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Date: 8 January 2013

For: ABC
Sam Burgess

Deadline: COB Tuesday 8 January 2013

Issue: Yabulu refinery update

Questions:

Has the refinery applied for a TEP?

Has a corrective action plan had been approved/sanctioned by EHP – if so, what are the details?

Draft response: Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is continuing to engage with Queensland Nickel to address ~~the significant accumulated~~ water management issues at ~~the~~ Queensland Nickel's Yabulu Refinery.

Queensland Nickel has submitted a corrective action plan to EHP to address ~~the the accumulated~~ water management issues at the on-site ~~by use of its ocean outfall pipeline. In accordance with the site's development approval and, EHP reviewed the corrective action this plan has been reviewed and has provided a range of comments have been provided~~ back to Queensland Nickel.

~~Queensland Nickel also requires a permit from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to use its ocean outfall pipeline.~~

On 24 December 2012 Queensland Nickel submitted a draft Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) to the ~~department EHP~~ which proposed ~~additional storage to be built at the Yabulu site during the next dry season and various~~ actions to manage the risk of a release during the ~~current~~ wet season.

EHP officers met with Queensland Nickel representatives on 3 January 2013 to discuss the draft TEP and provide d feedback on the document ~~draft TEP~~.

Queensland Nickel ~~is expected to~~ will submit a revised TEP this week.

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Agency background: (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection only – non media)

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[FYI - Further info is in today's Townsville Bulletin](#)

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FYI - This might explain why we are getting enquiries.

Mining magnate Clive Palmer and the World Wildlife Fund have...



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Mining magnate Clive Palmer and the World **Wildlife** Fund have settled a legal case over comments made about the operation of the Palmer Nickel and Coal Refinery near Townsville. Dermot O'Gorman, Chief Executive, World **Wildlife** Fund has said his group's concerns had been unfounded and he acknowledged the work being taken to safely **manage** the refinery's dams. The WWF has agreed to pay Palmer's legal costs.

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WWF left to ponder QN costs

by **Daniel Bateman**

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A GREEN group has been forced to apologise to Clive Palmer for alleging the billionaire mismanaged contaminated wastewater at Townsville's nickel refinery.

WWF Australia has withdrawn the comments one of its spokespeople made about the tailing ponds crisis at Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery, about two months ago.

The Palmer-owned company had applied to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority mid last year to discharge contaminated wastewater into the marine park, after the water level in the ponds reached dangerous levels, the result of two big wet seasons.

Mr Palmer told reporters at the time if the water was not released, there was an 8 per cent risk the ponds would collapse and spill cancer-causing tailings into Townsville's waterways, killing children.

WWF, in early January, accused the company of mismanaging the tailing ponds.

QN, which had implemented measures to drop the dam levels by 22 per cent over six months, threatened legal action over the comments, which appeared in a WWF media release and were also broadcast on ABC Radio.

WWF has since settled with Mr Palmer to pay for his legal costs, with the organisation's CEO Dermot O'Gorman issuing a public apology.

In a letter released by QN, Mr

O'Gorman said the concerns about the refinery were unfounded.

He said WWF accepted works had been undertaken at the refinery to address the safety of the dams.

In a short statement, a WWF spokesman said the organisation would be making no further comment.

"We will, however, continue to be a strong advocate for Australia's environment, including the Great Barrier Reef," he said.



O'Gorman

A QN spokesman said the WWF's apology acknowledged the continuing work being carried out at the refinery to safely manage the operation of the tailing ponds.

The company has been working closely with state and federal regulators on the wastewater issue over several months.

It has taken action including diverting stormwater away from the tailings dams, and constructing extra storage capacity for contaminated water to reduce the ponds' spill risk.

Despite the company's wastewater management strategies, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection said in mid-January the tailings dams still posed an environmental threat.

The department was unable to respond to questioning yesterday over whether that status remained.

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Good afternoon,

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8 January 2013

SUBJECT: *Queensland Nickel*

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Enquiry 1 (Monday, 7 January 2013 9:01 AM)

I am hoping to find out today whether there has been a resolution between QNI and GBRMPA with regard to the release of discharge from tailing dams at the Yabulu refinery?

- *Has GBRMPA determined whether there is likely to be any adverse impact on the marine park?*
- *If there has not yet been any decisions, is there a deadline GBRMPA is working towards?*

Enquiry 1 Response

The following statement can be attributed to a "Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority spokesperson".

With the wet season here, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) are obviously concerned about the risk that the tailing storage facility poses to the Marine Park and the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd does not hold a permission under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to discharge into the Marine Park.

GBRMPA are concerned about any proposal to discharge hazardous waste from the tailing storage facility into the Marine Park or nearby coastal wetlands.

It is Queensland Nickel's responsibility to manage their production and tailing storage facility. The refinery has known since at least May 2012 that the tailing storage facility was reaching capacity but has failed to act effectively to deal with the situation.

GBRMPA's position is that Queensland Nickel, like any other company or individual, must apply for a permit to discharge waste material to the Marine Park. GBRMPA maintains high standards for any material released into the Marine Park, and this permit application process allows us to properly assess the risks to it.

Clearly the health of the Reef is a key concern for us. It's our job to protect the Reef and manage its sustainable use. Preserving water quality is critical for marine life such as seagrass, corals, dugongs and turtles. It's also critical for the industries that rely on the Reef who contribute more than \$5.4 billion to the Australian economy.



Enquiry 2 (Monday, 7 January 2013 4:04 PM)

Has QNI applied for a discharge permit? If not, is GBRMPA likely to be taking any action against QNI. If so, what course will it be taking?

Enquiry 2 Response

The following responses can be attributed to a "Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority spokesperson".

Q. Has QNI applied for a discharge permit?

Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd does not hold a permit under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to discharge into the Marine Park.

On 30 May 2012 Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd applied for a permit to discharge into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. To assess the permit application, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority requested further information from Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd. The information was not supplied within the required timeframe, nor did the company publicly advertise its proposal to discharge into marine park as required, so the application was considered withdrawn.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has not received a further application from Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd to discharge into the Marine Park.

Q. If not, is GBRMPA likely to be taking any action against QNI. If so, what course will it be taking?

GBRMPA's position is that contaminated wastewater from Queensland Nickel's tailings dam should not be discharged into the Marine Park, either directly or indirectly.

We are working closely with Queensland Government to ensure the risk of any discharge is minimised.

GBRMPA has made the company aware of its obligations and is monitoring the water quality in Halifax Bay.

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7 January 2013

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Enquiry

Basically I'm doing an update on the tailings dam at the Queensland Nickel refinery at Yabulu. In June there was concern that it could overflow in the wet season and GBRMPA was tasked with assessing an application by the company to release water. Although the wet season hasn't happened yet it is only a week or two away and already environmentalists have expressed concern that nothing has been done.

The questions I'd like answered are:

- 1. Where is GBRMPA at with its assessment given the wet season is imminent?*
- 2. Has there been any investigation into how the level of the dam was allowed to reach such a crisis point?*

If you could get me a response – preferably from the minister - that would be great.

Response

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- This has been a recurring issue for the refinery, with similar situations occurring in the 2009 and 2011 wet seasons. Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd should develop and implement a sustainable, long-term water management program to guard against it happening again in the future.
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THE environmental threat at Townsville's nickel refinery has been declared over for now by the Queensland Government.

The Department of Environment and Heritage says the tailings dams at Queensland Nickel's Yabulu plant are low enough to receive a significant amount of rainfall without a spill risk.

QN had applied to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority mid last year to discharge contaminated wastewater into the marine park after levels in the ponds reached dangerous levels, after two big wet seasons.

With the wet season on the way, Mr Palmer had said if the water was not released, there was an 8 per cent risk the ponds would collapse.

Over a six-month period, however, QN managed to drop the dam levels by 22 per cent. This included actions such as diverting stormwater away from the tailings dams, and constructing extra storage capacity for contaminated water to reduce the ponds' spill risk.

The Department of Environment, in mid-January, however, said the level had still posed a risk of spilling.

Department executive director Rob Lawrence said yesterday QN had advised the dam was more than 1.2m below the spillway.

"At this level, the dam has enough capacity to receive a significant amount of rainfall," he said.

He said the department was working closely with the company on water management and monitoring compliance with the conditions of its transitional environmental program.

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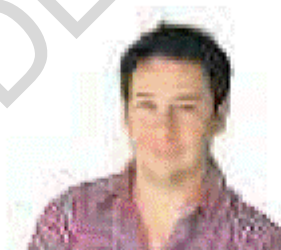
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For your info



Yabulu proposal to divert waste **Silence on di**

by Daniel
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QUEENSLAND Nickel is planning to divert storm-water away from its topped-up tailings dams, in order to avert a potential eco-disaster at its Yabulu refinery.

The Clive Palmer-owned company, however, is still

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Mr Palmer had dire consequences if the dams burst.

When GBRMPA's further information application lapsed a considered withdrawal



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Tailings fear for

by **Daniel
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THE delayed wet season could be the only thing stopping millions of litres of contaminated wastewater from Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery spilling on to the Great Barrier Reef.

QNI is in a stalemate with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, which will not allow it to discharge excess water from its topped-up tailings dams into nearby Halifax Bay.

The Clive Palmer-owned company sought permission from GBRMPA to discharge into the marine park mid last year, after water in the ponds reached dangerous levels.

But when the authority requested further information, the application lapsed and was considered withdrawn.

A GBRMPA spokeswoman

said the authority had not received any further applications for a discharge permit from the company.

"GBRMPA is concerned about any proposal to discharge hazardous waste from the tailing storage facility into the marine park or nearby coastal wetlands," she said.

"It is Queensland Nickel's responsibility to manage their production and tailing storage facility.

"The refinery has known since at least May 2012 that the tailing storage facility was reaching capacity but has failed to act effectively."

She said contaminated wastewater from the tailings dam should not be discharged into the marine park, either directly or in-

directly.

"We are working with Queensland Nickel to ensure any discharge is managed," she said.

"GBRMPA has the company aware of its obligations and is monitoring the water quality in the bay."

Queensland Nickel managing director Phil Goss said the company refused to answer questions on what the refinery was doing to prevent water from overflowing the dams.

Townsville Greenpeace spokeswoman Jenny Searns said the company was not meeting its environmental obligations.

"Clive Palmer is a global player around the world with a nose in every-

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From: Brown Glen
Sent: Wednesday, 9 January 2013 2:04 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: RE: Hi I spoke to QN re media Ingrid

Ta.

I meant to share your feedback with the Minister's Office.

I'll send it to the intended person this time.

Thanks for the feedback about our relationship with QN.

Glen

From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Wednesday, 9 January 2013 2:00 PM
To: Brown Glen
Subject: RE: Hi I spoke to QN re media Ingrid

Hi Glen
I am not sure you intended to send this to someone else?

cheers
Ingrid

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Subject: FW: Hi I spoke to QN re media Ingrid

FYI

From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Wednesday, 9 January 2013 1:47 PM
To: Brown Glen
Subject: RE: Hi I spoke to QN re media Ingrid

FYI – They are quite happy with our relationship and working towards a solution for this wet. There are some issues in relation to GBRMPA - QN interactions.

cheers

Ingrid

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Thanks,

Glen

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 January 2013 1:43 PM
To: Brown Glen
Subject: Hi I spoke to QN re media Ingrid

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From: Wake Chris
Sent: Monday, 11 March 2013 3:11 PM
To: Lukacs, George
Cc: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Butler Hamish
Subject: RE: Letter regarding TEP Monthly Water Quality Report

Hi George,

The media response is attached.

Kind regards,
Chris

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Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 11:58 AM
To: Wake Chris
Cc: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Butler Hamish
Subject: RE: Letter regarding TEP Monthly Water Quality Report

Chris,

Thanks for the letter and we note the advice. QNI appreciates the understanding and can assure EHP we are striving to comply with the TEP conditions. Please note we have not been able to divert the Duckpond since January when the seepage was identified in the diversion drain. The good news is the works are now almost completed (see photo attached) and we should be able to recommence soon.

We also note the recent comments made by EHP to the media on the freeboard in the TSF and the much reduced spill risk. If possible, could you please send me the press release?

Thanks
George

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Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2013 9:12 AM
To: Lukacs, George
Cc: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Butler Hamish
Subject: Letter regarding TEP Monthly Water Quality Report

Hi George,

Please find attached a scanned copy of correspondence from the department in relation to the first TEP monthly water quality report.

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If you have any queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery
For: Daniel Bateman – Townsville Bulletin
Date: Tuesday 5 March 2013

Please attribute the following to Rob Lawrence, Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Queensland Nickel has advised the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection the tailings storage dam is currently more than 1.2m below the spillway.

At this level, the dam has enough capacity to receive a significant amount of rainfall.

The department is working closely with Queensland Nickel on water management and monitoring compliance with the conditions of its Transitional Environmental Program (TEP).

ENDS

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Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:32 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Media enquiry: Yabulu update - Townsville Bulletin

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 3:09 PM
To: Lawrence Rob
Cc: media; Sharpe Dean; Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: Media enquiry: Yabulu update - Townsville Bulletin

Hi Rob,

We have just received the below enquiry from Townsville Bulletin.

Can you provide any advice on Yabulu's spill risk?

Regards,

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Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 2:53 PM
To: media
Subject: Yabulu update

G'day,

I was hoping to find out whether the spill risk has decreased at the Yabulu nickel refinery? It was last reported as being between 3-4 per cent, as of January 1.

My deadline for this story is 6pm tonight,

Regards

Daniel

Daniel Bateman | Journalist

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2013 10:56 AM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Cc: media; Sharpe Dean
Subject: Media response: Queensland Nickel Yabulu TEP approved - Townsville Bulletin

Hi Ingrid,

As discussed - media response for Townsville Bulletin attached for your approval.

Thanks,

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Media Unit phone: 3224 2389	Phone:
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Date: 14 January 2013

For: Daniel Bateman
Townsville Bulletin

Deadline: 4pm 14 January 2013

Issue: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery

Questions:

What will the department go from here?

Draft response: Please attribute the following to Andrew Connor, Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has approved Queensland Nickel's Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) which proposes various actions to reduce the risk of a release from the tailings storage facility.

These actions include diverting stormwater away from the tailings storage facility and constructing additional contaminated water storage capacity on site to reduce the spill risk to less than one percent by 1 November 2013.

The department will continue to liaise with Queensland Nickel to monitor compliance with the TEP.

ENDS

Agency background: (Department of Environment and Heritage Protection only – non media)

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 4:51 PM
To: Samuel.burgess@abc.net.au
Cc: media
Subject: Media response: Queensland Nickel Yabulu update - ABC

Hi Sam,

Please find attached a media response from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection regarding Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery.

Regards,

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery update

For: ABC
Sam Burgess

Date: 8 January 2013

**Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director,
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection**

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is continuing to engage with Queensland Nickel to address water management issues at Queensland Nickel's Yabulu Refinery.

Queensland Nickel has submitted a corrective action plan to EHP to address the water management issues at the site and this plan has been reviewed and comments have been provided back to Queensland Nickel.

On 24 December 2012 Queensland Nickel submitted a draft Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) to EHP which proposed various actions to manage the risk of a release from the tailings storage facility during the wet season and into the future.

Queensland Nickel will submit a revised TEP this week.

ENDS

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 4:54 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: RE: Media response: Queensland Nickel Yabulu update - ABC

No worries (glad we got the sentence removed in the end). Yes, it is now on public record so you are able to provide.

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To: Davies Emma
Subject: RE: Media response: Queensland Nickel Yabulu update - ABC

thank you can I let QN know and provide this as well?

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 1:18 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Cc: media; Wake Chris; Corro EHP ESR Northern
Subject: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC

Hi Ingrid,

For your approval - attached is a media response for ABC regarding an update on Queensland Nickel's refinery.

I have drafted the response based on the info in the latest briefing note currently going through approvals.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 12:27 PM
To: Michaels Paul; media
Subject: yabulu

Good afternoon paul et al - We've had a request from the ABC's Sam Burgess for an update on the situation with Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery tailings dam.

On 14/11/12 Megan provided dot points indicating that the refinery would apply for a TEP some time in Jan.

Has that occurred?

Is the Nov update still current?

Burgess mentioned that what he called a corrective action plan had been approved/sanctioned by EHP – is that correct and if so, what are the details?

Response is for later today but if we can get it away earlier that would be great.

KenV

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Date: 8 January 2013

For: ABC
Sam Burgess

Deadline: COB Tuesday 8 January 2013

Issue: Yabulu refinery update

Questions:

Has the refinery applied for a TEP?

Has a corrective action plan had been approved/sanctioned by EHP – if so, what are the details?

Draft response: Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is continuing to engage with Queensland Nickel to address the significant accumulated water issues at the Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery.

Queensland Nickel has submitted a corrective action plan to EHP to address the accumulated water on site by use of its ocean outfall pipeline. In accordance with the site's development approval, EHP reviewed the corrective action plan and has provided a range of comments back to Queensland Nickel.

Queensland Nickel also requires a permit from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to use its ocean outfall pipeline.

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From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:37 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 1:29 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: RE: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC

Hi Ingrid,

Happy to remove this line but can I ask why? (its likely the MO will want to know)

Response is below:

Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

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Cc: media; Wake Chris; Corro EHP ESR Northern
Subject: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC

Hi Ingrid,

For your approval - attached is a media response for ABC regarding an update on Queensland Nickel's refinery.

I have drafted the response based on the info in the latest briefing note currently going through approvals.

Thanks,

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From: Ken Vernon [<mailto:Ken.Vernon@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 12:27 PM

To: Michaels Paul; media
Subject: yabulu

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KenV

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Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:37 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC
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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 3:55 PM
To: Brooke Hargraves; Ken Vernon
Cc: media; Waters Kerry; Corro EHP DG; Chesterman Andrew; Brown Glen; Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: Media response: Yabulu refinery update - ABC

Hi Brooke, Ken,

Attached you will find a media response for ABC regarding an update on Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery.

Approved by A/DDG Glen Brown and A/ED Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma.

Regards,

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Enquiry received at:	Briefing officer:
Deadline:	Phone:
Media Unit contact: Emma Davies	DDG:
Media Unit phone: 3224 2389	Phone:
Approved by: A/DDG Glen Brown, Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma	

Date: 8 January 2013

For: ABC
Sam Burgess

Deadline: COB Tuesday 8 January 2013

Issue: Yabulu refinery update

Questions:

Has the refinery applied for a TEP?

Has a corrective action plan had been approved/sanctioned by EHP – if so, what are the details?

Draft response: Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is continuing to engage with Queensland Nickel to address water management issues at Queensland Nickel's Yabulu Refinery.

Queensland Nickel has submitted a corrective action plan to EHP to address the water management issues at the site and this plan has been reviewed and comments have been provided back to Queensland Nickel.

On 24 December 2012 Queensland Nickel submitted a draft Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) to EHP which proposed various actions to manage the risk of a release from the tailings storage facility during the wet season and into the future.

Queensland Nickel will submit a revised TEP this week for EHP's approval.

ENDS

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Queensland Nickel also requires a permit from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to use its ocean outfall pipeline.

EHP officers met with Queensland Nickel representatives on 3 January 2013 to discuss the draft TEP and provided feedback on the document.

Phillips Erin

From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:35 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: More from ABC on-line re Yabulu "Conservationists fear wet could burst refinery pond"

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From: Michaels Paul
Sent: Wednesday, 9 January 2013 9:53 AM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Brown Glen
Cc: media
Subject: More from ABC on-line re Yabulu "Conservationists fear wet could burst refinery pond"

Conservationists fear wet could burst refinery pond

Updated 27 minutes ago

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) says a nickel refinery in north Queensland has failed to effectively deal with potential waste water discharge.

In June last year mining magnate Clive Palmer sought permission to release water from a tailings pond at his Yabulu nickel refinery ahead of the wet season.

The mining magnate warned of dire consequences if it burst.

The Federal Government handed Mr Palmer's request to GBRMPA.

GBRMPA asked Queensland Nickel for more information but says the company failed to provide the extra details and the application has now lapsed.

In a statement GBRMPA says it is concerned about the risks a discharge poses to the reef and is monitoring the situation.

Wendy Tubman from the North Queensland Conservation Council (NQCC) says the issue should have been dealt with before the wet season and is a disaster in the making.

"It's going to be disastrous either for the reef or for the wetlands," Ms Tubman said.

Queensland Nickel has declined to comment on the matter.

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2013 9:30 AM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: Townsville bulletin media responses

Hi Ingrid,

As discussed, the attached and below responses were sent to Daniel on Monday (14 January).

Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Queensland Nickel has advised the department the spill risk as at 1 January 2013 was between three and four percent.

ENDS

Thanks,

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery

For: Daniel Bateman
Townsville Bulletin

Date: Monday, 14 January 2013

**Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director,
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection**

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has approved Queensland Nickel's Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) which proposes various actions to reduce the risk of a release from the tailings storage facility.

These actions include diverting stormwater away from the tailings storage facility and constructing additional contaminated water storage capacity on site to reduce the spill risk to less than one percent by 1 November 2013.

The department will continue to liaise with Queensland Nickel to monitor compliance with the TEP.

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From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:34 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Yabulu and 73 Irrelevant informatio

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 1:27 PM
To: Sharpe Dean
Cc: media; Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Subject: FW: Yabulu and 73 Irrelevant informatio
Importance: High

Hi Dean,

We have received a media enquiry from The Australian regarding Yabulu.

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The department is reviewing the TEP as a matter of priority.

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Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 12:56 PM

To: Michaels Paul

Cc: media; Ken Vernon

Subject: FW: Yabulu and s.73 Irrelevant information

Importance: High

Hi guys,

Can we get a response together for Sarah? Looks to be pretty straight forward, her deadline is 4pm.

Cheers,

Brooke



Brooke Hargraves

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From: Elks, Sarah [<mailto:elkss@theaustralian.com.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 12:45 PM

To: Brooke Hargraves

Subject: Yabulu and s.73 Irrelevant information

Importance: High

Hi Brooke,

Thanks for your time on the phone. As discussed, I'm working on two North Queensland stories at the moment (the second — s.73 Irrelevant information — is not so urgent). The deadline for the first tranche of questions, about Yabulu, is 4pm today because the story is for tomorrow's paper. The s.73 Irrelevant information answers I don't need until tomorrow. Although if they're ready earlier, that'd be great too. Thanks!

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s.73 Irrelevant information

Thanks,

Sarah

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From: Lutz Megan
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 3:32 PM
To: elkss@theaustralian.com.au
Cc: media
Subject: FW: Yabulu and [73 Irrelevant informatio

Hi Sarah,

Please find attached a response from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on the Yabulu refinery. We will get you information on [73 Irrelevant informatio] sewage treatment plant tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Megan

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery

For: Sarah Elks – The Australian

Date: 10 January 2013

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 5:31 PM
To: Bateman, Daniel
Cc: media
Subject: RE: Yabulu dam level

Hi Dan,

Please find attached a media response from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection regarding Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery.

Regards,

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To: media
Subject: Yabulu dam level

G'day,

Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery owner Clive Palmer has issued a media statement today claiming the level of contaminated wastewater in the tailings dams has been decreased by 22 per cent. I'm hoping to find out whether the department is aware of this, and if so, whether there are still any concerns about a potential spill this wet season?

Cheers

Dan

Daniel Bateman | Journalist

Townsville Bulletin

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Media response

Re: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery

For: Daniel Bateman
Townsville Bulletin

Date: Thursday 10 January 2013

Draft response: Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is aware that the spill risk for the Yabulu refinery tailings dam has dropped significantly since July 2012, however the current spill risk does still exceed one percent, which is a breach of Queensland Nickel's development approval.

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From: Davies Emma
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2013 2:47 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Cc: media
Subject: RE: Yabulu dam level

Hi Ingrid,

We have had a follow up question from Daniel Bateman as per below. Are you happy with the below response?

Please attribute the following to Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Acting Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Queensland Nickel have advised the department the spill risk as at 1 January 2013 was between three and four percent.

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To: Davies Emma
Subject: RE: Yabulu dam level

Thanks Emma,

Just confirming – is there still more than one per cent risk of spill? If so, what's the actual per cent?

Dan

Daniel Bateman | Journalist

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Can you confirm that the attached is still accurate and you are happy for the response to be in your name?

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Hi Paul,

Can you send this response through to Steph Smail smail.stephanie@abc.net.au

Thanks,
See you in 2 mins!

Cheers,
Brooke

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From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 12:32 PM
To: Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Yabulu update

Importance: High

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From: Lutz Megan
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 9:15 AM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Lawrence Rob
Cc: media
Subject: FW: Yabulu update
Importance: High

Ingrid/Rob,

Townsville Bulletin has a follow up question - Can the department confirm whether or not the current water level still presents a spill risk?

Thanks,

Megan

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From: Bateman, Daniel [<mailto:daniel.bateman@news.com.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 9:03 AM

To: Lutz Megan
Subject: RE: Yabulu update

G'day Megan

Thanks for the email. Can the department confirm whether or not the current water level still presents a spill risk?

Dan

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From: Lutz Megan [<mailto:Megan.Lutz@ehp.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 6:42 PM

To: Bateman, Daniel

Cc: media

Subject: RE: Yabulu update

Hi Daniel,

Sorry for the delay. Below is a response to your enquiry about the Yabulu refinery.

Please attribute the following to Rob Lawrence, Executive Director, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is continuing to work with Queensland Nickel on water management at its Yabulu refinery.

Queensland Nickel has advised the department that the tailings storage facility is currently more than 1.2m below the spillway.

ENDS

Kind regards,

Megan

Megan Lutz

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From: Bateman, Daniel [<mailto:daniel.bateman@news.com.au>]

Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 2:53 PM

To: media

Subject: Yabulu update

G'day,

I was hoping to find out whether the spill risk has decreased at the Yabulu nickel refinery? It was last reported as being between 3-4 per cent, as of January 1.

My deadline for this story is 6pm tonight,

Regards

Daniel



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To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Gonzo Gus
Cc: media
Subject: FYI - article in The Australian re Qld Nickel Yabulu

FYI

Open your books, Palmer told

Australian, Australia by Hedley Thomas

27 Jun 2013

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CLIVE Palmer has been challenged by Queensland Premier Campbell Newman to make a "full and transparent" declaration of all his pecuniary interests amid escalating concerns over his capacity to operate his businesses.

Mr Newman, who has previously expressed concern over the operation of the tycoon's nickel refinery in Townsville and resort at Coolum, told The Australian yesterday it was time for Mr Palmer to "stop the obfuscation and temper tantrums".

Senior figures in the Liberal National Party, which counted Mr Palmer a life member and its largest single donor until a public split last year, remain worried at the potential environmental risk to the Great Barrier Reef and the cost of remediation to the refinery's tailings dam.

Mr Palmer has previously warned that Townsville residents would die in the event of the toxic dams overflowing in a north Queensland wet season.

Sources close to the refinery have said that Queensland Nickel's balance sheet, which has been under serious strain due to a low nickel price and the transfer of tens of millions of dollars for unrelated ventures including his loss-making Palmer Coolum Resort, does not have the finances to fund a dam upgrade.

Financial cutbacks have resulted in maintenance staff being told not to perform maintenance work at the ageing refinery.

Mr Newman said Mr Palmer's repeated claims of billionaire wealth would ring hollow on the election trail in his quest to be prime minister unless he showed Australians the money.

"Mr Palmer is actually in a similar position to the one I was in during the 2011-12 state election campaign," he said. "He is running for the position of prime minister from outside the parliament and Australians need to be assured he is an open book and that his personal financial dealings are beyond reproach.

"I think it's entirely appropriate that Mr Palmer completes the pecuniary interest disclosure forms required of federal parliamentarians and publishes them on his party's website. I did it when I was running for premier." Mr Palmer, who has pledged to field 150 candidates in seats across the country under his Palmer United Party banner, did not reply to the request for comment yesterday.

But in Townsville on Monday he played down concerns about the tailings dam and said a team of environmental scientists had achieved a reduction in its levels of about 20 per cent.

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Cc: media; Corro EHP ESR Northern; Gonzo Gus
Subject: Media enquiry: Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery update - The Australian
Attachments: Media response_ Qld Nickel Yabulu refinery update - The Australian

Hi Ingrid,

For your urgent approval – attached is a media response for The Australian regarding Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery.

Approved by Gus Gonzo.

Deadline is COB today.

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Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2013

For: Andrew Fraser
The Australian
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Deadline: COB Tuesday 25 June 2013

Issue: Queensland Nickel Yabulu refinery update

Questions:

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From: Hanson Anna
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Cc: media
Subject: Media response - Queensland Nickel Yabulu
Attachments: KEEPER_n2174020_Media_response_-_Nickel_Yabulu_refinery_update.doc

Hi Andrew

Attached is a response to your questions.

Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2013 3:19 PM
To: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Cc: Fegan Warwick; Wake Chris
Subject: FW: Media enquiry: Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery update - The Australian

Importance: High

Draft response. I will come down and talk with you about this one.

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Cc: media; Corro EHP DG; Chesterman Andrew; Ellwood Dean; Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid; Waters Kerry
Subject: Media enquiry: Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery update - The Australian
Attachments: Media response_ Qld Nickel Yabulu refinery update - The Australian

Hi Brooke, Lyn,

For your approval – attached is a media response for The Australian regarding Queensland Nickel's Yabulu refinery.

Approved by DDG Dean Ellwood and A/ED Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma.

Deadline is COB today.

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Cc: media
Subject: FYI: Media enquiry: Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery update - The Australian

Hi Brooke Lyn,

FYI - We have received an enquiry from The Australian seeking an update on the Queensland Nickel Yabulu Refinery. Questions are:

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Are you free to discuss?

From: Fomiatti Minnesma Ingrid
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2013 4:05 PM
To: Gonzo Gus
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Hi not sure on this one

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