the Currawinya National Park confirms that *The Department's Good Neighbour Policy states that fencing costs are shared between the parties, to promote mutually beneficial relationships.* (p37)

Minister your Department has a responsibility to maintain the infrastructure, including the boundary fences, of the Parks under it's care. Some assistance with machinery in particular, would be appreciated by the [redacted] who like so many others across our state are struggling with the sheer size of the job in front of them.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Howard Hobbs MP
Member for Warrego
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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Thursday 28 February 2013, 2.30 pm

Mrs Rae Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, Greg Norman Golf Foundation

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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Meeting regarding the future of the Greg Norman Golf Foundation and possible future funding

BACKGROUND

- The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has accepted a meeting with Mrs Rae Clarke, Chief Executive Officer of the Greg Norman Golf Foundation (GNGF) on Thursday 28 February 2013 at 2.30 pm.
- GNGF focuses on the development of junior golfers.
- GNGF was the recipient of \$150,000 per year in funding from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) from 2004 to 2010 under various funding arrangements. This funding was approved by former Ministers outside of the core funding programs. In 2010, GNGF was advised that to be considered for future funding they must apply under one of the department's new suite of funding programs such as the Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program or the Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan. No applications were received from GNGF for either program.
- In 2012 the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* funding programs were released which aim to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.
- GNGF does not meet the eligibility requirements for this suite of funding programs as the program's focus is on contributing to continued participation at the grassroots level. Whilst GNGF does support the development of junior golf they do not have member clubs operating in local communities.
- Golf Queensland (GQ) has promoted the *Get Going* program widely across Queensland as evidenced by the 70 local community golf clubs now registered under *Get Started*.
- The department understands Mr Greg Norman no longer provides financial assistance to GNGF.
- GQ provides GNGF with free commercial office space within their premises at Bowen Hills and has done so for many years.
- The Minister opened the 2012 Greg Norman Junior Masters World Championships on the Gold Coast in December 2012.

CURRENT ISSUES

- SRS identifies GQ as the State Sporting Organisation for the sport of golf with funding of \$902,147 approved under the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program 2011-2013. GNGF is also ineligible under this program.
- Junior Golf Queensland (JGQ) was established by GQ to provide a coordinated approach to junior development and participation in Queensland. JGQ offers junior golfers, parents, coaches and teachers access to information relating to junior golf events, clinics and other advice that will assist in the development of better junior golf programs within communities in Queensland. Further establishing a network of coaches and junior coordinators will enable GQ and their affiliated bodies to grow junior golf.
- GQ has attempted to work collaboratively with GNGF and recently presented a structure for the future of JGQ (to include GNGF) to GNGF for consideration and endorsement by their Board.

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- GQ has the capacity to absorb the functions of GNGF. The department encourages GNGF to consider the proposal offered by GQ to further the development of junior golf across Queensland. The establishment of a single organisation to administer junior golf will reduce the duplication of administrative and financial systems, and assist to make better use of available resources.
- For funding assistance (if GNGF chooses to decline GQ's proposed structure) the department recommends GNGF review the various grant schemes available for not for profit organisations through the Queensland Government's Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation. These grants include the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (up to \$35,000 available) and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund (up to \$150,000).

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Thursday 11 April 2013 at 10.30 am

Mrs Rae Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, Greg Norman Golf Foundation

Mr Charlie Earp, Board Member, Greg Norman Golf Foundation

Mr Mick Power AM, Board Member Greg Norman Golf Foundation

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**TO: Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing**

SUBJECT: Meeting regarding the Greg Norman Golf Foundation and possible future funding

BACKGROUND

- Mr Jeff Van Groningen, Senior Policy Advisor, will be representing the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, at a meeting with Greg Norman Golf Foundation (GNGF) representatives on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 10.30am.
- GNGF focuses on the development of junior golfers.
- GNGF was the recipient of \$150 000 per year in funding from the department from 2004 to 2010 under various funding arrangements. This funding was approved by former Ministers outside of the core funding programs. In 2010, GNGF was advised, that to be considered for future funding they must apply under one of the department's new suite of funding programs such as the Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program or the Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan. No applications were received from GNGF for either program.
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- GQ has attempted to work collaboratively with GNGF and in late 2012, presented a structure for the future of junior golf (to include GNGF) to GNGF for consideration and endorsement by their Board (**Attachments 1 and 2**). To date GQ has not received a response from GNGF.
- It is understood the proposed structure would include employment for Mrs Clarke.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter from GQ to GNGF
- Attachment 2 – Proposal from GQ to GNGF.

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21 November 2012

Ms. Rae Clarke
Chief Executive Officer
Greg Norman Golf Foundation Inc.

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Dear Rae

The Junior Golf Project Team (JGPT) has been operating for around nine months. In this time, the project team has engaged with industry stakeholders in a series of focus group sessions. This phase was designed to engage with relevant stakeholders, including the GNJGF, to develop an understanding of their position on various issues pertaining to junior golf in Queensland. This stage has now been completed and the team has moved forward with other objectives of the project.

The JGPT has recently proposed a co-operative model encompassing a clear pathway, underpinning philosophy, success criteria and organisational structure for the future direction of junior golf in Queensland. The conceptual framework being proposed includes a strong focus on developing life skills and active healthy lifestyle in addition to increasing the skills and knowledge of golf.

To help communicate the co-operative model a draft strategic direction document has been produced as a result of the feedback from the group sessions. This document includes strategies to meet the challenges and opportunities identified in the group sessions and will be used in the first step towards developing junior golf through whole of industry input and collaboration. This document has now been forwarded to stakeholders involved in the focus groups for feedback, including the GNJGF.

The Golf Queensland Board and its Planning and Development Committee has had input at various stages of the project and are supportive of the proposed draft direction recommended by the JGPT.

A structure to support the strategies has also been proposed. Golf Queensland now requests your feedback on the development of this structure that we hope will assist the objective to increase collaboration and co-ordination of junior golf in Queensland.

The structure includes the establishment of a junior golf Driver Group that will have representatives of major golf industry organisations as the members. A trust for the administration of funds donated to junior golf programs would be established and this will provide transparency in separating this revenue from Golf Queensland income.

While the core structure, including the Driver Group is within the Golf Queensland structure it will most likely have branding designed to assist the promotion of, the co-operation model and vision for the development of junior golf.

It is envisaged the Driver Group would be a semi-autonomous Committee of Golf Queensland that will meet regularly to carry planning, development and monitoring of activities relating to junior golf. There would also be a 'Reference Group', a larger group of stakeholders who would provide feedback on the direction and initiatives taken by the 'Driver Group'. This larger group would have regular communication from the Driver Group and meet once or twice a year in a forum.



Golf Queensland

While the structure could proceed separately to the GNJGF, the model would ideally have the GNJGF's resources and operations drawn into the structure. The rationalisation to combine the two organisation's resources will provide a stronger platform to assist with the fundraising and promotion of junior golf in Queensland. Also, by combining resources, and using support of other areas of Golf Queensland, there is the potential to develop efficiencies and improve performance.

Operationally, the preferred structure will include focus on fundraising, facilitation of junior programs at the club level, junior event coordination and a team of part-time development contractors. The structure will be detailed further as we develop a better understanding of budget and resources available. There is much to discuss, but depending on the response of GNJGF to this proposal, it is envisaged that core components of the Foundation's operation such as the events and other services would be incorporated wherever feasible. Diagrams of the proposed structure are attached.

I therefore request you approach the Board of GNJGF for their support in our initiating discussions toward the creation of consolidated resources along the lines I have described above. Your assistance in the development of this model for increasing collaboration and co-ordination of junior golf in Queensland would be much appreciated.

If required, I would be happy to organise a presentation of the model to the GNJGF Board and/or organise a meeting of Board Directors from Golf Queensland with your Board.

I look forward to your response and working further with you on the development of junior golf in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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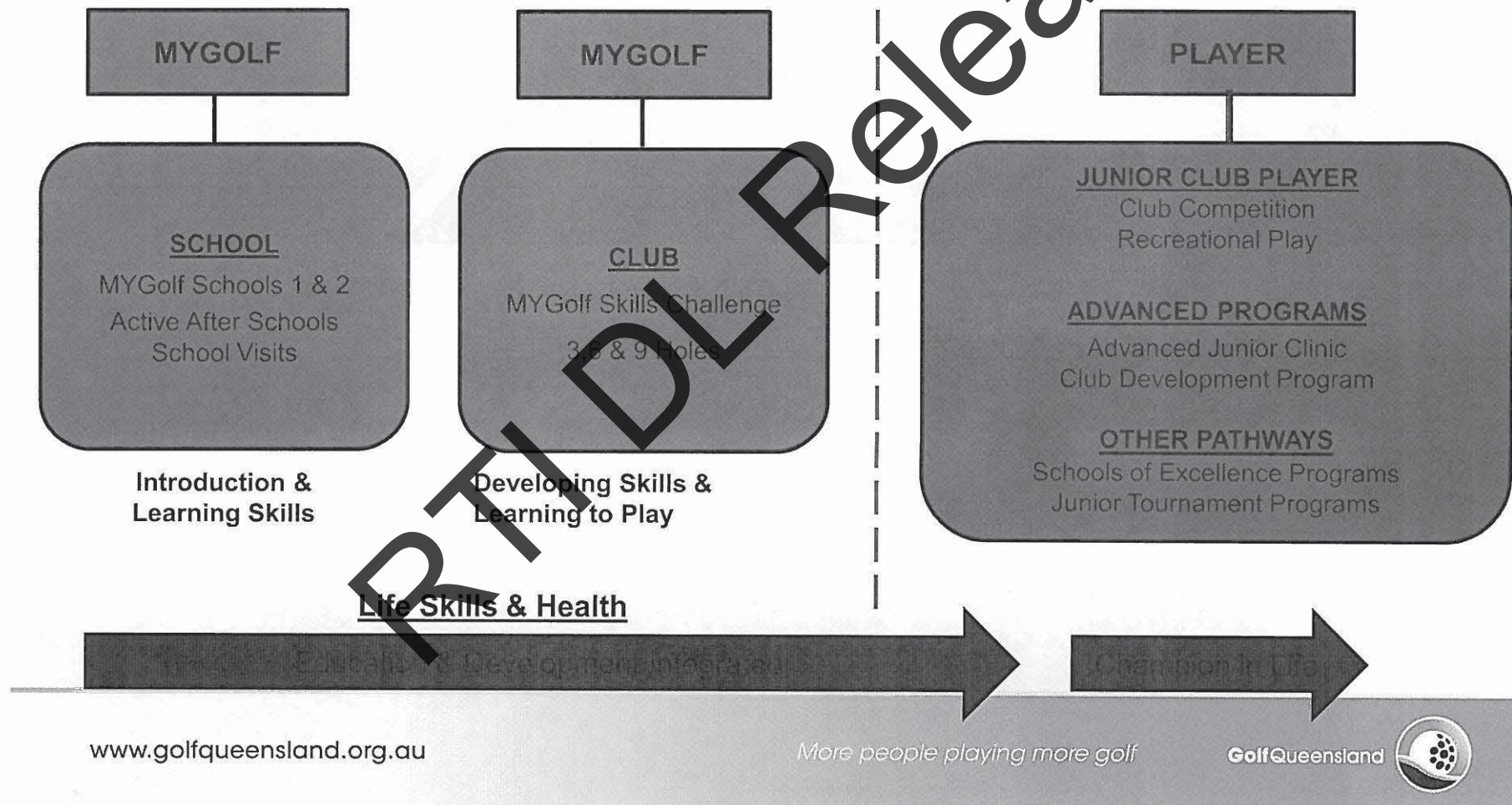
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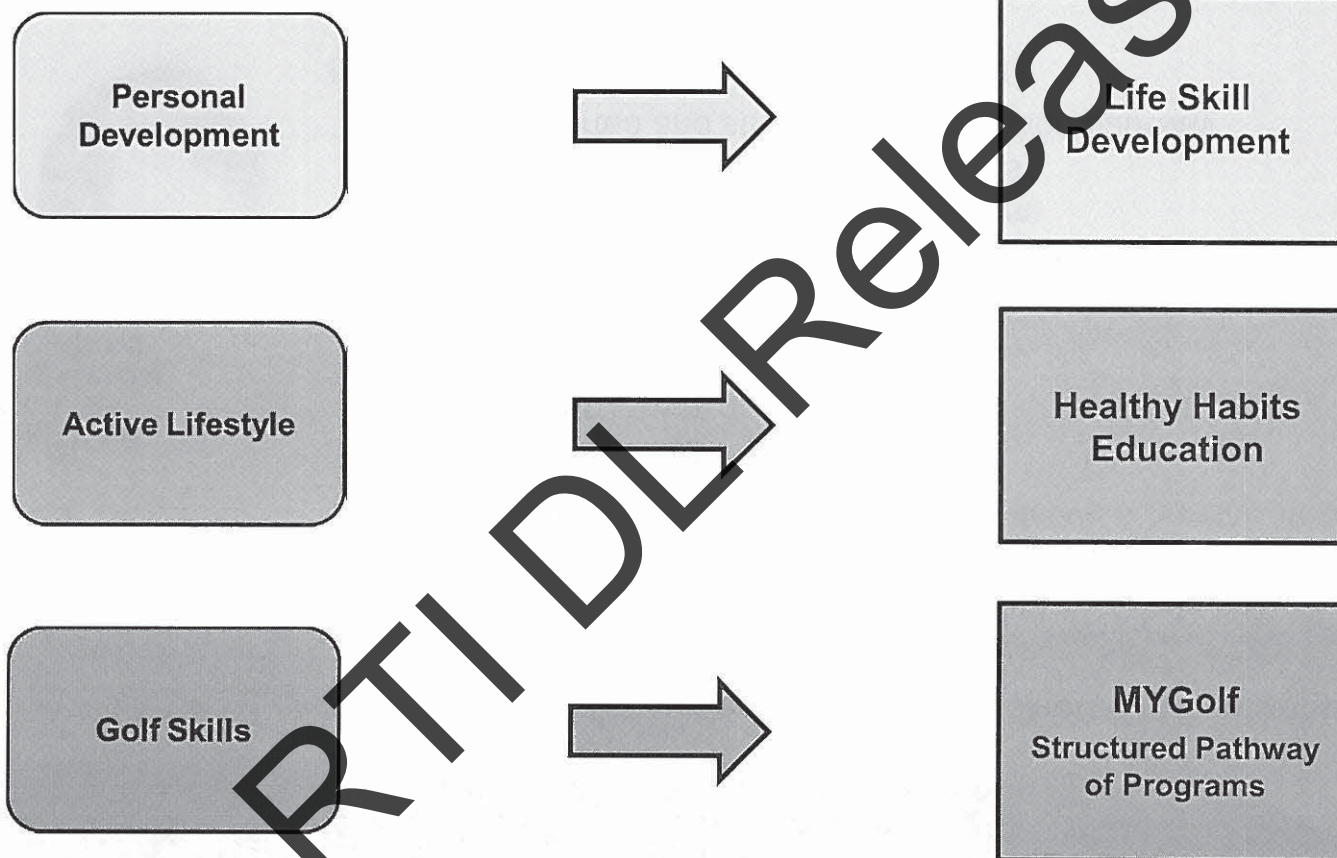


Content – The first steps in the Pathway

Pathway for Golf and in Life



What is our philosophy?



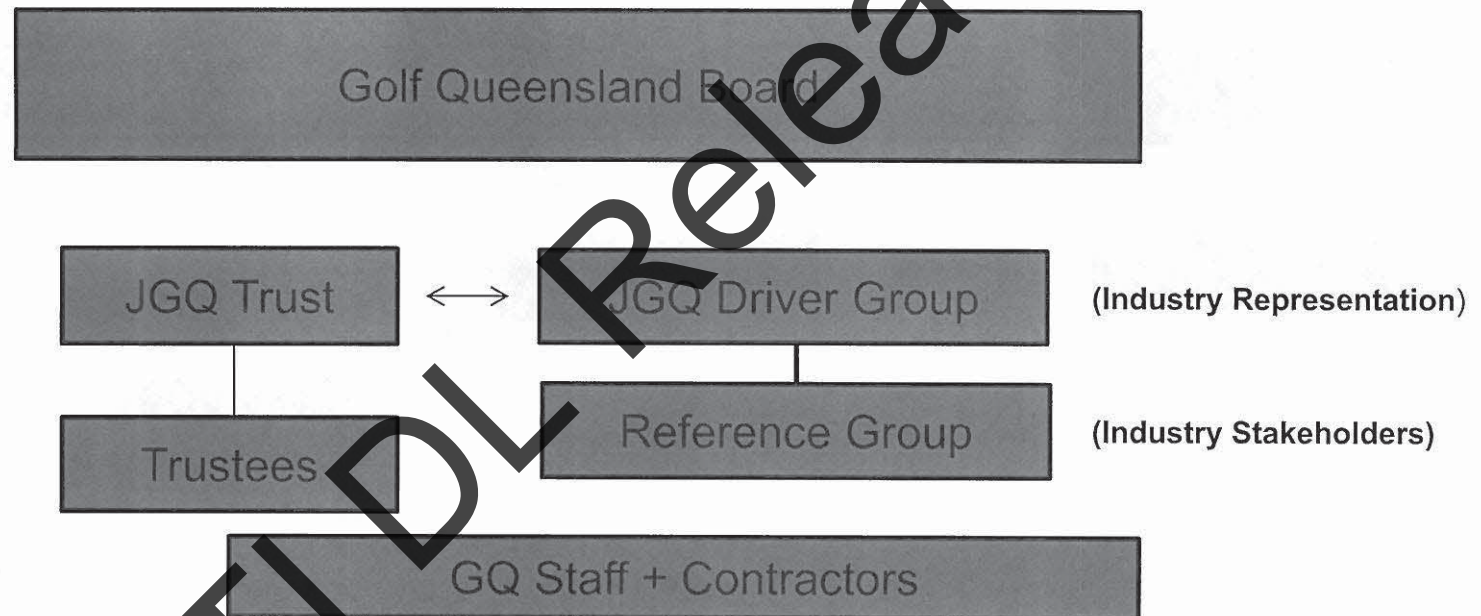
Program Framework and Philosophy



1. Focus on collaboration and better coordination with stakeholders involved with junior programs to create sustainability.
2. A holistic approach to junior development
 - Life Skills development encouraging champions in life
 - Health and Nutrition encouraging active & healthy lifestyle
3. Facilitation of club programs
 - MYGolf
 - Recruitment from schools
 - Grants writing assistance
4. Clear pathway
 - Builds on national MYGolf program
 - Sequential development programs
 - Supported and structured competition pathway
5. Quality training for volunteers and staff
 - Community coaching programs
 - Rules accreditation
6. Increased resources for junior golf
 - Junior co-ordinator administration kit



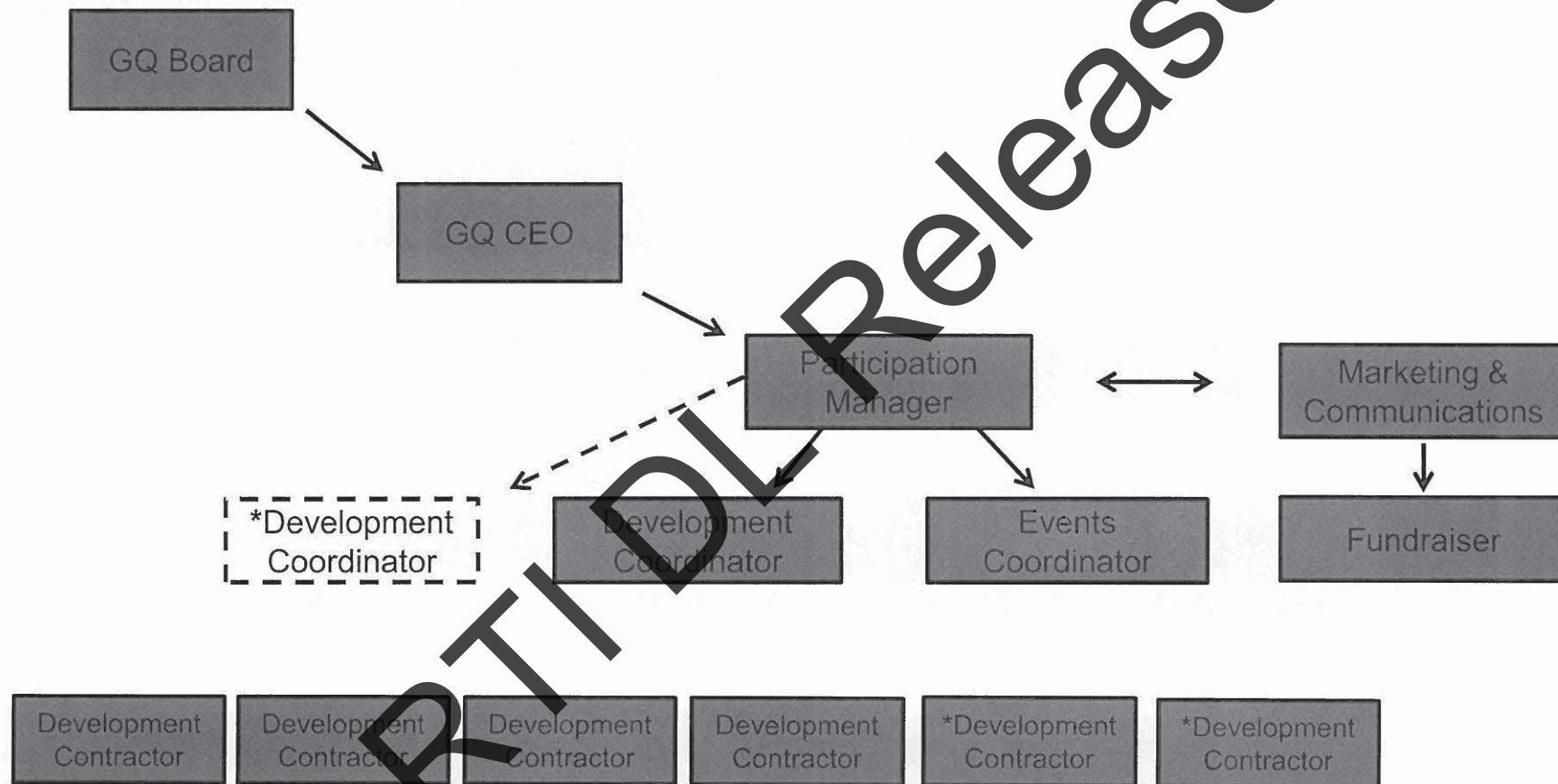
Junior Golf Queensland Structure *



- JGQ will fit into the structure of GQ
- JGQ Driver Group will form a Board Committee of GQ

*** Note the name of the cooperative junior program is not final**

Junior Golf QLD Organisational Structure *



* Future expansion



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GREG NORMAN

February 22, 2013

Hon. Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
GPO Box 15187
Brisbane QLD 4001
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr. Dickson:

I trust this letter reaches you in good health and spirits.

I understand that you will be hosting a meeting with executives from the Greg Norman Golf Foundation in the near future to discuss the potential for supporting the program. Thank you in advance for taking the meeting.

Understandably, I'm very proud of the work that we have achieved since we first established the Foundation. Since its inception in 1987, the Foundation has pursued its mission of developing and nurturing young Queensland golfers through statewide programs. The programs have gone from small clinics and camps to what is today a very comprehensive program that covers the entire state from Southeast Queensland to the Far North. Our professionals visit many schools and have introduced more than 50,000 children to the sport through various programs. The Foundation also works closely with indigenous communities and the disabled. These programs not only introduce boys and girls to the game of golf, but teach them social skills, etiquette, honesty and self-confidence, giving them a pathway to their future as young adults.

As you may know, for a period of time, the Foundation received assistance from the Queensland Government. Unfortunately, the assistance was suspended in 2010, which has had a significant impact on our future outlook. While we have maintained our core programs, it has been at the expense of building an annuity and, as such, the Foundation is at an important cross-road if it is to continue its charter.

It's important to note that the success of the Foundation has been a result of the tireless efforts of the Board, the staff, our instructors and clubs and volunteers. These constituents have poured their time and energy into the Foundation, but, without a more certain future and the support of the State Government, we would be asking too much of these people to continue to devote their time and energy to the Foundation without demonstrating a reciprocal level of support.

Hon. Steve Dickson MP
February 22, 2013

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Like you, I am a proud Queenslander and, wherever possible, have tried my utmost to be an Ambassador for the State on a variety of fronts, ranging from tourism, agriculture and real estate development, to wholesale and retail activities. Of all these activities, I'm certain that the Greg Norman Golf Foundation has reached the greatest number of people in a meaningful and impactful way.

I appreciate your stewardship in recommencing the Queensland Government's support of the Foundation.

Best regards,

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Greg Norman

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE**

28 February 2013, at 3.00 pm

Mr Brad Beetson, Director, Arthur Beetson Foundation;
Mr Tony Currie, Director, Arthur Beetson Foundation; and
Mr Troy Byers, Event Organiser, Queensland Murri Carnival

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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Arthur Beetson Foundation

BACKGROUND

- Mr Brad Beetson, Director, Arthur Beetson Foundation has requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss the 2013 Arthur Beetson State Murri Carnival (the carnival). Mr Tony Currie, Director and Mr Troy Byers, Event Organiser will also be attending at 3.00 pm on 28 February 2013.
- The Arthur Beetson State Murri Carnival (the carnival) is an annual four day rugby league carnival for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Queensland rugby league teams. In 2013, the carnival will be held from 26 to 29 September 2013 at Briggs Road Sporting Complex, Ipswich.
- The carnival has received endorsement by the Queensland Rugby League (QRL), the state governing body for the sport, and is recognised as the State Championship for Indigenous Rugby League.
- The carnival serves as the selection trial for the under 16 Indigenous Queensland team to compete at the Indigenous All Stars event.

CURRENT ISSUES

Maxlea Productions Pty Ltd

- In 2011, the Queensland Government through Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) sponsored the inaugural Queensland Murri Carnival held on the Gold Coast for \$50,000.
- The 2011 carnival was delivered by Maxlea Productions Pty Ltd (Maxlea). The directors of the 2011 event included Ms Paula Mailing and Mr Tony Currie.
- Following the staging of the 2011 event Ms Mailing and Mr Currie are reported to have separated business interests and are both now involved in staging separate Indigenous Rugby League Carnivals.
- Maxlea, with Ms Mailing, staged a separate Indigenous rugby league carnival in 2012 at the Sunshine Coast.

Funding

- In 2011, Mr Currie (on behalf of Maxlea), approached the Queensland Government for a whole of Government sponsorship of the carnival totalling \$100,000. All other departments declined providing any financial contribution. SRS however contributed \$50,000 (GST exclusive) to support the staging of the event.
- In 2012, Mr Currie contacted the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier and the then Assistant Minister for Sport and Racing, Mr Tim Mander MP, again seeking \$100,000 sponsorship of the carnival. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Assistant Minister Mander sought Queensland Government department's interest in supporting the carnival however departments were not in a financial position to support the event. SRS however contributed \$10,000 (GST exclusive) to support the Under 15 division of the 2012 carnival.

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	Name: Sharon Hodges Position: Director Tel No: 3006 2604		

- Mr Currie may seek Whole of Government sponsorship for the 2013 event, however, SRS believes that other departments would again decline providing any financial contribution and SRS is therefore not in a position to canvas other departments for support.

2013 SRS Funding

- SRS draft sponsorship guidelines (which are pending Ministerial approval) state that projects or initiatives that are considered to be a core business of state or national sport or recreation bodies, including the staging of state or national competitions are not eligible for sponsorship.
- The carnival is recognised as the State Championship for Indigenous Rugby League and therefore SRS would not usually recommend sponsorship however, SRS does recognise that the carnival attracts large participation in the Indigenous community and would therefore consider a similar level of sponsorship (\$10,000) to support the Under 15 division, pending budget availability.
- Mr Beetson will need to submit a sponsorship proposal to the department for assessment, if he would like to seek sponsorship to support the 2013 carnival. The proposal should include detail of what they are seeking sponsorship for, the level of support requested, acknowledgment benefits for the department and the benefits to the community and/or sporting industry.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE**

Thursday, 28 February 2013

Ms Kim Lavin, President, ACHPER

Ms Linda Marsden, Executive Officer, ACHPER

Chief of Staff OK

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Minister.....

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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
 (Qld Branch) (ACHPER)**

BACKGROUND

- Ms Linda Marsden, Executive Officer has requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss support for 2013 ACHPER events. Ms Kim Lavin, President, ACHPER will also be attending.
- ACHPER is the peak body for the health and physical education profession in Queensland that advocate active and healthy lifestyles across Queensland school communities. ACHPER provides programs and services to support professional development in the areas of health education, physical education, recreation, sport, dance, community fitness and movement sciences.
- ACHPER began delivering services to Queensland teachers in 1986 and each year delivers approximately 10 events focusing on professional development for health and physical education (HPE) teachers and related professionals across Queensland.
- Since the inception of ACHPER in 1986, more than 20,000 educators have participated in professional training programs and events and more than 7,500 school girls have attended the Women in Sport Breakfasts (the breakfasts) and listened to presentations given by more than 100 high profile female athlete role models.

CURRENT ISSUES

- The Queensland Government, through Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) has sponsored the breakfasts since 2006, providing a total of \$48,620 (GST inclusive) in financial support during that time. In 2012, SRS contributed \$8,250 (GST inclusive).
- ACHPER are again seeking support for the 2013 breakfast. They are also seeking support for regional women in sport breakfasts in North and Far North Queensland and a sport and schools event to be held in HPE Week 2013. The school event would be designed to introduce primary school students to multiple sports in one day.
- SRS draft sponsorship guidelines (which are pending Ministerial approval) state that activities where achieving sport and active recreation outcomes is not the primary purpose of the activity, for example, award ceremonies, fundraising, social or networking events or educational/learning activities, are not eligible for sponsorship.
- The department questions the value and the level of direct impact a schoolgirls breakfast has on getting girls physically active and therefore the department would not usually recommend sponsoring the breakfasts.
- The department also notes that the Australian Sports Commission invests in the Active After Hours School Program which offers school children the opportunity to participate in multiple sports.

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- The newly established Ministerial Women and Girls Advisory Committee (the committee) will generate an expert report for the Minister's consideration and therefore the department does not recommend expanding funding to other ACHPER events before this report is available.
- However, since the report is not due to be completed until later in 2013 and the breakfast is held in October 2013, the Minister may choose to sponsor the 2013 breakfast (recommended at the same level as 2012, \$7,500 GST exclusive) as the report will not be available in sufficient time to review.
- Ms Marsden will need to submit a sponsorship proposal on behalf of ACHPER to the department for assessment. The proposal should include details of what ACHPER is seeking sponsorship for, the level of support requested, acknowledgment benefits for the department and the benefits to the community and/or sporting industry.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

9 April 2013 (TIME TBA)
Buderim Electorate Office
Councillor Greg Rogerson, Sunshine Coast Regional Council

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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Meeting with Councillor Greg Rogerson to discuss funding for the Yandina Sport and Recreation Reserve.

BACKGROUND

- The Yandina Sport and Recreation Reserve is a Council owned sporting reserve in Yandina that incorporates the following clubs and facilities: Yandina Community Centre; Yandina Bowls Club Inc.; Yandina Cricket Club Inc.; Nambour-Yandina United Soccer Club Incorporated; Sunshine Coast BMX Club Inc.; Yandina Tennis Club Inc.; Country Music Association and the Maroochydhore Permaculture Association.
- In March 2011, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) adopted the "Sunshine Coast Sport and Active Recreation Plan" which made a recommendation to prepare a Master Plan for the sports complex as a medium project priority (2014-2015).
- The Yandina Sports Complex hosts a weekly community market and funds derived from the weekly community markets contribute to a "Market Trust Fund" which supports common ground infrastructure needs.
- As part of the former Government's SEQ Water Grid project, the Northern Network Alliance (NNA) constructed a water pipeline through the reserve resulting in some subsidence issues for the Clubs. Due to the work undertaken, the NNA supported the development of four new practice nets, lighting upgrade and shed relocation for the Yandina Cricket Club.
- *Consultation:* Ms Laurene Trim, Sport and Recreation Services Program Development and Grants Administration, regarding funding to the sport of rugby league in Queensland and the State Electorate of Nicklin since January 2009 and Mr Nathan Walker-Edwards, Development Officer, Community Sports and Facility Planning, Sunshine Coast Regional Council regarding issues at the Yandina Sport and Recreation Reserve.

CURRENT ISSUES

- SCRC has capital funding in their 2012-2013 budget to upgrade the car park and enhance the entrance road into the reserve. The department is unaware if this work has commenced on site.

Potential For Grant Funding

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- Is the Minister able to provide funding assistance to the sporting reserve?

Suggested Response

- The State Government's *Get In the Game* funding initiative may assist with the club's development. This initiative involves three programs, *Get Started*, *Get Going* and *Get Playing*. *Get Started* will provide funds to assist children who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sporting club to pay for registration fees; *Get Going* will support not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with one-off grants towards projects and activities so clubs can increase membership and *Get Playing* will support not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with facility development and upgrades to improve club facilities so that clubs can support increased club membership (see **Attachment 1**).

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	Name: Lyndall Holz Position: Regional Director Tel No: 07 3338 9285	Name: Position: Tel No:	

- I would encourage the clubs involved to make contact with the Sport and Recreation Services Office in Maroochydore on telephone (07) 5459 6176 to discuss your project needs and how these may align to Program priorities.

FUNDING

- Since January 2009, the department has not approved funding to the organisations at the Yandina Sport and Recreation Reserve.
- Since January 2009, the department has approved \$1 400 852 to the State Electorate of Nicklin, including:
 - \$635 773 through the Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan
 - \$372 098 for replacement and repair of sporting facilities and equipment following natural disasters under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program and Flood Fightback Plans
 - \$268 028 for infrastructure development
 - \$104 853 through the Active Inclusion Program
 - \$7500 through the Positive or Its Pointless Equipment Program
 - \$12 600 through the Young Athlete Assistance Program.
- The Nambour-Yandina United Soccer Club Incorporated applied for \$106 581 under the *Get Playing* Program to replace damaged lighting to support football at Yandina. The application was not approved as the applicant had not provided evidence of land owners permission, a sketch plan, site plan, financial contribution and only one quote to demonstrate value for money.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

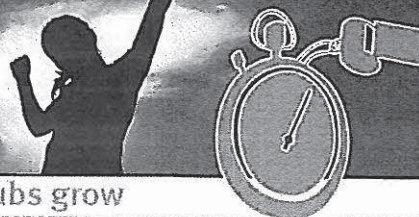
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- Attachment 1 – Get in the Game Fact Sheets.

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Get in the Game Get Going



Funding to help clubs grow

Fact Sheet

What is *Get Going*?

Get Going is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Going provides funding to support not-for-profit local sport and recreation organisations with one-off grants towards projects that create opportunities for more Queenslanders to become members of sport and recreation organisations.

What funding is available?

Organisations are eligible for funding up to a maximum of \$10,000 (GST exclusive).

Important dates

The following dates relate to the first round of the program:

29 Sep 2012	Funding round opens
1 Dec 2012	Funding round closes
Feb 2013	Announcement of successful projects
1 Mar 2013	Funding period starts – projects can commence
28 Feb 2014	Funding period ends – projects to be completed
31 Mar 2014	Project acquittal and reports to be submitted

The program will open once per year over the next three years.

Who can apply?

Organisations eligible to apply are:

- Queensland local not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations and not-for-profit local community organisations (whose primary objective is sport or recreation) incorporated under the:
 - *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Qld)
 - *Corporations Act 2001* (Cwlth)
 - *Cooperatives Act 2002* (Cwlth)
- incorporated university sports clubs.

Organisations must also:

- be compliant with the Office of Fair Trading
- have met all obligations for projects currently funded by the department.

If your organisation provides sport and recreation activities to children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 it must be separately registered for the companion program *Get Started* (see separate fact sheet).

What projects are eligible?

Projects eligible for funding must be activities or items that will:

- improve sport and recreation delivered by the organisation
- assist an organisation with attracting members.

Eligible organisations can only apply for ONE project.

Activities and items that are considered eligible include (but are not restricted to) the following:

- development of young volunteers
- training and accreditation courses
- sport and recreation equipment
- membership drives
- promotional strategies.

Need further information?

For further information on the funding program, contact a local Sport and Recreation Services advisor on 1300 656 191.

The funding information package and application forms are available at the Sport and Recreation website at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame.

Get in the Game Get Started

Funding to help kids participate



Fact Sheet for Clubs

What is Get Started?

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher¹ valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a registered sport or recreation club.

Who is eligible?

Applicants

Individuals eligible to receive a voucher are:

- children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and who are residents of Queensland
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents².

Sport and recreation clubs

Incorporated not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs and registered businesses affiliated with one of the State/National Level Organisations listed for *Get Started* are eligible to register for *Get Started*.

Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs that are not affiliated with a State/National Level Organisation listed for *Get Started* will need to meet particular criteria to be registered for *Get Started*³.

¹ The funding will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first serve basis. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round.

² Refer to the *Get Started* Referral Agents Fact Sheet for information on referral agents.

Visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame to view the list of State/National Level Organisations for *Get Started* or contact a Sport and Recreation advisor on 1300 656 191.

What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees⁴. There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

When will the program be opened?

Clubs are able to register now.

For applicants, the timeframes are:

Round 1	Now closed
Round 2	
15 Jul 2013	Applications open and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Applications close on 15 October 2013 or earlier if the allocation is fully subscribed.
15 Nov 2013	Vouchers expire
30 Nov 2013	Final claim date

The program opens for two rounds each year until 2015.

³ Not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs not affiliated with a State/National Level Organisation funded or recognised by the department will need to satisfy the following criteria:

- provide individual/team insurance for participants
- undertake child protection checks as required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian
- ensure that coaches, referees, first aid officers and other relevant staff and volunteers are accredited (where required).

⁴ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/guardian/carer is required to pay the difference. If the membership/participation fees are less than \$150, the department will pay the club for the membership/participation fees only. The balance is not redeemable in cash or as payment for individual items to participate in the activity (such as jerseys, boots etc.).

Great state. Great opportunity.



**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

18 April 2013 at 2.30 pm

Mr Allan Douma, President, Hervey Bay Hockey Association
Mr Ross Spina, Treasurer, Hervey Bay Hockey Association
Ms Cathy Milijasevic, Secretary, Hervey Bay Hockey Association
Ms Luizia Milijasevic, Assistant, Hervey Bay Hockey Association
Mr Ted Sorensen MP, Member for Hervey Bay

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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Hervey Bay Hockey Association funding issues

BACKGROUND

- Hervey Bay Hockey Association (the Club) representatives, along with Mr Ted Sorensen MP, Member for Hervey Bay have requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to discuss funding issues for the Club's facility.
- The Club currently has five grass fields and has been seeking funding assistance to upgrade a field to a synthetic surface since 1999.
- The Club was unsuccessful in gaining funding under the *Get Playing* program in 2012. In the application, the Club indicated the total project cost to be \$883 805. The Club's contribution was listed as \$150 000 cash at bank (this amount was unconfirmed), plus \$59 840 in kind labour. If the Club had been successful under this program and funded \$100 000 from the department, this would have left a shortfall of \$573 965. Also at the time of assessment the Club had not gained permission from the land owner, the Fraser Coast Regional Council to carry out the project.
- The Club had previously indicated a Federal Government commitment of funds of \$350 000 but this was not substantiated or included in this application.
- The Club has previously met with the Minister on 26 September 2012, to discuss State Government assistance to construct a synthetic turf hockey field.
- The Club applied under the Minor Facilities Program in 1999, the Major Facilities Program 2003, 2004 and 2007 for an artificial surface and was unsuccessful in each of these applications. The Club's ability to deliver in all early applications was rated low, with the most significant issue being the organisation, at each application stage, did not have the financial contribution confirmed.
- In 2011, the Club completed a business plan and feasibility study to support its applications to gain funding for this project.
- The Club was also unsuccessful with a Regional Development Australia application in 2011.
- Since 2006, the Club has received \$94 444 in various grants from the Department including:
 - \$62 919 under the 2006 Minor Facilities Program for the construction of two grass hockey fields
 - \$16 885 under the 2007 Minor Facilities Program to construct perimeter safety fencing for hockey fields.

CURRENT ISSUES

- The Club has been seeking funding assistance to upgrade a field to a synthetic surface since 1999.
- Current membership is approximately 400, ranging in age from 4 to 65.
- The nearest synthetic turf facility is located in Maryborough, 30 minutes drive away.
- Fraser Coast Regional Council (the Council) is currently master planning the proposed Hervey Bay Sports Precinct. This multi-purpose facility will be Council's priority in the near future and Council has indicated an interest in Hervey Bay Hockey moving to this facility in the future.

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	Name: Lyndall Holz Position: Director, Regional Service Delivery, SRS, NPRSR Tel No: 3338 9285 Date:	Name: Position: Tel No: Date:	

- The 2008 Wide Bay Burnett Regional Recreation and Sport Strategy suggested that from a regional perspective, the priority for a second synthetic turf field in the area would be best placed in Maryborough having two synthetic fields at the one venue would provide potential for the venue to host State and above level events. It was further suggested that once this facility meet its capacity, another synthetic surface should then be considered in Hervey Bay. This document was developed with consultation from the State sporting body. At this stage, the Maryborough facility has not met its capacity with more upgrades required.
- With limited State funds for major sport infrastructure projects, priority of funding should be given to regional or above standard facilities that have the support and commitment of regional and State sporting body users. This will ensure the most economical and likely to succeed in the future facilities are funded.
- The Queensland Government's *Get in the Game – Get Playing* program provides funding of up to \$100 000 for sport and recreation organisations for facility development. Organisations seeking to undertake higher cost facility developments need to have alternative funding sources to meet the balance of the project costs.

Suggested Response

- The recent round of the *Get Playing* program was competitive and oversubscribed. A total of 83 projects across the State were approved funding to develop and improve sport and recreation facilities and support active club memberships.
- The next round of the *Get in the Game* initiative opens in July 2013, however the commencement date and guidelines for Round 2 of the *Get Playing* program are yet to be determined. I encourage you to again work closely with Ms Janine Pay, Advisor, Sport and Recreation Services, to formulate an application.
- I would also encourage you to consult with Council regarding their plans for hockey and other sports field developments in the region.
- In the meantime, I would encourage your Club to continue discussions with your local Federal Member, Mr Warren Truss MP, Member for Wide Bay to confirm the Federal Government's financial commitment to this proposed project.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Hervey Bay Hockey Association funding history.

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Approved funding to Hervey Bay Hockey Association - 1 January 2006 - 27 March 2013

Program Name	Sum of Amount Total Approved	
Active Inclusion Program	\$	4,640
Club Development Program	\$	8,000
Get Playing (Get In The Game)	\$	-
Minor Facilities Program	\$	79,804
Positive Or It's Pointless	\$	2,000
Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program	\$	-
Grand Total	\$	94,444

RTI/DL Release

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
 Thursday 4 April 2013 at 10.30 am
 Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor, Logan City Council

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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing

SUBJECT: Meeting with Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor of Logan City Council to discuss
 implementation of Two Year Action Plan resulting from the Logan City of Choice
 Summit.

BACKGROUND

- On 19 February 2013, the Minister attended the Logan City of Choice Summit (the Summit). Details of the Summit's aims and objectives are included in the previous event brief (**Attachment 1**).
- Subsequent to the Summit eleven clubs in Logan City have been approved funding totalling \$88 181 under *Get Going*. Projects include a variety of volunteer accreditation initiatives, equipment purchases and membership drives. Regional staff will work with funded clubs to maximise project outcomes and where possible, link to recommendations identified at the Summit.
- Additionally, one organisation in Logan City has received \$25 000 in funding under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program, two applications are under review and a number of clubs continue to assess the damage to their club facilities. Applications for funding close on Friday 10 May 2013.
- Details of the funded organisations are attached (**Attachment 2**).
- A draft Two Year Action Plan (the Plan) outlining recommendations from the Summit was received by the Department on 21 March 2013. The Plan highlighted a number of areas of relevance to the Department and is attached (**Attachment 3**).
- Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor, Logan City Council, has arranged a meeting with the Minister on 4 April 2013 at 10.30 am to discuss implementation of the Plan.

CURRENT ISSUES

- The Plan identifies 30 Social Infrastructure strategies of which six have a sport and recreation component and include:
 - staging a youth summit as part of Youth Week to better identify youth needs
 - holding an annual signature event that would include a sport and recreation component linked to a multi-faceted festival
 - developing community based Indigenous sport programs;
 - reducing the financial barriers to access sport and recreation
 - establishing a program that would support young people to remain in Logan to progress their chosen sport
 - developing sports based programs that could be used to enhance relationships between cultures.
- An implementation strategy is yet to be finalised. However, departmental representatives have previously met with Logan City Council (Council) staff to discuss mechanisms to implement recommendations from the Plan. Council staff indicated support, in principle, to the formation of a Logan City Sport and Recreation Alliance (the Alliance) lead by Council and supported by the department's regional staff.

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- The Alliance would bring together stakeholders in the Logan area to deliver key sport and recreation recommendations of the Plan, as well as address emerging issues and opportunities. A draft framework of the Alliance is attached (**Attachment 4**).

Department Support to Implement the Two Year Action Plan

Deputee Position

- How could the department assist in the implementation of the Plan?

Suggested Response

- A departmental officer could assist Council to establish a Logan City Sport and Recreation Alliance which would bring together stakeholders in the Logan area to deliver key sport and recreation recommendations of the Summit, as well as address emerging sport and recreation issues and opportunities.

Deputee Position

- Which specific Social Infrastructure strategies in the Plan could the department provide assistance?

Suggested Response

- Consideration could be given to the following options:
 - provide support to Council during Youth Week, including the staging of a youth summit to better identify youth sport and recreation needs
 - provide support to Council for an annual signature event that would include a sport and recreation component linked to a multi-faceted festival
 - support community based Indigenous sport programs. This could include an expansion of the Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officer Program currently funded through the Logan PCYC including additional program funding to support the officer or funding to support a traineeship
 - support an initiative to reduce the financial barriers to access sport and recreation. This could be achieved by allocating additional funding to the Get Started program for Logan based children who may have been unsuccessful in gaining funding due to the high demand for the Program or to better target existing funding to individuals with very high needs
 - develop a program that would support young people to remain in Logan to progress their chosen sport. This may be accomplished by enhancing the department's Young Athlete Assistance Program by providing additional support to help with the training or playing costs of individuals who participate in Logan based competitions or by supporting Logan City Council's Logan Sport Development Program
 - develop a sports based program that could be used to enhance relationships between cultures. One option could be to provide support to an existing ethnic soccer program currently supported by the Queensland Police Service through Mr Jim Bellos, Cross Cultural Liaison Officer. The Department has identified \$30,000 within the existing budget to support this initiative.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Previous Event brief 02478-13
- Attachment 2 – Get Going , Get Playing and Sport and Recreation Disaster Program funded organisations
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- Attachment 4 – Logan City Sport and Recreation Alliance draft framework
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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

19 February 2013; 8:00am – 5:00pm

Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor of Logan

Councillor Russel Lutton, Deputy Mayor of Logan

Councillor Cherie Dalley, Division 8, Logan City Council

Councillor Luke Smith, Division 6, Logan City Council

Mr Chris Rose, Chief Executive Officer, Logan City Council

Mr Kevin Compton, Keynote speaker

Mr Michael Pucci MP, Member for Logan

Mr John Grant MP, Member for Springwood

Mr Michael Latter MP, Member for Waterford

Ms Desley Scott MP, Member for Woodridge

Various Queensland Government Ministers

180 invited government and community guests

Chief of Staff OK

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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Logan: City of Choice Summit 2013

DEP REP: Mr Craig Tichon, Principal Advisor, South East Region, Sport and Recreation Services; mobile phone number [redacted]
Mr Leigh Habner, Regional Manager, South East Region, Sport and Recreation Services; mobile phone number [redacted]

BACKGROUND

- On 21 January 2013, Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor of Logan and the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland jointly announced a partnership approach to deliver the 'Logan: City of Choice Summit' (the Summit).
- The Summit is a Council led initiative, designed to bring together community, key partners, government decision makers, community organisations and business representatives to identify priorities and opportunities related to the five themes of housing, employment, safety, education and social infrastructure (i.e. community / sporting / cultural facilities and programs).
- The Summit will be held over three days, commencing on Friday 15 February 2013 at the Logan Entertainment Centre, with days two and three held on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 of February 2013. An agenda and function checklist are attached (**Attachments 1 and 2**).
- The Summit was called in response to the ongoing social issues in the Logan community culminating in a number of high profile racial conflicts between the Aboriginal and South Sea Islander communities.
- The Minister has been invited to attend the second day of the Summit on Tuesday 19 February 2013 commencing at 8:00am. It is anticipated that approximately 180 invited guests will attend the Summit on day two. The agenda for day two includes a facilitated question and answer session, followed by State Government and community round tables, discussing the issues and shared priorities based on the outcomes from Day 1 of the Summit. Feedback from Day 1 of the Summit with possible questions only became available on Monday 18 February 2013 and is attached (**Attachment 3**).
- Mr Kevin Compton, keynote speaker will facilitate the question and answer session for Government Ministers and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor based on pre-collected questions. The afternoon government roundtable, closed to the public, will consist of various Queensland Government Ministers, Councillor Pam Parker, Mayor of Logan, Councillor Russel Lutton, Deputy Mayor of Logan, Councillor Cherie Dalley, Councillor Luke Smith and Mr Chris Rose, Chief Executive Officer.
- A community roundtable will occur concurrently. Shared announcements from the State Government and Logan City Council and the community roundtables are expected.

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CURRENT ISSUES

Recreation and Sport

- Since January 2009, the Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) has approved \$5.8 million to the Logan City Council local government area, including \$4.05 million for capital and \$1.74 million in non-capital funding. This includes:
 - \$1.47 million to construct playing fields, clubhouse and ancillary facilities for rugby union and touch football at Meakin Park, Slacks Creek;
 - \$255,619 to upgrade netball courts at Ewing Park, Woodridge; and
 - \$69,500 to install an adiZone compact at Mabel Park, Slacks Creek.
- SRS has supported the local Indigenous community through the approval of \$165,683 to the Queensland Police Citizens Youth and Welfare Association – Logan over three years through the Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officer (ICSRO) program. The recruitment process has commenced and will involve Indigenous community consultation to enhance and support the officer through the Logan PCYC.
- Additionally, in 2011-12 the SRS provided \$103,951 of funding in partnership with the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services under the Learning Earning Places (LEAP) program. The initiatives included delivery of a touch football series, known as Jimbelungare which included employment, education and training components. The second project was an Indigenous education engagement initiative in partnership with the Gold Coast Suns AFL team and Department of Education, Training and Employment. Both of these initiatives included members of the Logan Indigenous community.
- The department's new Get Started program under the Get in the Game initiative has also attracted widespread interest and take-up with the Logan community. 1071 vouchers of up to \$150 have been issued within the Logan Local Government Area since the programs' release on 15 January 2013.
- The department has received reports of 29 sport clubs within in the Logan area which have received damage resulting from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald. Departmental staff have begun working with Logan City Council and the affected clubs to assess the extent of the damage and progress applications for funding under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program. A detailed list of reported damage is attached (**Attachment 4**). The department has not received any submitted applications from the Logan area as at 15 February 2013.
- The department has received information from the Logan PCYC of concerns raised on their ability to effectively deliver a program targeting the Indigenous community of Logan. If requested, the PCYC can provide a full list of initiatives that are delivered to the community.

Racing

- In July 2007, the previous government identified the northern part of Parklands Drive, Gold Coast, as the preferred location for the Gold Coast University Hospital. The identified land included a portion of State owned land, occupied by the Parklands Gold Coast Trust (the Trust). The Gold Coast Harness Racing Club and the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club were both tenants of the Trust.
- The first stage of the development of the Gold Coast University Hospital required the acquisition of a portion of land controlled by the Trust, occupied by greyhound racing facilities and used for car parking, by 1 September 2008.
- On 16 July 2008, the previous government announced that \$10 million would be provided to the then greyhound control body as compensation for vacating the Gold Coast Parklands venue, to be used for establishing another greyhound racing venue.
- The then greyhound control body identified the Cronulla Park site, at Logan, as an opportunity to rationalise industry infrastructure by moving both the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club and the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club (Albion Park) to a newly-developed facility.
- The Cronulla Park site was administered by the Logan City Council as trustee under the *Land Act 1994*. It was subsequently transferred to the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department), pending transfer to the greyhound control body.

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- On 1 February 2012, the previous government announced an Industry Infrastructure Plan had been approved with \$24 million allocated for a new greyhound racing facility on the Cronulla Park site at Logan.
- The current State Government has since asked Racing Queensland to review all commitments to capital works made by the previous government, including the greyhound facility at Logan Park.
- Racing Queensland is investigating the viability of the Logan site together with other alternatives. It is unlikely that there will be any decision made until the new code-specific greyhound control board is operational in April 2013 and has had the opportunity to review the needs of the greyhound code. It is envisaged that the new control board will have a role in making recommendations on the infrastructure needs of the greyhound code.

National Parks

- On 29 December 2010, a landslip occurred and covered a section of walking track in the Springwood Conservation Park (park) during a weather event which was a declared Disaster Event (Queensland Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Tasha and Anthony, November 2010 to February 2011).
- Council undertook emergency repair work to re-open the walking track and investigated what remedial work was required.
- In March 2011, Council contacted Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) seeking advice on remedial work which QPWS later provided.
- Council commissioned three geotechnical surveys of the landslip area. QPWS had no involvement in the first two surveys and had no input into their terms of reference.
- QPWS did however pay for the third geotechnical assessment to assist in developing remedial options for consideration under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). QPWS also procured and paid for engineering reports on nearby lookout and foot bridge structures.
- These arrangements were undertaken to assist Council achieve the best solution for stabilisation of the area, and were actions progressed by QPWS officers in good faith, but without a full appreciation of the legal roles, responsibilities and financial accountabilities of each agency.
- An external contractor quoted council \$87,000 for the remedial work based on the final geotechnical report, and in July 2012 Council offered to pay \$40,000 towards this cost.
- QPWS officers were involved in discussions where council requested QPWS contribute 50% of the works, but never provided any commitment of funding towards the remedial works.
- In August 2012, the then QPWS South East Regional Manager advised Council that QPWS was unable to fund any remedial works on lands outside QPWS-managed estate.
- However, advice was provided that—as trustee—Council may be eligible to seek NDRRA remedial funding to cover the cost of repairs caused by the Disaster Event—Queensland Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Tasha and Anthony, November 2010 to February 2011. Funding assistance for this event expires in June 2013.
- It should be noted that since 1987, the Council has been the trustee of the park, initially as a reserve under the *Land Act 1994* and then continued as trustee under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. QPWS has never been responsible for managing this land.

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EMERGING QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED AT THE PRE-SUMMIT AND DAY 1 OF THE SUMMIT

Sports programs

Deputy Position

- Sports programs and initiatives can help generate positive community outcomes for young people. What is the Government doing to support more of these initiatives (Page 40, Attachment 3)?

Suggested Response

- The Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative supports sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get in the Game comprises three new funding programs with \$18 million available over three years. Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing are designed to get more people, especially children and young people, playing sport and involved in recreation activities. Funding for the first round of Get Going and Get Playing are scheduled to be announced in February 2013. In addition, the Queensland Government has approved \$165,683 to the Queensland Police Citizens Youth and Welfare Association – Logan over three years through the Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officer (ICSRO) program to employ a sport and recreation officer to develop and deliver Indigenous community sport and recreation initiatives through the Logan PCYC.

Cost of sport and recreation

Deputy Position

- Participating in organised sports and activities helps build social cohesion but can be expensive. What is being done to reduce barriers to participation (Page 40, Attachment 3)?

Suggested Response

- The Queensland Government's Get Started program assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply online for a voucher valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with Get Started. A total of 1074 vouchers were issued in the first round for the Logan area (January 2013). Round two opens on 15 July 2013.

Reporting obligations for sport and recreation clubs ('red tape')

Deputy Position

- Community service organisations often have to compete for funding and undertake significant reporting obligations to meet Government agreements. What is being done to reduce red tape and to focus on outputs/outcomes (Page 41, Attachment 3)?

Suggested Response

- The department has streamlined acquittal processes for sport and recreation organisations for grants equal to or less than \$10,000. Instead of completing a financial acquittal form, organisations can provide a one-page declaration statement regarding the funding expended. This acquittal process applies to current and future sport and recreation programs, and is intended to reduce the administrative burden on organisations.
- Grant recipients are also able to report project outcomes through an online process. At this stage, the ability to provide financial acquittal declarations online is not possible, but project outcomes can be provided to the department through online reporting, with the option of including an upload of the financial declaration with the submission.
- In terms of the data collected, any project data collected supports the department in justifying the funding budgets for its programs and assists with evaluating the effectiveness of the programs.
- The department attempts to only collect relevant data that supports project outcomes, and for organisations to report only against information provided during the application process.

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Community infrastructure

Deputee Position

- Funding towards the construction of community infrastructure is lacking from all levels of government. What opportunity exists to address this (Page 41, Attachment 3)?

Suggested Response

- The Queensland Government's *Get Playing* program assists local sport and recreation organisations with facility development so more Queenslanders are encouraged to become involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice. Successful projects under this program will be announced by the end of February 2013.
- While not necessarily built infrastructure, QPWS manages 1972ha of protected area estate within the Logan City Council area, comprising:
 - Daisy Hill Conservation Park – 570ha
 - Carbrook Wetlands Conservation Park 1 – 185ha
 - Plunkett Conservation Park – 584ha
 - Wickham Timber Reserve – 198ha
 - Wickham National Park – 141ha
 - Wickham Forest Reserve – 4ha
 - Buccan Conservation Park – 115ha
 - Mount Perry Conservation Park – 175ha
- QPWS has a base at Daisy Hill with four staff and they provide the following services:
 - estate management (including fire and pest management);
 - visitor and recreation opportunities and management; and
 - stakeholder liaison (neighbours, interest groups, councils, etc)
- Within the protected areas, QPWS provides purpose built facilities, including walking tracks, mountain bike trails, lookouts, boardwalks, Day Use Areas and information shelters. The firebreaks throughout QPWS estate are also utilised to provide many different recreational opportunities. These include, but are not limited to, picnicking, mountain bike riding, bushwalking, horse riding and dog walking.
- Rangers also manage other protected areas within Brisbane City Council and Redland City Council areas.
- The Koala Bushland Coordinated Conservation Area is managed through the collaborative efforts of QPWS, Logan City Council and Redland City Council.
- The QPWS operating budget for Daisy Hill Base is approximately \$425,000.

Karawatha forest

Deputee Position

- We are seeking land to be designated to our first nation people. There has been the suggestion to give a section of the Karawatha forest where their culture can be practiced, taught and respected by the whole community. This would be a key process towards healing our diverse community. Would you support this (Page 42, Attachment 3)?

Suggested Response

- Karawatha Forest is managed by Brisbane City Council.

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Operation of sport and recreation facilities

Deputee Position

- There are significant costs for clubs to operate which make participation more unaffordable including insurance, maintenance, and training. There is also a shortage of volunteers in many areas and a need for clubs to have better governance models (Page 36, Attachment 3).

Suggested Response

- The operation and management models of sport and recreation facilities are diverse across the sector. It ranges from direct day-to-day management by Council, to commercial operators or not-for-profit organisations, traditionally run by volunteers operating under a lease arrangement with Council.
- The ability to attract, train and retain volunteers at the grassroots community level is central to growing and sustaining participation opportunities.
- The Government is committed to the education and training of grassroots sport volunteers, investing over \$500,000 per year to support delivery of the *Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program* and *Building Active Communities Workshops*.
- The *Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program* provides teachers, school sport volunteers, tertiary and senior secondary school students throughout Queensland with free training that ultimately leads to recognised national accreditation in coaching, officiating and sports first aid.
- The *Building Active Communities Workshops* program provides free training on key topics for grassroots community sport volunteers in 'on field' courses, such as sports strapping, strength and conditioning of athletes, athlete recovery and sports psychology and 'off-field topics' such as governance, financial management, laws relevant to clubs, marketing, technology and using social media.
- The department is also supporting sport and recreation clubs through *Get Going*, which provides up to \$10,000 to clubs for activities and equipment to support clubs in providing better services for members. Activities that can be supported include mentoring of young volunteers to become volunteers and leaders within sport and recreation clubs; and training and accreditation courses, including financial training, marketing and promotion courses and web training.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Agenda - Logan: City of Choice Summit
- Attachment 2 – Function checklist
- Attachment 3 – Preliminary Findings Paper from Day 1 of the Logan: City of Choice Summit
- Attachment 4 – Disaster damage reported in Logan Local Government Area

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Draft Logan City Sport & Recreation Alliance

The Alliance is a coalition of stakeholders dedicated to ensure all residents of Logan City have an opportunity to participate in sport and recreation. We aim to provide a platform to drive, share, coordinate, communicate and integrate sport and recreation in Logan City. We acknowledge that collective use of scarce resources: both financial and human are more effective than operating in isolation.

Our Shared Value

All members of the Alliance agree that social cohesion can be strengthened through sport and recreation.

Our Shared Principle

All members accept and advocate respect for individual cultures and agree to embed this principle in all areas of their work.

Our Vision

Every resident in Logan City be provided with the opportunity to participate in sport and/or recreation.

Our Target – (TBC but should be an increase in the number of residents that participate in sport and/or recreation over a period of time)

Our Key Action Areas – (TBC but should align to the actions identified within the Summit findings)

Our Focus

The Alliance believes that creating an opportunity for all residents of Logan City to participate in sport and recreation requires effort from everyone. Therefore our focus is on fostering and developing collective opportunities, collective decisions and collective actions for the advancement of participation in sport and/or recreation in Logan City.

Our Members

Membership in the Alliance is open to organisations (public or private) and individuals with professional and/or personal interest in providing opportunities for people to participate in sport and/or recreation in Logan City. The Alliance is supported by an Executive of Government agencies with business aligned to the Action Plan derived from the Logan: City of Choices Summit 2013.

Logan: City of Choice Summit 2013

Briefing Note for Hon Steve Dickson MP - State Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

1. Background

Logan City Council has endorsed the Logan: City of Choice *Draft Two-Year Action Plan*. The draft document outlines the key findings and outcomes from the Logan: City of Choice Summit held in February and attended by key stakeholders from government, business and the community.

Council will support the establishment of a leadership team consisting of the following invited delegates, the Prime Minister or delegate, the Premier or delegate, the Mayor or delegate, four community members and three subject matter nominees. The first responsibility of the leadership team will be to finalise the action plan and establish working groups to implement the actions from the plan.

2. Purpose

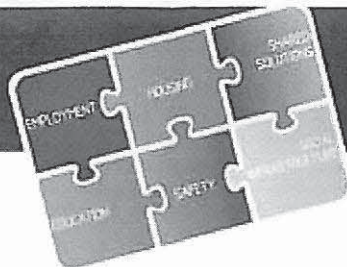
The purpose of the meeting is to seek feedback on the Draft Logan: City of Choice Two-Year Action Plan. The meeting is designed to listen to your views and opinions on the draft plan and determine a way forward in partnership with the State Government. Council is committed to working in partnership to finalise the document and implement the plan.

3. Ministerial Portfolio

The key actions from the Two-Year Action Plan that relate to the portfolio for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) are included under the Social Infrastructure theme.

Sub-Theme: Social Infrastructure

Action	Lead Agency(ies)
High Priority Actions	
5.2 Explore opportunities to engage with Logan youth including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitate an annual youth summit, possibly during Youth Week, to provide opportunities for young people to connect and inform city wide policy and youth programs. • support and promote youth driven initiatives. • conduct a comprehensive audit of youth facilities, programs and services within Logan and determine where new facilities or programming may be needed. • review of funding programs and services between State Government and key stakeholders to determine if programs and services are meeting local youth needs, identify where and how funding should be best directed to areas in need, and identify how funding should be delivered in a coordinated way with Logan's community groups. 	Community Organisations State Government Federal Government Supported by Logan City Council
5.3 Establish events, such as a signature event, for Logan that are community owned and driven and includes different elements including music, food, dance, a street parade, sports, arts, craft and literature.	Community Organisations Logan City Council (facilitation role) Supported by State Government and Federal Government
5.4 Develop an online resource database or One-Stop-Shop concept to keep communities informed of services, programs and facilities available in Logan. This online portal should include access to employment information to empower users/clients in achieving training and employment goals. This links to Employment theme action 2.1.	State Government Logan City Council Community Organisations
5.7 Work in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to establish a representative body for Logan to work together to deliver a range of initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting the development of community based programs • supporting the development of arts based programs (e.g. Stylin Up) through funds, grants and shared resources The successful implementation of these actions would require the appointment of an Indigenous Officer based at Logan City Council. 	Logan City Council Supported by State Government and Federal Government Community Organisations



Action	Lead Agency(ies)
Secondary Priorities	
5.8 Review impacts of insurance requirements for community groups and other financial barriers to access sport and community opportunities to provide greater access to these opportunities by the public.	State Government Logan City Council Community Organisations
5.10 Facilitate partnerships to identify opportunities to support and meet the needs of Logan's multicultural communities. Actions may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to support the Local Area Multicultural Partnership (LAMP) Officer role at Logan City Council • identify what models of service, programs and funding works to ensure adequate support • explore opportunities to create a component of Active Logan that targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities (eg Black Diamonds Program.) • increase support for events (e.g. Harmony Day Event or Kaleidoscope.) • identify sports based programs that could be used to enhance relationships between cultures • look for new initiatives to tailor existing sports and recreation, festivals, events, arts and cultural programs 	State Government Logan City Council Community Organisations
Other Potential Actions	
5.11 Explore opportunities for a community based transport system to provide greater opportunities to access employment, facilities, services, and programs.	State Government Community Transport Provider
5.12 Develop community infrastructure early in new communities to support growth.	Logan City Council State Government
5.13 Conduct an accessibility audit of existing sports, recreation and community facilities.	Logan City Council
5.14 Explore opportunities to make better use of existing sporting and community facilities for the general public.	Logan City Council
5.15 Provide ongoing sporting opportunities in Logan so young people are able to remain in Logan as they progress in their chosen sport.	State Government Logan City Council Community / Sporting Organisations
5.16 Undertake a review of PCYC's to determine resourcing and funding opportunities, and to determine if facilities are currently in the best location to service communities.	State Government Logan City Council Community Organisations

4. Key Portfolio Opportunities

There are several programs within the NPRSR portfolio which closely align to some of the identified actions. Potential opportunities exist to explore how current programs could assist in delivering the identified actions.

Opportunities may include:

- Get in the Game Funding
- Young Athlete Assistance Program
- The Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officer Program
- Challenge, Achievement and Pathways in Sport (CAPS) Program
- Building Active Communities Workshops

Client Name for Letters	Application Number G2	Program	Address	Project Locality	State Electorate	Capital Grant
Park Ridge JAFC Inc	A-005-00002	Get G	Crest Rd	Park Ridge	Algeria	False
Logan Cobras Women's AFL Club Inc	A-005-00123	Get G	Dr	Tanah Merah	Waterford	False
Logan City BMX Academy Inc	A-005-00135	Get G	ood Rd	Priestdale	Springwood	False
Beenleigh - Logan Cricket Association Inc	A-005-00173	Get G	St	Beenleigh	Waterford	False
Beenleigh Australian Rules Football Club Inc	A-005-00179	Get G	St	Beenleigh	Waterford	False
Beenleigh Tennis Inc	A-005-00197	Get G	Alamein St	Beenleigh	Waterford	False
Springwood Suns Cricket Club Inc	A-005-00240	Get G	ayda St	Shailer Park	Springwood	False
Queensland Police-citizens Youth Welfare A	A-005-00316	Get G	St	Crestmead	Woodridge	False
Jimboomba Junior Rugby League Football C	A-005-00686	Get G	outh St	Jimboomba	Beaudesert	False
Logan Basketball Inc	A-005-00705	Get G	ants Rd	Shailer Park	Springwood	False
Beenleigh PCYC	A-005-00719	Get G	Alamein St	Beenleigh	Waterford	False
Waterford Equestrian and Pony Club Inc	Z-016-00034	Sport a Disas F Rd	Bucan	Albert		True

**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Mr Terry Doolan, Chair, Mackay Cricket Association;
Mr Graham Brown, Vice Chair, Mackay Cricket Association;
Mr Greg Pohlmann, Vice Chair, Mackay Cricket Association;
Mr Michael Jones, General Manager, Harrup Park Country Club;
Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved	Not Approved
Further information required	
Minister	
Dated / /	

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Overview of Mackay Cricket Club future direction

BACKGROUND

- Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday has requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. The objective of the meeting will be to provide an overview of the Mackay Cricket Club and their future direction
- The meeting has been arranged by the office of Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday and to date the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has played no role in arranging this meeting.
- Mackay Cricket Association own and operate the Harrup Park Country Club which is a multi-sport facility located in Mackay. The facility also offers a range of dining, conference and entertainment options to patrons.
- The Harrup Park Country Club is centrally located close to the city centre of Mackay and the airport.
- The facility hosts golf (9 hole par 3 course), Australian rules football, vigoro and cricket at the venue.
- Consultation:* Program Development and Grants Administration Unit, Sport and Recreation Services to provide details of approved funding to Mackay Cricket Association (**Attachment 1**).

CURRENT ISSUES

- Mackay Cricket Association have been successful in securing funding of \$100 000 under the current round of the Get Playing program to install lighting to support cricket, Australian football and vigoro at the Harrup Park Country Club.
- Mackay Cricket Association is providing \$328 848 to this project. The total project cost is \$428 848 and will provide lighting to the oval adjacent to the main oval which is already lit and currently heavily used.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Past funding figures.

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Client Name for Letters

Mackay Cricket Association Inc
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Application Number G:

F-043-00208
F-034-00043
Z-012-00051
Z-008-00008

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Program Name

Get Playing (Get In The Game)

Major Facilities Program

Positive Or It's Pointless

Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program

Description Project Current

install lighting to support cricket, Australian football and construction of two amenities blocks, covered seating.

purchase equipment to support cricket at Mackay

repair flood damaged multi-sport fields to support cricket

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Application Status	State Region	Amount Total Approve Transaction Finalised	Paid \$	Date Approval
Approved	North Qld	\$100,000	\$0	6/03/2013
Finalised	North Qld	\$1,500,000	\$1,445,410	2/05/2009
Finalised	North Qld	\$1,000	\$1,000	7/09/2011
Finalised	North Qld	\$7,250	\$7,250	17/05/2010

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Activity	Project Address	Project Locality	State	Electorate	LGA	Capital Grant
Multisport	92 Juliet St	South Mackay	Mackay		Mackay	True
Multisport	93 Kippen St	South Mackay	Mackay		Mackay	True
Cricket	93 Kippen St	South Mackay	Mackay		Mackay	False
Multisport	10 Juliet St	Mackay	Mackay		Mackay	True

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE
 11-13 April 2013 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm daily

Chief of Staff	OK
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Minister.....	
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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: 2013 Sport and Recreation Services Free Sport Expo

DEP REP: Ms Dana Bradow, Advisor, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), South West Region, on telephone the protection of an

BACKGROUND

- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services), 2013 Free Sports Expo will be held in conjunction with the Toowoomba Royal Show from Thursday 11 April 2013 to Saturday 13 April 2013.
- Sport and Recreation Services has hosted the Free Sports Expo at the Toowoomba Royal Show for the past seven years and it is the largest Free Sports Expo on the south west region's calendar. The Free Sports Expo has attracted over 40 000 visitors since its inception.
- The objective of the project is to bring all service units of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing together and deliver information to the wider community on all aspects of the department. This will be achieved by increasing community access and awareness to a range of sporting and recreational activities and informational services available to them in the south west region.
- The Free Sports Expo promotes the importance and fun of an active, healthy lifestyle through the department's 'Get Active' campaign and increases our exposure to the general public about the technical work sport and recreation and national parks officers undertake. This will be delivered through an inclusive community participation concept titled *Come on... Give it a go!*
- The target groups identified for the project are under 8 year olds, youth, seniors, Indigenous, people with disabilities and families.
- The Free Sports Expo provides opportunities for sporting organisations to promote their sport, organisation and activities to the communities through static displays and come and try activities to increase participation and membership. Confirmed organisations for this year's Free Sports Expo include:
 - Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club
 - Australian Football League Queensland
 - Bowls Queensland
 - Tennis Queensland
 - Downs Rugby Union
 - West Toowoomba Croquet
 - Rangeville Hockey Club
 - South West Football
 - Australian Sports Commission – Active after Schools Community Program
 - Queensland Police Service.

CONSULTATION

- Mr Damon Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland provides non-financial support in the form of site provision, signage, PA announcements, promotion, free entry for volunteers and the supply of large equipment.

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	Name: Lyndall Holz Position: Director Tel No: 3338 9585	Name: Position: Tel No:	

- Ms Lindsey Uhrig, Communications Officer, Communication Services was consulted in early February 2013 to establish what support could be provided to the region for this event. Limited collateral, merchandise or signage is available due to the Find Your 30 campaign no longer running and the change in Queensland Government logos. The region was provided with three each of the following items for a mega prize pack competition: cookbooks, drawstring bags, large footballs and frisbees.
- Mr Robert Ashdown, Senior Ranger (Visitor Management), Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service was also consulted. National Parks will be participating in the event by way of static display and Rangers.
- Ms Rebecca Schroder, Community Development Officer – Youth, Toowoomba Regional Council, will be providing, through their Youth Connect program, a mini inflatable movie screen to show extreme sports and a television with PS3 active sports games.
- Mr Andrew Allpass, Mr Dominic Doyle and Ms Anna Barrett, Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Officers from the Toowoomba Regional Council have provided club support.
- Various sport and recreation clubs and organisations will be providing come and try activities, inflatables and static displays.

CURRENT ISSUES

- Not applicable.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

9 April 2013 at 2.00 pm

Mr Charlie Zarafa, Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc

Mr Bruce Rosenware, Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved Not Approved Noted	
Further information required	
Minister.....	
Dated / /	

**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club – Use of Sporting Fields

BACKGROUND

- Mr Charlie Zarafa and Mr Bruce Rosenware from the Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc (the Club) have requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.
- The Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club was formed in 2012. According to Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Club operated from the Sunshine Coast Hockey fields at Ballinger Park, Buderim in 2012, but may now utilise the Mooloolaba State School for training purposes.
- According to a web search, Mr Bruce Rosenware is also listed as the President of the Mooloolaba Knights Lacrosse Club.
- Under the *Get Going* program, the Club was successful in obtaining a grant of \$5775 to conduct an eight week learn lacrosse program for junior participants, promotion of lacrosse through school visits, accredit coaches and officials and purchase equipment to support lacrosse at Buderim.
- Their application indicates that Matthew Flinders Anglican School, Sunshine Coast Grammar School and Sienna Catholic College are all interested in participating in an after school hours lacrosse activity program.
- According to their *Get Going* funding submission, the club has 20 active senior and junior club members and more than 45 additional people that participate in programs and events connected to the Club. The Club plans to utilise the *Get Going* submission to increase its club base, attracting membership and accrediting volunteers.
- *Consultation:* Ms Diane Harris, Program Development and Grants Administration, Sport and Recreation Services, regarding funding to Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc since 1 January 2009.

CURRENT ISSUES

- SRS North Coast Region is not aware of any issues regarding the club.

Potential Request for Grant Assistance

Deputee Position

- Can the Minister assist the Club with the establishment of its own home grounds or development of facilities on other sporting club/school grounds?

Suggested Response

- I suggest that the Club contact Ms Alison Hamblin, Community Sports and Facilities Planning Manager, Sunshine Coast Regional Council to discuss your facility needs. Perhaps there are new residential developments being proposed, where the needs of your Club could be considered in the development of community infrastructure. Ms Hamblin's telephone number is (07) 5449 5112.

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- In terms of financial assistance to develop new or upgrading existing facilities, the State Government's *Get In the Game* funding initiative may assist with the club's development. This initiative involves three programs, *Get Started*, *Get Going* and *Get Playing*.
- *Get Started* provides funds to assist children who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sporting club to pay for registration fees; *Get Going* supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with one-off grants towards projects and activities so clubs can increase membership and *Get Playing* supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with facility development and upgrades to improve club facilities so that clubs can support increased club membership.
- Under the *Get Playing* program, that provides up to \$100 000 to eligible organisations to develop new or upgrade existing sport and recreation facilities, your club must be able to meet some key eligibility requirements to apply. These include tenure over the land on which you wish to develop a facility, sketch plans of proposed work, local government development approval, three quotes from recognised contractors, a minimum of 20% contribution towards the development and permission from the land owner.
- If a proposed development is on school grounds, in terms of land tenure, your club must have a long term use agreement in place and written advice from the school Principal agreeing to the development.
- I would encourage the clubs involved to make contact with the Sport and Recreation Services' Regional Office in Maroochydore on telephone (07) 5459 6176 to discuss your project needs and how these may align to Program priorities.

FUNDING

- As the Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club was only formed in 2012, the only funding submission received by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing since January 2009 is the successful *Get Going* funding submission outlined above.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Funding report for Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc.

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Client Name for Letters	Application Number G2	Program Name	Description Project Current	Application Status	State Region	Amount Total Approved	Transaction Finalised Paid \$	Date Approval	Activity	Project Address	Project Locality	State Electorate	LGA	Capital Grant
Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc	A-005-00395	Get Going Program	conduct an eight week learn lacrosse program for junior participants, promote lacrosse through school visits, accredit coaches and officials and purchase equipment to support lacrosse at Buderim	Approved	North Coast	\$5,775	\$0	6/03/2013	Lacrosse	Ballinger Rd	Buderim	Buderim	Sunshine Coast	False
Totals						\$5,775	\$0							

Approved funding to Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Club Inc - 1 January 2009 - 2 April 2013

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CTS No. 06809/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

17 April 2013 at 11.00 am

Mr Brett Leach, President, Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club

Mr Kingsley Theiber, General Manager, Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club

Mr Ted Malone MP, Member for Mirani

Chief of Staff OK
Dated / /
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....
Dated / /

**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Overview of Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club (West's) future direction

BACKGROUND

- Mr Ted Malone MP, Member for Mirani has requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing on 17 April 2013 at 11.00 am. The meeting will be to provide an overview of the Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club (WSRLFC) and their future direction.
- WSRLFC is located in Walkerston, west of Mackay which is a gateway to the rapidly expanding Bowen basin mining region and home to over 10 000 residents.
- WSRLFC currently operates a licensed venue that has entertainment, dining and function capacity and currently lists membership at approximately 6000 people.
- *Consultation:* Nil.

CURRENT ISSUES

- WSRLFC have indicated they have land which they would like to construct a new multi-purpose sport and recreation facility to support a range of activities and local clubs.
- WSRLFC have advised that they will seek State and Federal Government support to develop new sporting facilities on the club's land.

Deputy Position

- What future funding will be available to support the continued development of the facilities at WSRLFC?

Suggested Response

- Further upgrades to the sporting facilities at your venue will be considered under future rounds of the *Get Playing* program. A round of this program is currently scheduled to be released later this year. Please contact Mr Anand Pillay, Regional Manager, North Queensland Region, Sport and Recreation Services on (07) 4799 7010 to discuss any future projects.

Deputy Position

- What additional assistance can Sport and Recreation Services provide to assist with WSRLFC's future plans to support sport in Walkerston?

Suggested Response

- Sport and Recreation Services staff are able to assist with a wide range of matters including facility planning, facilitating joint planning with other organisations and assistance with seeking other development opportunities to assist with future development of WSRLFC.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

Tuesday 23 April 2013, 11.00 am

Mr Derek Scott, Executive Officer, Table Tennis Queensland

Ms Gail Torrens, Chief Executive Officer, Tenpin Bowling Queensland

Ms Christine Luck, President, Queensland Badminton Association

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved Not Approved Noted	
Further information required	
Assistant Minister.....	
Dated / /	

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Future of the Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan

BACKGROUND

- Mr Derek Scott, Executive Officer, Table Tennis Queensland Inc. (TTQ), Ms Gail Torrens, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland Inc. (TBQ) and Ms Christine Luck, President, Queensland Badminton Association Inc. (QBA) have requested to meet with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, to discuss their respective organisations' involvement in the department's Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan (LSRJP). The Minister is unable to attend this meeting and will be represented by Mr Jeff Van Groningen, Senior Policy Advisor.
- The LSRJP assists clusters of local community, sport and recreation organisations and councils to build capacity through the employment of a Local Sport and Recreation Coordinator.
- Funding of up to \$52 000 per annum for a maximum of three years was available to contribute towards the Coordinator's employment costs.
- The role of the Coordinator is to:
 - provide services to a cluster of 5 to 7 (or more) sport, recreation or community clubs and councils and provide a link between clubs and local schools
 - provide advice on governance and source appropriate support avenues
 - develop networks and support collaborative approaches to sport and recreation in local communities
 - support organisations with grant-seeking, sponsorship, fundraising and corporate partnerships
 - advise on effective marketing strategies and promotional activities for sport and recreation.
- The Coordinator's role is not intended to:
 - replace or fill already established positions in organisations
 - to pay current employees
 - manage offices, facilities or administration activities of organisations
 - lead participation program delivery activities, for example coaching, officiating, running competitions, interschool sporting activities
 - perform duties funded through other State or Federal government funding sources.
- Applicants were required to demonstrate their organisation's ability to contribute or to seek appropriate sources of financial support towards the ongoing costs of the position.

KEY ISSUES

- TTQ, TBQ and QBA were all approved funding of \$156 000 over three years under the LSRJP to each employ a Local Sport and Recreation Coordinator to service clubs within their respective sports.
- In addition to the above, TBQ was also approved LSRJP funding of \$156 000 over three years in a multi-sport arrangement to support clubs across the three sports (table tennis, tenpin bowling and badminton).
- Across the above mentioned four approved LSRJP projects, seven table tennis clubs, nine tenpin bowling clubs and five badminton clubs are supported via the four coordinators.
- TTQ, TBQ and QBA are required to report to the department bi-annually to ensure the terms and conditions of their funding agreements are being met.
- As the approval and start dates for LSRJP projects have been staggered, the end dates therefore vary and are provided below:

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	Name: Sharon Hodges Position: Director Tel No: 3338 9248		

LSRJP Project	Organisation	Project Funding Ends
J-001-00039	Tenpin Bowling Assn Qld Inc	September 2014
J-001-00114	Table Tennis Qld Inc	September 2014
J-001-00113	Qld Badminton Assn Inc	February 2015
J-002-00097 *	Tenpin Bowling Assn Qld Inc	March 2015

*Multi-sport project

CURRENT ISSUES

- The attendees would like to discuss the LSRJP and the future of the existing positions.
- The department is not aware of any contentious issues relating to the four LSRJP projects.
- TTQ, TBQ and QBA are currently in the final year of approved funding under the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program 2011-2013 (SSRODP).
- Approved 2013 SSRODP funding amounts for these organisations are provided below:

Organisation	2013 SSRODP Funding
Tenpin Bowling Assn Qld Inc	\$197 235 (GST exclusive)
Table Tennis Qld Inc	\$125 757 (GST exclusive)
Qld Badminton Assn Inc	\$89 750 (GST exclusive)

Future direction of LSRJP

Deputy Position

- Will funding continue under the LSRJP to retain our existing Coordinators' employment?**

Suggested Response

- The department is currently preparing a series of recommendations to the Minister relating to the future direction of the LSRJP. Once these recommendations have been finalised, all currently funded organisations will be advised. Should you wish to provide feedback on the LSRJP, please do so via your departmental representative:
 - TTQ: Steve Green, Senior Development Officer. Telephone: (07) 3338 9257
 - TBQ: Luke Carman, Senior Development Officer. Telephone: (07) 3338 9258
 - QBA: Luke Carman, Senior Development Officer. Telephone: (07) 3338 9258

Future direction of SSRODP

Deputy Position

- How will the department provide support to State Level Organisations (SLO) once the current SSRODP ends?**

Suggested Response

- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) is currently developing the future SSRODP program. All currently funded SLOs will be advised when the program has been finalised and approved by the Minister.

Other funding to support sport in Queensland

Deputy Position

- How can the Queensland Government continue to provide support to the sports of Table Tennis, Tenpin Bowling and Badminton in Queensland?**

Suggested Response

- The Queensland Government continues to support sport and recreation at the grassroots levels through the *Get in the Game* initiative. *Get in the Game* comprises three new funding programs worth \$47.8 million over the next three years. *Get Started*, *Get Going* and *Get Playing* are designed to get more people, especially children and young people, playing sport and involved in recreation activities. Further information can be obtained via your departmental representative or the department's website at <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/index.html>.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

30 April 2013 at 3.00 pm

Mr Paul Gonzalez, General Manager, Brisbane Bandits

Mr Col Dick, Chief Executive Officer, Baseball Queensland

Mr Ben Foster, General Manager, Australian Baseball League

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved Not Approved Noted	
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Minister.....	
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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Meeting with Brisbane Bandits to discuss home-field venue options

BACKGROUND

- The Brisbane Bandits franchise in the Australian Baseball League (ABL) has requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, to update the Minister on the progress the Bandits have made in identifying a new venue to host home ABL matches.
- On 4 November 2010, Baseball Queensland Inc (BQ) was provided \$300,000 towards necessary development work to bring the RNA Showgrounds up to standard to be the home venue for the Bandits in the newly launched ABL. The ABL and the USA-based Major League Baseball (MLB) also provided \$100,000 towards the works.
- The works included minor on-field and grandstand work to ensure player and spectator safety and the provision of basic amenities for teams, officials and media.
- At the time, BQ consulted with key stakeholders and analysed venue options in the Brisbane Region and identified the RNA Showgrounds as the preferred venue for hosting matches of ABL standard from both the player and spectator perspective.
- In November 2010, the ABL entered into a three year Hire Agreement with the RNA. The Bandits completed the first three ABL seasons at the RNA. The Agreement contained an option for a further term of two years if agreed by both parties.
- In January 2013, the RNA advised the Bandits that availability of the RNA for the 2013-2014 season was minimal due to an increase in event bookings due to the redevelopment of the RNA which includes the adjacent convention centre.
- This advice effectively requires the Bandits to identify a new home venue to relocate to for the 2013-2014 ABL season.
- The Bandits view the search for a new venue as an opportunity to identify and develop a long-term home for baseball in Queensland and are working closely with BQ to achieve that goal.

CURRENT ISSUES

- The Bandits and BQ have identified three suburban Brisbane baseball facilities as potential new home venues.
- Each venue has issues that would not meet permanent ABL game standards, such as inadequate infrastructure and event management arrangements:
 - Redlands Baseball Club (Capalaba): adequate lighting; field suitable but located on landfill site and susceptible to flooding; inadequate spectator seating and shade; inadequate amenities to support crowds; location not ideal;
 - Windsor Royals Baseball Club (Windsor): close proximity to neighbourhoods; local noise levels to observe; traffic management issues; comparatively good amenities for spectators; good location in central Brisbane and close to former location; and
 - Pine Hills Lightning Baseball Club (Bunya): inadequate seating and amenities for spectators; adequate lighting and field; good parking; location not ideal.

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- Of the options available, the Bandits have identified Redlands as the current preferred facility. This is due to potential support from a proactive Council looking to attract more games and it being the most game-ready venue, thereby reducing time and funds required to bring it up to ABL levels.
- The Redlands facility also provides an opportunity to develop the facility into a home for baseball in Queensland in the longer term.
- The move away from the RNA may also impact on the financial viability of the Bandits who, despite lower hire costs compared to the RNA, will likely receive reduced revenue from ticket sales. The Bandits averaged 1100 spectators at the RNA but do not anticipate similar crowds in a less spectator friendly and more boutique facility away from the Brisbane CBD.
- The Bandits and BQ have commenced initial discussions with these three clubs to determine their interest and suitability to hosting the Bandits at their venue.
- The ABL and BQ advise that Brisbane is the preferred location for a Queensland-based ABL franchise. To this end, the ABL's National Facilities Coordinator is meeting with the Bandits and BQ in May 2013 to investigate scope of works required to bring a facility up to ABL standards and to be able to support future development to become the home for baseball in Queensland.
- Since the launch of the new ABL in 2010, BQ has seen an increase in participation in baseball in Queensland. Additionally, the development of Australian elite players and opportunities for these players has increased with Australia now part of the World Baseball Classic tournament and Little League World Series.

Funding assistance

Deputee Position

- Is the Queensland Government able to assist the Bandits in their urgent short-term need to identify and upgrade a facility to allow ABL matches to occur from November 2013.
- At the time of the *Get Playing* program being open for applications, the Bandits and BQ were unaware of the need to relocate from the RNA.
- Non-financial assistance, such as the provision of old stadium seating or fencing from other State stadiums/venues, would be useful if available.

Suggested Response

- The Queensland Government appreciates the need for the Bandits to find a new venue for its ABL matches from 2013.
- BQ or one of the clubs which operate at the venues being considered are welcome to apply for funding under the Queensland Government's *Get Playing* program for facility upgrades; however the next round of the program will open later this year and projects would not be approved in time to meet the November 2013 matches timeframe for next season.
- BQ could approach Stadiums Queensland to see if any of its former suitable stadium components are available for use by BQ and the Bandits.

Other venue options

Deputee Position

- Is the Minister aware of any other venues, such as Stadiums Queensland venues, that may be able to host ABL matches. Also, whether, co-location opportunities with another sport, such as a winter sport like AFL, could be possible.

Suggested Response

- BQ could approach Stadiums Queensland to see if any of its existing venues are capable of hosting ABL matches.
- I can ask Sport and Recreation Services to undertake a desk top analysis to see if there are any other venues in the Brisbane Region which could potentially host ABL matches.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Email from the Brisbane Bandits requesting meeting.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

Tuesday 30 April 2013 at 3.00 pm

Mr Ahmed Sokarno, Chief Executive Officer and Owner
Honourable Rob Borbidge, Chairman, Australian Academy of Sport

Chief of Staff OK

Dated / /

Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....

Dated / /

**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Meeting regarding the Australian Academy of Sport

BACKGROUND

- Mr Ahmed Sokarno, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Honourable Rob Borbidge, Chairman, Australian Academy of Sport have requested a meeting with the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing on 30 April 2013 at 3.00 pm.
- The Australian Academy of Sport (the Academy) was launched in 2009, with the stated aim of providing opportunities of sustained growth for elite athletes and existing or potential sport and recreation workforce participants.
- Mr Sokarno is the founder and CEO of the Academy and the Honourable Rob Borbidge is the Chairman of the Academy which is a not for profit organisation.
- The Academy's website indicates that there are two other Board Members, Mr Paul Wyatt a legal practitioner who was formerly the CEO of the Southport Sharks AFL Club and Mr Mike Jones who has worked in the tourism and hospitality industry for the past 37 years and at one time was the Deputy Chairman of the Gold Coast Tourism Bureau.
- The Academy's website states it is a group training organisation (GTO) dedicated to sourcing and facilitating meaningful employment and training for:
 - students in their final years of school hoping to get a foot in the door of the sports and sports related industries - Australian School Based Apprenticeships;
 - school leavers wishing to work in the sports and sports related industries;
 - existing workforce (such as coaches, managers and admin) wishing to up skill themselves;
 - sports organisations willing to creating ongoing professional development opportunities for their workforce;
 - Indigenous Australians wishing to work in the sports and recreation industry; and
 - job seekers willing to get back to or start a career in sports and recreation industry.
- The Academy's website also states that it is the only organisation in Australia that helps participants in the sporting industry to improve their performance, get an education, develop a career pathway and help them transition into the workforce.
- Responsibility for the placement of young people into traineeships rests with the Department of Education, Training and Employment.
- The Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) provides Athlete Career Education (ACE) to all its scholarship holders as well as providing this service to nominated national athletes within Queensland that the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) has identified. ACE is a nationally driven project and is funded in part nationally and in part by the QAS. The service is delivered to nationally tiered athletes through a national curriculum.

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CURRENT ISSUES

- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) is not aware of specifically what Mr Sokarno and Mr Borbidge are seeking as outcomes from the meeting with Minister Dickson.
- The department does not have any funding sources to support the Academy and the QAS are currently meeting the needs of its athletes.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 - Website profile of the Academy.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Sponsorship of the Western Downs Rivers Cup

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated	
☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Noted	
Further information required	
Minister	
Dated 29/11/13	

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve to sponsor the Western Downs Rivers Cup; and
- sign the letter to South West Indigenous Network Inc (SWIN) (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- SWIN has submitted a sponsorship request to Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) seeking support for the inaugural Western Downs River Cup (the cup).
- The cup, which is the first indigenous cricket carnival to be held in south west Queensland, will consist of eight teams from eight regions throughout the south west and includes 120 players, 30 team officials and 100 volunteers.
- The cup will be held on the weekend of 16 March 2013 at Newtown Park, Toowoomba, in partnership with Queensland Cricket (QC).
- The concept of the cup is to deliver a participation opportunity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander men living in the south west to be active and healthy.
- QC accredited selectors will also attend the cup to identify promising cricketers and invite them to participate in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait XI selection process for the Queensland Imparja Cup squad. The Imparja Cup is Australia's national indigenous cricket carnival held annually in Alice Springs.
- The sponsorship proposal provided to the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) is seeking \$10,000 for the delivery of the cup (Attachment 2). For this level of support the department would receive logo recognition on the front of all volunteer shirts, recognition as a "Gold Sponsor" on all marketing and event material, the opportunity to display signage and have a stall/marquee at the event. The department would also receive five VIP tickets to the sponsor's dinner on 25 March 2013 in Toowoomba.
- As the cup is a unique participation opportunity for indigenous men in the south west region which aligns with current sponsorship priorities, the department recommends sponsoring the cup.
- It is not recommended that SRS provide sponsorship of \$10,000 as requested by SWIN, as it does not appear to be proportionate with the event's size and scope and is not consistent with sponsorship previously provided for similar events.
- The Murrumbidgee Rugby League Carnival, which is a similar event to the cup but attracts over 1400 players, 240 volunteers and over 25,000 spectators, was approved a \$10,000 sponsorship by the Minister on 31 July 2012. It is therefore recommended that the Minister approve a sponsorship totalling \$5,000 to support the staging of the inaugural cup.
- This level of support would classify the department as a "Silver Sponsor". As a "Silver Sponsor" the department would receive the same sponsorship benefits with the exception that the logo recognition would be on the right sleeve of all players' shirts instead of volunteer shirts and the department would receive three (instead of five) VIP tickets to the sponsors dinner to be held on 25 March 2013.
- SWIN has invited the Minister to attend the opening of the cup and bowl the first ball. Acceptance of this invitation will be coordinated by the Minister's office.

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter of reply to Ms Tania Darney; and
- Attachment 2 – Sponsorship proposal from South West Indigenous Network Inc.

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Hon Steve Dickson MP
Member for Buderim



Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

Our Ref: CTS 00122/13

Ms Tanya Darney
Coordinator
South West Indigenous Network Inc
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Dear Ms Darney

Thank you for your letter seeking sponsorship of the Western Downs Rivers Cup to be held on the weekend of 16 March 2013.

The Queensland Government, through the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) provides sponsorship for events and funding for initiatives and programs that encourage Queenslanders to participate in sport and active recreation.

Current sponsorship priorities relate to activities that encourage increased and ongoing participation in sport and active recreation, increased volunteer numbers in sport and active recreation, supporting capacity building of the industry and increasing opportunities for improved access for participation in sport and active recreation.

The department believes that your event offers the Indigenous community of the south west region a unique participation opportunity and therefore, I am pleased to advise that I have approved sponsorship of the Western Downs Rivers Cup for \$5,000 (GST exclusive).

Sponsorship is contingent upon both parties entering into a sponsorship agreement, with agreed outcomes and sponsorship recognition. The department is keen to work with you to ensure the positive benefits of participating in sport and active recreation is a key message across the weekend.

Please contact Ms Kate Ryan, Development Officer, Major Events and Partnerships, Sport and Recreation Services, on telephone 07 3405 6942 or via email at kate.ryan@nprsr.qld.gov.au to finalise the sponsorship agreement.

I wish you all the best in the delivery of the Western Downs Rivers Cup and thank you for the invitation to attend the opening of the Western Downs Rivers Cup and bowl the first ball. Please contact Ms Lorraine Hardgraves, Officer Manager in my office on 07 3224 7477 to see if I am available to attend.

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I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dickson MP

Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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The Honourable Steven Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
Member for Buderim
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Dear Minister Dickson,

Our Organisation, the South West Indigenous Network Inc (SWIN) is seeking sponsorship from your Department in relation to an upcoming Indigenous cricket carnival (the carnival).

The Carnival, being held in Toowoomba over the weekend starting Saturday 16 March 2013, will be delivered by SWIN in partnership with Queensland Cricket (QC). QC regional development officers will also assist in the planning and delivery of the carnival.

The Carnival concept is to deliver a participation opportunity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders living in the South West region of the State. This will provide an alternative sport carnival to the Rugby League, Touch Football and Golf participation events that the region currently hosts.

The "Western Rivers Cup" has been declared as the Carnival name with individual team names determined by the names of rivers such as Balonne, Maranoa and Paroo located geographically throughout the region. Eight Teams will compete for the Inaugural Western Rivers Cup with the possibility of further teams to be included from 2014.

The Carnival will provide participants with a structured participation event to play in outside of regular season cricket fixtures and will also provide an elite pathway through a talent identification process in which Queensland Cricket accredited selectors will identify promising cricketers and invite them to participate in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait X1 selection process for the Queensland Imparja Cup squad. The Imparja Cup is a cricket tournament based in Alice Springs, contested annually by Indigenous Australian cricketers. In 2001, Cricket Australia turned the tournament into a national competition. The Carnival will also serve as a pathway for Indigenous cricketers to potentially trial with the Queensland Bulls and other representative sides.

Local communities throughout the South West Region have identified that they wish to see a regional sporting event conducted in their region. This has been identified by community members and ratified as a need through the local Indigenous Sport and Recreation plans (endorsed by the Queensland Government) and the SWIN Strategies Plan.

While this will be the first regional sporting event that SWIN will conduct, the organisation has proven experience in delivery of specialised regional programs such as Deadly Sports, Trax Sports Tours and the Billy Lids Program.

SWIN and Queensland cricket are seeking your Department to invest \$10,000 (GST exclusive) in becoming a Gold Sponsor for the event which would obtain benefits in;

- Your business name and logo on the front of all volunteers' shirts (approximately 60) specially made by Canterbury in Aboriginal design
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor on all event marketing material including posters, SWIN website, all media advertisements and event program
- Exposure during special media events to launch carnival and announce inaugural sponsors
- Opportunity to display own signage around Newtown Park during carnival
- Opportunity to have own stall/marquee at carnival
- Mentions by public announcer during Carnival
- Exposure to 250 players and team officials from 8 regional Queensland communities, anticipated spectator crowd of 600 and interest from a cricket and non-cricket audience around Australia

Carnival dinner

- Five VIP tickets to the Carnival dinner on Friday 15 March 2013 in Toowoomba, including special mentions of support throughout the evening by the Master of Ceremony

If the Government was not available to attend the Carnival dinner, we as an Organisation would like to offer the opportunity for the Departments ticket allocation to be given to local volunteers, free of charge, from the participating communities in recognition of their achievements and efforts provided to the cricket fraternity.

SWIN anticipates the outcomes resulting from this event to include the following:

- Increasing the participation of Indigenous community members into the sport of cricket. This will be done through:
 - Linking team members to clubs in their community
 - Providing information to all spectators regarding how to join a cricket club
 - Promoting the game of cricket throughout the region
- Encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants to join or volunteer their commitment to a local cricket club from their respective community.
- Positive working relationships and partnerships with Queensland Cricket in improving participation through programs such as the Eddie Gilbert Program and
- Program development for our 5 regional based Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Officers funded by Queensland Government.

We look forward to your response and it would be of great privilege to our organisation if your Department was to sponsor this event if you could make the time to come up and Open it by bowling the first ball. If you require any further information in relation to our Western Rivers Cup Cricket concept please do not hesitate to contact Chairperson Peter Jackson on [0755222222](tel:0755222222) or email chairperson@swin.org.au.

Kind Regards,

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Tanya Darney
Coordinator
South West Indigenous Network Inc

CTS No. 00767/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: On the Same Wave Funding program 2013

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required by 28 January 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign** the letter to the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting the Premier and Member for Noosa (**Attachment 1**) declining the offer to financially contribute to the On the Same Wave program for 2013; and
- note** the contents of the brief.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The On the Same Wave program (OSW) is a joint water safety initiative between the Queensland Government and Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) to promote water and surf safety messages among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Queenslanders.
- The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing noted information pertaining to this program in brief CTS No 15102/12 on 19 October 2012 (**Attachment 2**).
- OSW was launched in January 2010 in response to numerous drownings of Queenslanders from CALD communities.
- Since OSW's inception in 2010, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) has approved funding of \$116,000 to the program as Multicultural Affairs Queensland and SRS were in the same department at the time.
- Since 2010, the Queensland Government has approved a total of \$320,000 to SLSQ to deliver OSW. The breakdown of Queensland Government financial contributions can be found at (**Attachment 3**).
- The funding agreement with SLSQ expired on 31 December 2012.
- Initiatives delivered within OSW do not currently align with any service or program priorities of SRS.
- The achievements to date in OSW in water and surf safety and education, show no evidence of sport or recreation related outcomes and are focused on awareness and survival as opposed to the sport of swimming or surf sports.
- Since 2009, SRS has approved funding in excess of \$1 million to SLSQ. This includes funding of \$750,000 under the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program (SSRODP) 2011-2013 to support organisation development, education and training initiatives and participation initiatives.
- This funding focuses on support to the Surf Sport programs of SLSQ which allow participants to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle, access a development pathway and gain recognition for their sporting efforts. Funding is not provided to SLSQ or any other organisation by SRS for beach safety and rescue activities. SLSQ receives funding from the Department of Community Safety (DCS) for these activities however DCS does not currently fund OSW.
- SRS also fund Royal Life Saving Society Queensland under SSRODP, however this funding also excludes any water, surf safety and education activities.

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Minister	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dated	3/2/13.

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- The Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting the Premier and Member for Noosa has advised his department is seeking a funding commitment of \$30,000 - \$35,000 from SRS to support a component of the 2013 program cost of at least \$100,000 (**Attachment 4**).
- While the ongoing implementation of OSW may improve education regarding water safety issues within Queensland's CALD communities, OSW does not fall within the responsibility of SRS.
- The previous funding was provided almost solely to support another area within the former Department of Communities when SRS was part of the department rather than achieving a sport and recreation benefit. Therefore SRS does not recommend continued funding for OSW.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Letter to the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting the Premier and Member for Noosa;
- Attachment 2 - Copy of Ministerial Briefing note regarding On the Same Wave funding, CTS No 15102/12;
- Attachment 3 - Queensland Government historical funding for OSW; and
- Attachment 4 - Funding request letter from the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting the Premier and Member for Noosa.

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Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

6 FEB 2013

The Honourable Glen Elmes MP
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs
Minister Assisting the Premier
PO Box 15397
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2012 concerning funding for the delivery of the On the Same Wave water safety program (OSW) in Queensland for 2013. I apologise for the delay in responding.

While I acknowledge the positive feedback Surf Life Saving Queensland has received for OSW in recent years, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) does not fund water or beach safety initiatives under its funding to Surf Life Saving Queensland or Royal Life Saving Society Queensland. These activities are the responsibility of the Department of Community Safety. SRS does however fund these organisations over \$1 million collectively over three years through the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program 2011-2013 to deliver sport related outcomes.

OSW outcomes do not align with SRS priorities and in the absence of a budget source for support in the current fiscal environment, SRS declines committing further funding to the program. As the Program focuses on water safety information and workshops, I would suggest contacting the Department of Community Safety (DCS), who are not currently engaged in the program, to investigate additional support options. Mr Kelvin Anderson, DCS can be contacted on telephone 07 3635 3531.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

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CTS No. 15102/12

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing
CC: Assistant Minister for Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: On the Same Wave funding

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note the content of the brief.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

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- SRS also fund Royal Life Saving Society Queensland under SSRODP; however this funding also excludes any water and surf safety and education activities.
- While the ongoing implementation of OSW may improve education regarding water safety issues within Queensland's CALD communities, OSW does not fall within the responsibility of Sport and Recreation Services.

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Further information required	Noted
Minister	
Dated 19/10/12	

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- The previous funding was provided almost solely to support another area within the Department of Communities when SRS was part of the department rather than achieving a sport and recreation benefit.
- The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs has advised it will again seek funding from SRS to support a component of the annual program cost of \$100,000.
- SRS will provide a formal briefing once this request is received however does not recommend continued funding to this program from the SRS budget.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Queensland Government historical funding for OSW

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Breakdown of Queensland Government Contributions:

Agency	2010	2011	2012
Multicultural Affairs Queensland	\$25,000	\$54,000	\$34,000
Sport and Recreational Services	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	\$10,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Tourism Queensland	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$100,000

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Hon Glen Elmes MP
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
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Minister Assisting the Premier

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The Honourable Steve Dickson MP
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Dear Minister

I am writing to seek your support for delivery of the On the Same Wave water safety program in Queensland for 2013.

On the Same Wave promotes water and surf safety messages among culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders and to international visitors to Queensland.

Surf Life Saving Queensland is delivering this highly regarded program, which was the state winner of the 2011 Australian Safer Communities Awards.

Since the program was launched in 2010, it has directly communicated surf safety messages to more than 75,000 Queenslanders from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and international visitors.

I have been impressed by the strongly positive feedback Surf Life Saving Queensland receives on the water safety workshops it delivers to migrants, refugees, international students and community groups as part of this program. What the organisation has delivered to date in 2012 significantly exceeds what it has been contracted to deliver, returning strong value for funding investment.

Our state's great beaches and waterways attract thousands of Queenslanders from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures daily. While supporting the development of safe, healthy and strong multicultural communities, this program also delivers water safety information in multiple languages, ensuring that all Queenslanders and visitors can receive the important 'swim between the flags' message and enjoy the beach safely.

The 2012 program was funded \$100,000 through Multicultural Affairs Queensland in partnership with other state government agencies, including Sport and Recreation Services within the former Department of Communities which contributed \$33,000.

To provide equivalent or increased funding for the program in 2013, a modest contribution of \$30,000 to \$35,000 from a small number of agencies is required.

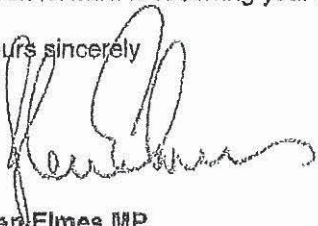
Of the total funding provided to Surf Life Saving Queensland, Multicultural Affairs Queensland contributed \$34,000 in 2012 and will allocate equivalent funding towards the 2013 program. As a small agency, Multicultural Affairs Queensland is unable to increase this allocation.

I wish to ask you to consider contributing funding towards delivery of the On the Same Wave water safety program in 2013.

Should officers in your department require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please ask them to contact Ms Karen Morris, Manager, Multicultural Affairs Queensland, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs on 3247 6363.

I look forward to receiving your favourable response.

Yours sincerely



Glen Elmes MP
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs
Minister Assisting the Premier
Member for Noosa

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Maleny State School Pool Development –
Advice to the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

Chief of Staff	OK
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Approved	Not Approved
Further information required	
Minister.....	
Dated / /	

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that the construction of a swimming pool at Maleny State Primary School is primarily the responsibility of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment
- sign** the attached letter to the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House and Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, advising that Sport and Recreation Services North Coast Regional Office is able to provide advisory assistance (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

- Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Council) has been looking at the aquatic needs of Sunshine Coast residents over the last three years, including the Maleny district, through undertaking a region wide aquatics study in 2010. The *Sunshine Coast Aquatic Plan 2011-2026* (the Aquatic Plan) documented existing and proposed facility developments and made recommendations regarding future swimming pool developments across the Sunshine Coast.
- In this study, the swimming pool at the Maleny State School was recognised as being the community pool, noting that Council was financially assisting its operation. The Aquatic Plan also noted that Council had recommended a 25 metre community swimming pool be built at a yet-to-be developed Council owned site known as the Maleny Community Precinct. This development was proposed to increase community access to a pool facility.
- In addition to the Maleny State School and the Maleny Community Precinct, the Council and the community also identified three additional potential sites for an aquatics facility in Maleny, at the Maleny Showgrounds and at Coral Street and Palm Streets, Maleny.
- As a result, Council commissioned a *Maleny Aquatic Centre and Feasibility Study* and a draft report was prepared in January 2013. This report noted that the potential population catchment for a swimming pool in Maleny was approximately 6500 to 10 500 persons and noted that the State School may retain its existing pool even if an alternative swimming pool was developed. Based on this information, the feasibility study concluded that "...any future pool development in Maleny should be undertaken at the Maleny Primary School in order to maximise partnership opportunities and sustainability."
- This feasibility study provided costing for two options for development at the Maleny Primary School:
 - upgrade and cover the swimming pool at its current location on site (up to \$584 000)
 - develop a new eight lane 25 metre heated indoor swimming pool at a location on site that would allow greater community access (up to \$5.32 million).
- It is noted that there may be up to \$950 000 worth of proposed work related to pathways, landscaping and road works/car parks that may not be eligible under any future significant facility funding program, in the larger redevelopment costing.

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KEY ISSUES

- The responsibility for development of infrastructure on Education Queensland land falls within the responsibilities of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment. Any facility built at Maleny Primary School would become the ownership of Department of Education, Training and Employment, with the Principal of the Primary School having significant input into the level of community access that would be granted in the future.
- The Department of National Parks, Recreation Sport and Racing does not currently have a significant infrastructure program that would fund developments of this nature, with the *Get Playing* Program contributing up to \$100 000 for minor scale sport and recreation facility developments.
- Under the *Sport and Recreation Infrastructure* Program in 2010, the Maleny Swimming Club Inc applied unsuccessfully for \$20 000 in subsidy assistance, towards a total project cost of \$33 481 to replace a pool heating system at Maleny State School (Ref: F-035-00211). The replacement project was deemed ineligible under the program guidelines.
- Sport and Recreation Services, North Coast Regional Office, is aware of discussions concerning the development of a community swimming complex at Maleny and can provide advisory assistance regarding the development.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Letter to the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Member for Glass House

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The Honourable Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
Member for Glass House
PO Box 727
MALENY QLD 4552

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2013 concerning the planning undertaken by Sunshine Coast Regional Council for the development of a swimming complex at Maleny State Primary School.

The construction of facilities on State school land comes under the portfolio responsibilities of our Cabinet colleague, the Honourable John Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, and I note that you have sought his support for the project also. The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is, however, willing to be involved in discussions regarding the proposed development. Mr Steve White, Regional Manager, North Coast Regional Office, Sport and Recreation Services, can offer advice regarding this development. Mr White can be contacted on telephone (07) 5459 6176 or via email steve.white@nprsr.qld.gov.au regarding this matter.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Our Ref: CTS 06860/13

The Honourable Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
Member for Glass House
PO Box 727
MALENY QLD 4552

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2013, concerning the future of Maleny Aquatic Centre.

I am considering the matters raised in your correspondence and a response will be sent to you shortly.

In the interim, should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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SUBJECT: Response to Ms Kerry Millard MP regarding a request for funding for the Sandgate Tennis Centre

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

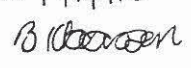
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign the letter to Ms Kerry Millard MP, Member for Sandgate, regarding advice to the Sandgate and District Youth Tennis Association (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

- On 20 March 2013, Ms Millard, wrote on behalf of the Sandgate and District Youth Tennis Association (the association) requesting consideration to allocate funding in the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department) next budget for the development of a \$2.1 million upgrade of the Sandgate District Tennis Centre (the centre).
- The proposed upgrade includes three new courts with two championship courts (bringing the total number of courts to 10), clubhouse redevelopment incorporating amenities, coaching room and pro-shop/administration area and a reconfigured car park.
- Preliminary estimates of the construction costs for the proposed work is \$2.45 million.
- The purpose of the upgrade is to attract more players, retain existing members and increase and improve the quality of service to the area.
- According to Tennis Queensland, the current facility services a large catchment area. The closest other tennis facilities are Club Coop in Carseldine and Redcliffe Tennis Centre and Shaw Park Tennis at Woolloowin.
- The association has 160 junior members and 165 adult members and the facility hosts approximately 700 players per week.
- A master plan and cost estimates for the upgrade have been prepared and the association is obtaining Development Approval.
- The association recently had their lease renewed with Brisbane City Council (BCC) to 31 October 2022 and BCC supports the upgrade to the facility as part of their tennis strategy for Brisbane.
- BCC has recently approved funding of approximately \$95 000 under round 1 of their 2012-2013 Community Sports Club Program to construct one new court with lighting at the centre.
- Over the past five years, the department has provided almost \$14 million in funding towards tennis infrastructure projects under the Regional Tennis Facilities Program (\$8.8 million), Major Facilities Program (\$1.8 million), Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program (\$2.3 million), Tennis Infrastructure Flood Fightback Program (\$900 000) and Get Playing (\$176 733).

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KEY ISSUES

- The *Get Playing* Program provides funding of up to \$100 000 to assist local sport and recreation organisation's with infrastructure upgrades and development so that more Queenslanders are encouraged to become involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice.
- The association applied for funding of just under \$100 000 for construction of a new court with lighting under the first round of *Get Playing*, but the application was assessed as ineligible as the quotes or Quantity Surveyor's estimate provided were dated more than one month prior to the submission of the application.
- The centre's manager intends on applying for other grants for this upgrade, including from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund and Tennis Queensland. However, these grant programs are targeted towards minor works projects.
- The association is currently not affiliated with Tennis Queensland and therefore not eligible for any funding from Tennis Queensland/Tennis Australia.
- The association could also investigate possible grant funding under the Commonwealth Government's Regional Development Australia Fund.
- Ms Millard has requested for consideration of a \$2.1 million upgrade, but the preliminary estimates indicate a construction cost of \$2.45 million.
- *Consultation:*
 - Mr Michael Blomer, Facilities Development Manager, Tennis Queensland, Telephone (07) 3120 7900.
 - Mr Matthew Wardlaw, Sport and Recreation Officer, Brisbane City Council, Telephone (07) 3178 0552.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1- Letter to Kerry Millard MP, Member for Sandgate.

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Ms Kerry Millard MP
Member for Sandgate
PO Box 496
SANDGATE QLD 4017

Dear Ms Millard

Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2013, making representation for Mr Eric Plant, President, and Mr Brett Plant, Manager, Sandgate and District Youth Tennis Association (the association).

Your letter requests consideration in the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department's) next budget to fund a proposed \$2.1 million upgrade of the Sandgate District Tennis Centre.

The department's *Get Playing* program, part of the *Get in the Game* initiative, provides funding of up to \$100 000 to assist local sport and recreation organisations with facility development, so that more Queenslanders are encouraged to become involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice. Under the first round of *Get Playing*, 83 clubs were approved funding of \$6.7 million to upgrade or develop their facilities.

I understand the association applied for funding in the first round of *Get Playing*, but was unsuccessful. The association is welcome to apply in the next round and is encouraged to contact Mr Simon Stephens, Regional Manager, Sport and Recreation Services, on telephone (07) 3896 9924 for advice on its application and the *Get Playing* program. In addition to the potential grant programs mentioned in the association's business plan, you may wish to advise the association to seek information about possible funding opportunities from the Commonwealth Government, in particular the Regional Development Australia Fund. Details can be found at www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs.

The department is, unfortunately, operating in a tight fiscal environment and is not in a position to allocate funding of \$2.1 million for the development of the Sandgate Tennis Centre.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

CTS No. 07036/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Sponsorship request for After the Siren

Chief of Staff.....	OK
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TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** to not sponsor After the Siren and
- **sign** the letter to Mr Duncan Free, Manager, Griffith Sports College (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr Duncan Free, Manager, Griffith Sports College wrote to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment seeking \$60 000 funding to support After the Siren (the Initiative).
- The Initiative is a one day educational workshop for year 11 and 12 students who have the potential to be elite athletes.
- The initiative educates students who have athletic potential in a number of areas including leadership, social media, media training, management of professional and private life, ethics and drugs and nutrition and recovery.
- Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) sponsored a previous version of the initiative from 2007 – 2011, providing a total of \$72 098.47 (GST exclusive). The previous initiative, which was then called After the Full Time Siren – Lifeskills for Elite Athletes, was targeted at elite athletes and comprised of a series of weekly two hour sessions that covered various topics including media skills, alcohol and drug abuse and social media.
- SRS ceased funding the initiative in 2011, as it was no longer considered a priority of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) as it was focused on elite athletes and in part duplicated the activities of the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS).
- SRS draft sponsorship guidelines (which are pending Ministerial approval) state that activities where achieving sport and active recreation outcomes is not the primary purpose of the activity for example: award ceremonies, fundraising, social or networking events or educational/learning activities are not eligible for sponsorship.
- The department does not recommend sponsorship as the initiative is an educational program for year 11 and 12 students and is therefore more suited to the Department for Education, Training and Employment or should be supported by the relevant State Level Organisation for the young athlete.
- QAS provides Athlete Career Education (ACE) to all scholarship holders as well as providing this service to nominated national athletes within Queensland that the National Sporting Organisation has identified. ACE is a nationally driven project and is funded in part nationally and in part by the QAS. The service is delivered to nationally tiered athletes through a national curriculum.

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- The Griffith University proposal would be in part a duplication of what already exists, and delivering to a level of athlete that the department would not normally support. The athlete has to be nominated by the sport for departmental support.
- *Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities*: Not applicable.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Letter of Reply to Mr Duncan Free.

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Mr Duncan Free
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Dear Mr Free

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment concerning support for After the Siren. The Minister has referred your letter to me for direct reply.

The Queensland Government, through the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) provides sponsorship for events and funding for initiatives and programs that encourage Queenslanders to participate in sport and active recreation.

Current sponsorship priorities relate to activities that encourage increased and ongoing participation in sport and active recreation, increased volunteer numbers in sport and active recreation, supporting capacity building of the industry and increasing opportunities for improved access for participation in sport and active recreation.

While I commend your efforts in assisting your athletes, the department's priority is to sponsor events and provide funding for initiatives and programs that deliver a direct sport and recreation outcome. Additionally, the department already supports Queensland Academy of Sports athletes through the Athlete Career Education services. Therefore, the department declines providing any financial assistance on this occasion.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Approval to appoint Gaming Laboratories Australia to audit Racing Queensland's telecommunications system for bookmaking

Chief of Staff	s.78B(2)	OK
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Minister	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Dated	4/4/13	

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by Tuesday 2 April 2013 to allow Racing Queensland to commence preparations to permit bookmakers to take bets using approved telecommunications systems, proposed to commence when the new governance arrangements take effect.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve** that Racing Queensland appoint Gaming Laboratories Australia to audit their proposed telecommunications system for monitoring bookmakers while taking bets over the internet and telephone, as required by section 249(2)(a) of the *Racing Act 2002*; and
- sign** the attached letter to Mr Kevin Dixon, Chairman of Racing Queensland (**Attachment 1**) advising of your approval.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act), contained in the *Racing and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012*, implement the government's election commitment to provide a competitive environment for bookmakers by allowing them to take bets via the internet both at a racecourse while a registered race meeting is conducted and at an approved off-course location, and via telephone.
- Section 249(2)(a) of the Act provides that the control body may approve a telecommunications system for bookmaking if the control body has the system assessed by an entity that is independent of the control body and approved by the Minister.
- A telecommunications system for bookmaking must be able to monitor all wagering activity to ensure the integrity of the bets made and to protect the money and privacy of persons placing bets.
- By letter dated 26 March 2013, Racing Queensland requested the Minister's approval to appoint GTA Pty Ltd, trading as Gaming Laboratories Australia, to audit their proposed telecommunications system for bookmaking under section 249(2)(a) of the Act.
- Gaming Laboratories Australia is the Australian division of Gaming Laboratories International, a fully accredited testing facility recognised by Australian and New Zealand regulators. Their experience includes knowledge of the wagering environment and evaluation of previous wagering, gaming, keno and lottery systems. Gaming Laboratories Australia are currently engaged by Racing Victoria Limited to audit their internet and telephone bookmaking systems.
- Gaming Laboratories Australia has provided a comprehensive proposal for the evaluation and assessment of the telecommunications system for bookmaking, together with a quotation for their services (**Attachment 2**).

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter to Racing Queensland advising approval to engage Gaming Laboratories Australia
- 2. Proposal from Gaming Laboratories Australia

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Hon Steve Dickson MP
Member for Buderim
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Queensland
Government

Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

Mr Kevin Dixon
Chairman
Racing Queensland
PO Box 63
SANDGATE QLD 4017

Dear Mr Dixon

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2013 seeking approval to appoint GTA Pty Ltd, trading as Gaming Laboratories Australia, to evaluate and assess the telecommunications system for bookmaking that Racing Queensland proposes to utilise.

I note that GTA Pty Ltd trading as Gaming Laboratories Australia is a well established and respected international company with specific expertise in auditing systems used for monitoring wagering industry related activities. Accordingly, I approve that Racing Queensland engage Gaming Laboratories Australia under section 249(2)(a) of the *Racing Act 2002* to assess the telecommunications system it proposes to approve for bookmaking.

Prior to Racing Queensland approving any telecommunications system, I would appreciate your advice regarding the auditing schedule Racing Queensland intends to implement to monitor the system and ensure the integrity of the system is maintained.

Should you have further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely,


Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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CTS No. 08008/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Training Track Subsidy Scheme Payments

Chief of Staff	OK
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TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required as soon as possible in order to distribute cheques to the eligible race clubs and Racing Queensland approved under the 2012-13 Training Track Subsidy Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign the attached letters enclosing cheque payments to eligible race clubs and Racing Queensland under the 2012-13 Training Track Subsidy Scheme (**Attachment 1**) and
- return all signed letters to the Office of Racing for distribution with cheques.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- On 19 March 2013, the Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing approved payments to eligible race clubs and Racing Queensland totalling \$2 million (excluding GST) under the 2012-13 Training Track Subsidy Scheme (**Attachment 2**).
- In accordance with the payments approval detailed in the previous briefing note, payments are to be made to each of the 37 eligible race clubs and Racing Queensland.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letters to eligible race clubs
- Attachment 2 – Ministerial Briefing Note dated 19 March 2013

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Ms A Daniel
Secretary
Atherton Turf Club Inc
PO Box 32
ATHERTON QLD 4883

Dear Ms Daniel

As you are aware, the Queensland Government has allocated grants totalling \$2 million for Racing Queensland Limited's Training Track Subsidy Scheme in 2012-2013.

Please find enclosed a cheque in favour of the Atherton Turf Club Inc for \$8,800.00 (GST inclusive), which represents the 'threshold' payment, as advised by Racing Queensland, which the club is eligible to receive under the Training Track Subsidy Scheme.

As a condition of providing these grants, and as a means to acquit the grant funding, Racing Queensland must provide the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) with a statement by no later than 31 October 2013, certifying that Racing Queensland has received a signed declaration from each recipient race club that all monies provided by NPRSR under the 2012-2013 Training Track Subsidy Scheme (including both 'threshold' and 'incentive' payments) have been spent in accordance with the scheme's objective of 'offsetting the cost of maintaining training facilities'. Racing Queensland will provide further details to you on the acquittal process for these grants.

I am pleased to provide this grant payment to help the Atherton Turf Club Inc defray the significant annual costs it incurs in maintaining training facilities and as a tangible demonstration of the Queensland Government's commitment to the entire racing industry.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

Sunday 10 February 2013

Honourable Steve Dickson MP

Chief of Staff OK

Dated / /

Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....

Dated / /

**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Beaudesert Race Club Reopening and Race Day

DEP REP: No departmental officers will be attending this event.

BACKGROUND

- The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, and a guest of his choice were invited to attend the Beaudesert Race Club Grand Reopening to be held at 12 noon on Monday 28 January 2013.
- Due to vandalism (the track was driven on and had diesel poured on it) and inclement weather, the event was postponed to Sunday 10 February 2013.
- The event will be held in the Function Room at the Beaudesert Racecourse located on Beaudesert-Boonah Road, Beaudesert.

Beaudesert Race Club

- Racing has been conducted at the Beaudesert racecourse since 1879 when it was known as the Logan and Albert Jockey Club.
- The grandstand was constructed in 1912 and the Beaudesert District Amateur Race Club was formed in 1939 and continues today as the Beaudesert Race Club.
- The venue is located on crown land which is held in trust by the Scenic Rim Regional Council and is leased by Racing Queensland Limited.
- It is an integral part of the thoroughbred training industry with some 250 horses in work at the venue.
- The President of the club is Mr Royce Aherns and the Secretary is Ms Lisa-Marie Hartney, who can be contacted on [redacted] the protection of an

Beaudesert Hibernian Race Club

- The Beaudesert Hibernian Race Club is a tenant of the Beaudesert Race Club and conducts one race meeting each year. This club has been conducting racing for 116 years, operating as a fundraiser for various charities.
- For the 2012-13 season, the club has been allocated one meeting to be conducted on Saturday 25 May 2013, with prizemoney of \$25,000.

CURRENT ISSUES

- Training is expected to grow at the venue as it has just undergone a \$4.7 million upgrade funded from the Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme.
- Upgrades include:
 - turf track reshaped and widened;
 - sand track realigned and widened;
 - major drainage culverts replaced and the infield drainage improved;
 - lights installed for early morning training;
 - 24 additional tie up stalls;
 - public facilities refurbished including the grandstand;
 - removal of unsafe buildings including judges towers; and
 - all WH&S issues addressed.

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- Beaudesert Race Club has been provisionally allocated eight TAB meetings and two non-TAB meetings for the 2013-14 racing calendar.
- The race meeting on 10 February 2013 is a TAB meeting allocated to the club under the *Showcase Country Series*. The meeting was scheduled for 28 January 2013 but was postponed due to wet weather. Each race of the day will be worth \$10,000 in prizemoney, with the feature race of the day worth \$20,000.
- The *Showcase Country Series* is a part the Government's commitment of \$4 million over four years for country racing.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Speaking points
- Attachment 2 - Draft media release

RTI DL Release

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Speech for the Hon. Steven Dickson MP Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Details of Request

CTS No.	CTS 00749/13
Date Requested	16 January 2013
Date Due	22 January 2013 – updated request due 4 February 2013
Prepared by	Tim Moore, Principal Communications Officer, Communication Services
Approved by	Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Racing

Details of Event

Event	Reopening of the Beaudesert Race Club
Date	Sunday 10 February 2013
Time	12pm
Venue	Function Room, Beaudesert Race Course, Beaudesert
Length	3–5 minutes
Contact	Ms Lisa-Marie Hartney – 0400 825 335

Acknowledgements:

- Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.
- I'd firstly like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.
- Other acknowledgements:
 - Mr Royce Aherns, President, Beaudesert Race Club

Speaking Notes:

- Welcome to the reopening of the Beaudesert Race Club.
- Today's race meet was originally scheduled for the Australia Day public holiday.
- But recent rain and flooding across much of Queensland's south east caused many race events to be cancelled or postponed.
- One thing I've learnt early in this Ministerial portfolio is that you *can* bet on the horses, but you *can't* bet on the weather.
- Today I would like to welcome you all to an exciting race card which highlights the best of country racing in Queensland.
- It is the perfect opportunity to officially launch the major upgrades to the race course facilities and to the race track you see here today.
- Today marks the club's first race meeting since the completion of these major upgrades at a cost of \$4.7 million.
- Included in the overhaul:
 - upgrading the course proper;
 - installation of new running rails;
 - widening of existing sand track;
 - installation of lights for training;
 - construction of additional tie-up stalls, wash bay and sand roll; and

- a refresh of visitor facilities.
- The upgrades were funded from the Queensland Government's \$110 million Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme.
- The government recognises the enormous value regional and country racing add to Queensland's economy, as well as the significant role it plays in our society and communities.
- It is exciting that these renovations have been completed in time for the club to host today's meeting in the *Showcase Country Series* as part of the government's \$4 million commitment to reinvigorate country racing in regional and rural Queensland.
- I am pleased today's event will also provide the people of Beaudesert the opportunity to come out in support of the club which was the victim of a senseless vandal attack last month.
- We recognise that country racing is the lifeblood of racing in Queensland and is a breeding ground for our racing champions – where horses and jockeys get a start with the support of regional racing clubs, trainers, owners and supporters.
- Racing provides a vital social outlet for many regional Queenslanders. It supports jobs and provides cash-flow for community groups, vets, produce stores and saddlers.
- Beaudesert plays a central part in the Queensland racing industry with some of the State's biggest thoroughbred studs based in the region.

- The importance of Beaudesert as a racing and training facility has been recognised by the government.
- Thank you for the warm invitation to reopen the facilities here at the Beaudesert Racing Club.
- I hope you all have a pleasant and prosperous day on the course.
- I look forward to seeing you all out at the track in the near future.

Ends.

RTI DL Release

CTS No. 01021/13 RAC-00010

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE

Saturday, 26 January 2013

Mr David Kempton MP, Member for Cook

Chief of Staff OK

Dated / /

Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....

Dated / /

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

SUBJECT: Mareeba Turf Club race meeting

Dep Rep: Not requested

BACKGROUND

- The Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, was invited by the National Arabian Racehorse Association and Australian Quarter Horse Racing to attend the Mareeba Turf Club meeting on 26 January 2013.
- Mr David Kempton MP, Member for Cook, will attend as the Minister's representative and has been invited to conduct the presentation for the National Arabian Racehorse Association and Australian Quarter Horse Racing.
- Thoroughbred racing has been conducted in Mareeba for over 100 years.
- The Mareeba Turf Club has been allocated five race meetings in 2012-13, including a *Celebrate Country Series* meeting on 2 March 2013.
- Racing Queensland Limited (RQL) is currently consulting on the 2013-14 race dates but it is expected that the Mareeba Turf Club will receive the same allocation as 2012-13.

CURRENT ISSUES

- Following the Mareeba Turf Club meeting, the National Arabian Racehorse Association and Australian Quarter Horse Racing will conduct a race for Arabian horses and a race for quarter horses. There will be no wagering offered on these races.
- In Queensland, animal racing, on which wagering is offered, must be conducted by an approved control body under the *Racing Act 2002*. Currently, RQL is the only approved control body in Queensland.
- The National Arabian Racehorse Association and Australian Quarter Horse Racing have indicated, over a number of years, their keenness to undertake racing of these breeds of horses in Queensland. Currently neither organisation has applied for control body status.
- As there is no wagering on the events, RQL is not involved in the conduct or organisation of the races.
- RQL has granted permission (subject to conditions, including insurance and animal welfare) for the Mareeba Turf Club to host the two races following the thoroughbred meeting.
- RQL has also agreed to suspend Australian Rule of Racing (ARR6), which would have licensees automatically disqualified for taking part in the event.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Speaking points

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Speech for Mr David Kempton MP Member for Cook.

Details of Request

CTS No.	CTS 01021/13
Date Requested	21 January 2013
Date Due	23 January 2013
Prepared by	Michael Duff, Principal Compliance Officer, Office of Racing
Approved by	Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Racing

Details of Event

Event	Presentation of trophies for the Arabian and Quarter Horse races at the Mareeba Turf Club
Date	Saturday 26 January 2013
Time	From 12pm
Venue	Mareeba Turf Club
Length	1-2 minutes
Contact	Chris Chalmers – 4093 2757

Acknowledgements:

- Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.
- I'd firstly like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.
- Other acknowledgements:
 - TBC.

Speaking Notes:

- Welcome to the historic first running of races at the Mareeba Turf Club by the National Arabian Racehorse Association and Australian Quarter Horse Racing.
- This is the first blush for those two organisations as they seek to open up further racing opportunities in Far North Queensland.
- Arabian and Quarter Horse racing are prominent codes of racing around the world and both organisations have worked hard to build support for racing Arabian and Quarter Horses in Queensland.
- The government is fully supportive of the efforts of smaller entrepreneurial racing codes in getting off the ground although is mindful of ensuring the integrity of events that have betting on them.
- I would like to congratulate the connections of <winning horse> and look forward to seeing their horse racing on a more regular basis.

Ends.

CTS No. 07693/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

Chief of Staff OK
Dated / /
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....
Dated / /

SUBJECT: National Quarter Horse Racing Association proposal for quarter horse racing in
Queensland

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** that there is no legislative impediment to the National Quarter Horse Racing Association (NQHRA):
 - applying for recognition as a control body for quarter horse racing in Queensland;
 - conducting racing events without any approvals so long as no wagering is offered on an event; or
 - conducting racing events, under the control of Racing Queensland, with wagering being offered.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Animal racing that does not have wagering connected with the event does not need to be conducted by a control body under the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act).
- Currently there are only three types (codes) of racing on which wagering is permitted under the Act:
 - thoroughbred (thoroughbred horses);
 - harness (standardbred horses); and
 - greyhound.
- Should the NQHRA wish to conduct racing on which there will be wagering, the options are:
 - to apply for control body status under the process set out in the Act; or
 - reach agreement with Racing Queensland to conduct quarter horse races/race meetings under the authority of the control body licence issued to Racing Queensland.
- Ms Maureen Milburn, Board Member, National Arabian Racehorse Association, who has prepared a number of proposals for the conduct of regulated Quarter Horse racing in Queensland is a long standing correspondent with Government concerning the operation of alternative racing codes/events and has been advised on numerous occasions of the process required to undertake such activities.

NQHRA as a control body

- A company established under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) may apply to the Minister for the approval of a new code of racing and seek to be granted a control body approval for any such code.
- A detailed application process, including probity checking and public advertising of the application is required and the associated steps are detailed in the Act.
- Should the NQHRA become an approved control body under the Act:
 - it will be a direct competitor with the existing regulated racing industry for wagering revenue; and
 - thoroughbred licensees participating in alternative events will no longer be at risk of being dealt with by Racing Queensland under Australian Racing Rule 6

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NQHRA operating under Racing Queensland approval

- Alternative codes have previously explored the possibility of conducting races under the authority of Racing Queensland's control body licence.
- An attempt to conduct racing of Quarter Horses and Arabians was approved by Racing Queensland in 2006 but ended after a single meeting at Gatton. Reports indicated participants and horses were not prepared to a sufficient level for racing.
- The National Arabian Racehorse Association (NARA), conducted two races at the conclusion of a thoroughbred meeting at Mareeba on 26 January 2013, with approval from, and under, Racing Queensland's control body licence.

Australian Racing Rule 6 (AR6)

- In respect to issues associated with AR6 in general, and AR6 (3) specifically, it should be noted that it is the intention of subrule (3) to ensure that any non-thoroughbred racing activity in which thoroughbred code licensees participate does not activate the operation and application of the other provisions of AR6 which prevent the participation of thoroughbred licensees in non-thoroughbred events. Specifically, AR6(3) states, "*Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subrule (2) shall not apply to any race or race meeting in which thoroughbreds do not take part and which is or are held under the management or regulation of an organisation formally recognised by the Government of the State or Territory in which the race meeting is conducted.*"
- The Queensland Government has not 'formally recognised' (to use AR6 terminology) the NQHRA, NARA, or any other organisation, for the purposes of AR6. Further, while this rule is of consequence to the Australian Racing industry it does not bind the Queensland Government.
- The NQHRA/NARA, via Ms Milburn, has been advised on many occasions, since 2004, that the government does not, and will not, be formally recognising any racing body that is not approved as a control body under the provisions of the Act.
- Racing Queensland has long held the policy position that they are willing to provide dispensations to thoroughbred licensees to participate in alternative racing activities provided that licensees are aware that they enjoy none of the thoroughbred code's protections (e.g. insurance, WorkCover, etc) when participating in alternative racing events.

Key issues for Racing Queensland

- Racing Queensland believe they have a general obligation, and a duty of care, to ensure that those licensees participating in any NQHRA/NARA activity are made aware that none of the insurances, safeguards, systems etc that they enjoy within the thoroughbred code will apply.
- Racing Queensland are supportive of the conduct of alternative racing events, subject to them being provided requested information, appropriate animal segregation arrangements being put in place and all participants being made aware that it is not a Racing Queensland event and Racing Queensland has no control over the races being conducted by other entities.
- The NQHRA/NARA's current business model relies on significant support from Racing Queensland and it is questionable whether Racing Queensland would actively support to any greater extent what is a potential competitor for the wagering dollar, or divert significant resources to supporting a non core activity.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE
 Thursday 11 April 2013, 9.00am
 Mr John Hartnett, Chief Operating Officer, Sportsbet
 Mr Hamish Arthur, Director, Kreab Gavin Anderson

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved	Not Approved
Further information required	
Minister.....	
Dated / /	

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Meeting with John Hartnett of Sportsbet and Hamish Arthur of Kreab Gavin Anderson

DEP REP: No departmental representative has been requested to attend.

BACKGROUND

- Kreab Gavin Anderson, operating on behalf of its client Sportsbet, has advised that the purpose of the meeting is to 'provide the Minister with information about how potential changes to the regime for the racing industry (all three codes) in Queensland could be mutually beneficial'.
- Sportsbet has operated as a Northern Territory licensed bookmaker since 1993 and is owned by Irish bookmaking firm Paddy Power. It employs approximately 400 staff in Australia and its head office is based in Melbourne.
- Sportsbet is one Australia's largest corporate bookmakers and it estimates that it has 20% of the Australian online wagering market.
- Paddy Power is one of the UK/Ireland's largest online gaming companies and also operates over 300 retail betting shops (similar to TABs) in these jurisdictions.

CURRENT ISSUES

Bookmaking in Queensland

- Sportsbet is not currently licensed to conduct bookmaking in Queensland. However, it is able to undertake online bookmaking with Queensland residents as a result of section 92 in the Australian Constitution which provides for freedom of trade between the States/Territories. It is understood that Sportsbet has a significant number of Queensland residents as online customers.
- Recent amendments (once proclaimed) to the *Racing Act 2002* will allow Queensland-based bookmakers to use the internet to conduct their business, both at the racecourse and at other offcourse premises approved by the Minister. These amendments will allow Queensland-based bookmakers to develop online business models similar to those used by Sportsbet.
- To obtain a bookmaker's licence in Queensland, an applicant must first obtain an 'eligibility certificate' from the Office of Liquor and Gaming. The eligibility certificate process is designed to ensure that operators are fit and proper for licensing as a racing bookmaker.
- If granted an eligibility certificate, an applicant may then apply to the control body, Racing Queensland, for a racing bookmaker's licence.
- Once the amendments to the *Racing Act 2002* come into force, a racing bookmaker will be able to apply to the Minister for an 'offcourse approval' to conduct bookmaking at premises, other than a racing venue. An approved place for an offcourse approval must not be open to, or available for use by the public.
- An applicant for an offcourse approval must provide an undertaking as to the minimum number of race meetings, and the venues at which the racing bookmaker will carry on bookmaking in person if the offcourse approval is granted. When considering an application, the Minister must have regard to how often the applicant has undertaken to carry on bookmaking in person at race meetings.

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Race Information Fees

- Sportsbet, like all wagering operators and bookmakers that use Queensland 'race information', must pay a fee to Racing Queensland. Similar fee-paying arrangements exist in all other racing jurisdictions.
- Sportsbet campaigned strongly against racing control bodies calculating race information fees based on turnover. It instituted a High Court challenge against the NSW legislation and the decisions made by Racing NSW and Harness Racing NSW, to impose a fee of 1.5% turnover on all wagering operators using NSW thoroughbred and harness race field information. This challenge was dismissed by the High Court.
- Racing Queensland currently charges Sportsbet a race information fee based on 1.5% (2% during the Winter Carnival) of turnover. In 2011-12, this fee generated \$34.5 million in revenue for Racing Queensland.
- Under the Racing Act, decisions about the quantum of race information fees charged, and its calculation methodology, are matters for the control body.

Post June 2014 Wagering Arrangements

- As part of the arrangements implemented when the former statutory TAB was privatised in 1999, the Queensland Government issued a 99 year race wagering licence to UNTAB (now TattsBet). The first 15 years of this licence were exclusive, meaning that the Government could not license any other race wagering operator until the expiration of the exclusivity period on 30 June 2014. This arrangement means that, until 30 June 2014, TattsBet is the only company able to apply for, and hold, race and sports wagering licences. However, from 1 July 2014, other wagering operators/bookmakers may also apply for a Queensland race wagering licence.
- As part of the TAB privatisation arrangements, a condition on issuing any race wagering licence was that TattsBet and the racing industry must establish appropriate commercial arrangements for the ongoing funding of the racing industry. Accordingly, TattsBet and the racing industry negotiated the Product and Program Agreement which requires TattsBet to pay the racing industry 39% of its gross wagering revenue. A primary driver of this fee was the perceived value that an exclusive race wagering licence afforded TattsBet. In 2011-12, these arrangements delivered the racing industry \$135.24 million in revenue.
- A number of High Court decisions in recent years have made it clear that any 'exclusivity' issued by the Queensland Government cannot prevent online operators, such as Sportsbet, from conducting online wagering activities in Queensland. It is these decisions that support the current online business model used by Sportsbet.
- In August 2012, the Premier announced that TattsBet had been granted a 25 year extension on their sports wagering licence.
- The value of the exclusivity arrangements, in so far as they apply to operators other than TattsBet establishing a physical retail presence, remain unclear as no wagering operator has challenged the current exclusivity arrangements.
- If there are no changes made to the *Wagering Act* prior to 30 June 2014, Sportsbet would be able to apply for a Queensland race wagering licence and, if granted, establish physical race wagering operations in competition with TattsBet.
- If Sportsbet was interested in obtaining a race wagering licence, it is envisaged that it would focus any physical presence on the most commercially attractive sites, rather than in all locations currently serviced by TattsBet.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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CTS No. 00395/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated	26/1/13
Approved	Not Approved
Noted	Further information required
Minister	
Dated	29/1/13

SUBJECT: Request to the Treasurer to increase budget for the Get in the Game programs

TIMEFRAME

- Urgent approval of this brief is required to assist with final assessment of the *Get in the Game* applications on 17 January 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve the reallocation of funding from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department) existing budget to the *Get in the Game* programs as outlined below
- sign the letter to the Treasurer requesting a reallocation of funding for the *Get in the Game* programs from within the Sport and Recreation grants budget (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The *Get in the Game* initiative was originally released as a \$16 million election commitment over three years to encourage greater active participation in sport and recreation organisations. A key focus is to support these organisations at the grassroots level and assist with membership/participation costs for children and young people who can least afford to participate.
- The *Get in the Game* initiative was increased to \$18 million in the 2012–2013 budget, with an additional \$2 million allocated to *Get Playing*.
- The funding allocation for the first year of *Get in the Game* (2012-13 budget) is currently \$5.5 million for the three programs. The analysis below shows there will be a large proportion of eligible organisations and individuals that will not be able to access support under these programs.
- Get Playing**
 - The 2012-13 budget for *Get Playing* is \$3 million.
 - Close to \$19 million has been requested through 239 applications.
 - Of these, the department's analysis of the initial assessment shows that 73 applications requesting funding of \$5.78 million meet the program eligibility criteria and demonstrate high need and the ability to deliver the project. A further 17 projects requesting funding of \$1.5 million have also demonstrated to be high need and require some assistance to deliver the project being requested.
 - With the current budget, only 54.7 per cent of the high ranked applications (funded at the maximum amount) would be approved. This compares to 100 per cent of the high ranked applications under the last round of the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program.
- Get Going**
 - The 2012-13 budget for *Get Going* is \$0.66 million.
 - Nearly \$7 million has been requested through 932 applications.
 - Of these, the department's analysis of the initial assessment shows that 481 applications requesting \$3.397 million meet the program criteria of need, program priorities and ability to deliver.
 - With the current budget, only 14 per cent of the high ranked applications (funded at the maximum amount) would be approved. This compares to 86 per cent of the high ranked applications under the last round of the Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program.

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- **Get Started**
 - The 2012-13 budget for *Get Started* is \$0.9 million.
 - There are more than 500,000 children and young people that would meet the eligibility criteria for *Get Started*, in terms of holding a relevant concession card. As well as the eligible applicants, referral agents will also increase the eligible applicant pool for the program.
 - Under the 2012-13 budget, only 6,000 vouchers will be issued.
 - As at 16 January 2012, more than half of the available vouchers have been issued, a day after the program opened for eligible applicants.
 - Due to demand, it is anticipated that all vouchers will be issued much earlier than the closing date for round 1 of the program, being 15 April 2013.
 - It is anticipated that the program will not meet demand for the vouchers, and additional funding will be required.
- Therefore, in the first phase of the assessment process, there is approximately \$10 million in funding that the department would potentially recommend approving. This does not include additional funding that may be channelled into the *Get Started* program.
- It is recommended that an existing 2012-13 Grant budget allocation of \$5.378 million be redirected to the *Get in the Game* programs. This will bring the total program funding for 2012-13 to \$10.878 million, which will be sufficient budget allocation for this financial year.
- To ensure the department has enough available program budgets to meet demand for funding for 2013-14 to 2014-15, it is recommended that the *Get in the Game* budget be increased to \$18 million per annum for these years.
- The funding to support these increases has been identified in the Sport and Recreation Grants budget through reallocation of Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program funding and consolidating Sport and Recreation grants to a smaller number of programs delivering the government's core objectives.
- A budget breakdown of the current budget and proposed new budget for the programs is provided and will be included as an attachment to the letter to the Treasurer (**Attachment 2**).
- The budget projections for 2012-13 to 2014-15 with current allocations are provided (**Attachment 3**).
- *Election Commitment*: The budget increases for the *Get in the Game* programs will mean that the election commitment funding amount will be increased to \$46.878 million.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter to the Treasurer and Minister for Trade
- Attachment 2 – *Get in the Game* budget attachment
- Attachment 3 – Sport and Recreation grants budget breakdown

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Recreation, Sport and Racing

Our Ref: CTS 00395/13

4 FEB 2013

The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP
Treasurer and Minister for Trade
PO Box 611
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Dear Treasurer

The Queensland Government is currently delivering on one of its election commitments by releasing the *Get in the Game* initiative, which is providing \$18 million over three years for sport and recreation in Queensland. The Premier launched the programs on 29 September 2012.

I believe this funding is a substantial investment into our communities. The three new programs that form the *Get in the Game* initiative will provide opportunities for Queensland communities to build sport and recreation at the grassroots and support those children who can least afford the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation.

The three programs that form *Get in the Game* are:

- **Get Started**, with a current budget of \$6 million over three years, will provide more than 40,000 vouchers to assist children and young people from the age of five and up to the age of 18, who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club
- **Get Going**, with a current budget of \$2 million over three years, will provide funding of up to \$10,000 for items and activities to assist clubs in attracting club members
- **Get Playing**, with a current budget of \$10 million over three years, will provide funding of up to \$100,000 in funding for sport and recreation organisations for facility development.

While these programs will provide the Queensland Government with the opportunity to assist sport and recreation organisations to deliver better activities in local communities and build minor infrastructure projects, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) has provided substantial information demonstrating that the need for support from the Queensland Government far outweighs the amount that is being allocated to these programs.

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The funding allocation for the first year of Get in the Game (2012-13 budget) is currently \$5.5 million for the three programs. The analysis below shows there will be a large proportion of eligible organisations and individuals that will not be able to access support under these programs.

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- It is anticipated that the program will not meet demand for the vouchers and additional funding will be required.

In the first phase of the assessment process, there is approximately \$10 million in funding that the department would potentially recommend approving. This does not include additional funding that may be channelled into *Get Started*.

As such, I formally request agreement to redirect an existing 2012-13 grant budget allocation of \$5.378 million to the *Get in the Game* programs. This will bring the total program funding for 2012-13 to \$10.878 million.

I also anticipate that the demand for these programs will continue in the next two years of the commitment and request that the Treasurer agree to additional budget allocation to the *Get in the Game* programs to \$18 million per annum for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years from the existing departmental budget as outlined in the enclosed attachment.

The funding to support these increases has been identified in the sport and recreation grants budget through reallocation of Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program funding and consolidating sport and recreation grants to a smaller number of programs delivering the government's core objectives.

This funding will support our local communities and specifically encourage our young Queenslanders to participate in healthier activities and support future involvement in events such as the Commonwealth Games in 2018.

This additional funding will allow communities to build new and upgraded facilities to meet the sport and recreation demands, provide better services so more people participate in activities that can improve overall health, and allow the families that face the greatest cost of living pressures to be able to still give their children the chance to participate in a sport or recreation activity.

I consider these benefits to be invaluable in continuing to build Queensland as one of the greatest sporting States and seek your assistance in increasing the available funds for these commitments to be realised and make a long term difference to sport and recreation now and to help our future sporting stars.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should your officers have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Get in the Game budgets 2012/13 – 2014/15

Current budget

Program	2012/13 Budget (\$m)	2013/14 Budget (\$m)	2014/15 Budget (\$m)	Total
<i>Get Started</i>	sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process			
<i>Get Going</i>				
<i>Get Playing</i>				
Total	\$5.57	\$6.67	\$6.36	\$18.0

Proposed budget

Program	2012/13 Budget (\$m)	2013/14 Budget (\$m)	2014/15 Budget (\$m)	Total
<i>Get Started</i>	sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process			
<i>Get Going</i>				
<i>Get Playing</i>				
Total	\$10.9	\$18.0	\$18.0	\$46.9

*Estimate that additional budget allocation for *Get Started* may be requested, depending on demand and timeframes for current allocation being expended.

Program	Objectives	2012-13 Grant Budget	2013-14 Grant Budget	2014-15 Grant Budget	2015-16 Grant Budget	TOTAL	CAT
Sport and Recreation Programs							
Get Started	Provide funds to assist kids who can't afford to join a sporting club though an annual payment of up to \$150 per child.	900	3,500	3,500	3,500	11,400	REC
Get Going - Programs and Equipment Grants	Provide clubs with one-off grants of up to \$10,000 to be used towards equipment, club promotion material, training, running of come and try sessions and other activities to increase sport and recreation club membership.	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	13,800	REC
Get Playing - Minor Facility Grants	Provide one-off funding up to \$100,000 to develop and upgrade club facilities	6,700	11,000	11,000	11,000	39,700	CAP
Election Commitments	Government election commitments	450	0	0	0	450	CAP
Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program	Provide one-off funding to develop and upgrade club facilities (over \$100,000)	0	2,000	12,000	20,000	34,000	CAP
Indigenous Grants	To provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with opportunities to participate in sport and active recreation within the community	5,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	18,900	REC
Industry Peak Bodies	To support industry peak bodies to provide leadership, guidance and strategic direction for the relevant sectors	600	600	625	650	2,475	REC
Sponsorship	To support sponsorship of events and community initiatives related to delivery of sport and recreation outcomes	1,400	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,400	REC
Sport and Recreation Disaster Assistance Program	Re-establish facilities and activities within areas declared under the Queensland Government Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000	CAP
Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program 2011-2013	To support state level organisations to deliver sport and active recreation opportunities	9,400	9,000	9,000	9,400	37,000	REC
Young Athlete Assistance Program	To assist with travel and accommodation costs associated with competing at regional, state, national and international sporting competitions	800	800	800	800	3,200	REC
Queensland Academy of Sport Programs							
Centre of Excellence	Funding for joint research ventures with universities	200	200	200	200	800	REC
Athlete Bouns Grants	Paid to all Queensland athletes that are selected in the olympic or paralympic teams. Each athlete receives \$5400	400		300		700	REC
Discontinued/One Off/Non Discretionary Programs							
Major Facilities Program- Metricon	Repayment of loan for the Metricon development	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	24,000	REC
Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2011/12 -2014/15	To build the capacity of organisations that deliver sport and active recreation opportunities	9,675	8,200	3,000		20,875	REC
Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program	To support infrastructure development to increase or enhance participation in sport and active recreation	14,120				14,120	CAP
Major Facilities Program	To support infrastructure development to increase or enhance participation in sport and active recreation	5,000	5,000			10,000	CAP
Healthy Queensland Awards	To support infrastructure development in communities awarded a Healthy Queensland Award	750				750	CAP
Trail Bike facilities	To support development of trail bike facilities in SE Qld	0	750	2,000		2,750	CAP
Sustainable Resource Communities	Former government initiative (Dalby pool)	1,354				1,354	CAP
Active Inclusion	To support participation by disadvantaged groups	515				515	REC
Flood Fightback		58				58	REC
Positive or its pointless		268				268	REC
Adizone	Former government initiative	184				184	CAP
Un-committed funds		38	1,128	3,113	4,219	8,498	REC
TOTAL GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS		68,512	58,178	61,738	65,769	254,197	
PRE MOG/CBRC total		80,321	71,991	78,738	74,918	74,918	
Difference		(11,809)	(13,813)	(17,000)	(9,149)	179,279	

CTS No. 00912/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

protection of	Chief of State	OK
Dated	20/2/13	
Approved	Not Approved	Noted
Further information required		
Minister		
Dated	20/2/13	

SUBJECT: Purchase of large vessel by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

TIMEFRAME

- Signing of the purchase requisition and two copies of the contract is required by 15 February 2013 to meet construction and delivery timeframes and to meet budget expenditure expectations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the background information regarding the purchase of a large vessel by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service;
- sign** the purchase requisition (**Attachment 5**) and the contract (in duplicate hard copy) (**Attachments 3 and 4**) for the construction and delivery of a 24-metre long-range patrol vessel; and
- approve** the financial authority for any contract variations to a maximum value of 10 percent of the total contract price be delegated to the Executive Director Operations East, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. This is well within the range of level 2 financial delegations.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Significant Procurement Plan for the construction and delivery of a 24-metre long-range patrol vessel was approved by the Minister on 7 June 2012 (**Attachment 1**).
- The Invitation to Offer (ITO) DNPRSR1203 was subsequently released to market on 15 June 2012, and closed on 27 July 2012.
- After extensive evaluation, on 27 August 2012 Marine Engineering Consultants Pty Ltd (MEC), a Gold Coast-based company, was selected as the preferred supplier.
- The project has been subject of evaluation by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
- On 18 December 2012, the Minister approved the progression of the procurement process (**Attachment 2**).
- Contract negotiations and the finalisation of the scope of supply were undertaken with MEC from 14 to 18 January 2013. MEC subsequently submitted a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) on 22 January 2013.
- The BAFO is contained in Schedule 7 of the contract and complies with all ITO requirements, has been endorsed by Procurement Services and, with a final offer price of \$4,827,404.00 (ex GST), is within budget and provides a suitable level of project contingency funding.
- The average cost of all shortlisted offers received was \$5,596,717.91 (ex GST). Therefore, based on market average, the purchase as progressed represents a saving of \$769,313.90 (ex GST).
- The contract has been endorsed by Legal Services and includes a bank-supplied financial security for the duration of the construction and warranty period. Other risk mitigation strategies in the contract include liquidated damages clauses for late delivery, speed and fuel consumption.
- The BAFO price is \$5,310,144.00 including GST, which under schedule 2 of the *Financial Delegation (No.1) 2012* requires the Minister's approval as the financial delegate for this purchase.
- The contract will be executed when signed (in duplicate) by the Minister and the builder (MEC) (**Attachments 3 and 4**). One original copy will be held by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department), and the other supplied to MEC for its records.

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- A Purchase Requisition to raise a Purchase Order for this acquisition is also attached for the Minister's signature as the financial delegate (**Attachment 5**).
- The contracted Scheduled Delivery Date is calculated from the date on which the contract is fully executed, and MEC has advised a 56-week period for construction and delivery. As such, based on the contract being executed by 15 February 2013, the vessel should be delivered complete by March 2014. For certainty, the contract will be noted with the predicted delivery date.

Current Funding Commitments

- The total cost for replacing the existing vessel (the Kerra Lyn) is \$5 million.
- The project is being funded through an equal contribution from State and Commonwealth funds with \$2.5 million of Australian Government capital funding received for 2012/2013.

Contingency Planning (Contract Amendment Financial Authority)

- It is recommended that the Minister delegates financial authority for any contract variations to a maximum value of 10% of the total contract price to the Executive Director Operations East, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. This is to ensure that there is a reasonable level of contingency for any necessary adjustments to the original scope of the contract. Any variations to the scope are first required to be approved by Procurement Services. This allowance is well within the range of Executive Director's level 2 financial delegations.

Consultation

- QPWS Executive Directors: Neil Cambourn, Operations East (acting) and Clive Cook, Technical Services have scrutinised the contracts and met with Andrea Aberdeen, Principal Lawyer, In House Legal; Maree Stevens, Manager, Procurement Services; and Kylie Rampton, Senior Procurement Officer, Procurement Services on 4 February 2013 to go over the details of the contract and make any necessary clarifications and amendments to ensure the contract provides the requisite protection of the department's interests.
- Andrea Aberdeen, Principal Lawyer, has had significant input into the development of the conditions of contract.
- Ms Kylie Rampton, Procurement Officer, Procurement Services has endorsed the evaluation recommendation and the Purchase Requisition, and advises that the BAFO from MEC complies with all ITO requirements.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Copy of approved MBN CTS04193/12
- Attachment 2 – Copy of approved MBN CTS18423/12
- Attachment 3 – Contract to be signed by both parties (*original for NPRSR records; provided in hard copy only*)
- Attachment 4 – Contract to be signed by both parties (*original for MEC records; provided in hard copy only*)
- Attachment 5 – Purchase Requisition (*original for signature; provided in hard copy only*)

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DNPRSR1203 Milestone payments and deliverables

	Progress claim description	Progress claim detail		Excl GST	Incl GST
Deposit	Deposit		5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 1	Design	Design fee F1,F2,F3 and engine, generator and machinery deposits. Delivery of updated arrangement dwg.	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 2	Delivery of hull cut parts	Hull cut parts delivered on pallets	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 3	Assembly of hull and wing deck framesframes	Frames assembled on floor with riders attached	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 4	Hulls constructed ready for welding	Hull plate basically fitted other than those plates that cant be done until welding has commenced	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 5	Delivery of superstructure cut parts	Superstructure cut parts delivered on pallets	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 6	Construction of main deck ready for welding	Plating 80% complete	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 7	Construction of upper deck ready for welding	Plating 80% complete	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 8	Completion and sign off of welding and tank testing	Sign off by Oceanic	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 9	Delivery of engines and generators	Delivery in yard by Yanmar	10%	\$ 482,740.40	\$ 531,014.44
Milestone 10	Delivery of engineering components	Shafts, couplings, rudders, toilet system, desalinator, pumps, fire suppression, poly tanks	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 11	Delivery of electrical components and commencement of cable runs	Batteries, switchboards, PLC, battery chargers, cabling	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 12	Delivery of electronics	Delivery of electronic package by EMS	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 13	Delivery of Solar System	Delivery of main components and battery cells	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 14	Fitout stage payment	50% complete of fitout internal painting etc	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 15	Painting complete other than underwater system	Painting basically complete ready for underwater system	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 16	Vessel complete ready for launch	Vessel complete ready for launch other than commissioning and final alignments and fitment that requires vessel to be in water, sign off of underwater gear by Oceanic,	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Milestone 17	Technical acceptance	Acceptance by Client and completion of survey sign off and certificates by Oceanic	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
Handover	Delivery and acceptance	Acceptance of vessel in Cairns	5%	\$ 241,370.20	\$ 265,507.22
				\$ 4,827,404.00	\$ 5,310,144.40

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: New Vessel – Lease versus Buy Cost Benefit Analysis

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated	
Approved	Not Approved
Further information required	
Minister	
Dated 18/12/12	

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required as soon as possible to progress acquisition of the vessel and expenditure of capital funding this financial year. The progress of the acquisition of the vessel is also likely to be raised at the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Forum on 11 December 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the findings of the lease versus buy cost benefit analysis undertaken by Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC);
- approve** the continuation of the procurement process (ITO 1203) to acquire by outright purchase a long range patrol vessel to replace the *Kerra Lyn*; and
- sign** the letter to the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

- The Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier, has requested an independent cost benefit analysis comparing leasing to outright purchase of this vessel.

KEY ISSUES

Lease versus buy cost benefit analysis

- There are no known occasions where the Queensland Government has previously entered into a leasing arrangement for new vessels.
- Leasing arrangements for new vessels of this size and type are relatively rare in the market place.
- QTC was engaged to provide a uniform and independent cost benefit analysis based on 'net present value', meeting the requirements of the *Leasing in the Queensland Public Sector Policy Guidelines* (Attachment 2).
- A lease quote was obtained and processed through the QTC Asset Financing Model.
- The lease quote identified a monthly lease payment of \$100,000.00 + GST.
- QTC advised it was unlikely that many operating lease solutions would be available in the market place for a vessel of this type.
- An Asset Purchase Finance Report (Attachment 3) was provided indicating leasing having a 51.37% premium over outright purchasing. This equates to leasing being \$2.4 million more expensive over five years (the lease term).
- The *Leasing in the Queensland Public Sector Policy Guidelines* states "An operating lease will represent value for money if the cost premium is commensurate with the risk transfer. For public sector entities a premium of up to 5% is generally considered an acceptable cost for the transfer of risk from the lessee to the lessor".
- In this case, the leasing cost premium is more than ten times the recommended maximum premium of per cent.
- These calculations indicate that leasing this vessel will not provide value for money.

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Current funding and procurement status

- \$3.5 million has been identified as a program highlight for the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) in the 2012/2013 State budget papers towards the building of a replacement vessel for the *Kerra Lyn* at a total cost of \$5 million.
- \$2.5 million of Commonwealth capital funding for 2012/2013 for the replacement of the vessel, has been received.
- On 7 June 2012, approval was granted (**Attachment 4**) to commence the procurement process and seek tenders on constructing a replacement vessel through outright purchase.
- Seven offers were received, and four companies shortlisted.
- On 27 August 2012, after extensive evaluation, a Queensland shipbuilder was progressed to 'preferred supplier' status.
- On 4 September 2012, all seven companies that provided offers for ITO 1203 were advised the awarding of this contract had been delayed until further notice. This was in response to a request for further information on this project by the Premier.
- Subject to the approval to continue with the procurement process and final negotiations with the preferred supplier, it is expected a contract could be signed within four weeks of notification.
- Construction time of the new vessel is expected to take approximately 12 – 18 months from contract signing.
- In comparison to maintaining the existing aging vessel, the replacement vessel will have proven, design features and technologies to reduce ongoing operational costs. It is anticipated the new vessel design will reduce operational costs up to 50 per cent and be up to three times faster than the current vessel; reduce ongoing operation and maintenance costs and associated downtime; significantly increase service delivery and incident response capabilities to all areas of the Queensland coast. None of these benefits or cost savings will be realised in the retention of the existing vessel.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter to the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier
- Attachment 2 – Leasing in the Queensland Public Sector Policy Guidelines'
- Attachment 3 – Asset Purchase Finance Report
- Attachment 4 – CTS 04193/12 – Procurement process approval

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

Chief of Staff	OK
Dated / /	
Approved Not Approved Noted	
Further information required	
Minister.....	
Dated / /	

SUBJECT: QPWS preliminary feedback on Ecosure's review of Fraser Island Dingo
Management Strategy and Review Steering Committee's (RSC) report about the
review

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required urgently as the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection's proposed public announcement regarding the review of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS) is scheduled for 30 January 2013.

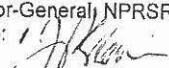
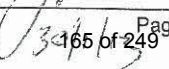
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is currently reviewing Ecosure's final report on the review of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy and the peer review report by the RSC (**Attachments 1 and 2**—please note that, due to the file size, **Attachment 1** is provided separately)
- note** that QPWS has met with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) representatives and provided preliminary views on matters that may be considered contentious (**Attachment 3**)
- note** that EHP has considered the matters raised by QPWS and have provided draft Questions and Answers for QPWS consideration for publication with the release of the Report (**Attachment 4**)
- note** that QPWS will continue to review and collate comments and provide a further detailed brief to the Minister on the implications of the review.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- On 17 January 2013, QPWS received final reports from Ecosure and the RSC about Ecosure's review of the FIDMS.
- QPWS is currently considering both reports in light of its responsibility for the on-ground management of dingoes on Fraser Island.
- QPWS preliminary views following review of the documents and consultation with representatives from the DEHP include—but are not limited to—the following:
 - Resourcing the implementation of the review's recommendations:* a number of the review's recommendations (such as the creation of a new dingo management database, fencing of tag along tour campsites and provision of portable toilets) propose significant—yet currently unquantifiable—actions. Cost/benefit analyses and/or risk assessments are required before commitments are made.
 - The omission of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 from the review document:* this will be a major point of contention for the Butchulla people as they have been strongly campaigning about an absence of respect and regard for the Act in the implementation of the current FIDMS.
 - Responsibility for FIDMS implementation:* the review states that implementation of the current FIDMS is QPWS's responsibility—QPWS should not be considered the sole agency responsible for implementation.
 - Recommendation to increase visitation fees by \$5 to \$10 per visitor to address "resource constraints":* this will likely draw strong criticism from commercial tour operators and the general public.

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- *Incorrect information used:* verification about some of the information used in the review was not sought from QPWS Executive and, as such, some of the recommendations are based on incorrect information.
- *Suggested introduction of contractual agreements between QPWS and visitors:* This is contrary to the government's commitment to open up parks and reduce red-tape.
- *Suggested penalties for parents for failing to supervise children:* this is fraught with the risk of negative public reaction.
- *Suggested establishment of a new committee to oversee FIDMS implementation:* this will possibly draw criticism for lack of efficiencies and increased bureaucracy.
- The list of QPWS's preliminary views is recorded at **Attachment 3** and includes details about each.
- Following consultation with EHP representatives on these preliminary observations on 23 January 2013, EHP met with Minister Powell on 24 January and then provided QPWS with draft Questions and Answers on 25 January 2013 for QPWS consideration (**Attachment 4**).
- Minister Powell intends to publicly announce the release of the FIDMS review during a visit to Fraser Island on 30 January 2013.
- QPWS will continue to analyse the Review document and provide a further detailed briefing to the Minister once comments are collated.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy Review by Ecosure
- Attachment 2 - Peer review paper by FIDMS Review Committee led by Hugh Possingham
- Attachment 3 - The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) preliminary views on FIDMS
- Attachment 4 - Draft Questions and Answers framed with consideration to NPRSR preliminary views

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CTS No. 01884/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Chief of Staff	OK
Dated	18/3/13
Approved	Not Approved
Further information required	
Minister	
Dated	25/3/13

SUBJECT: Review of reopening of 'no vehicle access' areas on Comboyuro and North Point beaches on Moreton Island

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve** implementation of the recommendations listed below, in particular continuing the current vehicle/pedestrian access arrangements recently trialled at the Comboyuro and North Point beaches.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- On 4 May 2012, a three-month vehicle access trial commenced on two formerly 'no vehicle access' beaches at North Point and Comboyuro Point on Moreton Island as an initial step towards opening up access to Queensland's national parks.
- The decision was based on feedback which indicated that the 'no vehicle access' areas were causing significant disruption, particularly to people with limited mobility and visitors on guided tours.
- Vehicle access bans had been in place at Comboyuro Point and North Point since 2007, although a 2009 survey indicated that the ban on vehicle access was, overall, not supported.
- The Department has now completed its review of the three-month vehicle access trial, which involved considering surveys of visitors and stakeholders and monitoring the beaches for environmental changes.
- The surveys and monitoring project sought to answer key questions about whether the changes had provided additional or improved access to the park or had influenced beach user safety, visitor use and satisfaction and environmental values.
- A summary of findings from the surveys and monitoring project follows. Reports on the visitor survey (**Attachment 1**), stakeholder survey (**Attachment 2**) and the monitoring project (**Attachment 3**) are attached.

Summary of survey and monitoring project findings:

Visitor survey

- Most survey respondents (52%) felt the trial reopening of the North Point and Comboyuro Point beaches made access significantly easier.
- Over 57% of respondents indicated it was either fairly or very important for them to be able to drive on the two beaches reopened under the trial.
- The current vehicle access arrangement was the most popular option among respondents, with 65% indicating they wanted the vehicle/pedestrian access arrangements established for the trial or a higher speed variation to continue.

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- A significant minority of respondents (31%) indicated they would prefer returning to the previous 'no vehicle access' arrangement. Concerns about pedestrian beach user safety, impacts on passive recreation activities and nature conservation values appear to be key reasons for this preference.
- Most respondents (almost 61%) felt that the safety of pedestrian beach users would not be compromised under the trial access arrangements.
- Most visitors to the North Point and Comboyuro Point beaches (67%) were either traversing the areas or visiting them and then proceeding on to another site. This suggests that most visitors to the island see widespread vehicle access to beaches as very important in terms of facilitating their preferred pattern of recreational use.
- 90% of those surveyed rated their visit to Moreton Island as enjoyable or very enjoyable.

Stakeholder survey

- Stakeholders exhibited a clear preference for vehicle access to be permitted in respect of all or some of the beaches that were previously closed to vehicles.
- Eight organisations (53%) preferred the current vehicle and pedestrian beach access arrangements and another five (33%) wanted an alternative involving some type of vehicle access to one or both areas. Only two organisations (13%) wanted a return to the previous 'no vehicle access' arrangement.
- All respondents representing the tourism/recreation (eight responses) and government (three responses) sectors, and two of the three local Resident and Landholder Associations preferred the current vehicle and pedestrian beach access arrangements or an alternative involving some type of vehicle access to one or both areas.

Monitoring for environmental changes

- Photo monitoring was carried out at three study sites to identify any changes to the upper beach/fore-dune vegetation over the trial period and any likely cause/s.
- There were no observable changes to the upper beach and fore dune vegetation attributable to vehicle traffic during the trial period.
- Camping data suggests only moderate numbers of visitors were on the island over the winter trial period. Higher visitor numbers over summer may increase for the likelihood of environmental or safety issues.

Review recommendations:

- Retain the shared vehicle-pedestrian access arrangements put in place for the trial on the Comboyuro and North Point beaches, including a 20km/ph vehicle speed limit.
- Continue to monitor use of the beaches for potential safety issues - including non-compliance with vehicle speed limits - and for any environmental changes.
- Further investigate the need for additional signs and updates to relevant websites and other information. Consider the adequacy of existing speed limit signs and advice to drivers to remain on the lookout for pedestrians while travelling on beaches.
- Erect signs to restrict vehicle access within 50 metres of the rock shelf at the eastern end of North Point beach. This is in response to visitor survey feedback about vehicle parking congestion impeding access to the track leading to popular Honeymoon Bay, and concerns about pedestrian safety in this area.

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- Assess other sections of Moreton Island's beaches to identify alternative opportunities to provide a vehicle-free beach recreation on the island.
- *Consultation:* 465 survey forms were distributed to park visitors over the survey period—85 were returned. Letters seeking feedback on the trial were also sent to 27 stakeholder organisations—15 responded. A list of the organisations consulted is provided at Appendix 2 of **Attachment 2**.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Visitor survey report
- Attachment 2 - Stakeholder survey report
- Attachment 3 - Monitoring project report

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Stakeholder Survey Report - 2012 Vehicle Access Trial at North Point and Comboyuro Point beaches

Introduction

In 2007 vehicle access to two areas of beach on Moreton Island at Comboyuro Point and North Point (known as Beach Safety Zones (BSZ)) was prohibited, with the aim of limiting the potential for vehicle-person interactions and promoting beach safety for pedestrians.

On 4 May 2012 these prohibitions were lifted on a trial basis and replaced by 20km/ph speed limit zones, as an initial step by the new government towards opening up access to Queensland's national parks.

Changes to vehicle access arrangements may have positive and negative impacts on access and a range of social / recreational and cultural values for different users and stakeholders. The Moreton Bay Region of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is responsible for assessing and evaluating whether the changes being trialled are meeting the objective of opening up or improving visitor access within the MIRA, without compromising visitor enjoyment and safety on the beaches.

Two surveys have been carried out to assess the reaction of visitors and stakeholders to the changes. Moreton Island stakeholder organisations views were canvassed via a mail out survey. The results of that survey are outlined below.

Mail out survey

The survey sought feedback on a range of matters including groups / organisations prior knowledge of the trial, the relative importance of improved vehicle access and vehicle free sections of beach, preferred vehicle and pedestrian beach access arrangements and any issues associated with the changes. A copy of the survey proforma is attached at Appendix 1.

The survey was sent to 27 different organisations representing the tourism industry, island residents / landholders, government, traditional owners, recreation and conservation sectors and groups. A table showing each of the organisations approached to provide feedback is attached at Appendix 2.

A total of 15 responses were received, 7 from the tourism industry, 3 from government organisations, 3 from resident / landholder organisations, and one each from a conservation group and recreation peak body.

Results

The survey results reflect a clear preference for vehicle access to all or some of the sections of beach that were previously closed to vehicles amongst Moreton Island stakeholder organisations. Appendix 3 summarises the survey results.

Eight of the fifteen organisations (53%) who responded preferred the current vehicle and pedestrian beach access arrangements (shared zone with 20km/ph speed limit). Another five (33%) indicated they preferred an alternative arrangement involving some type of vehicle access to one or both areas. Only two organisations (13%) indicated they preferred a return to the previous 'no vehicle access' arrangement.

All organisations that responded to the survey were aware that the beaches were now open to vehicles on a trial basis, which indicates that the various steps taken to inform the community about the trial were effective.

Tourism industry

All of the tourism industry respondents either preferred the current access arrangements (57%) or an alternative involving some type of vehicle access to one or both areas (43%). Most (71%) also reported that it was very or fairly important for them to be able to drive along the two sections of beach that were previously closed to vehicles. The most common reason given for this response was that the increased vehicle access assists tourism businesses as well as supporting recreational use.

The operator based at North Point campground felt that having a vehicle-free section of beach there was important because visitors now parked right up on the rocks at Champagne Pools and spoiled the aesthetics of the area. He would prefer that no vehicles were allowed within 200m of the rocks.

Resident / landholder organisations

Two of the three township-based Residents / Landholders Associations on the island also preferred the current access arrangements. They also reported that it was very important for them to be able to drive along the two sections of beach, mostly because it provided easier access to undertake recreational activities. The other Association felt it was very important to have vehicle free sections of beach for pedestrian safety reasons, and preferred a return to the previous 'no vehicle access' arrangement on the two beaches.

Government

The three government organisations that responded preferred either the current access arrangements or an alternative involving some type of vehicle access to one or both areas. The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) indicated that it was very important for them to be able to drive along the two sections of beach because it would assist in responding to emergencies (Note QAS have previously accessed these areas in vehicles during emergencies without incident). Tourism Queensland indicated that visitors would value vehicle-free beach experiences, and suggested that a shared zone with a 20km/ph speed limit which was only accessible to commercial tour vehicles (and subject to permit conditions) should be put in place.

Recreation

Four Wheel Drive Queensland was the only recreation peak body who responded, and they supported retention of the current vehicle access arrangements. They also noted that removal of vehicle access restrictions improved access for recreation activities, but suggested it was also important to have vehicle free sections of beach for pedestrian safety, particularly children. Signs warning drivers to be on the lookout for children playing on the beach were suggested as a way of addressing this issue.

Conservation

The Moreton Island Protection Committee (MIPC) was the only conservation group that responded. They supported a return to the previous 'no vehicle access' arrangement on the two beaches.

Relaxing on vehicle free sections of beach was seen as very important by MIPC members, who wish to use these areas for passive recreation activities. Members felt that such use is compromised when the beach is shared with vehicles. Noise, disruption, safety and environmental impacts were other reasons cited for their preference.

Issues and comments

Relatively few issues were raised by the organisations that preferred vehicle access to continue on all or some of the sections of beach that were previously closed. Two tourism organisations suggested some additional management and orientation signs may be necessary to keep vehicles off the fore dune and direct people to the nearest facilities. Local QPWS staff will investigate the need for additional signs in this area.

Another two tourism organisations drew attention to a possible safety concern north of the re-opened section of beach at Comboyuro Point, where vehicle access at high tide is often impossible due to fallen timber. This section of beach has not been accessible by vehicle from the south for some time due to the closure of the beach at Comboyuro Point, and most drivers will not be familiar with local conditions. As a result, advice that vehicle access through that area at high tide is often impossible due to fallen timber will be included in the park's visitor guide, if it is reprinted.

The submission from the Bulwer Residents Association reported that the vehicle access trial has been very successful, and that the section of beach adjacent to Cowan Cowan township should also be opened to vehicles as a result. The Cowan Cowan Residents Association has indicated they would prefer to retain the current closure to vehicles.

The Bulwer Residents Association also commented that they felt the survey was biased due to it containing leading questions, and because the views of organisations rather than individuals were being sought. The survey proforma was referred to Jeanette Durante from the Department of Science, Information Technology and the Arts (an experienced social science survey practitioner) for advice. She subsequently advised that she did not feel the survey instrument demonstrated any bias.

The two organisations who preferred a return to 'no vehicle access' on the beaches cited environmental degradation, accidents / conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles and reduced amenity for persons who prefer recreating on vehicle-free sections of beach as key issues for them arising from the vehicle access changes.

Complaints

As at September 2012 QPWS had received a total of 15 complaints about the vehicle access trial since initial steps were taken to inform the public of the trial in May 2012.

2012 Moreton Island beach survey – July 2012

Organisation or group: _____

Q1. Before you received this letter was your organisation aware that the beaches at Comboyuro Point and North Point were open to vehicles on a trial basis?

☐₁ Yes

☐₂ No

Q2 (a) Rate how important it is for you to be able to- (Circle one number per question)	Very important Fairly important Neutral Fairly unimportant Very unimportant				
	1	2	3	4	5
a) Drive your vehicle along the 2 beaches that were previously closed to vehicles					
b) Relax and undertake activities on a vehicle-free section of beach					

The following two questions relate to your answer above

Q2(b) If driving your vehicle along the two beaches that were previously closed to vehicles was very or fairly important to you, please outline the reasons why:

Q2(c) If relaxing and undertaking activities on a vehicle-free section of beach was very or fairly important to you, please outline the reasons why :

Q3. What sort of vehicle / pedestrian access arrangements would you prefer to see in place at the Comboyuro Point and North Point beaches? (Tick one box only)

- ☐₁ Shared vehicle / pedestrian zone with 60km/ph speed limit
☐₂ Shared vehicle / pedestrian zone with 20km/ph speed limit (current arrangement)
☐₃ No vehicle access zone (pedestrians only – previous arrangement)
☐₄ Other alternative arrangements – please outline below

Preferred alternative arrangements: _____

Q4. From your organisation's perspective, please outline any issues that might arise from the changes to vehicle access arrangements at the two beaches:

Q5. Are there any additional comments you would like to make:

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Organisations consulted as part of 2012 beach vehicle access stakeholder survey

Queensland Seafood Industry Association	Aussie Sea Kayak Company
Moreton Island Protection Committee Inc	Blue Zone Scuba
Cowan Cowan Residents Association Inc	Gibren Expeditions
Quandamooka Lands Council Aboriginal Corporation	Goanna Adventures
Queensland Ambulance Service	Kindilan Outdoor Education & Conference Centre
Four Wheel Drive Queensland	Moreton Experience
Brisbane City Council	Moreton Island Ferries
Bulwer Residents Association	Moreton Island Tourist Service
Redcliffe Police	Sunrover Expeditions
Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld - Brisbane Branch	Tangalooma Transport
Koorinal Landholders Association Inc.	Amity Trader
Tangalooma Island Resort	Really Cruises
Sunfish Queensland	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
Tourism Queensland	

2012 Moreton Island beach stakeholder survey										
			2a How important is it for you to							
Sector	Organisation	1. Aware beach now open to vehicles?	i) Drive reopened beaches	ii) Relax on a vehicle free beach	2b Why driving is important	2c Why vehicle free beach is important	3 Preferred access arrangement	Alternative (optional)	Issues for your organisation from change?	Additional comments
Tourism	Business/commercial/private	yes	Fairly important		supports access by tours running to schedules; supports access by clients with limited mobility		shared with 20km/ph			Comby Pt reopening not significant b/c resort do not access the area as its considered unsafe
Tourism		yes	Fairly unimportant	Fairly important	The former BSZ was too large - should have been reduced to 200m from Champagne Pools	With whole area now open to vehicles they are parking right up on the rocks and spoiling the area - need to pull them back 200m	alternative	No vehicle access within 200m of Champagne pools	The beach lagoon makes people drive close to the foredune - may need some signs to keep drivers off dunes. Perhaps more parking in campground to encourage people to park and walk	There needs to be a compromise between retaining the beauty of North Point and providing for people with limited mobility and CTO clients - see alternative
Tourism		yes	Very important	Very unimportant	Allows people to access / enjoy best site on Moreton; Locals need access to Comby beach to fish		shared with 20km/ph			Beaches being reopened is a positive for all users and not detrimental to the environment
Tourism		yes	Very important	Very unimportant	increased access assists business interests as well as recreational use		shared with 20km/ph		Good because increased access allows tourists (esp. the majority with limited mobility) to enjoy the most scenic areas of the island	
Tourism		yes	Very unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Comby - allowed views of northern beaches; NP - access helped with safety concerns/s/ heat stress; provided access to beauty / historical sites (Moon Bay; Cape Lighthouse) and marine life viewing opportunities	vehicle free beaches provide feelings of isolation and wilderness - they are provided by walking or hiking - i.e., Moon Bay, Boulder beach	alternative	NP - shared with 20km/ph; Comby to be closed to vehicles with bypass at rear of campground	NP - perhaps signs reminding visitors to take away their rubbish, + direction and distance to toilet. Emergency safety numbers. 20km/ph speed signs at Comby.	Various suggestions made on how BSZ could have been implemented at NP and Comby. Better walking access required at Harpers rock and cove
Tourism		yes	Very important	Very unimportant	NP - great for tourism access to scenic attractions and supports interpretive presentations		alternative	NP - shared with 20km/ph; Comby to be closed to vehicles for safety reasons	If Comby Pt stays reopened there will be extra strain on govt resources due to incidents arising from no access through at high tide and soft spots at low tide	
Tourism		yes	Fairly important	Fairly unimportant	Reduces load on inland tracks & makes movement up to NP & CP easier		shared with 20km/ph			Has been a decline in tourist numbers in recent years - any actions which improve access will hopefully promote greater tourist numbers
Conservation		yes	Very unimportant	Very important		MIPC members enjoy using vehicle free sections of beach for passive recreational activities, which are compromised when the beach is shared with vehicles, which also give rise to safety, noise and disruption issues	no vehicle access		Environmental degradation from vehicles and visitor over-use, esp. with no facilities at Nth Point. Accidents and conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Reduced amenity of campgrounds for families who want safe, vehicle free sections of beach.	MIPC members unanimously wanted vehicle free beaches for the reasons expressed earlier - there are many opportunities to drive on beaches but keeping these two small areas free of vehicles is seen as very important

Local community		yes	Very unimportant	Very important	Important for pedestrian safety - there is only a tiny area set aside for vehicle free use	no vehicle access		The Association strongly supports prohibition of vehicles on the NP & CP beaches - there are huge areas available for 4wd's and very little for vehicle-free recreation	Have noted speed limits not being adhered to by 4wds in reopened areas - supports closing them again to provide space for vehicle free beach use
Local community		yes	Very important	Very unimportant	It is much safer and less damage to the island		shared with 20km/ph	It is now safer and community unanimously supports the change. Success of reopening indicates beach at Cowan should be reopened	The survey is biased due to the leading questions being asked, and due to it being distributed for response by organisations rather than individuals
Local community	business/commercial/pro	yes	Very important	Very unimportant	easy access to national park & for picnicking, fishing & relaxing. No need to carry gear. Easier for young and old people to access - if it was harder people wouldn't bother		shared with 20km/ph	Strongly support the change - any change back would be retrograde. 20km/hr speed limits have worked well elsewhere. Easy access for the young and old is essential. Trial has been a success	No problems prior to introduction of BSZ. Current arrangement will be safe and all stakeholders will be happy. Beach access along eastern beach north of Kooringal bypass is a problem for all traffic - needs to be fixed urgently - can we pls discuss
Recreation		yes	Fairly important	Fairly important	Better access to picnic, activity and fishing spots	reduced risk of vehicle / person interaction particularly safety for children on beach	shared with 20km/ph	increased risk of vehicles hitting young children playing on beach	Signs in areas warning drivers to be aware of possibility of children playing and to take care
Government		yes	Very important	Very unimportant	Will assist in responding to emergency cases in a timely manner		shared with 20km/ph	Maintaining vehicle access to beaches will reduce the time taken for QAS to respond to calls for service.	
Government		yes	Neutral	Neutral			shared with 60km/ph		Opening the 2 beaches will decrease the amount of vehicle traffic on some of the island tracks
Government		yes	Neutral	Fairly unimportant	Having some beach areas closed to public traffic is valuable so as to provide visitors with a vehicle-free beach experience		alternative	Supports a shared zone and 20km/ph speed limit for commercial tour vehicles only as they have limited time and use can be managed by permit	TQ supports the need for some vehicle-free areas. TQ supports CTO vehicles being exempted from closures where they can demonstrate a need for vehicle access due to timing of tours.

Report on photo-monitoring study - impacts on fore dune vegetation from trial reintroduction of vehicles on two Moreton Island beaches.

Environmental impacts – upper beach, fore-dune vegetation.
Photo monitoring report

Report date: September 2012

Introduction

In 2007 vehicle access to 2 areas of beach on Moreton Island at Comboyuro Point and North Point (known as Beach Safety Zones (BSZ)) was prohibited, with the aim of limiting the potential for vehicle-person interactions and promoting beach safety for pedestrians. On 4 May 2012 these prohibitions were lifted on a 3 month trial basis and replaced by 20km/ph speed limit zones.

This report relates to one of several different studies undertaken to inform a review of the 3 month vehicle access trial. The photo monitoring study which is the subject of this report attempted to identify any changes to the upper beach/fore-dune vegetation which might have occurred over the trial period, and possible causes. Previous studies have noted that dune vegetation cover and diversity can be adversely affected by vehicle traffic.

Methods

Two sets of photos were taken at each of three sites, one located at North Point and two at Comboyuro Point (see Map 1). One series of photographs were taken at each site just before the beginning of the trial (1st of May). At that time the sites had been closed to vehicle access for a five-year period.

The other series of photographs were taken near the end of the 3 month vehicle access trial (31st of July), allowing comparisons to be made of the two series of photos.

On each occasion the exact photo point location, focal lengths, placement of a reference marker, photo direction and photo vertical height and angle were replicated. Also generally replicated were the time of day and the tidal state (the first day was overcast and the second day clear giving a different contrast to the photos). This methodology allowed a reasonably accurate 'before and after' comparison of each photo point location.

Each photo was positioned to take a long shore view of the beach encompassing the intertidal zone, the high tide line and the supra-tidal zone. Two focal lengths were used at each site – 28 and 56mm.

In addition to the photographs, notes were taken at each site of any wildlife activity observed, as well as general information about the state and nature of the site. Appendix 1 is an example of the data sheet.

Results

In general there have been no observable changes to the upper beach and fore dune vegetation at the three study sites due to vehicle traffic during the three month period of the trial.

The following pages show 'before and after' photos taken at each of the three sites at two focal lengths (the actual larger digital files were used for comparison and are available).

Comboyuro Point sites

Southern site

The photos taken from this site (E0536147; N7005870) show major variations in beach profile and debris line. Significant storm events experienced during the trial had a major erosive impact, stripping large volumes of upper tidal sand and the vegetation growing on it. The 'after' photos show sharp benching of the sand profile, the absence of beach spinifex and other pioneer plant species, and she-oaks and Banksia shrubs falling over where their root bases have been undermined.

At this site it is not possible to determine any impacts of new beach traffic on the vegetation over the trial period due to the impact of storm events.

Northern site

The photos taken from the northern site show no impact from storm events as the beach profile at this site is shallower and the beach itself much wider (approximately 100m as compared with 40m for the southern site at the same tide time). This provides an effective buffer between the wave action and the fore dune vegetation. There was also no observable impact on the fore dune vegetation from vehicles at this site. The wide beach appears to have allowed vehicles to easily traverse the location at most / all tide states without travelling on or close to the fore dune vegetation.

North Point site

From the set of photos taken and the written observations, there has been no observable impact on the fore dune vegetation from vehicles at this site over the trial period. This site appears to have been subject to significant sand accretion over recent times, resulting in a very wide expanse of beach which again allows vehicles to easily traverse the location at most / all tide states without travelling on or close to the fore dune vegetation. As can be seen from the supplementary photos, some consolidation of beach spinifex has occurred over the trial period: spreading runners are visible in early May but the plants are more mature by the end of the trial.

Discussion

While there were no observable changes to the upper beach and fore dune vegetation at the study sites due to vehicle traffic during the trial, the study results support previous findings that storm events can have very significant effects on beach profile and pioneer vegetation communities. The study results also suggest that wide, shallow-profile beaches tend to buffer storm impacts (or at least some less-severe storms), and appear to allow traversing vehicles to avoid fore dune vegetation even at high tides.

Note that beach traffic volumes were not measured as part of this study, but are thought to roughly correlate with seasonal peaks and troughs in the numbers of campers using the Moreton Island Recreation Area (MIRA). Camper numbers over the late autumn / winter trial period were as expected generally low, with only up to 10% of the total number of campsites on the island being occupied on the busiest days.

During peak visitor periods all MIRA campsites are often booked out, so assuming there is a strong correlation between camper numbers and numbers of vehicles on the

island, vehicle traffic volumes during peak periods may increase by up to 10 times the volumes experienced during the trial.

Higher traffic volumes may result in some congestion on the beaches at certain places and times (esp. high tide), and raise the potential for traffic to impact on fore dune vegetation. QPWS staff have also noted that there are generally more incidences of visitors driving their vehicles on the vegetated supra-tidal zone seeking shade in the warm spring / summer months.

Photo monitoring as a survey technique is qualitative, and significant interpretation of results is often required especially in relation to factors causing any observed changes. Despite that it is recommended that further series of photographs are taken at the sites established for this study following peak use periods, as these are the times when impacts on fore dune vegetation from vehicle traffic might be expected to occur.

Note that previous studies have also found that wildlife parameters such as beach invertebrate abundance, turtle nesting and shorebird ecology etc may be impacted by vehicle traffic; however it was not possible to assess these potential impacts as part of this study.

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Map 1 – photo point locations

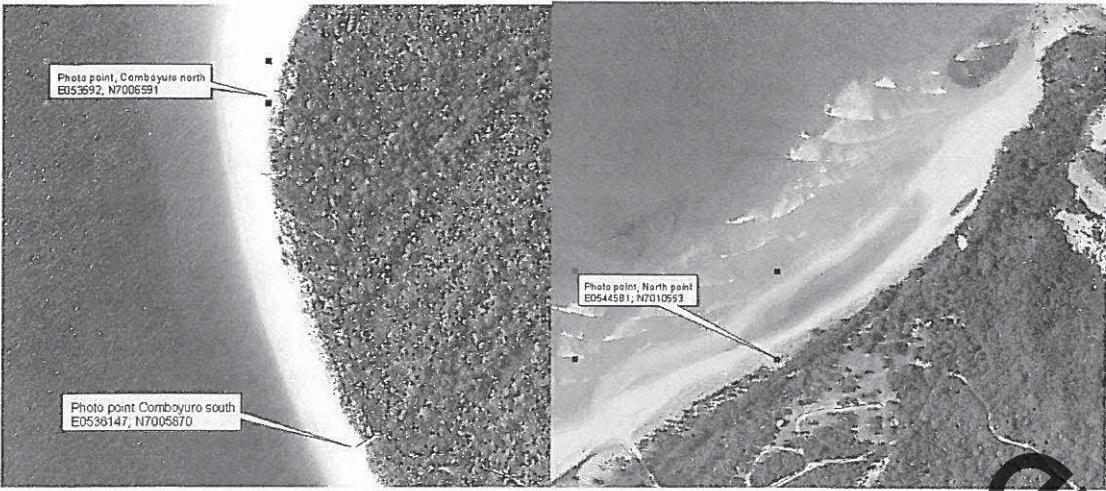


Photo point images

Comboyuro Point south – GPS location E0536147; N7005870 (GDA94)



1 May 2012 – 28mm (focal length)



31 July 2012 – 28mm



1 May 2012 – 56mm



31 July 2012 – 56mm

Comboyuro Point north – GPS location E0535952; N7006591 (GDA94)



1 May 2012 – 28mm



31 July 2012 – 28mm



1 May 2012 – 56mm



31 July 2012 – 56mm

North Point site – E0544581; N7010553



1 May 2012 – 28mm



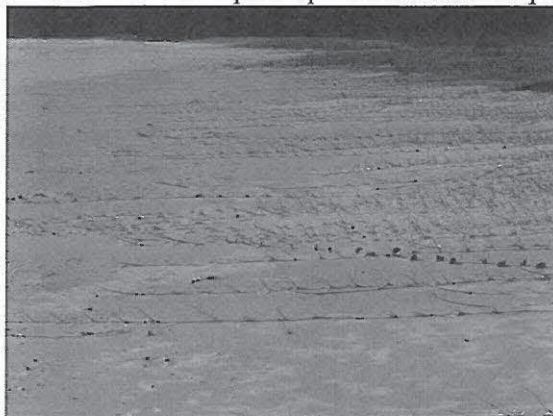
31 July 2012 – 28mm



1 May 2012 – 56mm

31 July 2012 – 56mm

Additional North point photos of beach spinifex – GPS location E0544730; N7010687



1 May 2012 – 100mm



31 July 2012 – 100mm

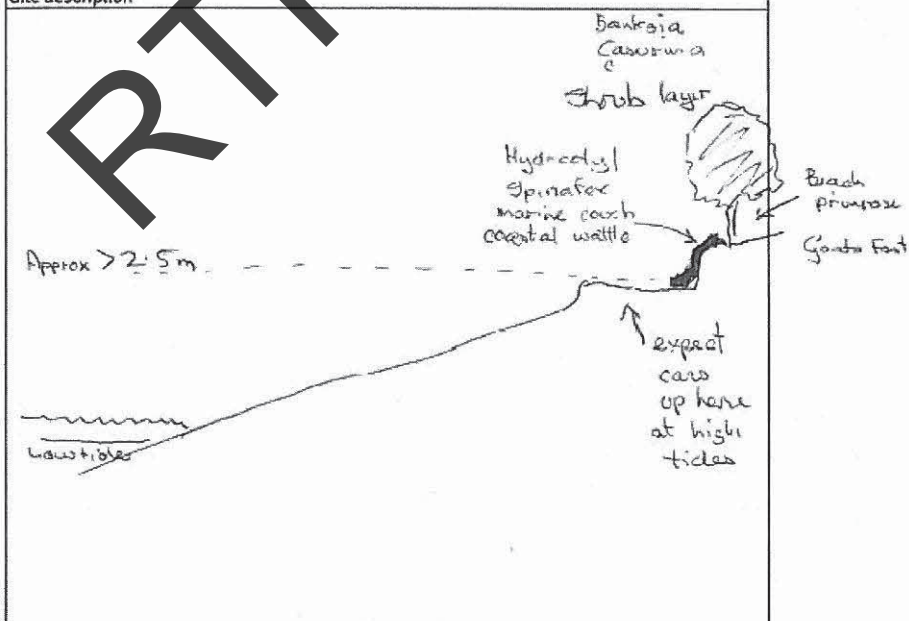
Appendix 1 – sample data sheet

Photo monitoring

Site: 5th Combie	Time: 12:20	Tide: Low 0.6m + 80mm
Date: 1/5/2012	Recorders: John Estelle / Justin Hadden	
Reference point: Stan picket at bankoia	GPS: 0536 155 : 700 680 5 (3m)	
Compass bearing from point: 235°	Distance from Point: 4.5 m	
GPS at camera point: 0536 147 : 700 5870		
Camera: Lumix DMC FZ18	Focal length: 28mm	2nd (24 zoom) 56mm
Camera height: 840	Verticle angle of camera: 0°	
Measured distance to height staff: 40m @ 326°	Ht mark on staff: Not done - just ref	

Notes about photo site
 Some Beach to staff 326°
 - Not too much veg at high tide mark keeping
 - 2 Brahmany kites on beach
 - 1 White belly sea eagle on beach

Site description



Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Moreton Bay Marine Park - Marine Aquarium Fishing

TIMEFRAME

- This briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** that the four-year transitional period, during which commercial aquarium fishers were permitted to access certain marine national park zones (green zones) to collect aquarium species in Moreton Bay Marine Park, ended on 1 March 2013.
- note** the transitional period was established in partnership with Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Fisheries Queensland, and with input from the aquarium fishery industry in order to implement effective adjustment measures.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- As a result of the rezoning of Moreton Bay Marine Park in 2008, it was acknowledged that the new green zones would impact on commercial aquarium fishers operating in the marine park who target smaller fishes and other reef species intended for the aquarium market.
- In recognition of this impact, the following actions were implemented to help the aquarium fishery industry adapt to the changes:
 - Aquarium fishery licence holders were eligible to apply for the Moreton Bay Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package.
 - Introduction of restrictions on aquarium fish collection in some green zones was delayed by four years to give the industry time to modify its operations, relocate, or move into other areas of commercial fishing.
 - Aquarium fisher licences were deemed transferable during the four-year transitional period.
 - Licences transferred during the transitional period had restrictions placed on them (as outlined in the 2008 zoning plan) that prevented the new licence holders from collecting fish within a 200m buffer zone around Flinders Reef, established under the previous zoning plan (**Attachment 1**).
- The above actions were developed in partnership with DAFF, Fisheries Queensland and following input from the industry.
- The Moreton Bay Marine Park structural adjustment process for commercial aquarium fish collectors resulted in the removal of 5 of the 11 licences. The remaining 6 aquarium fishery licences operating during the transitional period held a complementary marine park permit to operate in the marine park, including in specific green zones.
- A key site accessed by a select number of the fishers during the transitional period was around Flinders Reef in northern Moreton Bay. Since 10 June 2011, only two marine park permits allow access to the 200m buffer zone around Flinders Reef.
- Flinders Reef is a unique platform reef influenced by water currents from north and south resulting in an overlap of both tropical and subtropical species of coral and fish. Over 120 species of coral are known to exist in this area.
- Given these unique qualities it is also a high-value tourism destination for diving and snorkelling, with a number of dive tourism businesses visiting to observe the array of fish species and coral.
- The four-year transitional period ended on 1 March 2013 and aquarium collecting is no longer permitted in green zones in Moreton Bay Marine Park.

Chief of Staff	s.78B(2)	OK
Dated	4/4/13	
Approved	Not Approved	Noted
Further information required		
Minister		
Dated	4/4/13	

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- Commercial aquarium fishers were advised the transitional period would end on 1 March 2013 and have made modifications to their operations to accommodate the change. Returns from commercial aquarium fishers indicate minimal collecting has taken place in the past 12 months in Moreton Bay Marine Park.
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is not aware of any objections from former aquarium fishers regarding the end of the transition period.
- New marine park permits have now been issued for the commercial aquarium fishers removing access to green zones. The cessation of commercial collection enhances access to and experience of these zones for dive groups and other tourism operators.
- Mr James Murphy, Principal Policy Officer Marine QPWS has consulted with DAFF to confirm this is consistent with current government directions.
- DAFF has advised that the aquarium fishery is a relatively small fishery in Moreton Bay and the cessation of the transitional period is unlikely to cause any impacts. DAFF will amend their aquarium fishery licences to reflect the cessation of the transitional period.
- No further legislative change is required. The transitional period was authorised under Section 107 of the *Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008*.
- The rezoning process for Moreton Bay involved significant research, scientific rigour and community engagement.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland*:
 - Flinders Reef and other sites within Moreton Bay Marine Park will benefit from the cessation of commercial aquarium collecting with flow-on benefits to the tourism industry through the enhancement of the recreational and commercial diving experience.

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- Attachment 1 - Map of Flinders reef showing 200m buffer zone.

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

This map is not to be used for navigation. For navigation refer to official nautical charts published by maritime agencies

Attachment 2

200m LAT Buffer

SOUTH
PACIFIC
OCEAN

MNP04

CPZ03

Area of MNP04 Flinders Reef accessible for aquarium collecting under transitional arrangements stated in 2008 zoning plan

50m LAT Buffer

CPZ03

Queensland
Government

**Moreton Bay Marine Park
Marine National Park
Flinders Reef**

- Zone Schedule Coordinate
- Conservation Park Zone
- Marine National Park Zone
- LAT 50 metres
- LAT 200 metres

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1997 zoning plan Flinders Reef buffer zone

Access for aquarium collecting prohibited through transitional arrangements stated in 2008 zoning plan

1997 zoning plan Flinders Reef protection zone

Access for aquarium collecting remains prohibited under transitional arrangements stated in 2008 zoning plan

What can I do in each zone?

Entry and use guide	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Conservation park zone	Marine national park zone
Boating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Line fishing	Yes	Yes	No ¹	No
Trotting	Yes	Yes	Yes ²	No ³
Crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes ²	No ³
Bait gathering	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ³
Bait netting	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ³
Netting (other than bait netting)	Yes	Yes	No ³	No ³
Limited spearfishing	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ³
Limited collecting	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴	No ³
Trawling	Yes	No ³	No ³	No ³

NOTES:

¹ Use of long lines and maximum 10 hook lines per angler

² All equipment must be secured to a mooring

³ Maximum of 100 pots per vessel

⁴ No scuba diving, only spears and equipment used

This is not an exhaustive list. For full details about the activities allowed in Moreton Bay Marine Park, refer to the Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan 2008



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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Proposed revocation from Beerburrum East and Beerwah State Forests for road purposes – Sunshine Coast Regional Council road projects

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve** in-principle the revocation of about 0.1277 hectares from Beerburrum East State Forest for road safety purposes; and
- approve** in-principle the revocation of about 1.1780 hectares from Beerwah State Forest for road alignment purposes.

BACKGROUND

- The Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) has sought approval to revoke parts of Beerburrum East State Forest and part of Beerwah State Forest.
- The proposed works are to improve:
 - intersection safety at the intersections of Moffatt and Johnston Roads (**Attachment 1**), and the intersection of Plantation and Link Roads (**Attachment 2**);
 - the road alignment of the Roys and Mawsons Road intersection (**Attachment 3**).
- In exchange for lands revoked from Beerburrum East and Beerwah State Forests, SCRC has agreed to meet the Department of National Parks, Sport, Recreation and Racing's revocation requirements, including:
 - undertaking all required survey works
 - costs incurred by the Department of Environment and Heritage to complete the proposal
 - provision of compensation as a combination of a land exchange possessing commensurate conservation values and cash payment based on the land's value.
- The State forest areas proposed to be revoked are also subject to a plantation licence granting exclusive timber production rights to HQPlantations Pty Ltd (HQP). SCRC has agreed to negotiate an appropriate compensation arrangement with HPQ for these areas.
- To enable the Governor-in-Council's consideration, the proposal requires the Minister's in-principle approval.
- Consultation*
 - Mr Bill Gordon, Manager Sales and Marketing, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Forest Products has no objection to the proposed revocations.
 - Mr Neil Cambourn, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Acting Executive Director, Operations East and regional QPWS staff support this proposal.
- Legislation*: Sections 26 and 32 of the *Forestry Act 1959* provide for the revocation, in whole or in part, of State forest for road purposes.

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Dated	24/4/13

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- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
 - This revocation proposal delivers better infrastructure by providing consistent road safety standards similar to other roads in the region.

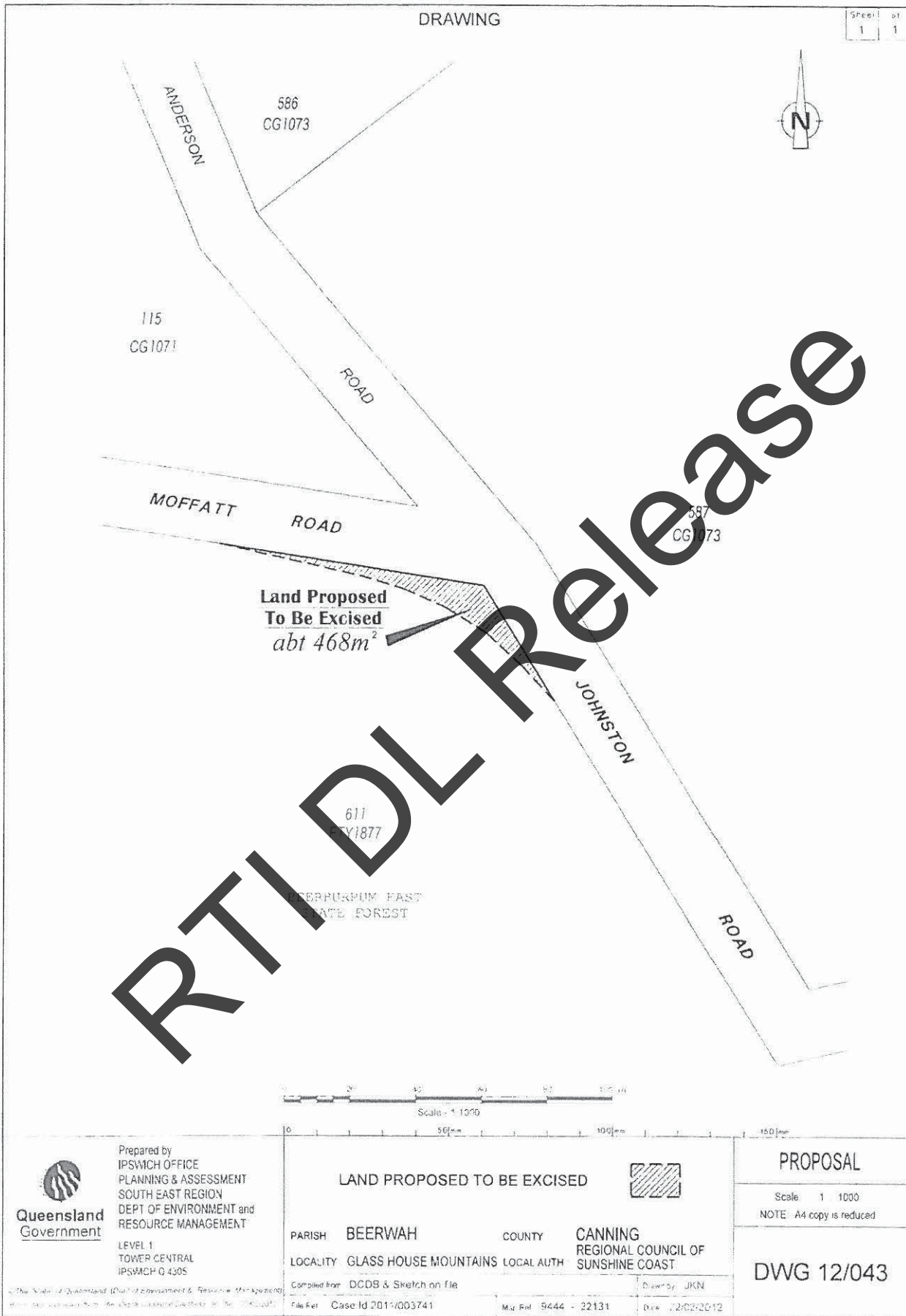
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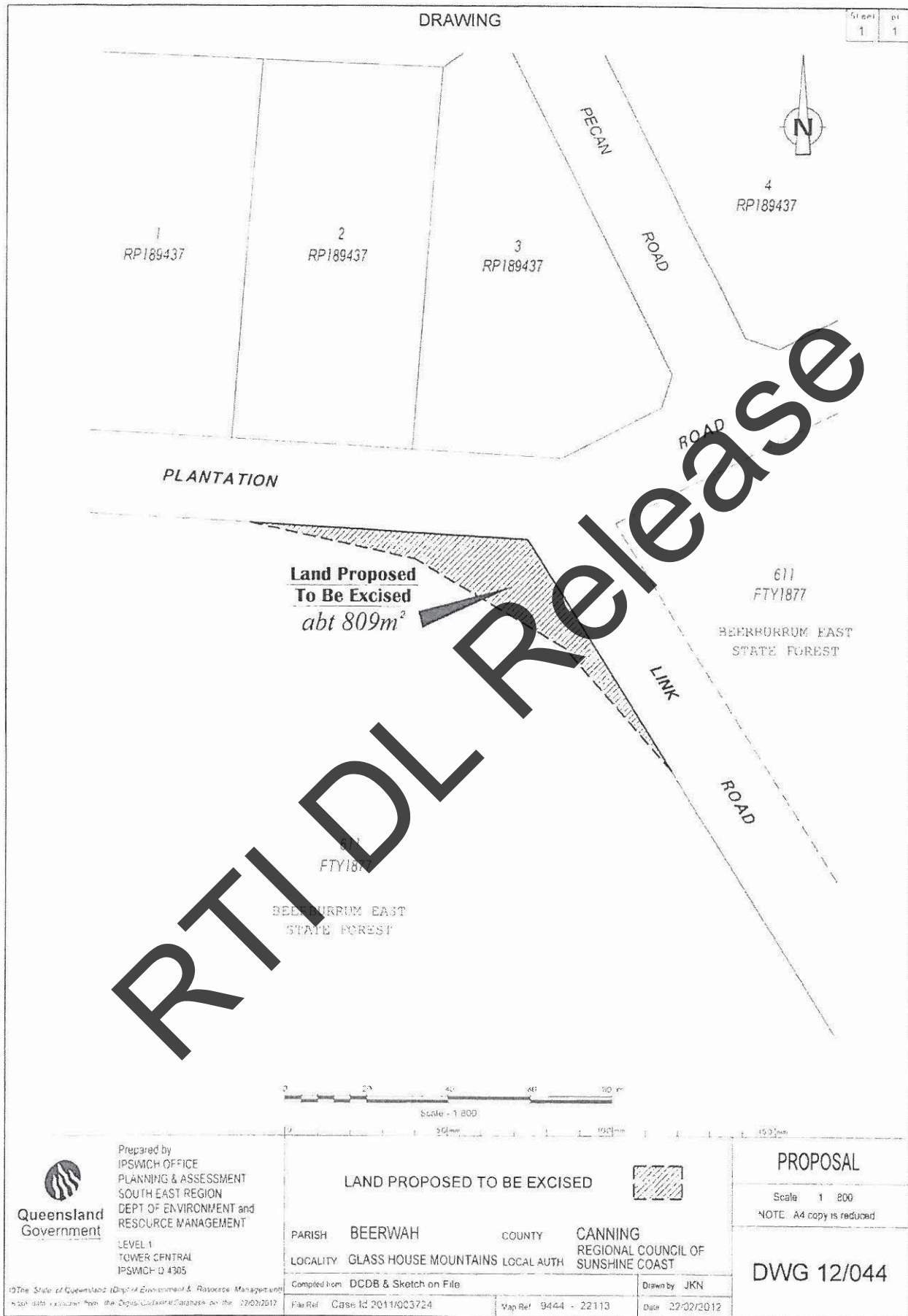
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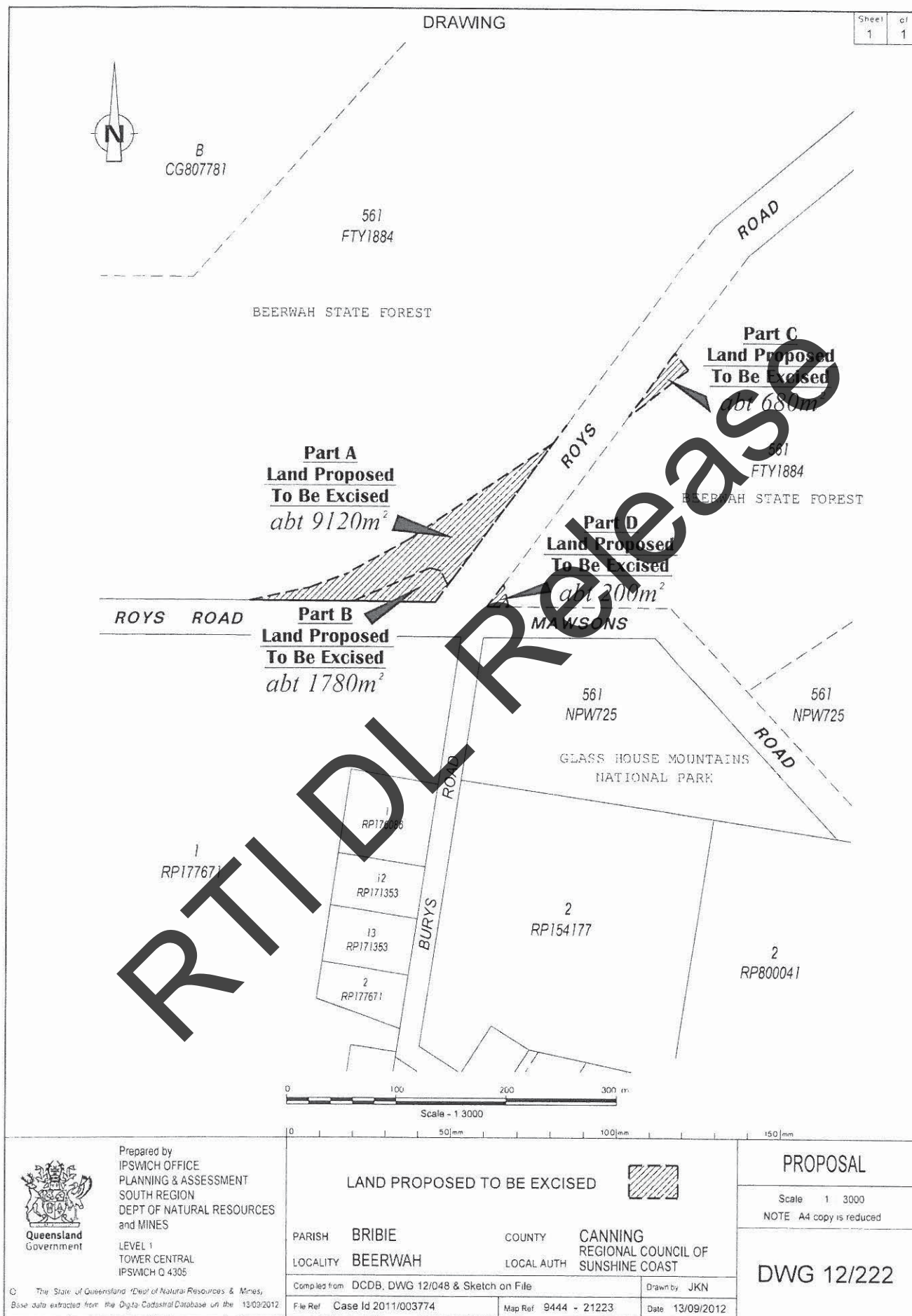
- Attachment 1 - 130314 Drawing 12_043 Moffatt & Johnston Roads Ministerial in principle approval BN
- Attachment 2 - 130314 Drawing 12_044 Plantation & Link Roads Ministerial in principle approval BN
- Attachment 3 - 130314 Drawing 12_222 Roys & Mawsons Roads Ministerial in principle approval BN

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Trial of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for Marine Park Management

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TIMEFRAME

- This briefing note requires noting before the 2 May 2013 to inform the Minister of the upcoming trial.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note the trial of a Boeing ScanEagle unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for marine park management purposes and planned to occur between 2-8 May 2013.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) has entered into a contract with Insitu Pacific Pty Ltd to undertake three trials of a Boeing Scan Eagle unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Two of these trials were to be conducted by Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol (QBFP) for fisheries surveillance, with the third undertaken by the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage for monitoring the spread of Siam weed.
- QBFP undertook their first trial in February 2012 for surveillance of night-time trawling off Stradbroke and Moreton Islands near Brisbane. Following this trial, QBFP assessed that the UAV wasn't suitable for that purpose as it was unable to identify vessels' fisheries symbols at night. Following this first trial, QBFP advised Insitu Pacific and DSDIP that they did not see benefit in trialling the UAV for other Queensland fisheries compliance purposes, as most such work requires on-water inspections.
- QBFP suggested that DSDIP contact the joint Queensland/Commonwealth Field Management Program (FMP) for the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area to see if there was interest in taking on the third trial to test the ScanEagle's capability for day-time marine park management activities.
- Upon being contacted by DSDIP, the FMP Strategy Group agreed to take up the offer of the trial but not make any commitments as to future use, purchase or contracting of the UAV.
- It is considered that the trial will be a good opportunity to test this technology for a variety of marine park management applications.
- Planning for the trial has identified the Yeppoon area as a suitable location to base the trial as it will enable the trialling of the UAV's capabilities for a variety of marine park management applications including patrolling for illegal fishing activity (marine park zoning) and monitoring vegetation cover and seabird populations at key coral cay breeding sites.
- The trial has available a total of 30 hours flying and comes at no cost to the FMP or the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.
- This brief is provided to ensure the Minister is aware of the upcoming trial, advise of Queensland Government's interests in the trial and confirm media statements were released in association with the earlier trials in early 2012.

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Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities:

- Queensland Government is trialing new technology to enhance the patrolling and surveillance of the GBR marine park.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

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SUBJECT: Mon Repos Conservation Park, Wide Bay Area, Sunshine Fraser Coast Region

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required prior to the proposed visit to Mon Repos Conservation Park by the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games on Wednesday 23 January 2013.

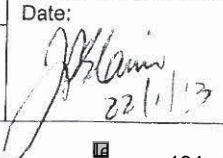
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the following information by way of background about Mon Repos Conservation Park.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games is planning to visit Mon Repos Conservation Park on 23 January 2013 including the Turtle Information Centre and associated visitor interpretation program.
- Large numbers of marine turtles nest on the beaches of the Mon Repos Conservation Park from November to March each year.
- The Mon Repos Information Centre has been operating for 19 years and is staffed by five Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) rangers and 40 volunteers who give guided public tours (Turtle Encounter Tours) on a nightly basis during the nesting season.
- Loggerhead turtles are the predominant species at Mon Repos (99 per cent), with small numbers of flatback turtles and green turtles also recorded.
- The 2012/2013 nesting season has been very successful, with more than 356 individual loggerhead turtles having nested thus far - already 57 more than last season's final total. A small number of hatchlings have already emerged.
- Over 15,000 people have taken a Turtle Encounter Tour since November. This represents a significant increase on visitor numbers compared to seasons in the recent past.
- A research team headed by Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) Chief Scientist, Dr Col Limpus, conducts an annual turtle research program from December to the end of February at Mon Repos, with the help of around 120 volunteers. The visitor experience is, therefore, enhanced by being able to observe rangers, researchers and volunteers working collaboratively to conserve an endangered species.
- Artificial light from nearby residential and commercial developments can affect turtle nesting behaviour by confusing their natural navigating instincts, and may pose a risk to continued turtle nesting along this stretch of coast, as those affected may seek alternative nesting areas along the coast and may choose unsuitable sites, resulting in reduced egg production and hatchling survival.
- QPWS is instrumental in raising community awareness about the risks posed by artificial light to the future of the Mon Repos turtles and the associated tourism program through its *Cut the Glow to Help Turtles Go* community education program.

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- *Key Communication Message:* Mon Repos Turtle Information Centre is an excellent example of a successful eco-tourism experience on a protected area. Mon Repos contributes very significantly to the local Bundaberg regional economy and the Queensland economy and is a world-renowned conservation, research and tourism venture.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: 2013 Australia Day Achievement Awards

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TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the attached speech notes and run sheet for the 2013 Australia Day Achievement Awards presentation ceremony to be held on Wednesday 30 January 2013 in the Boardroom, Level 7, 111 George Street, Brisbane from 10.30 to 11.30am.

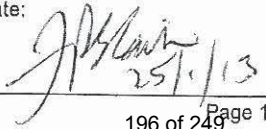
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- The Australia Day Achievement Awards are an initiative of the National Australia Day Council, recognising departmental officers who have gone above or beyond normal work requirements to achieve outstanding results.
- A call for nominations for the 2013 Australia Day Achievement Awards was sent out to all staff in November 2012.
- The department's Executive Management Team approved six winners and profiles of these winners are attached (**Attachment 5**).
- The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday 30 January 2013 in the Boardroom, Level 7, 111 George Street, Brisbane from 10.30 to 11.30am.
- The Minister will be attending the event to deliver a five minute address and present the winners with their medallion and certificates.
- The Minister will also presenting recipients of the National Emergency Medal with their medallion and certificates.
- Corporate Communications has prepared speech notes for the Minister (**Attachment 1**), the MC (**Attachment 2**) and a run sheet for the event (**Attachment 3**).
- A PowerPoint presentation for the event is attached (**Attachment 4**).

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Minister's speech notes
- Attachment 2 - MC's speech notes
- Attachment 3 - Run sheet for event
- Attachment 4 - PowerPoint presentation for event
- Attachment 5 - Profile of 6 winners

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Australian Sports Commission 2013-2014 Australia's Winning Edge Funding Allocation

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TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the contents of this brief.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- On 22 April 2013, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) announced its funding allocations to National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) for high performance success and sports participation in 2013-2014.
- ASC investment totalling \$119 828 526 was allocated to 62 NSOs, paralympic sports and winter sports. This funding is separated into two broad categories, high performance and participation.
- A breakdown of ASC investment funding to NSOs, including percentage change in investment from 2012-2013, is provided in **Attachment 1**.
- A number of NSOs will see significant changes to their 2013-2014 funding levels for high performance from previous funding levels:
 - Australian Rugby Union's (ARU) funding increased by 91.2% (primarily due to the recent inclusion of Rugby 7s in the Olympic Games and the planned establishment of a National Centre of Excellence)
 - Badminton Australia's funding increased by 27.1%
 - Water Polo Australia's funding increased by 21.5%
 - Australian Canoeing's funding increased by 17.4%
 - Golf Australia's funding increased by 17.7%
 - Yachting Australia's funding increased by 16.7%
 - Paralympic sports funding increased by 14.1%
 - Australian Baseball Federation's funding decreased by 37.3%
 - Softball Australia's funding decreased by 33.1%
 - Cricket Australia's funding decreased by 18.9%
 - Boxing Australia's funding decreased by 18.7%
 - Tennis Australia's funding decreased by 16.2%
 - Football Federation Australia's funding decreased by 15.0%.
- A fact sheet on the ASC investment approach process is provided in **Attachment 2**.
- A fact sheet on the ASC investment allocation model is provided in **Attachment 3**.
- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing currently funds 79 State level organisations (SLOs) across 78 sports under the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program 2011-2013 (SSRODP). Of the NSOs/entities that will receive funding from the ASC in 2013-2014, 52 SLOs in corresponding sports are currently funded through SSRODP. The sports/entities not currently funded under SSRODP are represented in the following table:

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Sport/Entity	Rationale for non-inclusion under SSRODP
Winter Sports (including Olympic Winter Institute, Ski and Snowboard Australia)	SSRODP funding is provided to the sports of ice skating, ice hockey, and ice racing. Other Olympic winter sports were not seen as a priority within Queensland and/or didn't apply for SSRODP funding.
Archery	Did not apply for SSRODP funding as there was not one body representing the sport in Queensland.
University Sport	Ineligible for SSRODP funding as the organisation did not meet the eligibility criteria.
Modern Pentathlon	Did not apply for SSRODP funding.
Bocce	Did not apply for SSRODP funding.
Karate	Did not apply for SSRODP funding as there was not one body representing the sport in Queensland.
Australian Athletes With a Disability	Funding is provided to The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled, Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc to support participants with a disability.
Blind Sports	Did not apply for SSRODP funding.
Disabled Wintersport	Olympic winter sports are not seen as a priority within Queensland. Funding is also provided to The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc to support participants with a disability.
Special Olympics	Did not apply for SSRODP funding.
Transplant	Did not apply for SSRODP funding.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Investment Allocation
- Attachment 2 – Investment Approach Process
- Attachment 3 – Investment Allocation Model.

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Australia's Winning Edge

Investment Allocation

Sport	High Performance					Participation 2013-14	Total Investment Allocation 2013-14
	Australia's Winning Edge Investment	Whole of Sport Grant	Transition Funding	Total Australia's Winning Edge Investment (2013-14)	Change from 2012-13 Investment		
Paralympic Sports	\$9,101,250	-	-	\$9,101,250	14.1%	-	\$9,101,250
Swimming Australia	\$8,165,000	-	-	\$8,165,000	-5.8%	\$616,000	\$8,781,000
Cycling Australia (including BMX Australia)	\$7,360,000	-	-	\$7,360,000	-	\$592,500	\$7,952,500
Rowing Australia	\$7,200,000	-	-	\$7,200,000	4.8%	\$89,400	\$7,289,400
Athletics Australia	\$6,570,000	-	-	\$6,570,000	-3.8%	\$296,400	\$6,866,400
Yachting Australia	\$6,300,000	-	-	\$6,300,000	16.7%	\$546,400	\$6,846,400
Hockey Australia	\$5,840,000	-	\$200,000	\$6,040,000	-	\$661,800	\$6,701,800
Basketball Australia	\$4,780,000	-	\$200,000	\$4,980,000	-	\$716,400	\$5,696,400
Australian Paralympic Committee	\$4,280,000	-	-	\$4,280,000	-	\$300,000	\$4,580,000
Australian Canoeing	\$4,200,000	-	-	\$4,200,000	17.4%	\$108,000	\$4,308,000
Water Polo Australia Ltd	\$3,110,000	-	-	\$3,110,000	21.5%	\$61,000	\$3,171,000
Winter Sports (including Olympic Winter Institute, Ski and Snowboard Australia)	\$2,691,245	-	-	\$2,691,245	-	\$16,400	\$2,707,645
Australian Volleyball Federation	\$2,460,000	-	-	\$2,460,000	-7.5%	\$64,000	\$2,524,000
Gymnastics Australia	\$2,372,971	-	-	\$2,372,971	-	\$816,000	\$3,188,971
Football Federation Australia	\$2,300,000	-	-	\$2,300,000	-15.0%	\$916,000	\$3,216,000
Triathlon Australia	\$2,160,000	-	-	\$2,160,000	7.4%	\$346,400	\$2,506,400
Equestrian Australia	\$2,140,000	-	-	\$2,140,000	-4.4%	\$337,000	\$2,477,000
Diving Australia	\$2,115,000	-	-	\$2,115,000	7.6%	\$27,200	\$2,142,200
Netball Australia	\$2,065,000	-	-	\$2,065,000	-	\$979,900	\$3,044,900
Australian International Shooting	\$1,960,000	-	-	\$1,960,000	5.4%	\$76,200	\$2,036,200
Softball Australia	-	\$1,215,000	-	\$1,215,000	-33.1%	\$411,800	\$1,626,800

Sport	High Performance					Participation 2013-14	Total Investment Allocation 2013-14
	Australia's Winning Edge Investment	Whole of Sport Grant	Transition Funding	Total Australia's Winning Edge Investment (2013-14)	Change from 2012-13 Investment		
Australian Rugby Union	\$1,040,000	-	-	\$1,040,000	91.2%	\$666,000	\$1,706,000
Golf Australia	\$1,010,000	-	-	\$1,010,000	17.7%	\$501,600	\$1,511,600
Squash Australia	\$920,000	-	\$75,000	\$995,000	-7.1%	\$118,400	\$1,113,400
Surfing Australia	\$925,000	-	-	\$925,000	-	\$586,600	\$1,511,600
Surf Life Saving Australia	\$605,000	\$250,400	-	\$855,400	-	\$411,600	\$1,267,000
Boxing Australia	\$850,000	-	-	\$850,000	-18.7%	\$54,000	\$904,000
Australian Baseball Federation	-	\$845,000	-	\$845,000	-37.3%	\$296,000	\$1,141,000
Judo Federation of Australia	\$667,800	-	-	\$667,800	-	\$16,200	\$684,000
Bowls Australia	\$667,200	-	-	\$667,200	-	\$846,800	\$1,214,000
Archery Australia	\$600,800	-	-	\$600,800	-	\$27,200	\$628,000
Badminton Australia	\$540,000	-	-	\$540,000	27.1%	\$177,000	\$717,000
Australian University Sport	\$460,000	-	-	\$460,000	-	\$50,000	\$510,000
Cricket Australia	\$400,000	-	-	\$400,000	18.9%	\$1,116,000	\$1,516,000
Tennis Australia	\$400,000	-	-	\$400,000	-16.2%	\$966,000	\$1,366,000
Motorcycling Australia	\$330,000	-	\$52,600	\$382,600	-	\$64,400	\$447,000
Australian Weightlifting Federation	\$362,600	-	-	\$362,600	-	\$21,400	\$384,000
Confederation of Australian Motor Sport	\$275,000	-	\$29,200	\$304,200	-	\$64,800	\$369,000
Australian Football League	-	\$194,000	-	\$194,000	-	\$966,000	\$1,160,000
Australian Rugby League Commission	\$190,660	-	-	\$190,660	-	\$616,000	\$806,660
Australian Waterski and Wakeboard Federation	-	\$161,000	-	\$161,000	-	-	\$161,000
Touch Football Australia	-	\$120,000	-	\$120,000	-	\$450,000	\$570,000
Table Tennis Australia	-	\$103,800	-	\$103,800	-	\$198,200	\$302,000
Orienteering Australia	-	\$86,000	-	\$86,000	-	\$100,000	\$186,000
Australian Ice Racing	-	\$83,000	-	\$83,000	-	-	\$83,000
Tenpin Bowling Australia	-	\$80,000	-	\$80,000	-	\$225,000	\$305,000
Polocrosse Association of Australia	-	\$61,000	-	\$61,000	-	\$60,000	\$121,000
Taekwondo	\$55,000	-	-	\$55,000	-	-	\$55,000
Modern Pentathlon Australia	\$50,000	-	-	\$50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Wrestling Australia	-	\$50,000	-	\$50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Australian Fencing Federation	-	\$35,400	-	\$35,400	-	\$26,600	\$62,000
Pony Club Australia	-	\$30,000	-	\$30,000	-	\$25,000	\$55,000
Bocce Federation of Australia	-	\$26,000	-	\$26,000	-	\$25,000	\$51,000

Sport	High Performance					Participation 2013-14	Total Investment Allocation 2013-14
	Australia's Winning Edge Investment	Whole of Sport Grant	Transition Funding	Total Australia's Winning Edge Investment (2013-14)	Change from 2012-13 Investment		
Australian Karate Federation	-	-	-	\$0	-	\$86,000	\$86,000
Australian Lacrosse Association	-	-	-	\$0	-	\$50,000	\$50,000
Skate Australia	-	-	-	\$0	-	\$686,000	\$686,000
						Total	\$118,593,526
NSODs							
AAWD	-	\$210,000	-	\$210,000	-	-	\$210,000
AUSRAPID	-	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000
Blind Sports	-	\$65,000	-	\$65,000	-	-	\$65,000
Deaf Sports	-	\$85,000	-	\$85,000	-	-	\$85,000
Disabled Wintersport	-	\$60,000	-	\$60,000	-	-	\$60,000
RDA	-	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000
Special Olympics	-	\$545,000	-	\$545,000	-	-	\$545,000
Transplant	-	\$70,000	-	\$70,000	-	-	\$70,000
						Total	\$1,235,000
						Overall Total investment	\$119,828,526

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Investment rationale summary

Definitions:

Australia's Winning Edge investment – provides support for the sport to deliver on high performance targets for international success.

Whole of Sport Grant – new category enabling sports to make strategic decisions to allocate resources to support high performance or participation priorities.

Transition funding – provides support for the sport to continue to deliver programs over the short term. If the sport cannot demonstrate an enhanced likelihood of international success over the next 12 months, funding will be set at the new *Australia's Winning Edge* investment level.

Australian Football League

Investment allocation remains the same. Recognising the unique nature of the Australian Football League (AFL) as a high performance domestic competition, the former high performance grant becomes a whole of sport grant in 2013-14 to continue the AIS/AFL academy partnership.

Australian Paralympic Committee and paralympic sports

Investment allocation increases (14.1%) and 2013-14 will see the highest ever investment of high performance funding to support athletes with a disability in the Paralympic disciplines. This reflects the strong performance of Australia's Paralympic Team finishing fifth in the past three Paralympic games.

Investment in 2013-14 includes increased funding to athletics, basketball, cycling, rowing, sailing and swimming, with new Paralympic sports of canoeing and triathlon also receiving investment. Wheelchair rugby and winter sports have both received an increase of \$150,000.

Athletics Australia

Investment allocation decreases (-3.8%). The ASC has strong expectations of Athletics Australia in relation to meeting the mandatory governance principles as set out earlier this year and will work with them to support achievement of the outcomes. The sport has made significant changes and remains one of the ASC's biggest funded sports.

Australian Baseball Federation

Investment allocation decreases (-18.7%). The Australian Baseball Federation has been assessed as not having a strong case to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets. Funding in 2013-14 is a whole of sport grant to enable the sport to allocate its resources to support its priorities. Opportunity to reassess in 12 months subject to IOC decision on sport's inclusion on Olympic program in 2020.

Basketball Australia

Investment allocation has decreased on basis of performance case, with \$200,000 transition funding provided to basketball to demonstrate an enhanced likelihood of international success with the men's team. The investment provided to Basketball Australia recognises the ongoing success of the Opal's women's program at Olympic and world championship level. The ASC requires Basketball Australia to improve its governance in line with mandatory governance principles, to retain this level of investment.

Australian Canoeing

Investment allocation increases (17.4%). The ASC is investing additional support to canoeing, recognising their consistent multi-medal performances at Olympic and world championship level. Australian Canoeing also provided strong evidence towards its contribution to Australia's Winning Edge targets in the future, with strong athlete performance profiles for medal success in Rio and beyond.

Cricket Australia

Investment allocation decreases by ~\$90,000 per annum. The ASC recognises the important contribution that the professional codes, including cricket, make to Australian sport, however through various revenue streams, including broadcast rights, the professional codes have the capacity to self fund the majority of their high performance programs. Under the new investment approach, women's cricket will now receive the same level of investment as men's cricket an increase from \$120,000 p.a. to \$200,000 p.a. with men's game through the Academy to receive similar. CA remains well supported by the ASC for participation outcomes.

Cycling Australia

Investment allocation remains the same. Cycling Australia has a strong performance profile and capability to deliver on Australia's Winning Edge targets in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and world championships. The ASC requires Cycling Australia to improve its governance in line with mandatory governance principles, to retain this level of investment. The ASC expects Cycling Australia to implement the findings from the Wood Review as a matter of priority in 2013/14.

Diving Australia

Investment allocation increases (7.6%). The ASC believes that diving is well placed to deliver on Australia's Winning Edge targets into the future at world championship, Olympic and Commonwealth Games level.

Football Federation Australia

Investment allocation decreases (-15.0%). The reduction recognises the men's program has some work to do to be able to demonstrate its contribution to Australia's Winning Edge targets. However, within this investment, women's football has been prioritised to ensure appropriate support to achieve targets.

Golf Australia

Investment allocation increases (17.7%). With the emergence of golf as an Olympic sport, funding has increased slightly to provide enhancement of the women's golf pathway. This investment recognises the opportunity that Golf at the Olympic Games presents for Australia.

Hockey Australia

Investment allocation has decreased in assessment, with \$200,000 transition funding provided to hockey to demonstrate more likelihood of international success with the women's team. The ongoing success of the Kookaburra's men's program at Olympic and world championship level has been recognised in Hockey Australia's investment allocation. The ASC requires Hockey Australia to improve its governance in line with mandatory governance principles, to retain this level of investment.

Netball Australia

Investment allocation maintained. As a highly successful Commonwealth Games and world championship level sport, Netball Australia is expected to continue to contribute regularly to Australia's Winning Edge targets.

Rowing Australia

Investment allocation increases (4.8%). The ASC expects that Rowing is capable of increasing its conversion to gold medals from total medals won at Olympic and world championship level, further contributing to Australia's Winning Edge targets. The ASC requires Rowing Australia to improve its governance in line with mandatory governance principles, to retain this level of investment.

Australian Rugby Union (Rugby 7s)

Investment allocation increases (91.2%). This increase recognises the inclusion of rugby 7s in the Olympic Games and our women's team as the current world champions. Funding will be prioritised to the women's pathway and an additional one-off \$500,000 investment will be provided to establish a National Centre of Excellence with the expectation that Australian Rugby Union will co-invest.

Australian International Shooting Federation

Investment allocation increases (5.4%). The ASC recognises the contribution shooting can make to Australia's Winning Edge targets in Olympic, Commonwealth Games and world championships.

Softball Australia

Investment allocation decreases (-33.1%). Softball has been assessed as not being able to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets and its funding has been reduced accordingly. Funding will be provided as a whole of sport grant to enable softball to allocate resources to align with their priorities. There is an opportunity to reassess in 12 months subject to IOC decision on the sport's inclusion in the Olympic program for 2020.

Squash Australia

Investment allocation decreases (-7.1%). Squash Australia has been assessed as currently having limited ability to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets. Transition funding of \$75,000 has been provided to support squash to continue to deliver programs over the short term and provide squash with the opportunity to demonstrate an enhanced likelihood of international success in the future.

Swimming Australia

Investment allocation decreases (-5.8%). Swimming Australia will receive a substantial level of funding in 2013-14, recognising the sport's ability to deliver multi-medal outcomes in Olympic, Commonwealth Games and world championship events, contributing to Australia's Winning Edge targets. The reduction in funding from 2012-13 reflects the Smith Review findings of significant administration overheads and the work swimming needs to do to demonstrate effective leadership and governance of the sport. Athlete preparation support must not be reduced.

Surf Life Saving

Surf Life Saving cannot contribute to the Olympic or Commonwealth Games targets, but is culturally significant to Australians and deemed by the ASC to contribute to World Championship targets, as a team contribution. Therefore, Surf Life Saving has had part of its high performance investment moved to a whole of sport grant which enables the sport to make strategic decisions on the best use of the investment to suit their sport. It is expected that \$250,000 of the investment allocation will be spent on women's pathway initiatives explicitly for talent transfer opportunities in canoe sprint.

Tennis Australia

Investment allocation decreases by ~\$70,000 p.a. (-16.2%). The level of investment Tennis Australia will receive in 2013-14 recognises the sports' ability to self fund their high performance pathway while also contributing to Australia's Winning Edge targets as an Olympic sport. The AIS will work with Tennis Australia to determine the best use of that funding in supporting their development pathway. Like cricket investment will be split equally across pathway for mens and womens game. The sport remains well supported for participation outcomes by the ASC.

Triathlon Australia

Investment allocation increases (7.4%). The ASC recognises the continued success and strength of female triathletes in Olympic, Commonwealth Games and world championship competition and their ability to deliver on Australia's Winning Edge targets.

Australian Volleyball Federation

Investment allocation decreases (-7.5%). Volleyball has not achieved an Olympic medal since Sydney 2000 however demonstrated some emerging potential in the men's indoor and beach programs. The ASC recognises the Australian Volleyball Federation's revised targeted approach in the beach program and will continue to monitor performance progress of both disciplines over the next 18 months.

Water Polo Australia

Investment allocation increases (21.5%). Water Polo Australia will receive more than \$500,000 in additional support in recognition of the consistent medal performances by the women's Stingers at Olympic and world championship level and the emerging potential of the men's program.

Winter Sports

Investment allocation remains the same. This investment is appropriate to provide adequate support to sports and athletes to achieve the Australia's Winning Edge target of a top 15 placing at Sochi 2014. Review of Winter sports investment will occur after the 2014 Sochi Games.

Yachting Australia

Investment allocation increases (16.7%). The performance of the sailing team was outstanding at the London games and the additional investment recognises the long term potential of the sport to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets, including two new boat classes. The ASC requires Yachting Australia to adhere to the mandatory governance principles, to retain this level of investment.



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Australia's Winning Edge Investment Approach Process



Step 1

Performance case

With support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) develop and submit a 'performance case', outlining how they will contribute to targets set out in *Australia's Winning Edge*.

Step 2

Assessment

NSOs present their performance case and proposed targets for rigorous assessment by a panel of ASC, AIS, APC and State Institutes and Academies of Sport representatives (chaired by AIS Director).

Step 3

Investment approach

The AIS Investment Group (chaired by AIS Director) develops an investment allocation approach to take into account *Australia's Winning Edge* investment principles and results from NSO presentations.

Step 4

Assessment and approval

The investment allocation approach and funding to NSOs is then assessed, endorsed and approved by the ASC board.

Step 5

Notification and finalisation

NSOs notified of funding investment allocations and sport collaboration agreements finalised.

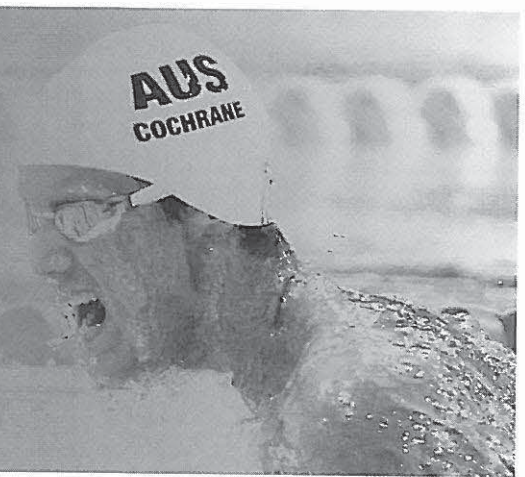


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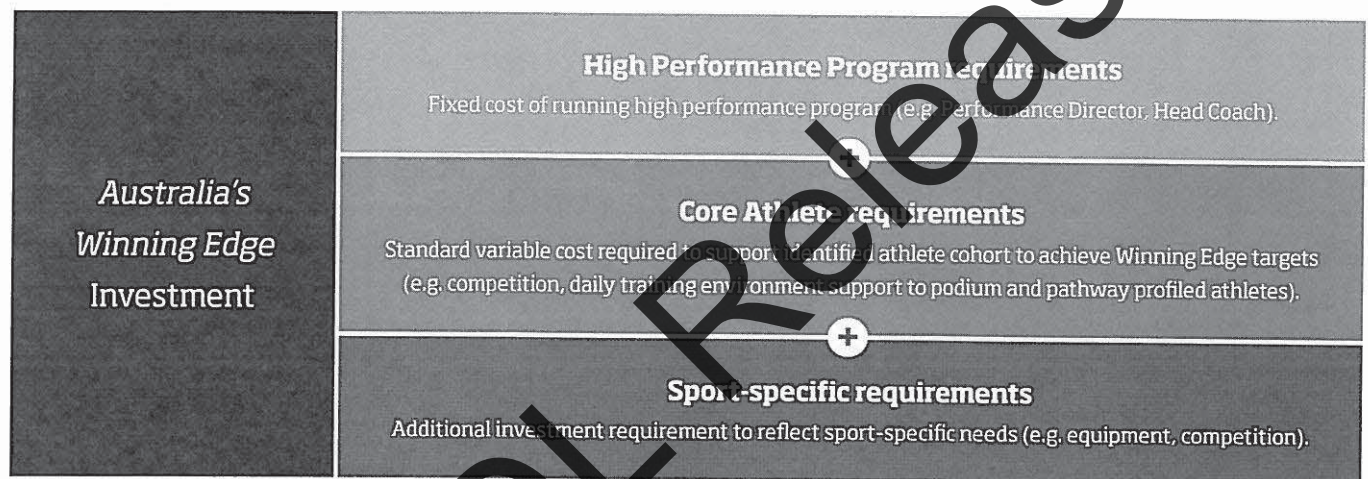


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Australia's Winning Edge Investment Allocation Model



Australia's Winning Edge investment allocation is determined by three core variable inputs: high performance program requirements; core athlete needs; and sport-specific needs.



To inform the investment allocation, sports are categorised based on their ability to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets.

Foundation	Sports where we have a record of achieving multi-medal or consistent team success at Olympic, Paralympic, World Championships and/or Commonwealth Games level. This group of sports are expected to make the largest contribution towards Australia's Winning Edge targets.
Prospective	Sports with success at last Olympic / Paralympic Games or World Championships and are likely to medal at next Olympic / Paralympic Games.
Emerging	Sports likely to have a top eight finish and an outside medal chance at the next Olympics / Paralympic Games. Sports with longer-term potential.
National and Iconic	Sports with gold medal success at Commonwealth Games and World Championships or culturally significant sports*, or are likely to achieve gold medal at Commonwealth Games or World Championships in the next four years.

*Culturally significant sports are any sport on the Government's anti-siphoning list (plus iconic Australian sports - e.g. Surfing and Surf Life Saving)

CTS No. 08176/13

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

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SUBJECT: Letter to appointees to the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust (the Trust)

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note and letters to incoming members of the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust are required to be signed as soon as possible after 26 April 2013, to notify them of their appointment and responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign** the letters to Mr Graeme Smith and Mr Robert Harle, new appointees to the Trust (**Attachment 1**), advising of Governor in Council approval of their appointment as members for the period 26 April 2013 to 9 December 2013. A letter is also being sent to Councillor Krista Adams, Chair, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust for Councillor Adams information.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr Smith and Mr Harle's appointments to the Trust were approved by the Governor in Council on 24 April 2013. The appointments take effect from publication of the notice in the Government Gazette on 26 April 2013.
- It is important for the appointees to be notified on their statutory responsibilities as Trust members as soon as possible after the commencement of their appointment.
- Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities*: Not applicable.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – letter to Mr Graeme Smith, Mr Robert Harle and Councillor Krista Adams.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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Minister	Mary Davis
Dated	19/3/13

SUBJECT: Approval – 2012-2013 Training Track Subsidy Scheme

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required to initiate threshold payments under the Training Track Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme).

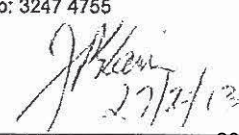
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve the threshold payments under the 2012-13 Scheme to be paid to each of the eligible race clubs in the amounts specified in Attachment 1 and totalling \$1.2 million (GST exclusive) and
- approve the payment of a grant of \$800,000 (GST exclusive) to Racing Queensland for the incentive component of the 2012-13 Scheme.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Scheme has been in operation since 1997 with the purpose of off-setting the costs to Queensland thoroughbred race clubs of maintaining training facilities at their venues, thereby enhancing their ability to service the racing industry throughout Queensland.
- The allocation of funds to individual clubs under this Scheme is based on two components:
 - 'Threshold' – based on categorising clubs in accordance with an assessment and rating of the quality and extent of the training facilities the clubs offer to the racing industry and
 - 'Incentive' – based on the actual number of starters provided by a particular venue to the industry over the current twelve month (financial year) period.
- The Scheme is administered by Racing Queensland under a funding agreement which is executed each year between Racing Queensland and the State. Key elements of the Scheme are:
 - The State provides \$2 million (GST exclusive) each year for payments to eligible race clubs in Queensland to assist with the maintenance of their training facilities.
 - The State makes direct 'threshold payments' to race clubs totalling \$1.2 million (GST exclusive) based on the category (one to eight) of the club using an assessment of the quality and extent of the training facilities each club offers to the racing industry.
 - The State provides Racing Queensland with the balance of \$800,000 (GST exclusive), which it pays as 'incentive payments' to race clubs based on the actual number of starters provided by each venue to the Queensland racing industry during that year. The level of incentive paid for each starter depends on the category (one to eight) the club is allocated to.
 - Racing Queensland is required to provide a financial reconciliation report to the State by 31 October each year disclosing all payments made under the Scheme for the previous financial year and certifying that all payments have been applied towards maintaining training track facilities in accordance with the Scheme.
- Since 2000, threshold payments have been paid directly to the eligible race clubs under a letter from the Minister responsible for racing, with subsequent incentive payments paid direct by Racing Queensland.

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- Racing Queensland has provided an acquittal of grants provided under the 2011-12 Scheme supported by a financial reconciliation report (Attachment 2), which shows that in 2011-12, a total of 68 clubs benefited from the Scheme.
- Racing Queensland has been consulted and has advised the threshold payments payable to individual clubs for 2012-13 (Attachment 1).
- The Deagon Racecourse is owned by Racing Queensland. Racing Queensland has advised that the Brisbane Racing Club has taken over the day to day management of the Deagon training facility and has advised that both the incentive and threshold payments for the Deagon Racecourse should be paid to the Brisbane Racing Club.
- Subject to your approval, the following arrangements for payments to eligible race clubs under the Scheme for 2012-13 are outlined below:
 - The threshold payments to be made by the Department totalling \$1.2 million (GST exclusive) direct to each club are shown in (Attachment 1). Letters from you to each club have been prepared and will be provided to your office as soon as you have considered this brief.
 - Funding for the incentive payments totalling \$800,000 (GST exclusive) will be paid as a grant to Racing Queensland, under the terms of the funding agreement. It is expected that an initial instalment will be made to eligible race clubs by Racing Queensland in March 2013, with the balance to be paid to each eligible race club in July 2013 following confirmation of the final number of starters in 2012-13 provided by the venue.
- The 2012-13 State Budget includes consolidated fund provision of \$2 million (GST exclusive) for the Scheme in 2012-13, and this has been apportioned as \$1.2 million for the threshold payments and \$800,000 for the incentive payments, the same as previous years.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – 2012-13 Threshold payments
- Attachment 2 – Acquittal of grants paid by Racing Queensland in 2011-12 under the Scheme.

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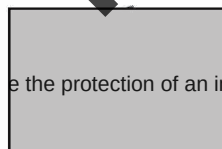
Dear Mr Kelly,

As a condition of the State of Queensland providing grant monies for the Training Track Subsidy Scheme for 2011/2012, and as a means to acquitting the grant funding, Racing Queensland Limited certify that:

- Racing Queensland Limited has a signed declaration from each recipient club that stating that all monies provided under the Scheme (that is, both "threshold" and "incentive" payments in 2011/12) were spent in accordance with the Scheme's objective of "offsetting the cost of maintaining training facilities".
- The total of incentive payments made via Racing Queensland Limited to each race club and Deagon Racecourse have been verified against official starter statistics supplied by Racing Information Services Australia (RISA). A schedule is attached outlining the payments totalling \$800,000.

Any further queries in relation to this matter should be referred to Sharon Drew, Finance Manager, Racing Queensland on telephone 3869 9704.

Yours sincerely



Adam Carter
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

Racing Queensland Limited
Training Track Subsidy FY1112
Amounts are excluding GST

Code	Training Location	Grade	Non TAB / TAB	1st Installment		2nd Installment		Total Starters	Total Paid
				Actual 1 July 11 to 31 Dec 11	Actual	Actual 1 Jan 12 to 30 June 12	Actual		
TCBRC	Brisbane Racing Club	2	TAB	2,475	\$ 61,087.15	2,319	\$ 63,647.00	4,794	124,734.15
DEAGON	Deagon	3	Non TAB	732	\$ 18,130.00	687	\$ 18,856.00	1,419	36,986.00
DEAGON RKR	Rockhampton	4	TAB	1,514	\$ 27,777.00	1,497	\$ 30,541.00	3,011	58,318.00
DEAGON SCR	Caloundra	2	TAB	1,994	\$ 49,216.00	1,742	\$ 47,810.00	3,736	97,026.00
TCARAM	Aramac	8	Non TAB	-	\$ -	20	\$ 204.00	20	204.00
TCATHE	Atherton	6	Non TAB	768	\$ 7,042.00	447	\$ 4,558.00	1,215	11,600.00
TCAUGA	Augathella	8	Non TAB	38	\$ 349.00	27	\$ 276.00	65	625.00
TCBARC1	Barcaldine	8	Non TAB	205	\$ 1,880.00	163	\$ 1,662.00	368	3,542.00
TCBARC3	Blackall (Barcoo Amateur Race Club)	7	Non TAB	203	\$ 1,862.00	158	\$ 1,611.00	361	3,473.00
TCBEAU1	Beauesert	6	Non TAB	807	\$ 7,399.00	676	\$ 6,892.00	1,483	14,291.00
TCBEDO	Bedourie	8	Non TAB	13	\$ 120.00	-	\$ -	13	120.00
TCBLUF1	Bluff	8	Non TAB	71	\$ 651.00	67	\$ 684.00	138	1,335.00
TCBOWE	Bowen	7	Non TAB	28	\$ 257.00	52	\$ 531.00	80	788.00
TCBUND1	Bundaberg	7	Non TAB	282	\$ 2,586.00	344	\$ 3,500.00	626	6,093.00
TCBURD	Home Hill (Burdekin Race Club)	6	Non TAB	25	\$ 230.00	42	\$ 429.00	67	659.00
TCCAIR	Cairns	5	Non TAB	624	\$ 8,905.00	418	\$ 6,633.00	1,042	15,538.00
TCCENT	Charleville (Central Warrego Race Club)	7	Non TAB	131	\$ 1,202.00	85	\$ 867.00	216	2,069.00
TCCHIN1	Chinchilla	8	Non TAB	64	\$ 587.00	65	\$ 663.00	129	1,250.00
TCCLER1	Clermont	8	Non TAB	3	\$ 28.00	3	\$ 31.00	6	59.00
TCCLIF	Clifton	8	Non TAB	49	\$ 450.00	70	\$ 714.00	119	1,164.00
TCCLON2	Cloncurry	8	Non TAB	40	\$ 367.00	69	\$ 704.00	109	1,071.00
TCGUNN2	Cunnamulla	7	Non TAB	50	\$ 459.00	32	\$ 327.00	82	786.00
TCDALB2	Dalby	6	Non TAB	292	\$ 2,678.00	258	\$ 2,631.00	550	5,309.00
TCDAWS1	Taroom (Dawson Jockey Club Inc.)	8	Non TAB	33	\$ 303.00	25	\$ 255.00	58	558.00
TCEIDS2	Eidsvold	8	Non TAB	11	\$ 101.00	15	\$ 153.00	26	254.00
TCEMER	Emerald	6	Non TAB	127	\$ 1,165.00	67	\$ 684.00	194	1,849.00
TCGAYN2	Gayndah	8	Non TAB	4	\$ 37.00	5	\$ 51.00	9	88.00
TCGEOR1	Georgetown	8	Non TAB	14	\$ 129.00	11	\$ 113.00	25	242.00
TCGLAD1	Gladstone	7	Non TAB	135	\$ 1,238.00	113	\$ 1,153.00	248	2,391.00
TCGOLD	Gold Coast	2	TAB	2,679	\$ 66,123.00	2,522	\$ 69,218.00	5,201	135,341.00
TCGOON	Goondiwindi	7	Non TAB	58	\$ 532.00	44	\$ 449.00	102	981.00
TCGORD1	Gordonvale	7	Non TAB	34	\$ 312.00	40	\$ 408.00	74	720.00
TCGYMP1	Gympie	7	Non TAB	455	\$ 4,172.00	425	\$ 4,333.00	880	8,505.00
TCHUGH2	Hughenden	8	Non TAB	18	\$ 166.00	22	\$ 225.00	40	391.00
TCILFR2	Ilfracombe	8	Non TAB	132	\$ 1,211.00	83	\$ 847.00	215	2,058.00
TCINJU2	Injune	8	Non TAB	1	\$ 10.00	-	\$ -	1	10.00
TCINNI	Innisfail	6	Non TAB	67	\$ 615.00	46	\$ 469.00	113	1,084.00
TCIPSW	Ipswich	3	TAB	410	\$ 10,120.00	329	\$ 9,030.00	739	19,150.00
TCJAND	Jandowae	8	Non TAB	39	\$ 358.00	17	\$ 174.00	56	532.00
TCJULI2	Julia Creek	8	Non TAB	318	\$ 2,916.00	131	\$ 1,336.00	449	4,252.00
TCJUND	Jundah	8	Non TAB	6	\$ 56.00	-	\$ -	6	56.00
TCKUMB1	Kumbia	8	Non TAB	8	\$ 74.00	19	\$ 194.00	27	268.00

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TCLOCK	Gatton (Lockyer Race Club)	6	Non TAB	229	\$ 2,100.00	235	\$ 2,396.00	464	4,496.00
TCLONG3	Longreach	6	Non TAB	145	\$ 1,330.00	106	\$ 1,081.00	251	2,411.00
TCMACK2	Mackay	5	TAB	590	\$ 8,420.00	563	\$ 8,934.00	1,153	17,354.00
TCMARE1	Mareeba	6	Non TAB	44	\$ 404.00	19	\$ 194.00	63	598.00
TCMILE1	Miles	8	Non TAB	59	\$ 541.00	35	\$ 357.00	94	898.00
TCMONT1	Monto	8	Non TAB	27	\$ 248.00	31	\$ 317.00	58	565.00
TCMORA2	Moranbah	8	Non TAB	20	\$ 184.00	-	\$ -	20	184.00
TCMTIS	Mount Isa	7	Non TAB	351	\$ 3,218.00	287	\$ 2,926.00	638	6,144.00
TCMUTT1	Muttaburra	8	Non TAB	43	\$ 395.00	13	\$ 133.00	56	528.00
TCNANA1	Nanango	6	Non TAB	86	\$ 789.00	105	\$ 1,071.00	191	1,860.00
TCNORT	Winton (North Gregory Turf Club)	8	Non TAB	89	\$ 816.00	55	\$ 501.00	144	1,377.00
TCOAKE	Oakey	7	Non TAB	404	\$ 3,704.00	419	\$ 4,272.00	823	7,976.00
TCPENT2	Penitand	8	Non TAB	25	\$ 230.00	23	\$ 21.00	27	251.00
TCQUIL1	Quilpie	8	Non TAB	6	\$ 56.00	8	\$ 80.00	14	136.00
TCRICH2	Richmond	7	Non TAB	52	\$ 477.00	2	\$ 20.00	54	498.00
TCROMA	Roma	7	Non TAB	145	\$ 1,330.00	177	\$ 1,805.00	322	3,135.00
TCSCOUT	Wondai (south Burnett Race Club)	7	Non TAB	46	\$ 422.00	63	\$ 643.00	109	1,065.00
TCSTGE	St. George	8	Non TAB	37	\$ 340.00	31	\$ 317.00	68	657.00
TCTARA1	Tara	8	Non TAB	8	\$ 74.00	7	\$ 72.00	15	146.00
TCTEXA1	Texas	8	Non TAB	52	\$ 477.00	13	\$ 133.00	65	610.00
TCTHAN	Thangool	7	Non TAB	67	\$ 613.00	44	\$ 449.00	111	1,062.00
TCTOOW	Toowoomba	2	TAB	2,784	\$ 68,714.00	2,670	\$ 73,280.00	5,454	141,994.00
TCTOWE	Charters Towers	8	Non TAB	377	\$ 3,457.00	233	\$ 2,376.00	610	5,833.00
TCTOWN	Townsville	4	TAB	878	\$ 16,109.00	639	\$ 13,037.00	1,517	29,146.00
TCWARW2	Warwick	6	Non TAB	205	\$ 1,880.00	191	\$ 1,948.00	396	3,828.00
TCYEPP	Yeppoon	6	Non TAB	84	\$ 771.00	69	\$ 704.00	153	1,475.00
				21,810	\$ 400,000.00	19,172	\$ 400,000.00	40,982	800,000.00

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TRAINING TRACK SUBSIDY PAYMENTS 2012-13

Grade	Clubs	Non TAB/TAB	Threshold Payment	Threshold Payment GST inclusive
1	Brisbane Racing Club (for Doomben and Eagle Farm Racecourse)	TAB	315,000	346,500
2	Gold Coast Turf Club	TAB	145,000	159,500
	Toowoomba Turf Club	TAB	145,000	159,500
	Sunshine Coast Turf Club	TAB	145,000	159,500
3	Brisbane Racing Club (for Deagon Racecourse)	-	60,000	66,000
	Ipswich Turf Club	TAB	60,000	66,000
4	Rockhampton Jockey Club	TAB	60,000	66,000
	Townsville Turf Club	TAB	50,000	55,000
5	Cairns Jockey Club	TAB	30,000	33,000
	Mackay Turf Club	TAB	30,000	33,000
6	Atherton Turf Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Beaudesert Race Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Burdekin/Ayr/Home Hill	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Dalby & NJDC	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Emerald Jockey Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Innisfail Turf Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Lockyer (Gatton) Race Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Longreach Jockey Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Mareeba Turf Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Nanango Race Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Warwick Turf Club	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
	Yeppoon	Non TAB	8,000	8,800
7/8	Barcoo (Blackall) Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Bowen	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Bundaberg Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Central Warrego (Charleville) Race	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Cunnamulla & Diggers Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Gladstone Turf Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Goondiwindi Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Gordonvale Turf Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Gympie Turf Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Herbert River/Ingham	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Mount Isa Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Oakey & District Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,000
	Richmond	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Roma Turf Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	South Burnett (Wondai) Race Club	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
	Thangool Race Club Inc	Non TAB	4,000	4,400
Total Threshold Payments			\$1,200,000	\$1,319,600

Note: Racing Queensland has categorised race clubs providing training facilities into eight (8) grades which reflect the extent and quality of the training facilities provided. Only those race clubs categorised into grades 1-7 as shown above are eligible to receive a base "threshold payment". Clubs graded into category 8 are only entitled to receive an incentive payment based on the number of starters provided by the venue.

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Protected Areas

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the status of the Outdoor Recreation Strategy (the Strategy) for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) managed areas
- note** that the Six Month Action Plan requires that 'an outdoor recreation strategy for protected areas' be developed by June 2013
- note** that the draft Strategy will be available for approval by the Minister by the end of June 2013
- approve** that the draft Strategy be released for wider community consultation through the 'Get Involved' web portal
- note** that a number of key issues of relevance to this Strategy are being progressed through the review of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Stage 2) (the Act) and that the release of the draft Strategy for consultation should be timed to coincide with passage of the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill) to enable key directions to be included in the Strategy.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Improving access for recreation in national parks is a key commitment of the Government.
- The Strategy for QPWS managed areas is included in the Premier's six month action plan for January to June 2013.
- A Steering Committee has been established to inform the Strategy. Steering Committee membership is outlined in the project plan (**Attachment 1**).
- The project plan and Steering Committee Terms of Reference (**Attachment 2**) have been endorsed by the Deputy Directors-General of Sport and Recreation Services and QPWS (CTS 01650/13).
- Project plan milestones are on track for project delivery.
- Consultation with Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF) will take place at the Big Ideas Forum on 2 and 3 May 2013. A discussion paper to guide feedback is being developed.
- A draft strategy is currently being prepared based on input from the Steering Committee and will be further informed by feedback from the outdoor recreation sector at the Big Ideas Forum.
- The Six Month Action Plan requires that the Strategy be developed by June 2013 and it is recommended that this be released as draft for wider community consultation.
- The Stage 2 review of the Act includes key directions for recreational use of protected areas. To ensure the Strategy adopts the most contemporary approach, it is recommended that the draft for consultation incorporates these directions.
- Consultation:** Consultation has taken place through the Steering Committee and through QORF at the Big Ideas Forum on 2 and 3 May 2013.

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Minister.....	
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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Project Plan – Outdoor Recreation Strategy for QPWS managed areas
- Attachment 2 – Outdoor Recreation Strategy Steering Committee Terms of Reference

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Project title:
Strategy for Outdoor Recreation in Protected Areas & State Forests

Project purpose and outcomes:

The project is to develop a Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) Strategy for Outdoor Recreation in Protected Areas and State forests (the strategy).

The purpose of the strategy is to articulate the department's vision, objectives, role, key priorities and actions in promoting outdoor recreation in Queensland's protected areas and in State forests. The strategy will provide a sound, evidence-based rationale for the department approach and promote effective, efficient decision making and initiatives.

Project definitions, scope and description:

Broadly defined, **recreation** involves activities undertaken during leisure time, non-committed or non-contracted time. This includes competitive and non-competitive activities as well as organised and non-organised activities.

Outdoor recreation is defined as recreation undertaken in natural or rural settings or in urban open spaces. This may involve the modification or enhancement of these settings to enable activities to occur.

For the purposes of this strategy, **protected areas** and State forests refers to the lands and waters managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) as prescribed in legislation, specifically the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Marine Parks Act 2004*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and the *Forestry Act 1959*. Also included in the scope of this project are numerous freehold and Unallocated State Land parcels for which QPWS is also responsible. These are administered under the *Land Act 1994*.

Consultation with HQPlantations (HQP) will be required to determine how their plantation licence will be considered as part of this strategy.

The scope of this strategy will be limited to:

- outdoor recreation activities undertaken in QPWS managed areas as outlined above;
- Land, water bodies and facilities in QPWS managed areas as outlined above;
- priority areas where a clear need for government involvement is warranted (e.g. land use conflicts, demand outstripping supply, red and green tape reduction); and
- priority areas where the department has capacity to be influential in the provision of participation opportunities and encouraging greater participation (for example through legislative, policy and planning instruments, operational and management activities, inter-departmental and inter-governmental collaboration, public/private partnerships and funding or sponsorship).

The strategy will:

- be a five year plan;

- be department wide;
- articulate the roles, responsibilities and priorities of the department's divisions (i.e. QPWS and Sport and Recreation Services (SRS)) in providing recreation opportunities and promoting and increasing recreation participation in Queensland's protected areas and State forests;
- clarify the role of NPRSR in relation to other Local, State and Commonwealth department responsibilities;
- establish a policy position for how recreation will be delivered;
- identify signature or pilot projects to test and validate policy;
- encompass participation in both competitive and non-competitive, organised and non-organised recreation activities in Queensland's protected areas and State forests.

Project Background:

Rationale

Improving access for recreation in national parks and increasing participation in recreation and sport are key objectives of the Department of National Parks, Recreation Sport and Racing.

The Newman Government's election commitments, regarding improving access to national parks and enhancing community recreation opportunities make explicit the requirement for the department to focus on:

- increasing Queenslanders participation in recreation activities.
- working to identify and establish relationships with all stakeholders in the recreation industry; and
- improving access to National Parks and other land in the protected area estate for recreation pursuits. The Premier's six month action plan for January to June 2013, announces development of an outdoor recreation strategy for protected areas.

Context

This strategy constitutes the first phase in the development of a broader departmental recreation strategy. This broader strategy will address recreation opportunities and activities undertaken across all landscapes, seascapes and varied forms of tenure across the state.

The delivery of this strategy should also support and leverage other government commitments and strategies, including:

- the delivery of Get in the Game to increase participation in recreation;
- Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2013-2020;
- the regional tourism strategy and DestinationQ outcomes;
- the strategy to revitalise the Mary Valley; and
- development of a single state planning policy.

Machinery of Government changes in April 2012 resulted in the establishment of a new department – National Parks Recreation Sport and Racing. QPWS and SRS – which were brought together in the new department - have supported or facilitated participation in recreation, albeit in different ways. QPWS has primarily achieved this

outcome through the provision of the protected area estate in which many recreation activities are undertaken. SRS has realised this objective through the provision of Active Recreation Centres, funding and support to recreation organisations and contributing to the development and provision of facilities for outdoor recreation activities (e.g. the Motocross park near Wyaralong Dam).

Collaboration between QPWS and SRS

The development of this strategy will require cooperation and collaboration of QPWS and SRS to ensure a comprehensive strategy which:

- encompasses the full range of recreation settings, activities, participants in protected area settings and State forests; and
- presents a clear and coordinated department approach to increasing participation in and improving access to recreation opportunities within Queensland's protected areas and State forests.

QPWS will lead the development of the strategy, with significant input from Policy, Research and Planning, SRS.

Deliverables/Outputs:

Key deliverables will include:

- a consultation paper / discussion paper; and
- a finalised draft Strategy for Outdoor Recreation in Protected Areas and State forests.

Both documents will be written by the working group (see below) with the option to engage an external consultant if required.

Cabinet consideration of the strategy may be required in future should the strategy identify policy and legislative changes.

Governance

Steering Committee

- Chair – Anne Greentree, Director, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS
- Paige Ridgewell/ Mandy Downes, Directors, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS
- Deirdre Lawrence, Manager, Policy and Governance, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS
- Neal Ames, Senior Advisor (recreation planner), SRS
- Kathy Kingsford, Manager, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS
- Donna Little, CEO, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- John Wood, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- Dave Batt, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- Jason Jacobi, A/Executive Director, Operations West, QPWS
- Damien Head, A/Regional Director, Great Barrier Reef, QPWS
- Guy Thomas, A/Director, Operational Support Services, QPWS
- Simon Hughes, Team Leader, Tourism and Recreation Access, QPWS

Working Group

- Anne Greentree, Director, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS
- Paige Ridgewell/ Mandy Downes, Directors, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS
- Deirdre Lawrence, Manager, Policy and Governance, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS
- Lynn Forrester, Senior Project Officer, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS
- Sandrine Therese, Senior Policy Officer, Policy, Research and Planning, SRS

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Consultation

SRS and QPWS will contribute extensively to the development of the discussion paper and a finalised strategy through a department working group and a steering committee. The steering committee includes departmental representation from the regions and from the outdoor recreation sector peak body Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF). The steering committee will be the key mechanism through which stakeholder consultation will occur.

Consultation with the recreation sector will also occur at the QORF 'Big Ideas' conference to be held in early May 2013.

More extensive government and external consultation will be undertaken should the strategy require Cabinet endorsement.

Key milestones and activities

	Activity/milestone	Start date	Completion date	Responsible officer
Project scoping				
1.	Interdivisional meeting to agree on working group membership, scope, definitions, project plan and membership of steering group.	25 Jan 2013	25 January 2013	Paige Ridgewell & Anne Greentree
2.	Draft project plan prepared	25 Jan 2013	1 Feb 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese
3.	Draft Steering Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) prepared.	30 Jan 2013	1 Feb 2013	Anne Greentree, Lynn Forrester
4.	Combined brief for SRS and QPWS DDGs prepared for endorsement of draft ToR and draft project plan.	30 Jan 2013	5 Feb 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese
5.	Nomination of divisional representatives and QORF representatives on Steering Committee.	29 Jan 2013	13 February 2013	Paige Ridgewell/ Mandy Downes, Anne Greentree
6.	Environmental scan/literature summary: consolidation and synthesis of data on recreational issues in Queensland.	31 Jan 2013	13 February 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese, Lynn Forrester
Project governance				
7.	Steering Committee: Meeting # 1: Establish Steering Committee with NPRSR (QPWS & SRS senior officers and regional officers) and QORF representatives and hold first meeting to endorse Terms of Reference and note joint DDG-endorsed project plan.	14 Feb 2013	14 Feb 2013	Chair: Anne Greentree Meeting Organisation & Distribution of papers: Shallan Harris Minute taking: SRS Minute preparation and distribution: SRS

8.	Briefing to DDGs QPWS & SRS on scope, project plan updates and proposed table of contents for discussion paper at QPWS forum.	15 Feb 2013	15 Feb 2013	Anne Greentree
9.	Endorsed project plan and Terms of Reference circulated to SRS EMT	18 Feb 2013	18 Feb 2013	Mandy Downes/ Paige Ridgewell
Strategy development				
10.	Informal inter-departmental consultation on recreational issues	18 Feb 2013	22 Feb 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Lynn Forrester, Sandrine Therese
11.	Draft discussion paper prepared	25 Feb 2013	14 Mar 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese, Lynn Forrester
12.	Meeting with the DDGs QPWS and SRS for endorsement of draft discussion paper and to provide update on project progress	To be determined: Meeting/briefing date between 15-20 March 2013		Anne Greentree & Paige Ridgewell/ Mandy Downes
13.	Draft discussion paper circulated to steering group for input	date between 15-20 March 2013 (must post-date above meeting with DDGs of SRS and QPWS)		Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese, Lynn Forrester
14.	Steering Committee: Meeting # 2 – Workshop (1/2 day): Discussion paper, strategy priority areas and actions	21 Mar 2013	21 March 2013	Chair: Anne Greentree Meeting Organisation & Distribution of papers: Shallan Harris Minute taking: SRS Minute preparation and distribution: SRS
15.	Draft discussion paper finalised	22 Mar 2013	19 Apr 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese, Lynn Forrester
16.	Draft discussion paper distributed to SRS and QPWS for input/feedback.	22 Apr 2013	1 May 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Sandrine Therese, Lynn Forrester
17.	Stakeholder consultation with QORF membership at annual conference	2 May 2013	3 May 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Lynn Forrester, Sandrine Therese
18.	Draft strategy prepared (from discussion paper) including key priority areas and actions	6 May 2013	8 May 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Lynn Forrester, Sandrine Therese
19.	Desk top publishing of draft strategy	8 May 2013	10 May 2013	Lynn Forrester

20.	Draft strategy distributed to steering committee	13 May 2013	15 May 2013	Deirdre Lawrence, Lynn Forrester, Sandrine Therese
21.	Steering Committee: Meeting # 3 (Final): Finalisation of draft strategy	16 May 2013	16 May 2013	Chair: Anne Greentree Meeting Organisation & Distribution of papers: Shallan Harris Minute taking: SRS Minute preparation and distribution: SRS
22.	Meeting with the DDGs of QPWS and SRS for endorsement of draft strategy	To be determined: Meeting/briefing date between 20-24 May 2013		Anne Greentree & Paige Ridgewell/ Mandy Downes
23.	DG approval of draft strategy	27 May 2013	31 May 2013	Richard Watson A/DDG SRS, Ben Klaassen, A/DDG QPWS
24.	Obtain Minister's approval of draft strategy	3 Jun 2013	17 Jun 2013	Dr John Glaister, DG

**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
Protected Areas and State Forests Outdoor Recreation Strategy Steering Committee**

Terms of Reference

1.

Purpose

The Protected Areas and State Forests Outdoor Recreation Strategy Steering Committee will act as a key reference group for the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) to develop a strategy which sets out the department's vision, objectives, role, key priorities and actions in promoting participation in outdoor recreation activities in terrestrial and marine environments managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS).

2. Membership

Members are appointed to the Steering Committee for their individual expertise and/or knowledge of the Queensland outdoor recreation industry or their knowledge of marine and/or terrestrial park management.

Membership will comprise of:

- Chair, Anne Greentree, Director, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS
- Paige Ridgewell/Mandy Downes, Director, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS)
- Deidre Lawrence, Manager, SRS
- Donna Little, CEO, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- John Wood, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- Jason Jacobi, A/Executive Director, Operations West, QPWS
- Damien Head, A/Regional Director, Great Barrier Reef, QPWS
- Neal Ames, Senior Advisor, South West Region, NPRSR

Membership appointment:

- Appointments will be until June 30, 2013.

3. Members' responsibilities

- Utilise their organisations' and own expertise to address issues raised during meetings.
- Participate fully and meaningfully in discussions.
- Seek industry views on relevant matters and provide advice to the Steering Committee.
- Report back to their representative organisations as required.
- Attend all meetings.
- Monitor performance during development of strategy.
- Establish actions and targets for strategy, subject to approval by Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.

4. Timeframe

The Steering Committee will meet three times in the Brisbane CBD:

- Thursday 14 February 2013
- Thursday 21 March 2013 (1/2 day workshop)
- Thursday 16 May 2013

In addition, members may be asked to provide comments out of session.

It is acceptable for regional representatives to attend the first (14.02.13) and final meetings (16.05.13) via teleconference. However, they are required to attend the second meeting (21.03.13) TBC in person due to the workshop nature of this meeting.

5. Administration and minutes

Sport and Recreation Services will take and prepare minutes.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will arrange meetings on behalf of the Chair, distribute documents and be the contact point for the project.

Draft minutes will be distributed to members within 10 working days of the meeting. Members have 10 working days to respond, following which, the minutes will be deemed correct and circulated. Minutes will not be available for distribution unless approved by the Chair.

A Summary Report outlining the subjects discussed will be prepared and distributed for external parties following each meeting. Summary documents will be made available for public distribution.

6. Confidentiality

While members are encouraged to seek advice from the sectors they represent, the meeting papers or minutes should not be circulated to others. Minutes will be available for distribution on approval of the Chair. A summary report of the minutes can be made available for distribution to the outdoor recreation industry and public following each meeting if required.

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

Chief of Staff	OK
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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Hardship Grazing Claim

sp3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right Torrens Creek

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Minister:
- note** that [redacted] (owned by [redacted] Moorrinya National Park in an area where many neighbours are struggling with dry conditions.
- note** that there are no other suitable lands under the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) control within reasonable proximity of [redacted]
- note** that NPRSR is unable to grant a grazing authority over national park tenure; and
- note** that [redacted] has been personally contacted by Mr Jason Jacobi, Acting Executive Director, Regional Operations West, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Member for Mt Isa Mr Rob Katter made representation on behalf of [redacted] for potential hardship grazing.
- [redacted] is located 80km south of Torrens Creek in the Desert Uplands and is within a large area suffering from dry conditions.
- [redacted] has previously made contact with the local Area Manager and Rangers responsible for Moorrinya National Park (Moorrinya) to access the area for grazing.
- [redacted] was contacted by Mr Marty McLaughlin, Area Manager Savannah to discuss a claim for hardship grazing over Moorrinya.
- Mr McLaughlin advised [redacted] that an authorisation for hardship grazing cannot be approved on a National Park without potentially breaching the management principles for national parks as prescribed by the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
- Mr Jason Jacobi also personally called [redacted] on 29 April to ascertain the status of [redacted] hardship.
- [redacted] advised that he had received some rain, but that it was not sufficient to relieve the drought conditions and that he was now trucking 200 head of cattle to a property that he leases 85km from [redacted]
- [redacted] also advised that he recognised the difficulties and costs associated with grazing cattle at Moorrinya National park as "the boundary would need to be fenced and it has no watering points".
- Moorrinya contains a healthy (dried off) grass layer but has very low water levels and will potentially be totally dry this year for the first time since becoming a national park.
- White Mountains Resources Reserve (12,056 hectares) is the closest Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) estate (at 130km) that is potentially available for grazing.

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- However, White Mountains Resource Reserve is a dry block with heart leaf (which is highly toxic to stock) and deep gorges and has no public access.
- White Mountains Resources Reserve is considered an unsuitable block for grazing and there has been no interest from neighbours to graze this block since it has been a protected area.
- A meeting with Agforce president and executives on 19 April confirmed that White Mountains is not a suitable hardship alternative and that Moorinya National park is not available for this purpose.
- Some neighbours to White Mountains national park and resources reserve are in similar hardship to the neighbours to Moorrinya.
- The Moorrinya area hardship situation is significant, but is purely due to drought and not the combined impact of wildfires and drought which is being experienced by properties further north near Blackbraes.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister, National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Chief of Staff....	OK
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SUBJECT: Correspondence from Wuthathi Land Trust

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 29 April.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- approve** the department corresponding directly with the Wuthathi Steering Committee about land management affairs in the indicated area; and
- sign** the attached letter to the Wuthathi Land Trust indicating as such (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Wuthathi Land Trust holds Aboriginal freehold title to several islands off Shelburne Bay on Cape York Peninsula.
- The Wuthathi Steering Committee is a broader group that was formed some years ago to negotiate the transfer of Shelburne State land and nearby national park islands under the Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program.
- There is a Wuthathi native title claim over a greater area that includes Shelburne and nearby islands.
- The determination of Native Title has been delayed since 2008 due to disagreement among Aboriginal people about the composition of the native title claimant group.
- This has also delayed the Shelburne State land and national park islands dealings.
- As there has been no native title determination, there is no Prescribed Body Corporate as yet for this area.
- Cape York Land Council is the Native Title Representative Body for the Cape York region.
- Various Wuthathi people, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and Cape York Land Council hold a range of views about the composition of the native title group, preferred tenures for Shelburne and possible World Heritage nomination.
- There is friction on these issues, which has led to this correspondence.
- The department has maintained direct contact and good working relationships with all the parties involved.
- A draft response to the Wuthathi Land Trust is attached.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S COMMENTS

Attachment

- Attachment 1 – Letter to Wuthathi Land Trust

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Our Ref: CTS 07923/13

Mr Ray Wallis
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Dear Mr Wallis

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2013 concerning the Wuthathi Land Trust's desire to manage its own land management affairs with the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department).

The department supports programs that strengthen partnerships between Indigenous Communities and government.

As per your request, the department through Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will contact the Wuthathi Land Trust and Steering Committee at the above address in relation to initiatives for the areas of land and sea for which Wuthathi people speak.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Media release relating to the establishment of formal mountain bike trails in Cordalba State Forest.

Chief of Staff OK
Dated / /
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....
Dated / /

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of the establishment of mountain bike trails in Cordalba State Forest and approval of the related media release by Friday, 10 May 2013 in advance of the official opening on Sunday, 19 May 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the collaboration between the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and Mountain Biking Bundaberg Inc (MBB) for the establishment of the first set of formal mountain bike trails in Cordalba State Forest, called the Promisedland Trail Network.
- note** that a draft media release regarding the establishment of the Promisedland Trail Network in Cordalba State Forest has been prepared (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) undertook discussions with MBB about the establishment of new bike trails in Cordalba State Forest in keeping with the State Government's commitment to facilitate greater use of protected areas for recreational purposes.
- QPWS and MBB have agreed on the location and construction standards for the first set of bike trails for the Promisedland Trail Network located in Cordalba State Forest near Promisedland Road.
- On 19 May 2013, MBB will be launching the new bike trail with a formal opening event.
- Mountain biking is an environmentally low impact activity that poses little risk to landscape and conservation values and does not impinge on the activities of other forest users.
- The trails will be constructed by MBB to a standard agreed with QPWS, including the installation of erosion mitigation measures.
- QPWS will provide advice and guidance on trail routes and potential environmental impacts, and will provide signs and interpretation which meets approved departmental standards for recreational use.
- There are no significant short-term or ongoing resource implications.
- Construction of more bike trails in Cordalba State Forest is anticipated. This location has the potential to become a hub for future high profile biking events and adventure tourism.
- Consultation:* Extensive discussions have taken place with members of MBB in developing these bike trails. Support has also been obtained from the General Manager of Bundaberg Region Ltd which is the local tourism authority.
- Media Services have been consulted and have developed a media release.

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- *Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities:* This initiative sends positive messages to the community by raising awareness of the potential recreational uses for Queensland's parks and forests, and the willingness of QPWS to work with community, recreation and sporting groups to increase public use of the areas it manages.
- *Election Commitment:* The establishment of the bike trails in Cordalba State Forest is in keeping with the election commitment to increase access to our parks and forests.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland.* This adds value to the region as a popular tourist destination and contributes to the growth of tourism in Queensland.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Draft media release

RTI/DL Release

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Draft Media release

Deadline 5 April 2013	Briefing officer Cathy Gatley, Peter Wright
Media Services contact Andrea Dobbyn	Phone 4121 1996
Media Services phone 3338 9316	Director/GM: Neil Cambourn
Approved Peter Wright	Phone 3330 5268

Mountain bikers flock to the promised land

Pedal power was on display today, as mountain bikers tested out the first set of trails on the Promisedland Mountain Bike Trail Network in Cordalba State Forest south of Bundaberg.

National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) Minister Steve Dickson officially opened the NPRSR and Mountain Biking Bundaberg Inc (MBB) joint project off Promisedland Road at the first MBB event on the trails.

"Cordalba State Forest's central location on the Bruce Highway between Childers, Apple Tree Creek, Cordalba and Bundaberg made it the perfect location for daily mountain bike training and weekend recreation," Mr Dickson said.

"The first set of dedicated single lane trail, open to cyclists and walkers and totalling 3km, is now open and marked.

The trail complements existing multi-use management tracks, so there's a range of possibilities, from short 30-minute loops to 3-4 hour rides through tall eucalypt forests.

"Cordalba State Forest offers a sizeable area of varying terrain. When not being used by mountain bikers, the trails will also appeal to walkers and orienteering groups.

"Over the next couple of years, more kilometres of trail will be added, as well as a day-use area at the trailhead car park off Promisedland Road.

"The State forest and surrounding area have a number of sites of historic interest, mostly relating to mining, such as the ghost town of Marule. Future trails will incorporate some of these historic sites.

"NPRSR is excited to work alongside MBB to encourage people to visit and enjoy our forests," Mr Dickson said.

MBB President Andrew Bale said the collaboration had resulted in a unique trail network for local and visiting cyclists.

"MBB will be holding regular social rides and varied race events on the trails.

"NPRSR volunteers have been recruited through the club to begin trail construction and maintenance, in line with International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards," Mr Bale said.

Details about Mountain Biking Bundaberg are available at www.mountainbikingbundaberg.com.au

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Note 1: The first set of trails, based mostly on existing management tracks, will be in place and marked before the MBB event on Sunday 16 June 2013, the proposed official opening.

Note 2: Volunteers from MBB Inc. are constructing the trail so the project cost to NPRSR is minimal – NPRSR has contributed trail markers, costing under \$3000, and staff time – therefore a cost figure has not been included in the release.

Note 3: The mountain bike trail network is called Promisedland (after the access road) not Cordalba, which will help distinguish it from other recreational assets on Cordalba in the future.

RTI DL Release

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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SUBJECT: Flood damage to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service sites in Bundaberg

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required by 8 February 2013 prior to the Bundaberg visit on Saturday, 9 February 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the following background information regarding the current flood status of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) sites in Bundaberg.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald tracked parallel to the coast along an inland path from 24-28 January 2013 causing severe damage in the Bundaberg region from flooding and high winds.

Mon Repos

- Onshore gale force winds coincided with high spring tides causing substantial erosion of the marine turtle nesting habitat of mainland beaches in south-east Queensland.
- The Mon Repos Information Centre has been operating for 19 years and is staffed by five QPWS rangers and 40 volunteers who undertake guided tours (Turtle Encounter Tours) with members of the public on a nightly basis during the nesting season.
- Loggerhead turtles are the predominant species visiting Mon Repos (99%) with small numbers of flatback and green turtles also recorded.
- Since November 2012, over 15,000 people have undertaken a Turtle Encounter Tour. This is a significant increase on visitor numbers compared to recent seasons.
- A research team headed by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) Chief Scientist, Dr Col Limpus, conducts an annual turtle research program from December to the end of February at Mon Repos, with the help of around 120 volunteers.
- Large amounts of debris, including boat wreckage, has washed up on the beach at Mon Repos causing health and safety hazards for staff and visitors, as well as obstacles for nesting turtles and emerging hatchlings.
- 465 out of 789 recorded clutches (59%) have been totally lost even though clutches laid in areas that are expected to be eroded or flooded during high tides or storm surges are routinely relocated higher up the dune system.
- Around 50 clutches were exposed on the eroding dune face and partially lost. Remaining eggs were rescued and relocated higher up the dune however, in most cases, only a portion of the clutch was able to be rescued.
- Prior to this weather event, only approximately 103 clutches had hatched out of the 1,134 clutches laid on the Woongarra Coast since November 2012. The remainder were still incubating at the time the extreme weather arrived.
- Wind erosion of the exposed dunes is resulting in exposure and further loss of nests.

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- The mortality rate of clutches deposited in parts of the dunes that were inundated has yet to be determined and may be very significant.
- While this is the most severe loss of eggs to have occurred on the Woongarra Coast since January 1976, it is noted that EHP report that one season of high egg losses is not necessarily a terminal issue for the turtle population. What occurs over decades is most important, and this year's losses will be easily offset.
- Additionally, many more eggs would have been lost this time had they not been relocated from the lower areas of the dunes to higher areas by staff and volunteers. There are still some nesting turtles coming ashore to lay.
- A full scale clean up of the beach and dune area has commenced and is expected to be completed by Friday, 18 February 2013. This will provide the turtle nests with the best chance of survival and also enable the possible resumption of Turtle Encounter Tours if remaining hatchling numbers are sufficient.
- There was no significant damage to buildings or vehicles.

QPWS workshop in East Bundaberg

- The workshop is located in a rented shed and was inundated by two metres of floodwater.
- 90% of the equipment (over \$10,000 worth), including pumps, generators, spray units, fire unit and electrical power tools, has been salvaged due to a concerted effort by staff.
- The workshop has been assessed and rewired by an electrician and power is expected to be reconnected soon.

Burrum Coast National Park

Kinkuna section

- Severe inundation of the Kinkuna section of Burrum Coast National Park has occurred.
- Camping areas in the Kinkuna section are closed until 20 February 2013.
- Due to access difficulties a full assessment of damage to this section has not yet been undertaken.
- Roads and walking tracks are likely to have suffered major damage.
- Hazardous tree assessments, removal of fallen branches and trees from tracks and beach clean up will be the priority tasks once access is possible.
- Concerns are held for the condition of some recently completed major NDRRA works on firebreaks and access tracks.

Woodgate section

- Burrum Point campground has re-opened after a number of fallen trees and limbs were removed.
- Extensive tree and branch debris over accessible walking tracks have been cleared. Some walking tracks and boardwalks remain inundated.
- Day use areas have been assessed, cleared of hazardous trees and limbs, and re-opened.

Key Communication Messages:

- Mon Repos Turtle Information Centre is an excellent example of a successful eco-tourism experience on a protected area.
- In relation to tourism as one of the four pillars of the Queensland economy, Mon Repos contributes very significantly to the local Bundaberg regional economy and the Queensland economy in general.
- It is a world renowned conservation, research and tourism venture.
- QPWS officers are working hard to ensure the beach is safe for a possible resumption of Turtle Encounter Tours should remaining hatchling numbers be sufficient. Officers are also working to clear debris from park roads and tracks to enable affected campgrounds to be reopened to the public as soon as it is safe to do so.

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**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE**

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Flood damage to QPWS Infrastructure, Gympie area

Chief of Staff	OK
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Minister.....	
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TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by noon 7 February 2013 as per the request by the Office of the Director-General.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note** the information below regarding the current status of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) sites in the Gympie area.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald tracked parallel to the coast along an inland path from 24–28 January 2013 causing severe damage in the Gympie region from flooding and high winds.
- Following is a report of QPWS infrastructure damage within the Gympie area.

Cedar Grove Camping Area, Amamoor State Forest

- Cedar Grove camping area sustained significant damage from flooding.
- External and internal walls of the men's toilet were washed away. The cisterns, toilet bowls and hand basins were smashed or are now missing. The lids of the septic tanks have been washed off and pipes broken and will therefore need to be demolished.
- Gravel has been washed out of all internal roads and they have deep gouges and scouring. Drainage structures have also been washed out.
- Perimeter and internal fences have been damaged in a number of places and some sections are missing.
- River gravel and debris are scattered throughout the camping area.
- Fire rings have been damaged and several washed away.
- Poly water piping to taps and toilets has been ripped up and cut in several places.
- Ladies shower block was completely washed away.
- The registration hut sustained minor damage and the telephone is out of order.
- Two walking tracks associated with the camping area have sustained major damage with trees down and are covered in mud and debris. A giant fig tree on Rainforest walk has fallen across the creek, destroying the boardwalk. Steps leading from walking bridge to the other side of Amamoor creek are also damaged.
- The water pump, concrete base and lockable cover are missing.
- The gates at the entrances to walking track have been washed away.
- Signs throughout park have been washed out.
- As such, it is anticipated that the camping area will be closed for up to six months while the new toilet block is constructed.

Amama Day Use Area, Amamoor State Forest

- The creek edge of Platypus walk has been washed away, and Platypus observation deck is littered with debris and mud.
- The majority of the walking track is covered with silt, debris and fallen trees.
- Two fences in the day use area have been destroyed.
- This area is to be cleaned up and open by 15 February 2013.

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Amamoor Creek Camping Area, Amamoor State Forest

- The culvert at the entrance was washed out and is closed to traffic.
- The fence around sewage transpiration pit is damaged. There is also much debris over fences generally.
- River gravel and rocks are scattered throughout the park.
- The pump is submerged and covered in mud.

Apex Muster

- The site has sustained significant damage to the main stage and perimeter exclusion fence. Several structures have been washed away. There is abundant flood debris throughout the muster site.

Amamoor Creek Road

- Amamoor Creek Road, the main access to Cedar Grove, Amamoor Creek, Amama and the Apex Muster site areas, has sustained major damage and is only accessible by 4WD vehicle at present. Gympie Regional Council is responsible for the maintenance of this road.

Glastonbury Camping Area, Brooyar State Forest

- The front fence has been flattened and the other perimeter fencing is damaged or missing.
- Thick layer of mud covers the camping area and debris is scattered throughout park. The tables and barbecues are covered in mud and debris.
- The water pump is submerged and full of mud.
- The entry road to the camping area is damaged, and internal roads have been damaged and gravel washed out.
- There are washouts and a landslide on Brooyar Forest Drive, although it remains trafficable with caution.

Woondum National Park

- There is no significant damage to the Rock Pools day use area.
- There are washouts and bog holes on Hill Road and on other internal roads.
- Large numbers of trees have fallen across all roads.
- Access to Tower Road has been cleared to allow communication services to work on the towers.

Other reserves not accessible and yet to be properly assessed include:

- King Conservation Park;
- Bauple State Forest;
- Mudlo National Park;
- Oakview National Park;
- Wrattens National Park;
- Grongah National Park;
- Gympie National Park;
- Goomboorian National Park; and
- Curra State Forest.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SUBJECT: Direction under *Right to Information Act 2009*

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required as soon as possible to allow the proposed officers to exercise the amended powers of the Minister under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- sign** the attached *Right to Information (Ministerial – NPRSR) Direction (No 1) 2013* (the proposed direction) (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Right to Information and Integrity (Openness and Transparency) Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill) will commence on 22 February 2013.
- The Bill will make substantial legislative changes to the Disclosure Log provisions in section 78 of the Act, which will be replaced with new sections 78 and 78B. A copy of the Bill can be accessed at <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/54PDF/2012/RTIOpenTranAB12.pdf>.
- The Bill will place additional obligations on departments and Ministers to publish all valid access applications made under the Act on the Disclosure Log.
- The Disclosure Log is a record of documents which does not contain personal information and has been accessed by the applicant.
- To ensure Right to Information Services, Corporate Services can meet agency obligations under the new provisions, additional officers will need to hold powers under the Disclosure Log provisions in the Act.
- Until the proposed direction is approved, the proposed officers cannot exercise the powers of the Minister when the amended Disclosure Log provisions under the Act commence, via proclamation, on 22 February 2013.

Power to direct

- Under section 31(1) of the Act, the Minister may direct a person to deal with an access application, either generally or in a particular case.
- Under section 31(2) of the Act, the Minister may not direct the person to deal with the application to the extent it involves making a healthcare decision or appointing a healthcare professional under section 31(2)(b) of the Act.

Proposed powers

- The proposed direction will allow the proposed officers (see below) to exercise the Minister's powers under the following sections of the Act:
 - Section 78 Disclosure logs—departments and Ministers; and
 - Section 78B Requirements about disclosure logs.
- There are no other changes to the powers which were previously exercised under the *Right to Information (Ministerial – NPRSR) Direction (No 1) 2012*.

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Chief of Staff OK

Dated 22 / 2 / 13

Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister

17/4/13

Dated 22 / 2 / 13

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Endorsed by
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General, Corporate Services
Tel No: 3224 2653
Date: 21 February 2013

Recommended:
Name: John Glaister
Director-General, NPRSR
Tel No: 3224 6126
Date:

Proposed officers

- The proposed officers are listed in the schedule which is attached instrument of direction (**Attachment 1**).
- Section 31(1) of the Act provides:
An access application to a Minister may be dealt with by the person the Minister directs, either generally or in a particular case.
- The Act does not prescribe any further express qualifications on the proposed officers. However, the Minister should consider whether the proposed officers are appropriately qualified to exercise the proposed powers.
- In determining whether a proposed officer is appropriately qualified, the Minister may have regard to matters such as whether the proposed officer has the qualifications, experience or standing to exercise the power. An example of standing is a person's classification level in the public service.
- In this respect, the Minister may have regard to matters such as the seniority of a proposed officer's position, as evidenced by their position title. These are detailed in the instrument of delegation.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

 17/4/13.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: *Right to Information (Ministerial – NPRSR) Direction (No 1) 2013*

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING

Right to Information Act 2009

RIGHT TO INFORMATION (MINISTERIAL - NPRSR) DIRECTION (NO 1) 2013

Power to Direct

1. An access application to a Minister may be dealt with by the person the Minister directs, either generally or in a particular case, under section 31(1) of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the Act).
2. However, the Minister may not direct the person to deal with the application to the extent it involves making a healthcare decision or appointing a healthcare professional, under section 31(2) of the Act.

Direction

3. The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing directs that the persons listed in column 3 of the attached schedule may carry out the powers, functions and duties in relation to an access application or internal review application made to the Minister, to the extent listed in column 1 of the schedule.
4. All directions come into effect as and when the enabling statutory power or function commences.
5. The description of the power in column 2 of the schedule is a summary of the chief executive's power and is not to be relied upon as a statement of the extent of the power. The officer or holder of office to whom power is directed must, in each case, refer to the Act for the full text of the relevant section of the Act.
6. The *Right to Information (Ministerial - NPRSR) Direction (No 1) 2012* is revoked.

This direction is made by the **Honourable Steve Dickson MP**, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing:

Signed:


Steve Dickson, MP

Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Dated:

22/2/13

SCHEDULE

Column 1 Section of the Act	Column 2 Description of Power	Column 3 Officer
Chapter 3, Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	Authority to exercise all powers necessary to deal with access applications made to the Minister under the Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Zubrinich, Manager, Privacy and Ethics • Shane Lawrence, Manager, Right to Information Services • Maggie Blyth, A/Manager, Right to Information Services • Julie Macpherson, Principal Project Officer • Ben Burns, Principal Policy Officer, Right to Information Services • Lyn Low, Principal Policy Officer, Right to Information Services • Anna Metherington, Principal Policy Officer, Right to Information Services
Sections 78 and 78B	Authority to exercise all powers necessary with respect to the Minister's obligations under Disclosure Logs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Thornton, Senior Project Officer, Right to Information Services • Rose Billington, Senior Project Officer, Right to Information Services • Karmen Herriman, Senior Policy Officer, Right to Information Services • Adrian Camilleri, Senior Policy Officer, Right to Information Services
Section 80	Authority to review a reviewable decision made to the Minister under the Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Anderson, Deputy Director-General, Corporate Services • Ken Davis, Executive Director, Governance and Strategy • Rob Zubrinich, Manager, Privacy and Ethics • Shane Lawrence, Manager, Right to Information Services • Maggie Blyth, A/Manager, Right to Information Services • Ben Burns, Principal Policy Officer, Right to Information Services

**Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Thursday 14 February 2013, 4.00pm

Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie

Chief of Staff	OK
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Further information required	
Minister.....	
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**TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
 and Racing**

SUBJECT: Proposed changes to the 4WD tag-along tour industry on Fraser Island

BACKGROUND

- Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie has requested a briefing on the proposed changes to the 4WD tag-along industry.
- In May 2009, a coronial enquiry was held into the deaths of two backpackers in a car accident on Fraser Island.
- QPWS had been working closely with the industry prior to these accidents, in response to safety and environmental concerns, with a view to proper regulation recognised under legislation as a 'commercial activity'.
- In 2010, the operation of 4WD hire vehicles was regulated by both Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in response to a number of fatalities and near fatalities involving groups of backpackers who were organised into groups and hired 4WD's to access Fraser Island.
- In negotiation with industry, QPWS regulated tag-along tours via Commercial Activity Agreements. Ten operators were issued agreements for an initial three year period. The three year period was to provide data which would then form the basis of allocations under future agreements.
- TMR also introduced a range of measures to address safety issues in the 4WD hire industry to Fraser Island. These included seating in vehicles, loading and lead vehicle requirements as a passenger transport vehicle.

CURRENT ISSUES

- In the two years since tag-along tours were regulated in 2010 there has been a substantial shift in the market.
- The shift has been driven predominantly by one operator adopting a business model that has shifted a large proportion of the market to his operation out of Rainbow Beach, where historically the market was shared by a number of operators from Hervey Bay.
- Industry feedback indicates that this has had a significant impact on Hervey Bay backpacker accommodation providers and other tourism suppliers generally.
- When agreements were issued in 2010, it was agreed with industry that use would be the basis of future capacity allocations.
- As the market has shifted, the operators who have suffered a downturn are now seeking to have the capacity allocation based on an 'even spread', regardless of what their current demand is.
- Given agreements are transferable and that this 'even' allocation of capacity would not meet the demand of some operators, this would then drive operators to 'purchase' agreements from other operators to access sufficient capacity to meet current demand.
- In addition, Fraser Coast Tourism has requested that QPWS make a provision in agreements that, to an extent, tours must originate from Hervey Bay with a view to supporting this town.
- QPWS has indicated that agreements regulate the activity on the protected area and not other matters outside the boundaries of protected area estate. Matters such as origin of tours are subject to market forces and determined by commercial decisions of industry.

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Relevance to Tourism in Protected Areas (TIPA)

- There is substantial latency in existing commercial permits issued to operators on Fraser Island.
- TIPA seeks to remove this latency as part of the transition of operators from three year permits to 15 year agreements.
- In September 2012, the Director-General, Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) and the Director, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS met with tag-along operators, in conjunction with consultation on the DestinationQ action to 'fine tune' TIPA.
- Permitted tour operators have indicated to NPRSR, as part of TIPA consultation, that tag-along operators should be required to purchase capacity from permitted operators, as they have done over the years to access capacity.
- A decision on the approach to both latency and allocation of available capacity is under consideration as part of TIPA. A proposed model for TIPA is currently with the Minister for decision (CTS 19667/12).
- The Fraser Coast 4WD Hire Association has written to the Director-General with a proposal that capacity is evenly shared between all tag-along operators (**Attachment 1**).
- The correspondence does not indicate that operators are willing to 'purchase' capacity from other operators and consultation to date with tag-along operators indicates that they expect the free grant of capacity as part of agreements.
- Rainbow Beach Adventure Company, the operator that has driven the shift in market, has written to NPRSR requesting allocation based on current use (**Attachment 2**).

Tag-along Tour allocations

Deputee Position:

- It is anticipated that Mr Gibson will be seeking to understand the issue of tag-along tours and the options for future allocation of capacity.

Suggested Response

- That allocation of capacity will be decided as part of Tourism in Protected Areas.
- This process will allow for all relevant tourism interests to be taken into account.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - [redacted] sch4p4(7)(b)(c) Business/commercial/professional/financial affairs
- Attachment 2 - Greg Zammit (Director of Rainbow Beach Nominees Pty Ltd) email dated 17 December 2012

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
and Racing

Chief of Staff OK
Dated / /
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister.....
Dated / /

SUBJECT: Draft itineraries for Minister and Director-General Site Visits

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the draft itineraries for possible site visits throughout Queensland (Attachments 1-6).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- At a recent Executive Management Team meeting the Director-General requested draft itineraries to be prepared for the Minister and the Director-General to conduct field trips in the regions.
- The attached draft itineraries have been organised by region and are as follows:
 - South West Region (Attachment 1)
 - Central Region (Attachment 2)
 - Northern Region (Attachment 3)
 - Great Barrier Reef Region (Attachment 4)
 - Sunshine and Fraser Coast Region (Attachment 5)
 - South East Region (Attachment 6).
- The draft itineraries have been prepared by each of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's Business Areas (Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Sport and Recreation Services and the Office of Racing).
- Multiple options for each of the Regions have been identified to maximise flexibility.
- Information included within the draft itineraries is as follows:
 - Division (i.e. QPWS)
 - Region (i.e. South West)
 - Departmental contact person and relevant contact details
 - Estimated trip duration (i.e. 2 days)
 - Local Government Area/s (i.e. Western Downs)
 - Electorate/s (i.e. Nanango)
- The draft itineraries also include (where possible/applicable) Issues/Opportunities in the area and a list of sites possible to visit.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Draft itineraries (South West Region)
- Attachment 2 - Draft itineraries (Central Region)
- Attachment 3 - Draft itineraries (Northern Region)
- Attachment 4 - Draft itineraries (Great Barrier Reef Region)
- Attachment 5 - Draft itineraries (Sunshine and Fraser Coast Region)
- Attachment 6 - Draft itineraries (South East Region)

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TO: Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport
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Minister		
Dated	30/11/13	

SUBJECT: Proposed donation of land for addition to the protected area estate

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this brief is required as soon as possible in order to facilitate the timely settlement of this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- Approve** the proposed donation and addition of 387 hectares of land to the protected area estate as conservation park by central Queensland landholders, judice the protection of an indivi on condition that the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) obtain clearance for all gazettal impediments.

BACKGROUND

- [redacted] in the Rockhampton region who first approached the government in 2010 with an offer to gift a portion of their land to the State in order to primarily protect the endangered plant species *Decaspermum struckoiligum*, which is only known to exist on the subject land and one other adjoining freehold property.
- The land in question to be donated to the State comprises approximately 367 hectares of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease (GHPL), which is part of Lot 175 on RN 1529 - currently managed as a nature refuge, combined with approximately 20 hectares of freehold land (Lots 1 and 2 on MPH12066) (**Attachment 1**), that was recently subdivided by the Herbert's in order to accommodate this proposal.
- The land parcels to be donated are contiguous with and are an "in-holding" of the Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve, currently managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS).
- [redacted] were given a commitment by the then Minister responsible for the then Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) in 2010, that the government was willing to progress the donation.
- The proposal was recommended by the former (DERM) Protected Area Selection Panel (PASP) on 16 August 2011. It was then forwarded to the then Executive Management Group Q2 Subcommittee, who endorsed the proposal on 23 September 2011.
- A survey plan and development application was lodged with the Rockhampton Regional Council to reconfigure the [redacted] freehold allotment. These have subsequently been approved and lodged with the Titles Office.
- A survey plan for the GHPL was also recently completed in order to allow for the donation of this land.

CURRENT ISSUES

- QPWS have previously undertaken an assessment of the land in relation to a number of ongoing management issues and confirm that the area can be maintained effectively within current QPWS budget allocations as an annexure to the adjacent Bouldercombe Resources Reserve.

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- EHP and QPWS propose that the donated land be converted to conservation park tenure to protect the endangered plant from mining interests. There are no current mining leases over the parcels to be donated, but the donation and transfer should be conditional on EHP obtaining clearance of all gazettal impediments to ensure that the Herbert's expectations of protecting these values are satisfied.
- Officers of EHP are seeking the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's support before seeking the Minister for EHP's approval to finalise the transfer and dedication of the land.

CONSIDERATIONS

- *Budget:* It is anticipated that this proposal will not impact on current budget allocations.
- *Legislation:* Section 29(1)(e) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* pertaining to the dedication of protected areas.

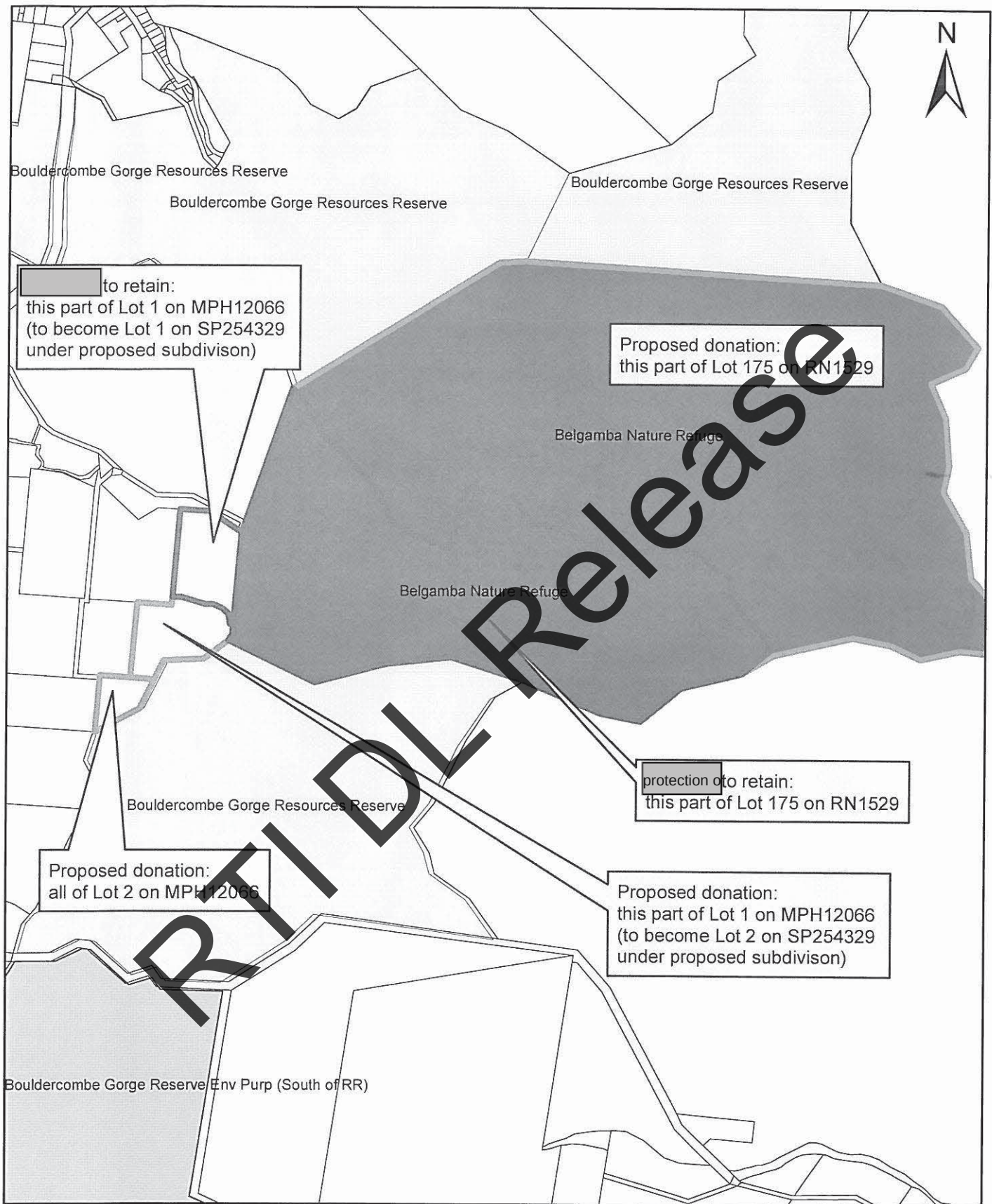
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Attachment 1 - Map of proposed donation areas

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Legend

	Herberts retain	Protected Areas of Queensland (estate) and Other Lands	
	Herberts donation	Estate Type	
	Nature Refuge		National Park (scientific)
			National Park
			National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land)
			National Park (recovery)
			Conservation Park
			Resources Reserve
			Forest Reserve
12-436			State Forest
			Timber Reserve
			Other Lands

Data Source:
Digital Cadastral Database,
NRW 2007
DL File B



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