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

SUBJECT: Approval of overseas travel for Mr Stephen Moss, Head Coach Triathlon and Mr Joshua White, Assistant Coach Triathlon, to travel to New Zealand for international competition from 7-10 March 2013

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this brief is required by 13 February 2013 to ensure flight arrangements and confirmation of competition arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** the overseas travel for Mr Stephen Moss and Mr Joshua White to travel to New Zealand for the Oceania Championship Series from 7-10 March 2013; and
- **sign** the attached Overseas Travel Approval form in line with the Queensland Government's Air Travel Policy approved by the Office of the Public Service Commissioner (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr Moss and Mr White are responsible for the daily training environment for the athletes in the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Triathlon Program.
- QAS athletes will be competing in the International Triathlon Union (ITU) 2013 Oceania Triathlon Championship Race to be held in Wellington, New Zealand from 8-9 March 2013.
- This is one race in the Oceania series with a total of sixteen races to be held in 2013. Australian team members do not compete in all 16 races, but will compete in those races identified by Triathlon Australia as providing a potential to build up placing points to enable an athlete to be selected to an Australian World Championship Team.
- Triathlon Australia has identified the Wellington Race to be strategically important at the start of the 2013 Series.
- Duties for the two coaches while overseas include:
  - coaching of all QAS athletes during preparation and competition;
  - managing team requirements; and
  - liaising with support services staff to ensure athletes maintain optimum performance levels.
- The QAS athletes competing in the competition are as follows:
  - Ms Emma Jackson;
  - Ms Emma Moffatt;
  - Ms Emma Snowsill;
  - Mr Ashleigh Gentle;
  - Mr Daniel Wilson;
  - Mr Matthew Brown;
  - Mr Ryan Fisher; and
  - Mr Kenji Nener.
- Costs to the QAS High Performance Program budget for travel for the two coaches are anticipated to be $4,700. Funding is available within the Program Budget to cover the costs of travel.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Overseas Travel Approval form.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL APPROVAL

Queensland Government

Prior to completing this form, you should consult the Queensland Government *Official Air Travel Policy* which is available at http://www.qgm.qld.gov.au/09_travel/policy.htm.

Following receipt of all required approvals, you should submit this form to your Agency Travel Contact Officer at least six (6) weeks prior to travel.

Traveller's details

Surname Moss **First Name** Stephen

Position Head Coach Triathlon **Agency** Queensland Academy of Sport

Are you an employee of the agency arranging the overseas travel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Contact Phone Number 3872 0226 **Contact Fax Number** 3872 0205

Email stephen.moss@nprsr.qld.gov.au

Is this a block approval form? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the above for the contact person and list the names of the people, their positions and agencies for whom this approval form is submitted on the last page of this form.

Travel details

1a) Have you considered video-conferencing as an alternative to air travel?

☐ Yes ☒ No

1b) Please document your reasons for not using video-conferencing as an alternative to air travel?

It would not be feasible to conduct test and training of elite athletes during international competition through video-conferencing.

2) Itinerary Details

Departure date 07/03/2013 **Return date** 10/03/2013

Itinerary

Date	Location (country and city)	Activity eg Meeting with X Company
07/03/13		Depart Australia
08/03/ - 09/03/13	Wellington, New Zealand	ITU Oceania Championship Event
10/03/13		Return to Australia

3) What are the estimated costs of this travel and how will the travel be funded?

		Funding source details		
	Amount ($AUD rounded)	Agency cost	External cost	Combined cost (agency & other)
Airfare	$1,500	$1,500	$0	$1,500
Accommodation	$1,000	$1,000	$	$1,000
Other associated costs (meals/car hire/visas etc)	$2,200	$2,200	$0	$2,200
Total Cost	$4,700	$4,700	$0	$4,700

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4) **What is the purpose of the travel?** Please tick the appropriate box/es

Agency employees

- ☐ Study Tour/Cultural Exchange
- ☐ Student/Client/Custodial Escort
- ☐ Research
- ☒ Operational/part of duties
- ☐ Receive training/Attend a course(s)
- ☐ Deliver training/Set-up a course(s)
- ☐ Attend conference/seminar/workshop/forum
- ☐ Deliver paper(s) at conference/ seminar/ workshop/ forum
- ☐ Committee Representation/meetings/councils/boards
- ☐ Professional development
- ☐ Promotions and marketing
- ☐ Purchasing
- ☐ Signing of contracts/agreements
- ☐ Project management/project work/consultancies
- ☐ Investigations/inspections/fact finding/data gathering
- ☐ Law enforcement
- ☐ Medical
- ☐ Trade related/business delegations/commercial activities
- ☐ Formalise relations with international clients
- ☐ Participate in a cooperative partnership program
- ☐ Activities associated with Sister State and other bilateral relationships
- ☐ Other, please specify

Non-Employees

- ☐ Other, please specify

5) **What are the objectives of the travel?**

Please indicate, using succinct dot points, how the travel accords with agency and Queensland Government priorities. In addition, please specify how the work undertaken during this travel will benefit your agency and Queensland.

This travel directly supports the outcome "Healthy, active individuals and communities". This travel will enhance theskills of the staff member which will translate into improve training for Queensland's elite athletes.

6) **What are the consequences of not travelling?**

Skill development will not occur.

7) **Which sector/industry does your travel relate to?** Please tick the appropriate box/es

- ☐ Trade and Business
- ☐ Education and Training
- ☐ Export of Education and Training Services
- ☐ Cultural and Social Development
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
- ☐ Research and Development, Science and Technology
- ☐ Traditional Industries (agriculture, food, mining, manufacturing, transport, tourism, energy, forestry, fisheries)
- ☐ Emerging Growth Sectors, Innovation and Knowledge
- ☐ Investigations/Inspections, Fact Finding/Data Gathering
- ☒ Other, please specify Sport

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9) **What is the advice by DFAT regarding the level of security risk of the country/ies to which you are travelling?** The advice is contained at the beginning of the security information about the country, listed alphabetically, in the Travel Advisories section.

1. ☑ **To exercise good personal security awareness.**
2. ☑ **To be alert to your own security.**
3. ☐ **To exercise caution and be aware of developments that might affect your safety.**
4. ☐ **To exercise a high degree of (or "extreme") caution.**
5. ☐ **To defer non-essential travel.** Australians in the country may be advised to consider leaving unless they have compelling reasons to stay.
6. ☐ **To defer (or avoid) all travel.** Australians in the country may also be advised to depart as soon as possible using available commercial means.
7. ☐ **Not to travel and, for Australians in the country, to depart immediately by whatever means available.** In some situations, such as ongoing or imminent conflict, Australians in the country may alternatively be told to remain indoors in as safe a place as is possible.

10) **What is the advice by DFAT regarding the level of significant health risks in the country/ies to which you are travelling?** Nil Advice

Traveller's confirmation

I have read the Queensland Government Air Travel Policy and have fulfilled my obligations under this policy.

Where my travel relates to the export of Education and Training Services, I have consulted with Queensland Education and Training International and my travel has been endorsed by the Chair, Queensland Education and Training Export Board.

I am aware of and accept the security risks associated with this travel as outlined in the DFAT travel advisory (e.g. notifying the relevant High Commission of proposed travel arrangements).

Traveller's signature [redacted] **Date** 2/1/13

Approval

Business group approval [redacted] **Date** 24/1/13

Chief Executive's approval John Glaister **Date** 30/1/13

Minister's approval [signature] **Date** 3/2/13.

Premier's approval of Chief Executive's travel _____ **Date** / /

Notification of overseas travel

Information provided in this form may be used for the following purposes:

- briefings
- to identify and assess potential strategic international collaborations and, where appropriate, may be released to other Queensland Government officers, departments and agencies.

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Additional Travellers

Please complete relevant details in the table below for persons accompanying primary traveller

Name	Traveller type (employee/non-employee)	Position Title (if employee)	Agency (if employee)	Reason for travel
Mr Joshua White	Employee	Assistant Coach Triathlon	Queensland Academy of Sport	Coaching QAS Athletes competing in ITU Oceania Championship Series

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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: **Status of motorsport initiatives**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the status of the various initiatives currently being undertaken by the department relevant to motorsports.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Motorsports range from organised competitive events such as drag races on purpose-built tracks through to speedway events in showgrounds, recreational four wheel driving in state forests and freestyle motocross performances in stadia.
- Motorsports involve two, three and four wheel vehicles in organised and non-organised, competitive and non-competitive use, with or without spectators, and may also be performed legally and illegally across a range of settings (**Attachment 1**).
- Motorsports are considered a 'noisy and hard-to-locate' activity. That is, they generate higher than normal levels of noise for extended periods of time. Issues facing these activities include:
  - encroachment from conflicting land uses (e.g. residential development, frequently resulting in facility closure);
  - public perception that noisy activities are a noxious activity;
  - large areas of land required either for the activity itself or the associated buffer area; and
  - high costs associated with the development and maintenance of sites.
- Key stakeholders within this industry include: local governments, state government agencies, industry bodies, commercial venue operators and individual motorsports participants and spectators. Currently, there is no systematic coordination across these stakeholders when considering development of facilities in south east Queensland.
- Historically, illegal or otherwise inappropriate off-road motorsports have generated significant demands on policy resources for the department, as well as raising challenging issues for other state government agencies and local governments.
- To date, the development of motorsports facilities in Queensland has occurred in an ad hoc basis, with development approvals being the responsibility of individual local governments. Decisions have not been made with a full appreciation of needs in relation to the range of activities, user groups and/or location.
- The development, funding and ongoing management of motorsports facilities is unique because of potential encroachment on residential land, impact on the environment, site requirements, costs, and cross-jurisdictional requirements regarding land acquisition, development and management.
- To address the various issues and constraints associated with motorsports, the department is currently involved in a number of initiatives. A summary of the status of these initiatives is attached (**Attachment 2**).

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- *Consultation:*
  - Steve Price, Area Manager, Sunshine and Fraser Coast, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on telephone 54596131.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - List of motorsports
- Attachment 2 - Status of NPRSR initiatives relevant to motorsports

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ATTACHMENT 1: 01079-13 Range of motorsports disciplines

Driving (four-wheels)	Riding (two, three, four wheel motorcycles)
• speedway • drag racing • karting • car races • speed tests – for example: - hillclimbing - drifting • rallyroad • off-road • auto-test - motorkhana - khanacross - observed section trials • recreational four wheel driving	• speedway • motocross • supercross • dirt track • observed trials • enduro • freestyle • minikhana • supermotard • recreational trail riding • quad bike riding (All Terrain Vehicle or ATV)

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ATTACHMENT 2: 01079/13 **Status of key motorsport sites and projects**

SUNSHINE COAST

Issue	Status & Actions
1. Replacement site for Suncoast Junior Motorcycle Club at Quanda Road, Coolum	• Property Services Group has offered to extend the lease to Suncoast Junior Motorcycle Club for a further 3 years (pending Council approval and Management Plan) until 28 February 2016 at Quanda Rd Coolum but there is no possibility of an extension beyond that date. • Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) is seeking approval for temporary use for 3 years (until 28/3/16) via consultation with relevant divisional and portfolio councillors. • A summary of 10 sites considered as alternatives, and advantages/disadvantages of each site, has been prepared in conjunction with SCRC. A portion of Mooloolah Logging Area within Beerwah State Forest was considered as one of the 10 sites suitable for motocross tracks, although road upgrades and utilities connection costs would be considerable. • The suitability of Mooloolah Logging Area for motorsport and shooting facilities is detailed in brief CTS 00770/13 and is also dependant on the outcome of discussions with HQPlantations (HQP) regarding potential land swaps and/or relinquishment of plantation licence. • Brief CTS 18086/12, currently awaiting Ministerial consideration, provides the site summary and a letter to SCRC re their responsibility to progress a site for local clubs.
2. Scott Canty's application for Development Approval for a Multi Use Sport Facility at Bella Creek, near Imbil	• Scott Canty and Sons Pty Ltd submitted a Development Application to Gympie Regional Council for a family oriented Multi Sports Park including (but not limited to) dirt bike, mountain bike and 4X4 park with ancillary kiosk, cabins and camping facilities on private land surrounding the upper reaches of Borumba Dam. • On 15 August 2012, Gympie Regional Council refused the application on the following grounds: – The development does not comply with the Cooloola Shire Planning Scheme. – The application does not adequately demonstrate that adverse noise impacts from the development will not result on the surrounding area. – Bella Creek Road, being the lead in road to the development, is not currently adequate to cater for the traffic to be generated and it is not considered reasonable to condition the roadworks required to make the road adequate. – The development will result in an unacceptable impact on the rural character and amenity of the area. – The development site is isolated for extended periods during times of flood which poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and an unacceptable imposition on local emergency services, including Council. – Kingaham Road, connecting the development site and Landcruiser Mountain Park to the west, is not suitable to cater for additional traffic and given the likelihood of additional traffic on this road as a result of the development, will pose an unacceptable safety risk. – Having regard to the number of objections and concerns expressed in the objections, Council considers that the proposal is contrary to community expectations and not in the public interest. – The development will result in an unacceptable bushfire risk. • Scott Canty and Sons Pty Ltd submitted an appeal to the Planning and Environment Court on 20/09/2012. • As at 15/01/13 there were 57 co-respondents to the appeal in addition to Gympie Regional Council. • The date for the Planning and Environment Court hearing is unknown

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Issue	Status & Actions
3. Sunshine Coast Motorsports Park	• A proposal was submitted to NPRSR for a multi purpose Sunshine Coast Employment and Driver Training Complex comprising educational, sporting and social components. The proposed facility will cater for a variety of land and water based motor sports including drag racing, speedway, V8 racing circuit, truck racing, motocross, 4 x 4 racing, jet boat sprints, and mower racing. Day and night events seven days per week are proposed. • The proponent's preferred site for the proposed facility is Mooloolah Logging Area (MLA) in Beerwah State Forest, due to its position adjacent to the Bruce Highway and Steve Irwin Way and its topography. • A site assessment was undertaken on 23 August 2012 with staff from QPWS, SRS and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). A further assessment was undertaken with Jeff Van Groningen on 11 October 2012. • On 9 November 2012 the Minister indicted via letter (CTS 09707/12) that MLA was not a suitable site for the proposed motorsport activities. However the suitability of adjacent state forest for a motorsport complex is detailed in brief CTS 00770/13 and is dependant on the outcome of discussions with HQP. • The matter was again raised at a meeting between Dr John Glaister, Director-General NPRSR and Cr Greg Rogerson of SCRC in December 2012. (Refer Motorsports Facilities Strategy for SEQ below)
4. Park Lands Moto X Track and Imbil State Forest	• Park Lands Moto X Track is a facility on Pullen Lane, 2 km north of Kenilworth off Kenilworth Brooloo Road. The facility has been operational on private property for approximately four years in the absence of development approval from SCRC. The facility is not affiliated with Motorcycling Queensland. • The facility offers two motocross tracks for children (one flat & one with small jumps), 1 motocross track for the intermediate child riders, two motocross tracks for adults (including 100ft table top jumps). • At a meeting between the Director-General, Cr Greg Rogerson and staff from SCRC in December 2012 the question of access to the adjoining Imbil State Forest for off-road motorcycling was raised. • SRS and QPWS staff assessed the surrounding Imbil State Forest on 18 January 2013. The area of Imbil State Forest immediately adjacent to Park Lands is under licence to HQ Plantations Pty Limited (HQP) and is currently under hoop pine cultivation. • Licensed riders on registered bikes can currently traverse the roads within Imbil State Forest, including through the HQP licence area. Even if HQP agreed, it is not recommended that this area of Imbil State Forest be considered for further development of motocross or recreational trail riding/enduro tracks because: (a) of its steep terrain; and (b) it would not provide an area of sufficient interest to riders for a period of approximately seven years once the hoop pine is felled and the area replanted. • Parklands is approx 20km (in a direct line) from the proposed Scott Canty site.
5. Green Park	• Green Park, Conondale is managed by the Green Park Trust and is the home of the Sunshine Coast Motorcycle Club. • The site consists of state land (a 36 ha reserve) leased by the Trust and an adjoining 74 ha which the club owns in freehold. • At a meeting between the Director-General, Cr Greg Rogerson and staff from SCRC in December 2012 the question of expanding this site or adding additional tracks was raised. • As the land is adjoined by other rural properties in close proximity, this is probably not an option unless restrictions were placed on the noise emissions of bikes and rider numbers were limited. Smaller bikes used by junior riders and bikes used for observed trials may be an option.

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Issue	Status & Actions
6. Regional Off-Road Motorcycling facility Sunshine Coast	• A site assessment was undertaken on 23 August 2012 by SRS, QPWS and DAFF of several State Forests within the Glass House Mountains region. Specific locations were investigated further on 11 October 2012. • Peachester State Forest and surrounding Beerburrum West State Forest was identified as the best options for a regional off-road motorcycling facility, although the site is constrained by its gravel road access and lack of access to water and utilities. • A purpose-built facility in this location could provide access (for licensed riders on registered bikes) to the road network which is already extensively used by motorcyclists and four-wheel drivers within the adjoining plantation forest on freehold land managed by HQP. • HQP has indicated a willingness to consider options which provide a coordinated approach to better management of off-road motorcycling and four wheel driving within the Glass House Mountains area. • In addition to off-road motorcycling disciplines, Peachester State Forest and the adjoining HQP freehold land may also be suitable for co-locating other motorsport activities such as hill climbs. • Investigations are also underway re the potential for a land swap with HQP to obtain an area of their freehold land in the vicinity of Peachester State Forest for the proposed facility, thereby removing any native title issues. Pending the outcome of discussions with HQP in this location as well as state forest under licence to HQP adjacent to MLA, the relative suitability and a comparison of the costs associated with these sites for a regional off-road motorcycling facility and/or motorsport complex will be undertaken. • A Ministerial brief detailing options for a site and provisional costings will be prepared by 28 February 2013.

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ATTACHMENT 2: 01079/13 **Status of key motorsport sites and projects**

BRISBANE CITY

Issue	Status & Actions
7. Replacement site for Fort Lytton Motocross Club	• Since 2009, the Fort Lytton Motocross Club (FLMX) has occupied a small parcel of road reserve adjacent to Lytton Road. Previously, the club had a 'Permit to Occupy' over land owned by the Port of Brisbane Authority (PoB). • As part of the Port of Brisbane Motorway upgrade project being progressed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), a parcel of PoB land was identified as necessary for works. DTMR negotiated to acquire the necessary land from PoB in exchange for the road reserve held by DTMR and currently occupied by the club. As a consequence of the land swap with DTMR, the land will become PoB freehold land. • DTMR has requested FLMX to vacate the site by 30 August 2013. PoB has advised that it could not legally accommodate the club on its land subsequent to the swap because under the PoB Land Use Plan 2010, facilities defined as *sport and recreation (major)* are prohibited on port land. • Since 2007, numerous sites have been investigated within Brisbane City to accommodate a more permanent site for the FLMX, including a comprehensive assessment and an independent feasibility study of land at Luggage Point. • On 12 November 2012, the Director-General approved correspondence to the Chief Executive of BCC and the A/DG DTMR indicating that the focus of the Queensland government is on the identification of land and development of *regional* off-road motorcycling facilities, such as the Queensland Moto Park at Wyaralong. DTMR were advised to direct further enquiries regarding an alternate venue for FLMX to BCC. (CTS 16248/12). FLMX were also advised to contact BCC (CTS 17343/12) • On 11 December 2012, the Minister wrote to Neil Symes MP, Member for Lytton (CTS 17196/12) indicating that the provision of land for local clubs is a local government responsibility. • Public consultation is currently occurring on amendments to the PoB Land Use Plan 2010. In the 2013 draft version, *sport and recreation (major)* remains a prohibited use in all port precincts. • On 6 December 2012 BCC advised that there is very little suitable space within the BCC local government area for motorcycle riding. BCC indicated its support for locations such as the Queensland Moto Park at Wyaralong and indicated that it would be prepared to contribute financially to the construction of a similar facility on the north side of Brisbane upon identification of a suitable location.

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Issue	Status & Actions
8. Replacement site for Gold Coast Motocross Club	• In 2009, Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) resolved not to renew leases on land supporting two off-road motorcycling facilities at Reedy Creek and Stanmore Park in Yatala. The Reedy Creek facility closed in April 2012. SRS has been advised the Gold Coast Motocross Club, which used the site, had 1200 members. • SRS understands that development approval for the Reedy Creek motocross facility was never adequately finalised. SRS has been advised by GCCC, however, that while submission of a new development application for Reedy Creek could feasibly gain approval for limited junior riding on small bikes, with engine capacities up to 80cc, restrictions imposed on an approval would probably not enable the club to be viable. Noise tests conducted in April 2012, before the site closed, indicated that noise attenuation costs would be prohibitive. • SRS understands (through Motorcycling Queensland) that a development application for the Reedy Creek site is nevertheless being prepared by club members.
9. Replacement site for Albert District Motorcycle Club	• In 2009, GCCC resolved not to renew leases on land occupied by the Albert District Motorcycle Club (ADMC) at Stanmore Park in Yatala. Membership of ADMC was approx. 800, with residents of Brisbane, Logan and Redlands comprising 15%. • On 22 March 2010, GCCC resolved to develop the Stapylton motocross facility as a priority project for which the Queensland Government agreed to provide $1 million under the Major Facilities Program. In September 2010, GCCC approved $5.2 million for associated road works and development of the facility. • GCCC commissioned a further report on the Stapylton project following the identification of a large quantity of rock which needed to be removed as part of the site works. On 5 December 2011, GCCC agreed to discontinue the Stapylton motocross development and redirect Council funding towards track re-alignment and noise attenuation measures to ensure the Stanmore Park facility could continue operation. • The unexpended $1 million funding granted by the Queensland Government via SRS was withdrawn as part of cost savings in 2012. • In September 2012, GCCC offered a permit for a six month trial to continue use of Stanmore Park. The permit restricted use to junior riding on bikes with engine capacities no larger than 250cc. Senior riders are not able to continue using Stanmore Park. • GCCC advised that Council's priority for off-road motorcycling is to support junior riders as they lack the independent ability to travel to more distant facilities. Council would prefer to locate senior riders elsewhere, at facilities such as the Queensland Moto Park (Wyaralong), due to anticipated development demands and limited capacity for buffering within the Gold Coast. • In April 2012, Motorcycling Queensland sought advice from SRS regarding establishing motocross facilities on DTMR land adjacent to the M1 Motorway at Pimpama. Mr Craig Jackson of ADMC sent several emails regarding this site to Mr Jeff Van Groningen during August 2012. SRS consulted with DTMR and GCCC and were advised that it was unlikely that GCCC would approve development of a motocross facility at this site, as large residential developments have been approved for land immediately abutting the site and nearby. (CTS 12640/12).

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GENERAL ISSUES:

Issue	Status & Actions
10. Alternate site for motorsports at Biddaddaba, Scenic Rim Regional Council	• During 2008-2009, SRS investigated the availability of State-owned land set aside for the Glendower dam near Biddaddaba (in Scenic Rim Regional Council, approx. 6 km north west of Canungra). Motorcycling Queensland has used the land for temporary events and the Gold Coast Kart Club has unsuccessfully sought a long term lease on the land to build a facility. • Information received by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) in May 2012 indicated that the Queensland Water Commission was conducting a study on proposed future dam site land (including the Glendower site) to establish if the land is still needed for future water storage/supply purposes. • DNRM were expecting a recommendation or further advice regarding the future purpose of Glendower by mid September 2012. • In late 2012 the document: *Queensland's water sector: A 30 year strategy, Discussion Paper: Shaping our water future* was released for public consultation. Following input, the strategy itself will be developed. • DNRM were contacted in January 2013 re any further advice and SRS is awaiting a response. • Land in this vicinity may also be suitable for the Scenic Rim Motorsports Association which is seeking State land (refer conversation on 612 ABC Brisbane on 23 January 2013). The SEQ Motorsports Facilities Strategy (below) will identify the needs of motorsports and propose options for the department's role in meeting those needs.
11. Development of SEQ Motorsports Facilities Strategy	• Draft strategy currently being prepared. The strategy aims to identify facility needs to support participation in motorsport by the community and proposes how these needs can be addressed, from the department's perspective. • The actions outlined in the strategy will respond to the issues identified only where the department has a clear responsibility or a capacity to influence • Proposed completion date is 28 February 2013 (for consideration of proposed actions by Minister) following draft review by SRS and QPWS.
12. Planning instruments to support the development and protection of motorsport facilities	• On 26 November (CTS 16844/12) the Minister wrote to the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning seeking advice re how the planning and development of facilities for motorsport and other 'hard to locate' activities can be better accommodated as a priority, either through the proposed new single State Planning Policy (SPP) or a stand alone generic state-wide planning instrument. • On 14 January 2013 the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) released the draft single SPP for agency review prior to public consultation commencing in February 2013. The draft single SPP incorporates policy elements, (applicable to planning schemes and development applications), that require consideration of the location of sensitive land uses adjacent to existing sport and recreation activities to avoid adverse impacts and protection of existing sport and recreation activities from encroachment by sensitive land uses. • SRS is awaiting further advice from DSDIP regarding the potential to develop a specific State Planning Instrument to facilitate development of motorsport facilities and/or their protection.

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13. Provision for quad bike riding	• Bombardier Recreational Products, manufacturers/distributers of quad bikes, has contracted Hawker Britton, a registered lobbyist, to consult with the Queensland Government to achieve greater access for sites for riding quad bikes in Queensland. • Currently conditional registration is available for quad bikes for use on roads for limited purposes (e.g. to cross roads bisecting rural properties) or for use on commercial quad bike tours. Conditional registration is not available for quad bikes used for individual recreational purposes on roads. As a consequence, their use recreationally is limited to private property and to facilities such as the Queensland Moto Park. • Staff from QPWS and SRS met twice with representatives of Bombardier and Hawker Britton in the second half of 2012. • Although the specific request has yet to be received by the department, it appears that a designated area/site for quads will be requested as a trial. The request could include sole use of roads within a state forest.

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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: **Update on Sport and Recreation Services Government Commitments**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Minister **note** the contents of this briefing note.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- On 4 June 2012, Cabinet endorsed the final list of election commitments, which then became the 2012 Government Commitments.
- Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) is responsible for delivering nine Government Commitments funding under the Get in the Game Initiative including:
  - Get Started Program;
  - Get Going Program;
  - Get Playing Program;
  - Get Playing; Project Mt Gravatt Showgrounds;
  - Get Playing; Project The Gap Little Athletics Club;
  - Get Playing; Project Brisbane Football Club;
  - Get Playing; Project GPS Rugby Club;
  - Get Playing; Project Pine Hills Football Club; and
  - Access arrangements to State government owned Sports Houses by sporting and other bodies.
- An update on each of the Government Commitments is provided below:

Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust

- On 30 June 2012, a ministerial brief confirming funding of $30,000 was approved to Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust to resurface the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds oval including improvement to drainage and prevent stormwater run-off.
- A Funding Agreement (FA) between Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Trust and SRS has been executed.
- On 1 November 2012, the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing committed a further $30,000 to the Trust, making the total contribution $60,000.
- Work is currently underway, with scarifying and levelling complete, the installation of irrigation systems has commenced.
- All work is expected to be completed by 30 March 2013.

The Gap Little Athletics Club

- On 30 June 2012, a ministerial brief confirming funding of $72,000 was approved to The Gap Little Athletics Club to build new net and light throwing areas, long jump pit and storage shed for equipment and to upgrade a running track at the Gap State High School.
- A FA between The Gap Little Athletics Club and SRS has been executed.
- The Gap Little Athletics Club has provided all pre-construction compliance items and received permission to build.
- On 22 November 2012, the first payment was approved for release.
- Construction is expected to commence by 30 January 2013 and be completed by 30 April 2013.

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Brisbane City Football Club

- On 30 June 2012, a ministerial brief confirming funding of $65,000 was approved to the Brisbane City Football Club towards the resurface of flood damaged fields and facilities, the brief also confirmed the project as a Government Commitment.
- A FA between the Brisbane City Football Club and SRS has been executed.
- The Brisbane City Football Club has received appropriate permission/approvals from Brisbane City Council (BCC).
- All pre-construction compliance items have been met and the first stage payment of $32,500 is in process.
- Work on the fields commenced in December 2012 and is estimated to be completed in February 2013. The estimated total project cost is approximately $65,000.

GPS Rugby

- On 30 June 2012, a ministerial brief confirming funding of $100,000 was approved to GPS Rugby Club towards the construction of new dressing rooms and storage sheds.
- A FA between GPS Rugby Club and SRS has been executed.
- The GPS Rugby Club submitted sketch designs and a master plan to SRS; with an estimated project cost of $150,000 - $170,000.
- The GPS Rugby Club has applied for additional funding under the Community Sports Club Grant, BCC. Applications closed on 12 November 2012 with an outcome expected on 11 February 2013.
- GPS Rugby Club may provide additional funding if the Community Sports Club Grant, BCC is unsuccessful.
- Construction is anticipated to commence in February 2013 and completed in early June 2013.

Pine Hills Football Club

- On 30 June 2012, a ministerial brief confirming funding of $160,000 was approved to Pine Hills Football Club towards the installation of lighting at the James Drysdale Reserve at Bunya.
- A FA between Pine Hills Football Cub and SRS has been executed.
- The lighting towers were erected during the week commencing 7 January 2013. The contractor is in the process of completing preliminary tests prior to installing the remaining light fittings.
- It is anticipated construction will be completed in early February 2013. Pine Hills Football Cub is planning an opening ceremony to be held in conjunction with a pre-season competition on 23 and 24 of February 2013.

Access arrangements to State government owned Sports Houses

- Leases at the Sports Houses expired on 31 December 2012 and offers for a one year extension to existing tenancy arrangements have been accepted by all tenants at the Sports Houses.
- This one year extension to 31 December 2013 will provide further time to develop a strategy to better align the Sports Houses tenancies to the department's core business activities.

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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: Minister's Message – Sport and Recreation Early Childhood Resources

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 31 January 2013 to enable e-book creation to be completed in time for a 15 February 2013 release.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** the proposed messages for placement in Sport and Recreation Services' (SRS) early childhood resources that are being transitioned from hard print products to e-books (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Children and Young People Strategy (CYPS) was launched in 2003 and provides a range of hard copy resources for parents, teachers, carers and early childhood professionals.
- The suite of CYPS resources includes:
  - Move Baby Move manual
  - Active Alphabet Parent's guide and child's booklet
  - Let's Get Moving manual
  - Daily Physical Activity manual
  - Games Smart USB.
- The CYPS aims to:
  - raise awareness of the need for good quality physical activity in children
  - provide practical and easy to use resources
  - facilitate training and skill development
  - offer ongoing support to develop and consolidate teacher, early childhood education professionals and parents' skills and competencies to deliver quality physical activity programs.
- As a means of reducing ongoing production, storage and distribution costs, all hard print resources are being transitioned to electronic formats – refer transition brief: 15134/12 approved on 14 November 2012.
- Transition of the CYPS resources from hard copy to electronic formats will result in a reduction of program budget from $370,000 per annum to $100,000 from 2012-13, delivering an annual saving of $270,000.
- Transition of CYPS resources to digital formats also has potential to provide a future revenue stream. Consideration is to be given to creating a revenue stream as part of 2013-14 budgeting process.
- Transition work to date has resulted in the Daily Physical Activity manual (DPA), and Games Smart USB being combined into a single product now available for download from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing website (www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/community-programs/school-community/physical-activity-guide.html).

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- Phase 2 transition work for the DPA product will result in an application suited to use on mobile devices (eg: smart phones, ipads and tablets) to be completed by June 2013.
- The remaining three manuals (Move Baby Move, Active Alphabet and Let's Get Moving) are now being transitioned to e-books. This transition work is to be completed by mid February 2013.
- The opportunity to include a message from the Minister in each product is available **(Attachment 1)**.
- On average, SRS has distributed just over 65,000 copies of the hard print CYPS resources annually. This quantity is likely to increase due to ease of accessibility via electronic formats.
- *Key Communication Messages:* each resource provides the opportunity to include a 'Message from the Minister' to highlight current government directions, policies and initiatives. The opportunity to launch the new e-books would also be available.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - The suite of CYPS resources supports the government's overarching sport policy direction for:
    - encouraging regular engagement in physical activity by children and young people; and
    - encouraging more young people to participate in grass roots sport and recreational activity.

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ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1 – Draft Minister Message for each product.

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Let's Get Moving – Minister's Message

The Queensland Government is determined to get children more active, more often.

As a parent, carer or teacher you play an important role in a child's early years by helping them to develop a keen interest in and enjoyment of physical activity. In doing so, you are building sound foundations for the most important aspect of their lives – their health and wellbeing.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting you with resources to assist in making movement and physical activity an integral part of your child's early years. Movement and exercise help build a child's self-esteem and confidence, as well as teaching them how to challenge and extend themselves.

Let's Get Moving provides fun and high energy activities for pre-schoolers and prep year children together with ways these can be incorporated into their daily routines.

The task of encouraging young children to develop an interest in regular physical exercise is enormously important – one in which you as a parent, carer or teacher have a central role to play.

I am confident *Let's Get Moving* will help inspire a whole new generation to be fit, active and healthy.

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Active Alphabet – Minister's Message

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of physical activity in the lives of our children and young people. As a parent or carer you have a crucial role to play.

Early childhood is an important time for learning and development. By getting toddlers involved in physical activity, you are nurturing a foundation for their future health and wellbeing.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting you with resources to help your toddler develop motor skills and an overall positive attitude towards physical activity.

Active Alphabet has been specifically designed for toddlers over 15 months. It combines the letters of the alphabet with ideas to encourage your child to explore a range of movements.

As a parent or carer, you are the ideal person to introduce your toddler to the value of regular physical activity. I am confident *Active Alphabet* will help you perform this extremely important role.

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Move Baby Move – Minister's Message

The Queensland Government is determined to ensure more Queensland children get active with regular physical activity, and early exposure to movement and exercise is one of the best ways to achieve this.

A child's first years are the building blocks for a healthier future, and key to developing an enjoyment for physical activity and for nurturing good habits. Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children build sound foundations for their health and wellbeing.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting you with resources to help incorporate safe and active movements into your baby's daily routine.

Move Baby Move provides you with a range of facts, tips and guidance as your child grows and develops in their first 15 months of life.

I am confident *Move Baby Move* will help instil in a whole new generation the virtues of being fit, active and healthy.

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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: **Establishment of Sunshine Coast Water and Sewerage Funding Program**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this brief is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (the Council) has established a Water and Sewerage Funding Program for 2012/2013, providing up to 70 per cent financial assistance to community organisations on the Sunshine Coast for fixed access charges being charged by Unitywater.

BACKGROUND

- In September 2012, the Noosa Dolphins Rugby Union Club Inc. called a meeting with Sunshine Coast clubs to discuss high water and sewerage accounts being received from Unitywater.
- At this meeting, attended by more than 40 clubs from across the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay regional area, a representative of Unitywater, Mr Jim Soorley, advised attendees that Unitywater does not have a social service obligation in terms of reducing fees for community groups. Concessions for these groups must come from both the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay Regional Councils. Deputy Mayor of the Council, Councillor Chris Thompson, was present at the meeting and confirmed that the Council was responsible for granting any concessions to community organisations.
- On 24 September 2012, the Sunshine Coast Sports Federation made a submission to a closed session of the Council, presenting a summary of the charges and impacts being felt by community groups and sought the Council's intervention to assist these groups with high water and sewerage costs. A previous briefing on this matter CTS 15041/12 is attached (**Attachment 1**).
- On 15 November 2012, the Council placed the non-levy funded Major, Minor and Individual Development Grants within the Community Grants Program on hold to allow consideration of a new funding program to support not-for-profit community and sporting groups impacted by increasing water and sewerage charges.
- On 11 December 2012, the Council passed a motion that established a *Sunshine Coast Water and Sewerage Funding Program* for 2012/2013, allocating $700,000 to provide community organisations and sporting groups with subsidy assistance up to 70 per cent towards the cost of water and sewerage fixed access costs. Under this program, clubs will still have to pay all usage charges plus 30 percent of fixed charges. A copy of the Council resolution is attached (**Attachment 2**).

KEY ISSUES

- The establishment of the Water and Sewerage Program will provide assistance to organisations that have received large accounts from Unitywater, but may also mean that some clubs that have not previously received accounts may receive a bill from the Council for water usage and 30 percent of fixed charges. The Council believes that there may be up to 370 community groups that may be eligible to apply under the Program.

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- The Council's website indicates that a water and sewerage program has been established but does not provide details of how it will be administered. An extract of this material is provided at **Attachment 3**. Mr Steve White, Regional Manager, North Coast, Sport and Recreation Services, contacted the Council regarding this matter on 3 January 2013 and was advised the administration of the subsidy is currently under development.
- The 70 per cent subsidy assistance is likely to be well received from clubs that are receiving Unitywater accounts. The survey undertaken by the Sunshine Coast Sports Federation indicated that the largest proportion of accounts being received related to high access charges, rather than usage costs.
- The Council program has only been established for 2012/2013, noting that the Council resolution only deals with the re-establishment of the Community Grants Program in 2013/2014 and does not indicate if the water and sewerage program will carry forward.
- *Consultation:* Mrs Alison Hamblin, Community Sport and Facilities Planning Manager, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, was consulted regarding the establishment of the new program. Mrs Hamblin confirmed that it will apply to all community sport and recreation organisations and advised that details about the administration of the program are still to be determined.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Previous briefing on high Unitywater costs CTS 15041/12
- Attachment 2 – Sunshine Coast Regional Council resolution to establish water and sewerage program
- Attachment 3 – Public advice on the Council's website

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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: **Update regarding the State Netball Centre Proposal**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this brief is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- note the previous work undertaken in relation to a proposal by the Queensland Netball Association Incorporated and that the proposal has not progressed.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

Queensland Government Support for Netball

- Since 1 January 2009 to 8 January 2013, the Queensland Government has approved the following funding support for netball:
  - $5,394,488 for the activity of netball (**Attachment 1**); and
  - $1,865,970 for Queensland Netball Association Incorporated, trading as Netball Queensland (NQ) (**Attachment 2**).
- This funding support for NQ includes funding under the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program for 2011-2013.

Netball Queensland Proposal

- In 2011, representatives of NQ approached Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), seeking support and funding to develop a state netball centre (SNC) in Brisbane.
- NQ is seeking a SNC because its current venue arrangements are fragmented and it competes with other sports for playing space, particularly for venues with adequate seating capacity for spectator events. The ideal seating capacity for finals of the Mission Queensland Firebirds (the Firebirds) is 5,000 people, although a venue with lesser capacity is suggested for other competitions.
- Netball venues in Brisbane include:
  - the Hibiscus Sports Complex at Mt Gravatt, the indoor playing venue used for social and representative competitions;
  - the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC) used by the Firebirds for training; and
  - the Brisbane Exhibition Centre (BEC) used by the Firebirds for home games in the ANZ Championships, although in 2011 the final was relocated to the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre as it was not possible to find a venue in Brisbane.
- In other states and territories in Australia, netball competitions, training and administration tend to be concentrated on one site, some of which are dedicated solely to netball. Details of arrangements in other jurisdictions are attached (**Attachment 3**).

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- NQ favours a SNC which is dedicated to netball, rather than a multi-use facility. The proposed SNC comprises:
  - seven courts for competition, training and all levels of community participation;
  - an administration centre for NQ; and
  - a show court for hosting national and international events (e.g. ANZ Championships, including Firebirds' home games).

SNC options

- In late 2011, at the request of the former Minister for Sport, the Honourable Phil Reeves MP, representatives of Stadiums Queensland (SQ) met with Ms Jan Maggacis, President and Mr Cameron O'Hara, Chief Executive Officer of NQ (at that time) to discuss their proposal.
- In addition to SQ's venues, locations considered for the proposed SNC, included:
  - Ballymore Stadium;
  - the former Animal Research Institute at the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) site in Yeerongpilly, adjoining the Queensland Tennis Centre (QTC); and
  - the State Hockey Centre.
- SQ examined the following options in detail. They included primarily SQ owned sites, with the exception of the TOD site in Yeerongpilly (which is discussed in this brief as part of the QTC precinct). A summary of the options and indicative costings, which range from $55 million to $75 million, is attached (**Attachment 4**). These options and costings were provided by SQ in November 2011 and should be revised for accuracy.
- Queensland Treasury has previously expressed reservations regarding the financial viability of a dedicated facility for netball and at the time of the proposal, recommended that a feasibility study be conducted which included consideration of a multipurpose facility.

Option 1a: QSAC and QTC Precinct

- This was SQ's preferred option which was a combination of the QSAC and the QTC precinct. It involved a three stage construction process:
  - Stage one – all facilities, except the show court, would be developed at QSAC, estimated to cost $29.052 million.
  - Stage two - a 3500 seat show court arena for netball and tennis would be developed at the QTC precinct (TOD site), estimated to cost $46.522 million.
  - Stage three - the Pat Rafter arena at the QTC would be altered to seat 5500 patrons, estimated to cost $5 million which could host finals matches.
- QSAC was considered the most suitable site for the seven general community competition courts because of its easy transport access and available car parking. The QTC precinct, in contrast, did not have the capacity to accommodate parking needs and the number of vehicle movements.
- The QTC precinct (TOD site) was considered the most suitable site for a 3500 show court arena, because of its proximity to the QTC and the potential for the arena to operate as a multipurpose tennis and netball facility. Tennis Queensland supported the concept because of its ability to raise the profile of tennis and the Brisbane International Tennis Tournament.

Option 1b: QSAC and BEC

- SQ provided an alternative to its preferred option.
  - Stage one remains the same.
  - Stage two – the Sports Hall at the BEC would be expanded to provide a 3000 seat show court, estimated to cost $6.5 million.
  - Stage three - the BEC Main Arena, subject to availability, would continue to be used for events requiring 5000 seating capacity, at no additional cost.

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Option 2: QSAC

- Under this option, all facilities would be developed at QSAC, including a 5000 seat show court, estimated to cost $57.5 million.

Option 3: QTC Precinct

- All facilities would be developed at the QTC precinct, including use of the Pat Rafter Arena for events requiring 5000 seating capacity, estimated to cost $74.2 million.
- To date, the proposal has not progressed.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Funding Report to netball since 1 January 2009
- Attachment 2 - Funding to Netball Queensland since 1 January 2009
- Attachment 3 - State Netball Centres in Other Jurisdictions
- Attachment 4 - State Netball Centre Options

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Attachment 1

FUNDING FOR PROJECTS APPROVED FOR THE ACTIVITY OF NETBALL SINCE 1 JANUARY 2009 as at 8 January 2013

	Data		
Program Name	Sum of Amount Total Project Cost $	Sum of Amount Total Approved	Count of Application Number G2
Active Inclusion Program	$ 226,586.25	$ 190,369.00	39
Infrastructure Program	$ 380,957.30	$ 243,718.00	2
Infrastructure Program (Round 2)	$ 896,244.00	$ 672,183.00	3
Interpreter Services 2012	$ 4,800.00	$ 4,800.00	1
Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan	$ 349,420.00	$ 315,900.00	2
Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	$ 819,300.00	$ 780,000.00	5
Positive Or It's Pointless	$ 61,500.00	$ 61,000.00	44
Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program	$ 183,945.00	$ 160,575.00	35
Sport and Recreation Disaster Assistance Program	$ 238,309.68	$ 72,020.00	4
Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program	$ 68,617.10	$ 49,958.00	3
Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan - Equipment Program	$ 65,704.28	$ 47,809.00	7
Sport and Recreation Flood Fightback Plan-Infrastructure Program	$ 1,009,070.62	$ 419,230.00	7
Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program - Major	$ 179,023.00	$ 179,023.00	1
Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program (Round 3) - Minor	$ 1,654,192.97	$ 1,123,156.00	8
State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program	$ 900,000.00	$ 902,147.00	1
Young Athlete Assistance Program	$ 172,600.00	$ 172,600.00	863
Grand Total	$ 7,210,270.20	$ 5,394,488.00	1025

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Attachment 2: Funding to Queensland Netball Association Incorporated

Client Name for Letters	Program Name	Description Project Current	Date Approval	Amount Total Project Cost $	Amount Total Approved	Transaction Finalised Paid $	Activity - Multisport	Target Group	Project Locality	LGA	State Region
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program	deliver participation opportunities, build organisational capacity including volunteers, and develop projects and resources that support the inclusion of people with inequitable access to programs and services	15/09/2010	$900,000.00	$902,147.00	$590,440.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	State Wide	State Wide	State Wide
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program - Major	purchase a portable sports floor to host Queensland Firebird ANZ Championships matches and international netball fixtures in Queensland	27/09/2011	$179,023.00	$179,023.00	$179,023.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Moorooka	Brisbane	Brisbane
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	employ a local coordinator for netball to support six clubs in the Gold Coast	17/11/2011	$163,860.00	$156,000.00	$52,000.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Ashmore	Gold Coast	South East
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	employ a local coordinator for netball to support seven clubs in Logan	17/11/2011	$163,860.00	$156,000.00	$52,000.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Moorooka	Brisbane	Brisbane
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	employ a local coordinator for netball to support five clubs in Mackay	17/11/2011	$163,860.00	$156,000.00	$52,000.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Sarina	Mackay	North Qld
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	employ a local coordinator for netball to support seven clubs in Brisbane, North Coast and South West regions	17/11/2011	$163,860.00	$156,000.00	$52,000.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Moorooka	Brisbane	Brisbane
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan Program 2	employ a local coordinator to support nine netball clubs in the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay regions	17/11/2011	$163,860.00	$156,000.00	$52,000.00	Netball	No specific target group (i.e. general community)	Caboolture	Moreton Bay	North Coast
Queensland Netball Association Incorporated	Interpreter Services 2012	provide interpreter services for initiatives conducted by Queensland Netball Association Incorporated for the deaf community across Queensland.	7/07/2012	$4,800.00	$4,800.00	$4,800.00	Netball	People with a disability	Moorooka	Brisbane	Brisbane
QUEENSLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCOPORATED			TOTALS	$1,903,123.00	$1,865,970.00	$1,034,263.00					

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STATE NETBALL CENTRES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

ACT	NSW	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	VIC	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
ACT Netball • Owns and operates ACT Netball Centre • 4 indoor courts • Netball ACT offices • 16 outdoor flexi pave courts.	**Netball NSW** • Leases land from local government in Sydney for state netball centre • 4 indoor courts • Netball NSW offices • 18 outdoor flexi pave courts.	**Netball SA** • Leases from state government for state netball centre at ETSA Park • 4 indoor courts • Indoor courts able to be converted into show court with retractable seating for 3,500 patrons • Indoor court space used for other indoor sports.	**Netball Victoria** • Leases facilities at the State Netball and Hockey Centre from Melbourne City Council. • 5 indoor netball courts • 2 courts able to be converted to 1 show court with retractable seating for 3,500 patrons. • Show court and indoor courts also used for non-netball sporting events and entertainment events.	**Netball WA** • New state netball centre to be constructed, with completion expected in 2014. • New centre to comprise 4 indoor courts and offices for Netball WA.
	ANZ Championships • Sydney team plays home fixtures at Olympic Park Sports Centre (OPSC) • OPSC is multi-sport indoor facility with retractable seating for 4,500 patrons • OPSC includes sports hall with two indoor courts used for multiple sports, including netball.	**ANZ Championships** • Adelaide team uses show court for home games.	**ANZ Championships** • Melbourne team uses show court for home games. • Hisense Arena at Melbourne Olympic park used when larger seating capacity is required.	**ANZ Championships** • Perth team uses State Government's Challenge Stadium for home games (CS) • CS is multi-purpose indoor sport and entertainment venue.

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STATE NETBALL CENTRE: OPTIONS

OPTION NO	SUMMARY	COMPONENTS / STAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	COST estimated at November 2011
1A (Preferred option)	**QSAC – all facilities (except show court) + QTC precinct**[1]	Stage One: QSAC would house: • a 7 netball court indoor facility for training and community use; and • an administration centre for NQ.	Considerations include: • need for agreement between SQ and NQ to require NQ to: ○ use the 7 court facility for state competitions and training programs; and ○ procure agreement from the Firebirds to hire the training courts	$29.052 million
		Management Under the preferred management model, NQ would have full operational and financial responsibility for the netball facility. This would be established under a management agreement between NQ and SQ as the facility owner. NQ would retain revenue generated from operation of the centre.		No additional costs to government
		Asset Maintenance and Replacement Costs NQ would meet all operating, maintenance and asset replacement costs, including contributing towards a sinking fund for future major maintenance and asset replacement. NQ advised that it was able to meet these costs and was able to operate the facility from its current administrative resources and its volunteer base.		Estimated costs to NQ - $300,000 per annum

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STATE NETBALL CENTRE: OPTIONS

OPTION NO	SUMMARY	COMPONENTS / STAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	COST estimated at November 2011
1A (contd)	**QSAC – all facilities (except show court) + QTC precinct**	Stage Two: The QTC precinct would house a 3500 seat show court arena for netball and tennis. This proposal would accommodate elite netball events, including Firebirds' home games in the ANZ Championships, and international netball events, as well as providing an additional show court for the Brisbane International Tennis Tournament.	Considerations include: • the outcomes of an investigation, endorsed by the previous government, of potential sporting facility uses at Yeerongpilly earmarked for the extension of the QTC, taking into account risks of flooding from the Brisbane River and involving community consultation. • the need for NQ to procure agreement from the Firebirds to use the QTC precinct facilities for home games in ANZ Championship • the need for agreement by Tennis Australia to expand the Brisbane International Tennis Tournament and for QTC to host the event.	$46.522 million
		Management Operation and management arrangements would be best considered after potential sporting facility uses at the site had been investigated.		
		Stage Three: The Pat Rafter arena, QTC would be altered to accommodate 5500 seating capacity for Firebirds finals requiring a venue of 5000 capacity. Alterations would provide a suitable indoor venue for international netball events, including the ANZ Netball Championships.	Considerations include: • QTC Deed of Development and Lease prohibits use of arena other than for tennis. • Consent of Tennyson Apartments Body Corporate is needed to enable use of arena for netball fixtures.	$5 million

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STATE NETBALL CENTRE: OPTIONS

OPTION NO	SUMMARY	COMPONENTS / STAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	COST estimated at November 2011
1B	**QSAC – all facilities (except show court) + BEC precinct[2]**	Stage One: QSAC would house: • a 7 netball court indoor facility for training and community use; and • an administration centre for NQ.	As for Option 1A.	$29.052 million
		Management As for Option 1A, Stage One.		
		Asset Maintenance and Replacement Costs As for Option 1A, Stage One.		
		Stage Two: The Sports Hall at BEC would be expanded as a 3000 seat show court for elite netball events, including Firebirds' home games.	• Development of this facility would significantly impact on existing use of the sport hall.	$6.5 million
		Stage Three: Continued use of BEC Main Arena (subject to availability) for Firebirds finals requiring a venue of 5000 capacity. No alterations required.		No additional costs

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STATE NETBALL CENTRE: OPTIONS

OPTION NO	SUMMARY	COMPONENTS / STAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	COST estimated at November 2011
2	**QSAC – all facilities**	QSAC would house: • a 7 netball court indoor facility for training and community use; • an administration centre for NQ; and • a 5000 capacity show court for elite national and international netball events, including Firebirds finals.		$57.5 million
		Management As for Option 1A, Stage One.		No additional costs for government
		Asset Maintenance and Replacement and Maintenance Costs As for Option 1A, Stage One.		Estimated costs to NQ of $570,000 per annum

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STATE NETBALL CENTRE: OPTIONS

OPTION NO	SUMMARY	COMPONENTS / STAGES	CONSIDERATIONS	COST estimated at November 2011
3	**QTC precinct – all facilities**	The QTC precinct would house: • a 7 netball court indoor facility for training and community use; • an administration centre for NQ; and • a 3500 seat show court arena for elite tennis and netball events.	Considerations include: • the outcomes of an investigation of potential sporting facility uses at Yeerongpilly earmarked for the extension of the QTC, taking into account risks of flooding from the Brisbane River and involving community consultation. This investigation is the result of a previous government decision. • need for agreement by NQ to: ○ use the 7-court facility for state competitions and training programs ○ procure agreement from the Firebirds to hire the training courts ○ procure agreement of the Firebirds to use the QTC precinct facilities for home games in ANZ Championship • need for agreement of Tennis Australia to expand the Brisbane International Tournament and for QTC to host the event.	$74.2 million
		Management As for Option 1A, Stage Two.		
		The Pat Rafter arena would be used for Firebirds finals matches.	• QTC Deed of Development and Lease prohibits use of arena other than for tennis. • Consent of Tennyson Apartments Body Corporate required to enable use of arena for netball fixtures.	

[1] 'QTC precinct' includes the Transit-Oriented Development Site at Yeerongpilly, adjoining the QTC.
[2] 'BEC precinct' includes the Sports Hall and Main Arena.

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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: **Letter to [redacted: the protection of an indi] regarding the leasing or purchasing of Eight Mile Station for grazing**

TIMEFRAME

- Signing of the attached letter and noting of this briefing note is required as soon as possible to enable a response to the applicant following a delay over the Christmas break.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the attached letter of reply to [redacted] to be signed by the Chief of Staff (**Attachment 1**); and
- **note** that this item is linked to CTS 18104/12 (**Attachment 2**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Eight Mile Station was recently purchased by the State with Commonwealth Government National Reserve System (NRS) funding. Eight Mile Station had a 12,400 hectare term lease. The property was owned by [redacted: the protection of an individ] who is represented by [redacted].
- The former Department of Environment and Resource Management's (DERM) Executive Management Group (EMG) subcommittee approved the acquisition of Eight Mile Station for addition to the national park estate.
- Following settlement, the property was dedicated as a reserve for Natural Resource Management as an interim tenure prior to its dedication as national park.
- A Trustee permit was executed by the Director-General to the former lessee of this property in January 2013 (**Attachment 2**).
- The contract for Eight Mile Station was subject to, and conditional upon, DERM attempting to procure in favour of the former lessee, trustee permits over the properties.
- Trustee permits enable the former lessees to exit the property within a reasonable timeframe (taking into account seasonal influences on property management activities such as mustering), and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to plan its land management, infrastructure and resource requirements prior to vacant possession.
- [redacted] of Eight Mile Station has written to the Minister requesting that the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing either grants her a lease over Eight Mile Station or sells Eight Mile Station to her to extend her grazing operations.
- However, [redacted] has been granted a trustee permit over the Station area until May 2014 to enable his continued mustering activities on the land.
- In early 2013, the Government will be undertaking a review of protected areas purchased or gazetted since 2002 to consider future tenure of recent and pending gazettals.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Reply letter to [redacted]
- Attachment 2 - CTS18104/12 regarding issue of Trustee Lease

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Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, concerning your enquiry in May 2012 regarding the purchase or lease of Eight Mile Station. I apologise for the delay in responding to your initial enquiry. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

In relation to the future of Eight Mile Station, I can advise that the Queensland Government is currently conducting a review of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and of a number of property acquisitions made under this legislation. The outcomes of the review are expected later in 2013 and, until such time, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is not in a position to consider the future ownership of this property.

In relation to your request to lease the property out to you for grazing purposes, this is not possible at this time as the property is subject to a trustee permit over the Station area until May 2014.

I hope this information has been of assistance. Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr James Newman, Regional Manager, Operations and Environmental Regulator, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on telephone 07 4222 5310 or via email on james.newman@nprsr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Dated 9/12/12

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
DIRECTOR-GENERAL BRIEFING NOTE

TO: **Director-General, National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing**

SUBJECT: **Issuing of Trustee Permits for Gilbert River, Rungulla and Eight Mile Stations**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this brief and execution of the Trustee Permit is required as soon as possible to provide the Lessees with authority to access Gilbert River, Rungulla and Eight Mile Stations for grazing and destocking purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Director-General:

- **sign** the Trustee Permit between the State of Queensland and [redacted] (the former Lessee) for the properties known as Gilbert River and Rungulla Stations (**Attachment 1**); and
- **sign** the Trustee Permit between the State of Queensland and [redacted] for the property known as Eight Mile Station (**Attachment 2**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Gilbert River Station had a 37,000 hectare term lease and Rungulla Station had an 82,879 hectare term lease. Both properties were owned by [redacted] and were on the market for sale. The former Department of Environment and Resource Management's (DERM) Executive Management Group (EMG) Subcommittee approved the acquisition of Gilbert River and Rungulla Stations for addition to the national park estate.
- Eight Mile Station had a 12,400 hectare term lease. The property was owned by [redacted], who is represented by [redacted]. DERM's EMG Subcommittee approved the acquisition of Eight Mile Station for addition to the national park estate.
- DERM applied to the Australian Government for funding through the National Reserve System (NRS) to purchase the properties and was successful on a 'two for one basis' (i.e for every $1 of State funding the Australian Government contributed $2) under a contractual agreement to convert the properties to national park within two years of the agreement being signed.
- Following settlement, all three properties were dedicated as reserves under the *Land Act 1994* as an interim tenure prior to their dedication as national park. The reserves were created over all three properties (**Attachments 3** and **4**).
- DERM was appointed trustee of all three properties and in accordance with section 60(1) of the *Land Act 1994*, may issue a Trustee Permit for the use of all or part of the trust lands. The department is now responsible for all three properties as they form part of the department's financial asset register and were transferred to the department as a consequence of the machinery of government changes in early 2012.
- The contracts for Gilbert River, Rungulla and Eight Mile Stations were subject to and conditional upon DERM attempting to procure Trustee permits over the properties, in favour of the former Lessees. Trustee permits enable the former Lessees to exit the property within a reasonable timeframe (taking into account seasonal influences on property management activities such as mustering) and the QPWS to plan its land management, infrastructure and resource requirements prior to vacant possession.

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- The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) has advised the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR), as the landowner, that that the Trustee permits require execution in order to meet the scheduled timeframes for transfer to national park estate. Noting this request, NPRSR is conducting a review of these properties in tandem to fully cover off on the transfer commitment under national park tenure.
- sch3(7) Information subject to legal professional privilege (**Attachment 5**). Without proper authorisation, the State is not indemnified against activities relating to the destocking of the reserves. Authorising destocking in the form of a Trustee permit or lease would address this matter and reduce the State's potential liability.
- protection of an i has recently requested an extension of the original term which was due to expire on 30 November 2012. An extension is proposed to be granted to 18 July 2013. This will align with current requirements under the funding agreement with the Australian Government's National Reserve System for dedicating the land as national park within two years of settlement (19 July 2013).
- To legalise the former Lessees' occupation on these properties and to allow for any extensions of this arrangement, it is recommended that the Director-General execute the Trustee permits (**Attachment 1** and **2**). There is currently no existing delegation to sign the trustee permits and, accordingly, only the Director-General can sign.
- It must be noted that the execution of the permits does not constrain the ability of NPRSR to pursue alternative arrangements for the Gilbert River, Rungulla and Eight Mile stations in the future. Alternative arrangements, if pursued, could potentially excite interest and possibly provide opportunity to refund the Australian Government with the funds that were provided to the State for the acquisition of the properties.
- *Budget*: There are no financial or implementation implications for the department. Not signing the Trustee Permits could result in NPRSR being liable for claims should an incident occur on the properties. If alternative options are contemplated, further consultation with the Australian Government may be required to determine the compensation payable.
- *Consultation:* A reasonable period of roughly 18 and 24 months is required for destocking of the Gilbert River and Rungulla stations and Eight Mile station, respectively. This was negotiated with each Lessee and is to be effected, partly, by the issue of Trustee Permits, pursuant to section 60 of the *Land Act 1994*. Both Trustee Permits have been prepared by Clayton Utz in accordance with the requirements of section 13 of the *Land Regulations 2009*. sch3(7) Information subject to legal professional privilege (**Attachments 6** and **7**).
- *Legislation:* Until such time that the trustee permits have been executed, destocking cannot be authorised on the reserves under the *Land Act 1994*.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - Does this deliver on growing a four pillar economy? Yes (tourism). Gilbert River, Rungulla and Eight Mile Stations are some distance from existing protected areas and their addition to the protected area estate will provide new recreational and tourism opportunities in Central North Queensland.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S COMMENTS

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Trustee Permit (in triplicate) signed by the Lessees for signing – for Gilbert River and Rungulla Stations.
- Attachment 2: Trustee Permit (in triplicate) signed by the Lessees for signing – for Eight Mile Station.
- Attachment 3: Title Search – for Gilbert River and Rungulla Stations.
- Attachment 4: Title Search – for Eight Mile Station.
- Attachment 5:
- Attachment 6: sch3(7) Information subject to legal professional privilege
- Attachment 7:

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Dated 14/3/13.

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

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

SUBJECT: **Kingfisher Bay Resort Group request for Resort guest use of Segway personal transport vehicles on the Fraser Island Recreation Area**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** that the Kingfisher Bay Resort Village (Resort) on Fraser Island has requested support for permission to be granted for Resort guests to ride hired Segway personal transport vehicles along a beach within the Fraser Island Recreation Area;
- **note** that the beaches on Fraser Island are open for vehicle use and are defined as "roads" for the purposes of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*;
- **note** that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) classes Segways as "non-compliant motor vehicles" that are unable to be registered or used on any roads or road related areas, including the beaches of Fraser Island;
- **note** that the constraints on the use of Segways on the beach adjacent to the Resort are transport regulatory matters and are not associated with any environmental management concerns; and
- **sign** the letter to Mr David Hay of the Kingfisher Bay Resort Group advising him that Resort guests are unable to ride Segways onto the beach adjacent to the Resort and outlining the reasons why (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr David Hay, Group General Manager of Kingfisher Bay Resort Group, has requested support in gaining permission for guests of the Resort to use hired Segways on the beach between the resort and McKenzie's Jetty (approx. 2.6 km distance) on the western side of Fraser Island.
- The Resort commenced hiring Segways for use in the Resort property in mid-December 2012 (**Attachment 2**) and wish to extend their use down the beach as a means of enhancing the experience for their guests.
- Segways are two wheeled electric powered personal transport vehicles which are becoming popular in resort properties, theme parks, golf course, airports, and similar venues. The model proposed by the Resort is designed as a heavier duty all-terrain version advertised as being suitable for use on uneven surfaces including sand.
- Segways are not defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* and there are no rules providing for their use in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009*.
- TMR considers Segways to be motor vehicles as they exceed the two benchmarks currently used to determine the status of a motor vehicle i.e. output power and/or speed of 200watts/10kph. Segways are classed by TMR as "non-compliant motor vehicles" which do not meet the relevant vehicle safety standards for registration and are not eligible for conditional registration.
- Under the transport regulations, Segways cannot be ridden on any road or road-related area in Queensland, including those in national parks or recreation areas.

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- The current TMR decision not to provide rules to facilitate the use of Segways in public places is consistent with that of other states and the National Transport Commission position and is based on concerns regarding the safety aspects of these devices if they were to be added to the existing traffic and pedestrian mix.

Motor vehicles on Fraser Island beaches

- The beach between the Resort and MacKenzie's Jetty proposed for Segway use is part of the Fraser Island Recreation Area.
- Under the provisions of the *Recreation Area Management Regulation 2007* (section 16), vehicles may be driven on the coastal beaches on the Fraser Island Recreation Area and these beaches are therefore defined as "roads" for the purposes of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* i.e. they are open to or used by the public for the driving of motor vehicles (Schedule 4).
- Motor vehicle use on these beaches is managed in the same way as on other roads – vehicles must be registered, drivers must be licensed, traffic signs are installed at a number of locations and the Queensland Road Rules are applied.
- The current transport regulations which prevent Segways from being registered and ridden on roads and road related areas in Queensland apply to the coastal beaches of Fraser Island and mean that Segways cannot be lawfully ridden on the beach between the Resort and MacKenzie's Jetty.
- This regulatory position has been applied consistently to previous applications for the use of Segways on national park and marine park beaches.

Other aspects of Segway use

- There appears to be a growing interest in the use of Segways and it is natural that tour operators such as Kingfisher Bay Resort Village are keen to take advantage of new technology to provide additional recreation activities for their guests.
- From an environmental and social impact perspective, the use of Segways on the beach adjacent to the Resort presents few problems. Tidal variations mean that the beach is only likely to be trafficable at certain times; the vehicles are relatively small and light weight and if ridden properly have little impact on the ground; and given that the adjoining water is used by a variety of recreational vessels, there would be little discernible impact on other visitor's experience of the location.
- There are unlikely to be any significant risks to other traffic from Segway use on the beach adjacent to the Resort. Unlike the eastern beaches of Fraser Island, vehicle traffic on this beach is very limited – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service provide guides for visitors which advise that the beach is unsuitable for driving and the Great Sandy Region Management Plan (revised 2005) provides for a section of the Resort to MacKenzie's Jetty beach to be closed to 4WD vehicles but to be maintained for use as a fire trail.
- Although there are no significant environmental or traffic issues constraining the use of Segways on the beach adjacent to the Resort, current vehicle regulations mean that while they may be used on the Resort property, this use is unable to be extended down the beach to MacKenzie's Jetty as proposed.

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

- Attachment 1: Letter to Mr David Hay
- Attachment 2: Media article regarding the Resort's Segway Tours

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

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Mr David Hay
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Dear Mr Hay

Thank you for your letter of 15 November 2012 regarding the use of Segway personal transport vehicles on the beach adjoining the Kingfisher Bay Resort Village. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note that you have commenced the hiring of Segways at the resort and understand your enthusiasm for the new recreation opportunities they could provide on the resort grounds and the adjacent beach down to MacKenzie's Jetty.

Segways are classed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) as "non-compliant motor vehicles" which are unable to be registered and are unable to be used on designated and gazetted roads in Queensland.

Under the current transport management regulations, Segways are unable to be ridden on the roads and beaches of the Fraser Island Recreation Area. Segways are not defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* and there are no rules providing for their use in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009*. All the beaches on Fraser Island are "roads" as defined in the transport legislation. I acknowledge that the beach you propose Segways to be ridden on carries little traffic and is partly closed to vehicles, however, it is a road for the purposes of transport legislation and is unable to be used by non-compliant motor vehicles such as Segways.

Although I recognise that the Segway activities on the beach would enhance the eco-tourism experiences available for your guests, there remains a legal fetter on their use outside of the resort property. If the treatment of Segways in the transport legislation changes in the future so that their use in protected areas can be effectively managed, I will be happy to revisit your request. I can assure you that the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will be discussing these issues with the relevant areas in TMR.

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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

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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: **Woondum National Park, use of designated horse trails by motorised transport (including commercial quad bike tours).**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **sign** the letter to Mr John Knaggs, Chief Executive Officer, Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) (**Attachment 1**) responding to Councils request to review the situation whereby motorised vehicles (including authorised quad bike tours) have access to 'established horse trails' within Woondum National Park;
- **note** there has been a local campaign against Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's (QPWS) decision to authorise commercial quad bike tours in Woondum National Park since April last year. The campaign has focused on a number of issues including claims of environmental damage, noise, and now (from SCRC) claims that it conflicts with horse riding in the park; and
- **note** that SCRC are effectively seeking a review of the commercial activity permit recently granted to the protection of an indivi (Noosa Quad Bike Tours) to run quad bike tours through Woondum National Park.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Quad bike tours are an expanding tourism market on protected area estate.
- the protection of an indivi (Noosa Quad Bike Tours) submitted a thorough and professional proposal for a commercial activity permit to conduct quad bike tours in Woondum National Park north of Cooran.
- The application was duly assessed and a permit issued in April 2012.
- His tours use a section of gazetted public road managed by SCRC. The 350 metre section is from his residence at 298 Tablelands Road to the park entrance.
- The tours then travel through the park from the boundary on un-gazetted sections of the eastern end of Old Traveston Road, (to where Old Traveston Road joins Hill Road) then through to the Rock Pools visitor day-use area on Hill Road (**Attachment 2**).
- Within the park, quad bike tours are limited to the eastern end of Old Traveston Road (which links Tablelands Road with Hill Road) and Hill Road.
- All tracks within the park are open to horse riding.
- Old Traveston Road and Hill Road have hard formed compact surfaces, are in good condition and are currently used by walkers, horse riders, four-wheel drive motor vehicles, trail bikes and mountain bike riders.
- All major vehicle tracks in the park have been open to registered motorcycles and four wheel drive vehicles for many years.
- Quad bike riding conforms with QPWS's policy on 'use of conditionally registered vehicles'.
- The Queensland Police Service has also conducted an assessment of quad bike activity and issued the tour operator with a Police Permit.

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- The activity is subject to all vehicles having conditional registration from Transport and Main Roads (TMR).
- The proposal included a training program for clients covering vehicle safety and protective equipment and the vehicles are governed (limited) to a maximum speed of 30 kilometres per hour.
- The tour operator also offered to assist with management of the tracks and litter removal.
- The permit issued allows the tour operator to conduct two guided quad bike tours of 13 people, including three staff, per day.
- [redacted] has also obtained development approval for a Material Change of Use to his property to allow it to be used for commercial purposes (Home Based Business). It received seven objections.
- [redacted] has submitted to SCRC 700 letters from the local community in support of the activity and the Material Change of Use Application. These include every property adjacent to Woondum National Park, Tablelands Road and Hills Road.
- Only one resident indicated that they do not support the proposal.
- There are three properties between [redacted] residence and the Woondum National Park entry on Tablelands Road.
- [redacted] contracted a professional Acoustic Engineer to test the sound levels of his proposal which met industry standards and is supported by two of the three neighbours.
- [redacted] quad bike tour proposal has been opposed by [redacted] and [redacted] who are members of a group that [redacted] to the Woondum National Park entry.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1: Ministerial Reply to SCRC.
Attachment 2: Woondum National Park Map.

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16 JAN 2013

Mr John Knaggs
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Dear Mr Knaggs

Thank you for your letter of 6 November 2012 concerning Woondum National Park and designated routes for horse trails and motorised transport.

I note your request to review the situation whereby motorised vehicles (including authorised commercial quad bike tours) have access to 'established horse trails' within Woondum National Park and that consideration be given to segregating these activities.

The Queensland Government has clearly indicated its commitment to improving access to national parks and supporting the development of a quality and sustainable ecotourism industry in Queensland. Ensuring safe and sustainable use, along with fostering quality and innovative opportunities for both ecotourism and recreational users, is important in achieving these objectives.

e the protection of an individ of Noosa Quad Bike Tours was issued with a three year commercial activity permit to conduct quad bike tours in Woondum National Park on a public access road that already offers multi-use access for four wheel drive vehicles, trail bikes as well as horse riding and mountain biking. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) recognises this as a legitimate tourism use of the area.

QPWS conducted a thorough assessment of the proposal by [redacted] considering environmental impacts, safety and impacts on other users including horse-riders and mountain bikers.

This activity is approved to be conducted at low speeds on a managed, graded public access road with long established motorised access. These tracks have for many years been open to registered motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles and horse riding prior to sections being formally identified as horse trails as part of the Noosa Trail network. No concerns have previously been raised by horse riders in terms of conflicts with existing motorised use of this area.

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A range of conditions have been placed upon the tour operator to ensure that safety and consideration of other users and the environment are paramount. The Queensland Police Service has also conducted an assessment of the activity to ensure that it is safe for other users of the gazetted road areas.

Commercial quad bike tours are an expanding tourism product in Queensland and this operator demonstrated a high quality proposal. The government is committed to fostering quality ecotourism innovation and development, reducing red tape and improving access to national parks for all Queenslanders.

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

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Woondum National Park

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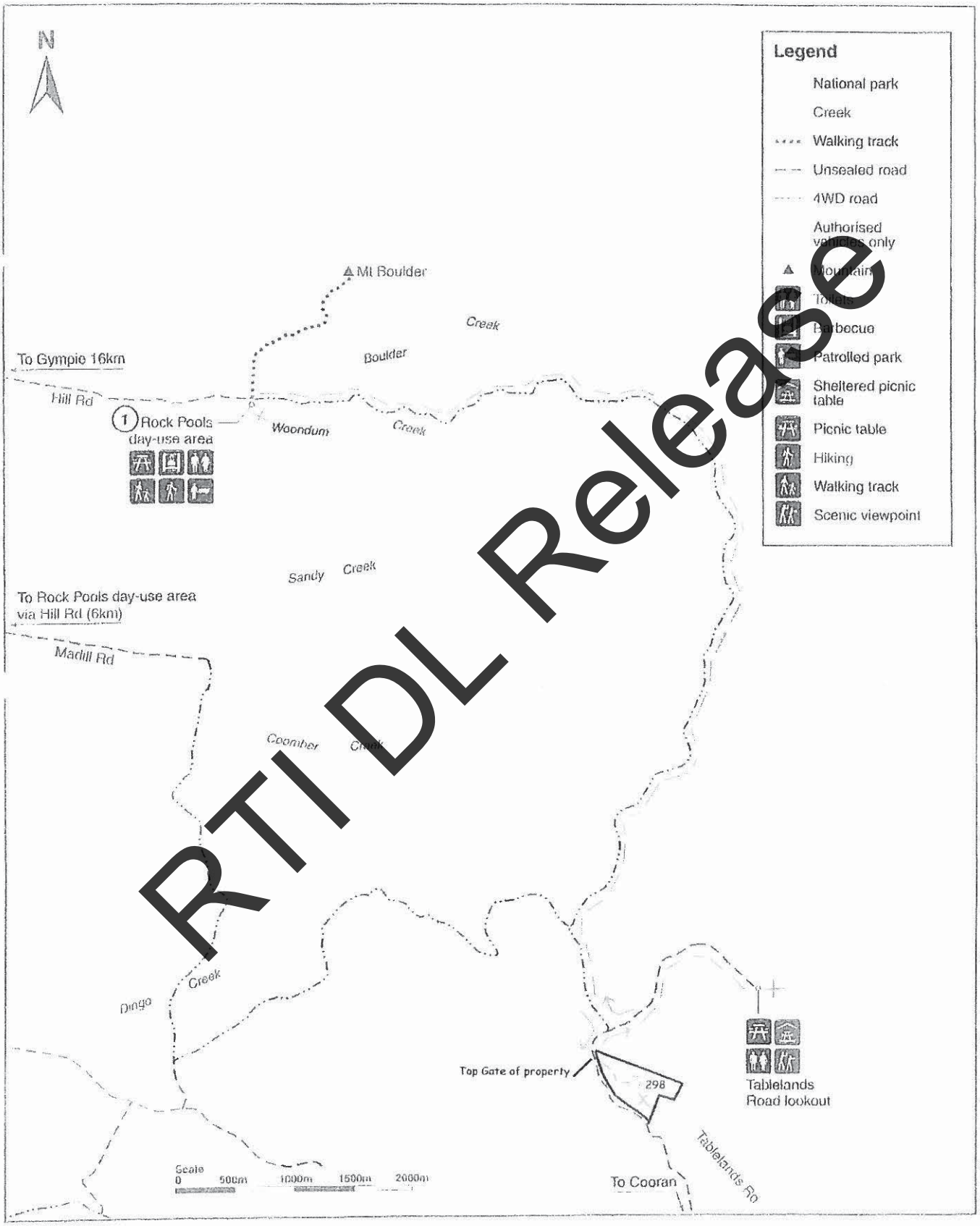

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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

SUBJECT: **Wedge Island partial surrender of lease for addition to protected area estate**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Acting Minister:

- **not approve** the partial surrender of Special Lease 35/50602 on Wedge Island for addition to the protected area estate
- **sign** the attached letter to Mr Brett Evans that declines the partial surrender of the lease for addition to the protected area estate and supports the lease renewal (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Wedge Island is located 5.4km off the coast of Emu Park, south of Yeppoon, and lies between Pelican and Divided Island of the Keppel Bay Islands National Park group within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (**Attachment 2**).
- The 9.3 hectare (ha) island is currently occupied under Special Lease 35/50602 (residential purposes only) by PGA Properties (SEQ) Pty Ltd. It is noted that the actual area of the island is greater than the current survey description (9.3 ha) and may in fact be closer to 20 ha.
- Brett Evans, Director, PGA Properties (SEQ) Pty Ltd, has submitted a lease renewal application to State Land Asset Management (SLAM) proposing the partial surrender of the lease (about 8 ha) for the purpose of adding it to the protected area estate at nil consideration whilst retaining a 35 year lease over the residence and cleared area (about 1.5 ha).
- Mr Evans has been liaising with SLAM along with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), seeking views on this proposal since mid-2012 and has additionally had a consultant prepare an Environmental Management Plan for Wedge Island.
- QPWS Great Barrier Reef Region staff have advised that the island is in excellent condition and the conservation values are unique to the Keppel Bay Islands as it features three 'Of Concern' regional ecosystems of which one is not yet represented in any protected area.
- Mr Evans' letter states his willingness to take on management responsibilities of the land if it becomes a protected area.
- QPWS has carefully considered the proposal and at this time does not support the partial surrender of the lease for addition to the protected area estate for a number reasons.
- The motive for surrendering part of the land to protected area estate is uncertain, particularly in regard to the lessee offering to take on a 'caretaker' role over the area.
- If it becomes protected area, QPWS has legislative obligations as a landholder to manage pests and fire, including ensuring the lease area is not impacted by fire moving from the park.
- The lessee has indicated there are issues being managed, including illegal camping, campfires and broken bottles.

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- Addressing these matters would impose further obligations on Marine Park rangers to invest management time in the island.
- The Field Management Program Five Year Business Plan forecasts a static funding horizon that will result in marine parks base rationalisation and a reduction in staff numbers of up to 18 rangers over five years, and a need to deliver improved efficiencies. Acquiring further lands at this time may not be perceived to be an appropriate response to that strategy.
- The island has been managed in excellent condition to date under the current lessee.
- The environmental management plan developed is considered a sound investment for securing the island's future sustainable management, and that can be under the same lessee's direction.
- QPWS recommend that the Special Lease is renewed on the condition that the island is managed in accordance with the Wedge Island Environmental Management Plan.
- *Consultation:* Ms Linda Hagen, Regional Land Management Officer, SLAM.
- *Legislation:* State Land leases are managed by SLAM under the *Land Act* 1994.
- *Election Commitment*: "Investing in our environment for the future", with $17.2 million allocated to additional protected area over 3 years.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter to Mr Evans
- Attachment 2 – Location Map

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Mr Brett Evans
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Dear Mr Evans

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2013 concerning the partial surrender of Special Lease 35/50602 on Wedge Island for addition to the protected area estate.

I am advised that Wedge Island is of high conservation significance and that its good condition may be attributed to the considered management of the Lessee (past and present). It is also commendable that an Environmental Management Plan has been developed for Wedge Island.

In conjunction with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, a review is being undertaken of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and targeted land additions across the state under this legislation. The outcomes of the review are expected later in 2013 and, until such time, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) is not in a position to accept the addition of this property to the protected area estate.

NPRSR supports the renewal of Special Lease 35/50602 on the condition that the island is managed in accordance with the Wedge Island Environmental Management Plan.

I hope this information is 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

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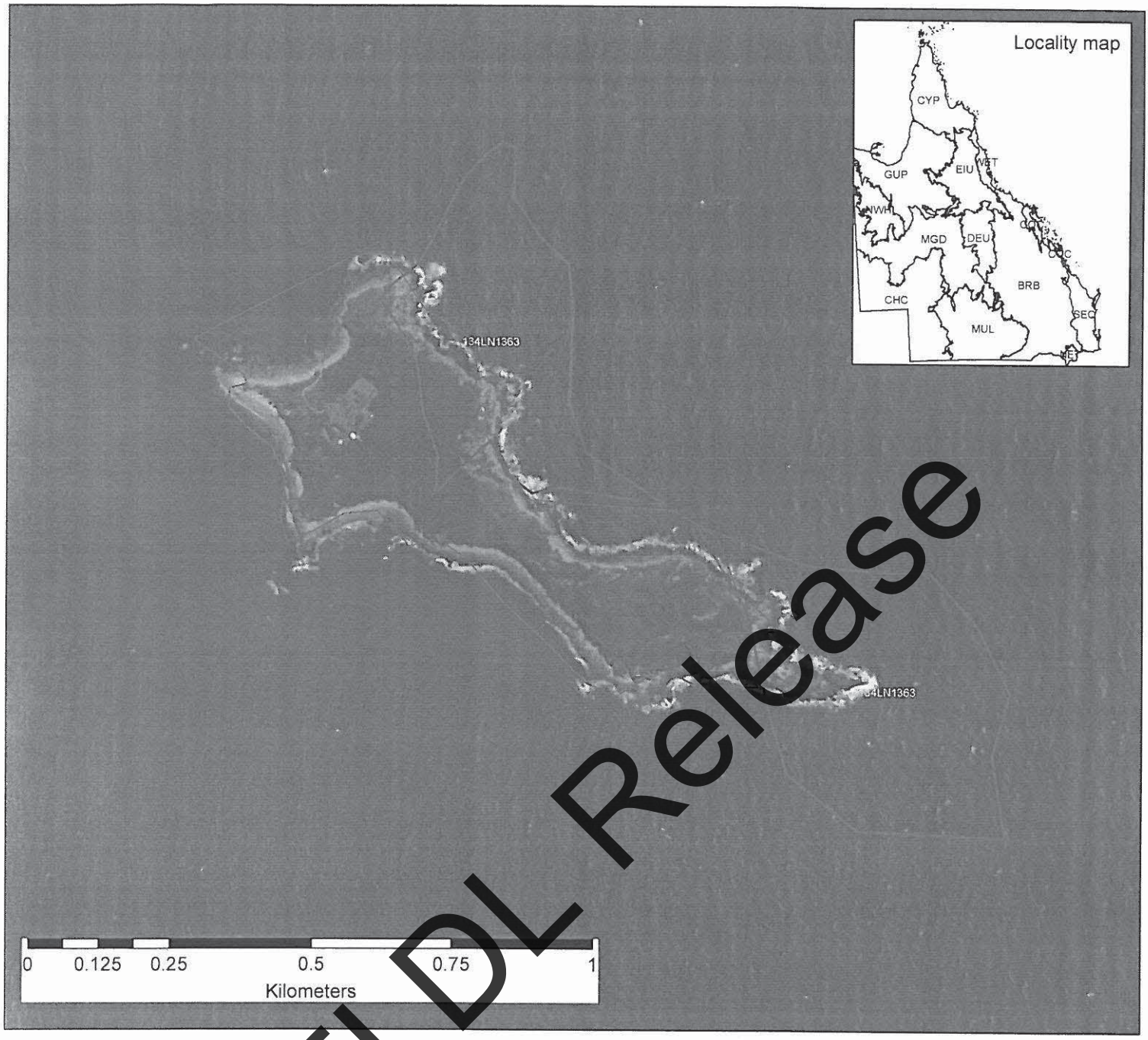

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- Wedge_Island DCDB
- Towns (gazatteer)
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State Digital Road Network (QLD)

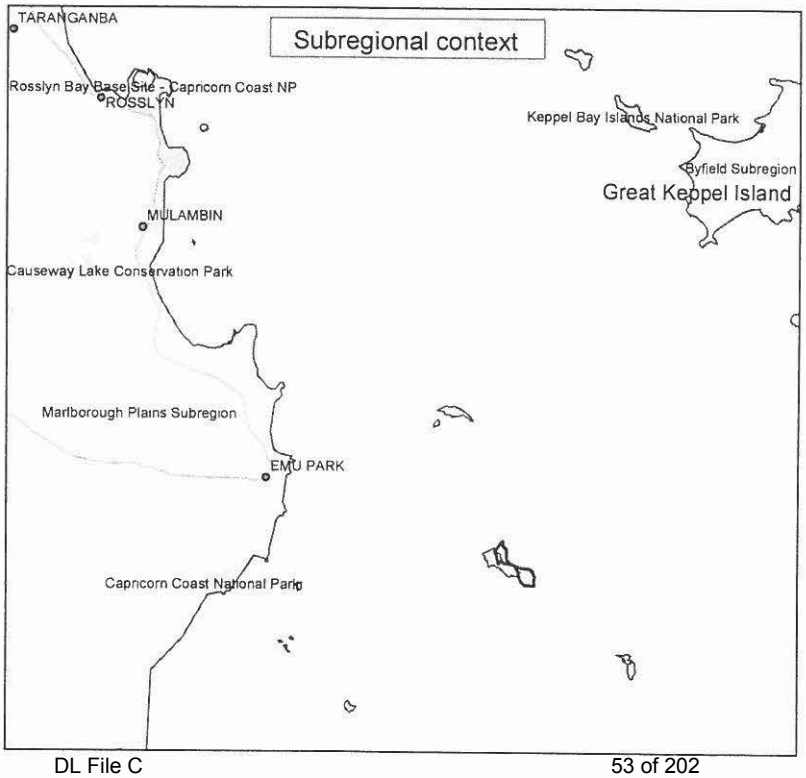
ROADTYPE

- Highways
- Secondary roads

Protected Areas

Estate Type

- National Park (scientific)
- National Park
- National Park (CYPAL)
- National Park (recovery)
- Conservation Park
- Resources Reserve
- Forest Reserve
- State Forest
- Timber Reserve
- Other Lands



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Wedge Island proposal

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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: **Moreton Island Recreation Area and Tangalooma Island Resort**

TIMEFRAME
- Non-urgent

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Minister:
- **sign** the letter to Mr David Nicholls, Partner of HopgoodGanim (**Attachment 1**) regarding the extent and effect of the Moreton Island Recreation Area (the recreation area) in the vicinity of Tangalooma Island Resort (the resort).
- **note** that:
  - the recreation area was properly declared, and suggestions to the contrary in Mr Nicholls letter are incorrect; and
  - Mr Nicholls' letter implies (without further explanation) that access to the resort is somehow restricted by the recreation area. However, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) officers are not aware of any actual or potential restrictions.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES
- Moreton Island National Park covers most of Moreton Island. The recreation area overlaps the national park land and extends over additional intertidal areas, including the island's beaches.
- The recreation area declaration allows for coordinated management of the island's national park and beach areas by QPWS staff, as occurs in other recreation areas such as Fraser, Cooloola and Bribie Island.
- The resort is on leasehold land on the western side of Moreton Island. The resort's leasehold lands are not included in the Moreton Island National Park or recreation area.
- The resort has a Permit to Occupy (PTO) under the *Land Act 1994* covering the beach area (between high and low water) in front of the resort land. All of the island's beaches, including the PTO area, are included in the recreation area.
- The PTO is not an interest in the land and does not give the resort exclusive possession. The beach is open to public pedestrian and boat access, but is closed to public vehicles by signs erected under the recreation areas legislation.
- On 15 February 2013, Mr David Nicholls, Partner of HopgoodGanim, a law firm acting for the resort, wrote to Minister Dickson, with a copy to the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, submitting that:
  (a) the recreation area was invalidly declared over resort lands;
  (b) the recreation area designation restricts barge and other access to the resort; and
  (c) the department's website map of the recreation area is erroneous with respect to the resort land.
- The first two of these points (validity of the recreation area and restriction of access) are incorrect and appear to be poorly researched. The third point (complaints about the map) relates to a visitor map of the whole island that is clearly not intended as a tenure map. These issues are discussed below.

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Validity of the recreation area

- Mr Nicholls' letter contends that the recreation area was declared under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and did not meet a legal requirement under that Act to obtain the written consent of the resort in regard to inclusion of resort areas in the recreation area. This contention is incorrect. Firstly, the recreation area was declared prior to the 2006 Act, and secondly, the consent of the resort was not required.
- On 2 February 1991, the recreation area was declared under the then *Recreation Areas Management Act 1988* (the 1988 Act). The recreation area was continued in force by transitional provisions when the 1988 Act was repealed and replaced by the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* (the current Act). Therefore, the recreation area declaration occurred under the 1988 Act and not the current Act.
- The resort's PTO was included in the recreation area when the area was declared in 1991. The resort's consent was not required. The recreation areas legislation has always distinguished between a permit and a lease. A permit, such as a PTO, does not create an interest in land, and does not require the holder's consent for inclusion in a recreation area. However, a lease is an interest in land, and cannot be included in a recreation area without the leaseholder's consent.
- Mr Nicholls' letter implies that the recreation area extends over resort leasehold areas, but this is not the case – the lease areas are not included in the recreation area. The reply to Mr Nicholls' letter includes a copy of the official plan for the recreation area (**Attachment 2**). This plan clearly shows that the leases are excluded.
- As a matter of detail, the PTO in place when the recreation area was declared was replaced with a new PTO in 1993. This does not change the situation – the area covered by the new PTO remains within the recreation area.
- Mr Nicholls' letter contends that the resort has never agreed to the recreation area extending over the PTO. Given that the resort was never legally required to consent to the declaration, archived files were not retrieved to test this point. However, there is some evidence that the resort did support inclusion of the PTO at the time of the declaration, as follows:
  - In 1990, the Recreation Areas Management Board published and distributed a Statement of Intent outlining the proposal to declare the recreation area.
  - The intention to include the PTO in the proposed recreation area was clearly spelt out in the document, which included detailed maps.
  - The document included the following comment (emphasis added): "It is believed that the Moreton Island statement of intent reflects the management desires of the Division of Conservation, Parks and Wildlife and the other landholders on the Island."
- In summary, the resort was not required to agree to the PTO being included in the recreation area. The recreation area was validly declared in 1991 and is continued in force under the current Act.

Access to the resort

- Mr Nicholls' letter indicates that, prior to the introduction of the Bill for the current Act, the resort raised concerns with the then Minister about "maintaining unrestricted access to the Resort for barges and passenger ferries" and wanted the recreation area cancelled over the relevant land.
- Mr Nicholls provides no further explanation about the nature of these concerns.
- Access to the resort is not restricted by the current Act. For example, the resort has three high speed passenger catamarans and runs up to four trips a day from Brisbane to the resort. These operations are not constrained by the recreation area legislation.
- Additionally, the resort won a joint QPWS and Brisbane City Council tender for rubbish removal from the island, and uses a barge for this process, again without constraint under the recreation areas legislation.
- QPWS officers are not aware of any access concerns raised by the resort. Regular contact occurs between QPWS rangers and resort management due to the location of the QPWS mailbox at the resort.
- It may be that the resort's concerns are based on a misunderstanding. No circumstances are envisaged where the recreation area over the PTO would significantly affect or constrain the resort's operations.
- It is proposed that the resort be asked to detail its concerns so that they can be properly considered and addressed. The recreation areas legislation is highly flexible and should have the capacity to satisfactorily accommodate any issues that might be raised.
- The existence of the recreation area over the beach in front of the resort should not hamper the resort's operations, and in fact, it should serve to benefit the resort and its clients, as well as the general public.

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- The recreation area designation gives rangers the ability to manage public activities on that stretch of beach. Removal of the recreation area would have undesirable consequences, for example:
  - the beach in front of the resort could become open to use by public vehicles, with attendant safety and amenity issues;
  - rangers would lose the ability to manage any instances of dangerous or disorderly conduct on the beach, including dangerous driving; and
  - general barge operators (i.e. other than Tangalooma's vessels) could seek to land vehicles on that part of the beach in order to avoid commercial activity permits or agreements and avoid the associated fees payable to QPWS. Three vehicle barges currently operate to the island, landing at Cowan Cowan, the Wrecks and Kooringal.

The Department's website map

- Mr Nicholls' letter indicates that the map on the department's website (at http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/moreton-island/pdf/moreton-isl-np-rec-area.pdf), "does not appear to be cadastrally based and consequently, it is difficult to appreciate precisely the extent of overlap between the recreation area shown on the map and the tenure for the resort".
- The map referred to is a general visitor map of the whole island showing relevant localities and facilities. It is clearly not intended to be a tenure map and is not designed for fine scale use. There is no reason why a map of this kind would need to show property boundaries.
- The features depicted on the map are accurate within the context of its scale and its intended purpose.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – response letter to Mr Nicholls
- Attachment 2 – copy of the official recreation area plan

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28 MAR 2013

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Dear Mr Nicholls

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2013 concerning the extent and effect of the Moreton Island Recreation Area in the vicinity of Tangalooma Island Resort (the resort).

On 2 February 1991, the Moreton Island Recreation Area was declared under the then *Recreation Areas Management Act 1988*. The recreation area was continued in force by transitional provisions when that Act was repealed and replaced by the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

The recreation area does not include the resort's leasehold areas, but does include the intertidal area covered by Permit to Occupy No. 06/7103, granted on 12 November 1993.

A copy of the official recreation area plan, showing the extent of the recreation area in detail, is attached for your information.

The recreation area map to which your letter refers (located on the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing website at http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/moreton-island/pdf/moreton-isl-np-rec-area.pdf), is a general visitor map of the whole island showing relevant localities and facilities. It is not intended to be a tenure map and is not designed for fine scale use.

You indicate in your letter that the resort owners have expressed some concern about the effect of the recreation area on access to the resort. I invite you to send me details of these concerns so that they can receive due consideration. QPWS officers are not aware of any concerns raised by the resort. The recreation areas legislation is highly flexible and should be able to satisfactorily accommodate any particular access issues.

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The existence of the recreation area over the beach in front of the resort should not hamper the resort's operations, and in fact, provides benefits to the resort and its clients, as well as the general public.

Removal of the recreation area could have undesirable consequences for the resort's operations, including public vehicle access to the beach and general barge operators seeking to land their vehicles on that part of the beach.

I hope this information is 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

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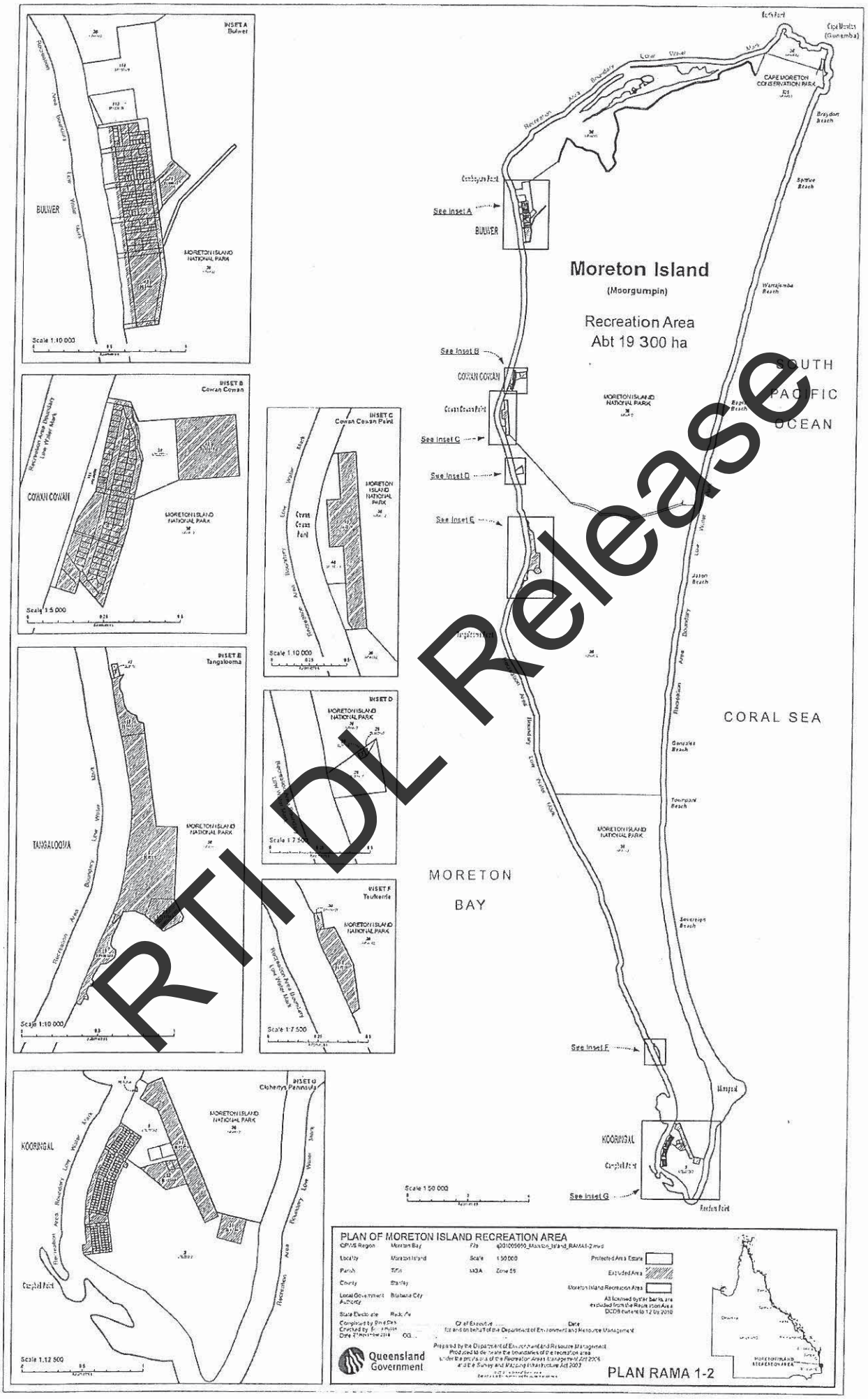

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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

SUBJECT: **Response to the Parliamentary Committee's Interim Report into the future and continued relevance of government land tenure across Queensland (the Report).**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 5 February 2013 to facilitate a response by the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, to the Report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **sign** the attached letter (**Attachment 1**) to Minister Cripps responding to his request for information to inform the government's response to the Report
- **note** that officers from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) will work with staff from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NRM) and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Multicultural Affairs in preparing further responses to the Final Report as required.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Parliamentary Committee handed down an interim report into the future and continued relevance of government land tenure on 30 November 2012.
- The Report predominantly covered matters relating to grazing leases on State leasehold land, administered by NRM under the provisions of the *Land Act 1994*. The dominant issues in the Report related to tenure security, the relationship between leases and native title rights and interests, rental calculation and simplification of the administration of the leases (for example renewal processes).
- A number of submissions to the committee's enquiry also raised matters of joint management with native title holders, grazing leases on State forests and the relationship between the State and local governments where they share common land boundaries and responsibilities for road closures in Cape York.
- On 11 January 2013, Minister Cripps wrote to the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, requesting for reports to be provided in relation to several of the recommendations in the interim report. Minister Cripps requested these reports be provided by 31 January 2013.
- While it is possible to provide Minister Cripps with information on a number of the matters requested (**Attachment 1**), several of the issues are complex. It is proposed that a meeting between the two Ministers be scheduled to establish a process for responding to the Final Report of the Committee, which is expected to be handed down in March 2013.
- Minister Cripps has asked that successful examples of joint management be provided for inclusion in the response to the interim report. Given there are a number of matters relating to the future of joint management that are yet to be resolved and an existing commitment that the Cabinet matter - Budg

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- Minister Cripps has also requested information on collaborative arrangements with local governments where they share boundaries with State reserves such as national parks. NPRSR has a 'Good Neighbour Policy' which sets out the principles and practices regarding working with the community on cross boundary management issues (**Attachment 2**). The policy is implemented through a range of different mechanisms and arrangements such as NPRSR and local government pest management plans, fire management planning, local infrastructure projects and road maintenance.
- The interim report also includes the issue raised by Cook Shire Council in relation to road closures. The report does not clearly define what the issue is. However, discussions with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Regional Director, Northern, confirmed that Cook Shire Council (Council) is responsible for the opening and closing of roads in Cape York and if QPWS requires a road to be closed due to unsuitable conditions in a protected area (such as fire or flood), the request needs to be made to Council who subsequently implements the closure. QPWS is not responsible for closing council roads.
- The report will have potential implications for NPRSR's management of grazing leases over State forest lands, however, it is critical to recognise the difference between grazing on leasehold land and grazing leases on State forests.
- Much of the State's leasehold land is specifically managed and administered for agricultural purposes, much of this being grazing. On these lands, installation of infrastructure and 'improvements', such as the clearing of trees and introduction of pasture grasses have, in the past, been part of working the land. However, the primary purpose of State forests is commercial timber production, with grazing a secondary activity where suitable.
- Leases for grazing on State forests therefore require a lease framework that recognises the primary purpose of being a working forest for timber production – this framework and the conditions associated with the lease will be different to leasehold land where the primary purpose is agricultural production. sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process
- Nevertheless, NPRSR staff will work with NRM staff to develop any future policy framework for grazing on lands where relevant to land managed by NPRSR.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Response letter to Minister Cripps
- Attachment 2 – NPRSR 'Good Neighbour Policy'

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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2013 regarding the Interim Report (the Report) by the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee's enquiry into the future and continued relevance of government land tenure across Queensland.

I am happy to assist you with information where available to respond to the Report published by the Committee on 30 November 2012. However, a number of the matters are complex and I would prefer to establish a process which provides more time to consider these matters beyond your suggested deadline of 31 January 2013, particularly noting that the Final Report is not due to be provided until March 2013.

In relation to your specific requests, I provide the following information in the interim to assist you.

Recommendation 15 – *that the Minister develops a program that actively rewards leaseholders for responsible land management practices that improve their pastures and conserve important native timber resources.*

This recommendation appears to relate more specifically to leasehold land rather than leases over State forests, which generally require lessees do not interfere with commercial timber resources or develop pastures, given these forests are primarily for the purpose of commercial timber production with grazing as a secondary activity within these lands. I note the Committee will further consider the relationship between land tenure and associated specific government objectives (including those enshrined in legislation such as the *Forestry Act 1959)* in the Committee's final recommendations.

Recommendation 17 – refers to recommendations 1 – 4 and 6 in Chapter 7.

- **Recommendation 1** – *that State leasehold land should be bought under the Torrens system by being included in the Land Title Act 1994 so that leasehold interests are given the same rights as freehold land interests to both indefeasibility of title and compensation under the Government Assurance Scheme.*

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- **Recommendation 2** – *the immediate implementation of simplified lease renewals for periods of up to 50 years as proposed in the recent reforms to the State Rural Leasehold Land Strategy.*

- **Recommendation 3** – *the State Leasehold Land Strategy provides incentives to leaseholders and Native Title holders to negotiate the necessary agreements voluntarily in order to support the government's stated policy objective of promoting security and certainty for all parties.*

- **Recommendation 4** – *that the government establishes an advisory service to support proponents seeking to enter into lease agreements or undertake activities on Crown land affected by Native Title or in some instances in order to streamline development to facilitate the Indigenous Land Use Agreement for proponents.*

- **Recommendation 6** – *that the Minister ensures that leaseholders approaching the expiration of their current lease are granted short term extensions to their existing leases to ensure they have the opportunity to renew their lease under the new terms and conditions proposed in recent reforms to the State Leasehold Land Strategy.*

Recommendation 17 - raises a number of complex matters in relation to the management of leases and I agree that officers of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) will contribute as necessary to the matters raised where they relate to land managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS).

Recommendation 26 - *that the relevant Queensland and local government agencies establish protocols for collaboration on the joint management of State managed lands which share boundary infrastructure such as fencing and firebreaks and for managing pests and weeds in State lands, national parks and local government reserves.*

QPWS manages approximately 12 million hectares of land across the State and as a consequence has a wide variety of neighbours including rural landholders, primary producers, tourism resorts and guesthouses, commercial businesses, residential communities and local, State and Federal Government.

The number of neighbours can range from one or two to many hundreds. The principles and practices QPWS seeks to achieve with its neighbours are stipulated in NPRSR's *'Good Neighbour Policy'* which covers specific activities such as fire management, integrated planning arrangements, controlling pests and animals, managing native animals, stock management and fencing, managing domestic animals, tourism and visitor management, lease and permit holders and access arrangements.

Under this policy, QPWS continually engages with local governments and other neighbours, particularly in the development of pest and fire management activities (including active participation in the location, construction and maintenance of fire control lines) and Management Plans for protected areas. QPWS has a State-wide pest Management Plan and also develops local pest Management Plans for particular species or locations.

QPWS also contributes to the development and review of local government Pest Management plans and seeks to foster links between regional pest management planning and local government pest Management Plans. QPWS also complies with the *Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011* (which replaced the *Dividing Fences Act 1953*) and will negotiate the maintenance and construction of fencing in the spirit of cooperation with neighbours.

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Recommendation 27 – *that the Minister work with the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs to investigate successful examples of the development and implementation of joint management arrangements of national parks with traditional owners.*

Further detail on this matter will be provided following collaboration and consideration between officers of NPRSR and officers of the Department of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs in responding to the final report.

Recommendation 29 – *that the Minister liaises with the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing and Cook Regional Council to establish an agreement on procedures for road closures in Cape York.*

I am advised that, from time to time, road closures are actioned in national parks in Cook Shire Council (Council) at the request of QPWS following seasonal conditions, usually associated with heavy rains, to prevent visitors accessing protected areas when they are unsafe due to flooding or fire.

Dedicated roads are the responsibility of the local government and in circumstances where QPWS seeks to have a road closed, a request is made to Council who makes the final decision on the closure of the road. It is unclear from the Report if there are separate issues relating to this matter and further investigation is required before further advice can be provided to you.

Given the Final Report is due to be delivered for a government response in March 2013, I suggest that we meet to further discuss a process for providing a fully informed response at this time, noting that some of the issues raised in the report are complex and may be the subject of future government consideration outside of this process. To arrange this meeting, please have your officers contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Finally, I would bring to your attention a factual error in the report under section 9.2, paragraph 3, which states that grazing was removed from 1.2 million hectares of State forest in the Western Hardwoods. This is not the case. These lands continue to be State forest lands with the existing grazing leases issued on the lands still in place and continuing to be administered under existing processes as stipulated under the *Land Act 1994*.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should your officers have any further enquiries, please have them contact Mr Turner.

Yours sincerely

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

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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: **Wongaloo Conservation Park Purchase and Funding Arrangements**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is not urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** that the Wetlands and Grasslands Foundation (WGF) has been successful in attaining $99,756 through the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's (EHP) 'Everyone's Environment Grant' and the matter for reimbursement of Mark Stoneman's personal loan in the purchase of Wongaloo Conservation Park remains unresolved.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Minister visited Wongaloo Conservation Park with the Honourable Member for Burdekin Mrs Rosemary Menkens MP and Honorary Executive Director of WGF Mr Mark Stoneman on Tuesday 4 December 2012.
- As a follow up to this visit, Mr Stoneman emailed Mrs Menkens on 6 December 2012 providing further detail on two unresolved issues regarding Wongaloo.
- The first issue regarding an application to the EHP *Everyone's Environment* Grant has been resolved with WGF being successful in attaining $99,756 for 2012-13.
- The second issue is a significant personal contribution by Mr Stoneman to secure the purchase of Wongaloo and this remains unresolved.
- Mr Stoneman provided ptection of a of his own funds in September 2009 to secure the purchase of Wongaloo due to a shortfall in anticipated private funding within the timeframes provided by the Commonwealth Government.
- The final contributions to the purchase of Wongaloo were: Commonwealth ($1.676m), Queensland Government ($300k), Burdekin Shire Council ($158k); Townsville City Council ($125k) and private donations including Mr Stoneman's ($250k).
- With the ultimate dedication of Wongaloo as a State owned conservation park Mr Stoneman is seeking reimbursement of his personal contribution including accrued interest.
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service has no knowledge if Mr Stoneman had an agreement in place with the previous Government, at the time of purchase, to be reimbursed for all or part of his contribution.
- It could be reasonably expected that Mr Stoneman's contribution was in fact a "donation" unless he is able to provide evidence of an agreement or undertaking by the State to consider re-imbursement.
- In recognition of the significant community contributions to the purchase, the State retained 4ha of Wongaloo as freehold and recently transferred this land at nil value to WGF.
- With acquisition funding for protected area estate resting with EHP, any formal claim for reimbursement should be referred to EHP for consideration.

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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: Adani Mining Pty Ltd Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

TIMEFRAME

- Non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** that the proposed Carmichael Coal Mine and rail project does not impact on any Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing estate and thus does not require input in to the EIS
- **note** the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) routinely respond to EIS processes and will initiate Ministerial briefings if any QPWS estate is likely to be affected.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- From 15 December 2012 to 11 February 2013, the Coordinator-General released the EIS for the Adani Mining Pty Ltd proposed Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project for consultation and public comment.
- On 14 December 2012, the Director of Approvals and Corporate Affairs, Adani, wrote to the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, inviting a submission on its EIS.
- QPWS Strategy and Policy Services Branch leads departmental input into EIS processes and have reviewed the Carmichael EIS. The Carmichael project site is not foreseen as impacting on any QPWS managed lands and no submission to the EIS is considered necessary.
- The proposed Carmichael Coal Mine will be a new underground and open cut coal mine, 160 kilometres north-west of Clermont, which will supply the Indian coal market.
- On 26 November 2010, the Carmichael Coal project was declared a Significant Project under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* by the Coordinator-General.
- When fully developed, the mine will be Queensland's largest coal mine and is expected to produce 60 million tonnes per annum at peak production with a potential mine life of 90 years.
- The project also includes the development of a new 189 km rail line to connect the mine to the existing Queensland Rail National Network at Goonyella, south of Moranbah, and provide access to coal export terminals at Abbot Point, near Bowen, and/or Hay Point, near Mackay.
- The nearest QPWS managed lands are approximately 50 km from the proposed Carmichael mine site. These are Epping Forest Scientific National Park, which protects the primary population of the endangered northern hairy-nosed wombat, and Wilandspey Conservation Park.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
Thursday 14 February 2013. 2.30pm
Honourable John McVeigh MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and Commonwealth Games
Mr Gavin King MP, Member for Cairns and Assistant Minister for Tourism
Mr Stephen Bennett, Member for Burnett
Mr Michael Trout, Member for Barron River

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

SUBJECT: **Discussion regarding the alignment of the Tourism Backbench Working Group recreational fishing project with the current work of relevant departments**

DEP REP: No departmental representative will attend the meeting.

BACKGROUND

- The Tourism Backbench Working Group (Working Group) is investigating market gaps and the potential for growth in the recreational fishing sector.
- The Working Group met on 15 November 2012 and issues were raised which could potentially affect the various departments involved in providing and managing recreational fishing activities.
- The recreational fishing project is focussed on achieving growth in:
  - recreational fishing events and competitions;
  - key recreational fishing spots; and
  - the fishing charter boat sector.
- The Working Group wants to ensure that the direction of its recreational fishing project is consistent with the current directions of relevant departments in regard to recreational fishing and that unrealistic expectations are avoided.
- The Working Group has requested a meeting with Ministers Dickson, Powell, Stuckey and McVeigh to provide a briefing on the recreational fishing project and to discuss how this project can be aligned with the current work of departments to avoid duplication and conflicting ideals. An agenda for the meeting is attached (**Attachment 1**).

CURRENT ISSUES

Protected areas

- The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* makes provision for recreational fishing to occur on a significant number of protected areas throughout Queensland.
- Recreational fishing is permitted in 56 national parks (either whole park or nominated parts of park) and in all conservation parks and resource reserves.
- Many protected areas also support recreational fishing activities by providing vehicle access and camping and day use facilities for fishers targeting fishing spots adjacent to the protected areas.
- Recreational fishing activities on protected areas are primarily regulated through the *Fisheries Act 1994*. Fishers are subject to a number of provisions relating to species and size limits, equipment used, closed seasons and bag limits.
- Protected areas have previously hosted a small number of fishing competitions however the targeted fishing areas have been adjacent to the protected area itself and competitors and event organisers have used the protected area for accommodation, service facilities and access to competition sites.

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- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (NPRSR's) *Operational Policy for Recreational fishing on protected areas* acknowledges the use of protected areas to support these events, but prohibits the actual fishing component in the protected areas themselves.
- Recreational fishing charter vessels operating in protected areas are required to hold commercial activity permits.
- Protected areas host a very small proportion of the fishing locations targeted by recreational fishing charter vessels although there are a few key sites in north Queensland which are used by small scale sport fishing providers targeting the 'catch and release' barramundi sports fishing market.
- A code of conduct for recreational fishing on protected areas has been developed by the recreational fishing group Sunfish in association with NPRSR.
- NPRSR's website provides information to the public regarding protected area fishing locations and the regulations that apply.

Marine Parks

- The *Marine Parks Act 2004* makes provision for recreational fishing to occur, with some restrictions, in all Queensland marine parks.
- Zoning Plans declared for each marine park allow recreational fishing in General Use, Habitat Protection, Conservation Park and Buffer zones, and prohibit recreational fishing in Marine National Park (green) zones. The attached table provides a summary of the fishing activities permitted in each zone (**Attachment 2**).
- In Habitat Protection, Conservation Park and Buffer zones there are some restrictions on the number of fishing rods and hooks that each fisher may use.
- Recreational fishing activities in marine parks are also regulated through the *Fisheries Act 1994* and fishers are subject to a number of provisions relating to species and size limits, equipment used, closed seasons and bag limits.
- Marine parks are used by fishing clubs and organisations for a range of fishing competitions and club events which may be conducted without any requirement for permits.
- The Queensland Government funded the installation of six 'artificial reefs' sites in Moreton Bay Marine Park for the specific purpose of providing more opportunities for fishers after additional Marine National Park zones were established in Moreton Bay in 2009.
- These artificial reefs were developed in close consultation with recreational fishing stakeholders and other government departments.
- Fishing charter vessels operating in marine parks are required to hold permits authorising their activities. There are no limits or restrictions applied through the permit system as access to fishing grounds is determined by the relevant zoning plans and the conduct of fishing activities is regulated by the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Meeting agenda
- Attachment 2 – Activities permitted within each marine park zone

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Gavin King MP
MEMBER FOR CAIRNS

RECREATIONAL FISHING IN QUEENSLAND

A TOURISM PERSPECTIVE

AGENDA

1) Background on Tourism Backbench Working Group project regarding recreational fishing
2) How can the Tourism Backbench Working Group recreational fishing project align with the current work of other departments to avoid duplication and conflicting ideals?
3) Timeframes

OVERVIEW

TOURISM BACKBENCH WORKING GROUP – RECREATIONAL FISHING PROJECT

Investigate market gaps and potential for growth in the recreational fishing tourism sector and provide recommendations to achieve that growth

1) Recreational fishing events
    a. What are the recreational fishing events and competitions in the respective Working Group MP's area?
    b. What is the potential for these events to grow into the future?
    c. How do we grow these events into the future?

2) "Hero" recreational fishing spots
    a. What are the key ("hero) recreational fishing spots in each MP's area?
    b. How are these destinations marketed to the fishing community?
    c. What is required to enhance and grow these recreational fishing spots?

3) Charter boat sector
    a. Which charter fishing businesses currently operate in each MP's area?
    b. What is the potential for them to grow?
    c. What are the impediments and recommendations to address these impediments?

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Attachment 2: Activities permitted within each marine park zone

Moreton Bay Marine Park

Recreational Fishing

Activity	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Conservation park zone	Marine national park zone
Boating, snorkelling, scuba diving	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Line fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes[1]	No
Trolling	Yes	Yes	Yes[2]	No
Crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes[3]	No
Bait gathering	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Commercial Fishing

Activity	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Conservation park zone	Marine national park zone
Trawling	Yes	No	No	No
Line fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	No
Trolling	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	No
Crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	No
Bait gathering	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Great Sandy Marine Park

The zoning plans for Moreton Bay Marine Park and Great Sandy Marine Park are the same except that Great Sandy Marine Park also has additional 'buffer zones' that are not included in the Moreton Bay Marine Park zoning plans.

Recreational Fishing

Activity	Buffer zone
Boating, snorkelling, scuba diving	Yes
Line fishing	No
Trolling	Yes
Crabbing	No
Bait gathering	No

Commercial Fishing

Activity	Buffer zone
Trawling	No
Line fishing	No
Trolling	Yes
Crabbing	No
Bait gathering	No

[1] Limit of 2 lines/rods per person
[2] Limit of 2 lines/rods per person
[3] Limit of 4 pots per person

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Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park

Recreational Fishing

Activity	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Estuarine conservation zone	Conservation park zone	Buffer zone	Marine national park zone	Scientific research zone	Preservation zone
Boating, snorkelling, scuba diving	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Line fishing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[4]	No	No	No	No
Trolling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[5]	Yes	No	No	No
Crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[6]	No	No	No	No
Bait gathering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

Commercial Fishing

Activity	General use zone	Habitat protection zone	Estuarine conservation zone	Conservation park zone	Buffer zone	Marine national park zone	Scientific research zone	Preservation zone
Trawl fisheries	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Line fisheries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	Yes[7]	No	No	No
Net fisheries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[8]	No	No	No	No
Trap fisheries - crabbing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (limited)	No	No	No	No
Harvest fisheries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

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[4] Limit of 1 line/rod per person
[5] Limit of 1 line/rod per person
[6] Limit of 4 pots per person
[7] Trolling for pelagic only
[8] Bait netting only

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

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

SUBJECT: **Approvals under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program as at 1 March 2013**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required as soon as possible so that payments can be urgently made to approved organisations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Acting Minister:

- **approve** the schedule recommending funding of $239,700 to 11 organisations (**Attachment 1**);
- **approve** additional disaster funding of $215 to Riding for the Disabled Association and $416 to Aztec's Softball Club to cover the costs of GST;
- **approve** the use of your electronic signature for all Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program letters; and
- **approve** the draft media releases for the electorates of Maryborough, Gympie, Ferny Grove, Burnett and Bundaberg (**Attachment 2**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program (the program) provides up to $25,000 to support restoration and repair of infrastructure and to replace damaged sport and recreation playing and training equipment.
- The eligible areas for the program are based on the local government areas declared under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).
- The program was released following NDRRA activations in early February 2013, and closes on 10 May 2013.
- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) recommends funding of $239,700 for 11 applications as per the attached schedule (**Attachment 1**).
- The department also recommends that an additional $215 to Riding for the Disabled Association and $416 to Aztec's Softball Club be approved to cover the cost of GST, as both of these organisations are not registered for GST.
- Both Riding for the Disabled Association and Aztec's Softball Club were approved funding as part of the first week's schedule. However, the amount recommended did not account for the organisations' inability to pay for the GST component of any incurred costs of repairs to their facility.
- To date, funding of $131,305 has been approved for seven applications.
- Further schedules will be prepared on a weekly basis until soon after the closing date.
- Following the approval of this schedule, $628,995 of the original $1 million program budget for 2012-2013 will be available.
- It is expected that the $1 million program budget will be exhausted before the 10 May 2013 closing date. The department is subsequently considering what additional resources may be available to allocate towards the program budget if required.
- Sport and Recreation Services is seeking the Acting Minister's approval to use her electronic signature for all letters developed under the program.

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- *Key Communication Messages:* Announcement of approved funding for the projects (**Attachment 2**). Funding will support sport and recreation organisations in their recovery from recent natural disasters.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - Funding supports the recovery of sport and recreation organisations from natural disasters, including mitigation strategies for damaged facilities, where appropriate.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS
- Attachment 1 – Ministerial Schedule
- Attachment 2 – Draft media releases

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Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program

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Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program Summary		
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Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program Schedule		
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Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Category	SRQ Region	State Electorate	Total Project Cost ($)	Eligible Project Cost ($)	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)	Rationale
Z-016-00010	Bargara Golf Club	repair greens, bunkers and irrigation equipment, remove fallen trees and install drainage to support golf at Bundaberg	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Burnett	41,798	41,798	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00016	Bundaberg Cricket Association Inc	replace equipment and repair fields, maintenance sheds and shade structures to support cricket at Bundaberg	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Bundaberg	174,000	174,000	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00019	Bundaberg Darts and Sports Association Inc	replace sporting equipment to support darts at Bundaberg	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Bundaberg	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	The organisation meets the eligibility requirements for the program.
Z-016-00015	Bundaberg Hockey Association Inc	replace playing and training equipment, maintenance equipment and repair synthetic turf field ancillary features, electrical supply and equipment storage facility to support hockey at Bundaberg	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Bundaberg	45,379	45,379	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00005	Bundaberg Netball Association Incorporated	resurface grass courts, re-wire electricals to buildings and court lights and repair building ceilings to support netball at Bundaberg	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Bundaberg	75,000	75,000	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligiblity criteria for the program.
Z-016-00001	Football Gympie Inc	repair damaged change rooms and club facilities and replace damaged football equipment at Gympie	Special Initiative	North Coast	Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00013	Gin Gin Rugby League Sports Club Inc	replace rugby league equipment and repair playing fields and amenities block at Gin Gin	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Callide	46,701	46,701	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the building.
Z-016-00017	Hervey Bay Motocross Club Inc.	repair access road and install road culverts to support motocross at Hervey Bay	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Maryborough	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00012	Keperra Country Golf Club	repair bunkers and repair and relocate water pump to support golf at Keperra	Special Initiative	Brisbane	Ferny Grove	128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00014	Monto Mens Bowls Club Inc	repair lawn bowling greens, remove debris, relevel clubhouse stumps and raise levee banks at Monto	Special Initiative	Central Qld	Callide	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Z-016-00002	One Mile Sports Association Inc	repair damaged fields, lighting and club facilities to support cricket and football at Gympie	Special Initiative	North Coast	Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	The organisation meets the eligibility criteria for the program.
Totals for Recommended:						600,928	497,578	239,700	239,700	

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Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program

By Funding Category

Special Initiative

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost ($)	Total Eligible Cost ($)	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)	(%)
Z-016-00010	Bargara Golf Club	repair greens, bunkers and irrigation equipment, remove fallen trees and install drainage to support golf at Bundaberg	41,798	41,798	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00016	Bundaberg Cricket Association Inc	replace equipment and repair fields, maintenance sheds and shade structures to support cricket at Bundaberg	174,000	174,000	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00019	Bundaberg Darts and Sports Association Inc	replace sporting equipment to support darts at Bundaberg	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0
Z-016-00015	Bundaberg Hockey Association Inc	replace playing and training equipment, maintenance equipment and repair synthetic turf field ancillary features, electrical supply and equipment storage facility to support hockey at Bundaberg	45,379	45,379	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00005	Bundaberg Netball Association Incorporated	resurface grass courts, re-wire electricals to buildings and court lights and repair building ceilings to support netball at Bundaberg	75,000	75,000	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00001	Football Gympie Inc	repair damaged change rooms and club facilities and replace damaged football equipment at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00013	Gin Gin Rugby League Sports Club Inc	replace rugby league equipment and repair playing fields and amenities block at Gin Gin	46,701	46,701	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00017	Hervey Bay Motocross Club Inc,	repair access road and install road culverts to support motocross at Hervey Bay	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	0
Z-016-00012	Keperra Country Golf Club	repair bunkers and repair and relocate water pump to support golf at Keperra	128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Z-016-00014	Monto Mens Bowls Club Inc	repair lawn bowling greens, remove debris, relevel clubhouse stumps and raise levee banks at Monto	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	0
Z-016-00002	One Mile Sports Association Inc	repair damaged fields, lighting and club facilities to support cricket and football at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Totals for Recommended			600,928	497,578	239,700	239,700	
Totals for Special Initiative:			600,928	497,578	239,700	239,700	

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Bundaberg

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00016	Bundaberg Cricket Association Inc	replace equipment and repair fields, maintenance sheds and shade structures to support cricket at Bundaberg	174,000	174,000	25,000	25,000
Z-016-00019	Bundaberg Darts and Sports Association Inc	replace sporting equipment to support darts at Bundaberg	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Z-016-00015	Bundaberg Hockey Association Inc	replace playing and training equipment, maintenance equipment and repair synthetic turf field ancillary features, electrical supply and equipment storage facility to support hockey at Bundaberg	45,379	45,379	25,000	25,000
Z-016-00005	Bundaberg Netball Association Incorporated	resurface grass courts, re-wire electricals to buildings and court lights and repair building ceilings to support netball at Bundaberg	75,000	75,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			296,579	296,579	77,200	77,200
Totals for Bundaberg:			296,579	296,579	77,200	77,200

Burnett

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00010	Bargara Golf Club	repair greens, bunkers and irrigation equipment, remove fallen trees and install drainage to support golf at Bundaberg	41,798	41,798	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			41,798	41,798	25,000	25,000
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Callide

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00013	Gin Gin Rugby League Sports Club Inc	replace rugby league equipment and repair playing fields and amenities block at Gin Gin	46,701	46,701	25,000	25,000
Z-016-00014	Monto Mens Bowls Club Inc	repair lawn bowling greens, remove debris, relevel clubhouse stumps and raise levee banks at Monto	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Totals for Recommended:			69,701	69,701	48,000	48,000
Totals for Callide:			69,701	69,701	48,000	48,000

Ferny Grove

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00012	Keperra Country Golf Club	repair bunkers and repair and relocate water pump to support golf at Keperra	128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Ferny Grove:			128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000

Gympie

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00001	Football Gympie Inc	repair damaged change rooms and club facilities and replace damaged football equipment at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Z-016-00002	One Mile Sports Association Inc	repair damaged fields, lighting and club facilities to support cricket and football at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Totals for Gympie:			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

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Maryborough

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00017	Hervey Bay Motocross Club Inc	repair access road and install road culverts to support motocross at Hervey Bay	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500
Totals for Recommended:			14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500
Totals for Maryborough:			14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500

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By SRQ Region

Brisbane

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00012	Keperra Country Golf Club	repair bunkers and repair and relocate water pump to support golf at Keperra	128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Brisbane:			128,350	25,000	25,000	25,000

Central Qld

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00010	Bargara Golf Club	repair greens, bunkers and irrigation equipment, remove fallen trees and install drainage to support golf at Bundaberg	41,798	41,798	25,000	25,000
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Z-016-00014	Monto Mens Bowls Club Inc	repair lawn bowling greens, remove debris, relevel clubhouse stumps and raise levee banks at Monto	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Totals for Recommended:			422,578	422,578	164,700	164,700
Totals for Central Qld:			422,578	422,578	164,700	164,700

North Coast

Recommended

G2 Reference	Client	Project	Total Project Cost	Total Eligible Project Cost	Requested Amount ($)	Recommended Amount ($)
Z-016-00001	Football Gympie Inc	repair damaged change rooms and club facilities and replace damaged football equipment at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Z-016-00002	One Mile Sports Association Inc	repair damaged fields, lighting and club facilities to support cricket and football at Gympie	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Totals for Recommended:			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Totals for North Coast:			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

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Chief of Staff	OK
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Minister.....	
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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL EVENT BRIEFING NOTE
5.15pm, Friday 8 March 2013
Mr Ian Smith, Centre Manager (President), Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc
Mrs Val Hooper, Secretary, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc
Mr Tony Northey, President of Little Athletics Association
Cr Russell Green, Sunshine Coast Regional Council
Centre Members and parents of Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc

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

SUBJECT: **Official Opening of the Long Jump Pits and Runways constructed by the Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc at Girraween Sports Complex, Sunshine Beach.**

DEP REP: No departmental officer has been requested to attend. However, Ms Tania Lewis, Advisor, Sport and Recreation Services, North Coast Region, has worked with the club on the project and will be at the event.

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BACKGROUND

- On 25 October 2011, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc (Noosa Little Athletics) was approved $44,794 GST exclusive under the *Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program (SRIP)* – Round 3 to construct long jump pits and runways to support athletics at Noosa. The total project cost was estimated to be $61,365 (GST exclusive) at the time of application. Under Round 3 of SRIP, projects were required to be completed by 31 December 2012.
- The opening of the project will occur on site at the Girraween Sports Complex, at the intersection of Langura Way and Eenie Creek Road, Sunshine Beach on Friday 8 March 2013 at 5:30pm.
- The Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Member for Noosa has been requested to represent the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing at this event.
- It is anticipated that Mr Ian Smith, President, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc will welcome guests at 5.30pm, ask Councillor Russell Green of Sunshine Coast Regional Council to speak briefly on Council's support of sport and the importance of facility development and then ask Minister Elmes to speak and open the facility by cutting a ribbon.
- Noosa Little Athletics is arranging for a female and male long / triple jump competitor to then officially jump into the pits. It is anticipated that the official proceedings will be completed by 5.50pm followed by the Centre's Age Championship program.
- Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc has been in existence for 18 years and was previously situated at Read Park, Noosa. With a membership of over 310 athletes from local areas of Cooroibah, Cooroy, Doonan, Eumundi, Noosa, Tewantin, Peregian, Pomona, Sunshine Beach and Coolum, Noosa Little Athletics moved its operation to Girraween Sports Complex on 16 January 2013.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - Does this deliver on growing a four pillar economy? Yes, the new participation space provides construction opportunity for business in South East Queensland.
  - Does this deliver better infrastructure and better planning? Yes, the new participation space has been planned to cater for participants needs.

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	Name: Position: Tel No:	Name: Position: Tel No:	

CURRENT ISSUES

- The construction of the long jump pits and runways were a part of the overall development plan for athletics infrastructure at the Girraween Sports Complex. The dual long jump and triple pits facilitate increased participation opportunities and the synthetic runways allow for use in all weather conditions.
- The jump pits and runways will be utilised by the Noosa Little Athletics, a senior club, local schools and community members. It creates a quality facility at the Complex that caters to higher levels of sporting competition.
- Noosa Little Athletics is a *Get Started* registered club and has submitted an application under the *Get Going* Program for $10,000 GST Exclusive to provide coach and official accreditation, conduct coaching clinics and purchase equipment to support little athletics at Sunshine Beach.
- Announcements under the Get Going Program are anticipated to me made in the near future.
- The estimated eligible project cost of the long jump pits and runways was $61,365 (GST exclusive), with the department contributing $44,794, Sunshine Coast Regional Council $14,750 and Noosa Little Athletics $1,821.
- In addition to financial contributions, a substantial amount of community labour and donations of materials and services totalling approximately $13,000 has been provided to make this facility a reality.
- The Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing formally opened the Girraween Sports Complex on 2 November 2012.
- Under the Major Facilities Program, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Council) was approved funding of $1,500,000 to construct the Girraween Sports Complex to cater for football, little athletics and cycling. This latest funding approval to Noosa Little Athletics Club Inc has allowed them to improve the standard of facility that was originally planned, upgrading grass run ups to a higher standard tartan surface at the Complex.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Speech dot points
- Attachment 2 – Event Run Sheet
- Attachment 3 – Function Checklist

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Speech for the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs representing the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Details of Event

Event	Official opening of the long jump pits and runways constructed by the Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc
Date	Friday 8 March 2013
Time	5.30 pm
Venue	Girraween Sports Complex, Cnr Langura Way and Eenie Creek Road, Sunshine Beach
Length	3 minutes
Contact	Steve White, Regional Manager, Sport and Recreation Services, North Coast region. Telephone: 5459 6175

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Acknowledgements:

- Good evening ladies and gentlemen.
- I'd firstly like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.
- I would also like to acknowledge
    - Cr Russell Green from Sunshine Coast Regional Council

- Mr Tony Northey from Queensland Little Athletics Association

- Mr Ian Smith and Mrs Val Hooper from the Noosa Little Athletics Club

- Parents, participants and friends of the Club

Speech Notes:

- It is a pleasure to be here this evening—representing the Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Honourable Tracy Davis—to celebrate the opening of the new long jump pits and runways.

- Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre is a true community sporting club with members from all over the Sunshine Coast.

- Over its 18 years of operation the club has grown from strength to strength, developing its facilities and member numbers.

- It was great to see the successful re-location of the club earlier this year to its new home here at Girraween Sports Complex in Sunshine Beach.

- This club should be extremely proud of its history, its 300 young athletes, its volunteers and its continuing growth.

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- The new long jump pits and runways are a fabulous example of a local sporting club and sports complex working together to provide great facilities and encourage an active lifestyle in our community.

- These new facilities will be used by the little athletics club as well as the senior club, local schools and community members and adds to the professionalism of both the club and the Girraween Sporting Complex.

- It is the government's strong desire to see more Queenslanders getting active and participating in sport and active recreation in such wonderful surrounds as we have here.

- We also want them to have access to top class sporting facilities, wherever they live in Queensland.

- This is why the Queensland Government has provided almost $45,000 in funding through the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program to support this project.

- The club contributed the remainder of funds although I am told that a substantial amount of community labour and donations of materials and services helped make this project a reality.

- To all those involved in this project, I congratulate you on your efforts.

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- Community projects such as this form the backbone of the government's efforts to encourage people to get outdoors and get active.

- As a government we believe participation and success begin with a strong focus on grassroots sport and recreation.

- It is the reason the government introduced the *Get in the Game* initiative.

- *Get in the Game* involves three funding programs worth $18 million. These programs will not only provide clubs with better equipment and facilities like we see here today, but also assists families in getting children involved in sport and recreation.

CLOSING:

- Congratulations again to everyone associated with making this project a reality.

- I wish the Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre, its athletes, volunteers, members and supporters, all the very best for the future.

Minister to now officially open the new pits and runways

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RUN SHEET

The Honourable Tracy Davis, Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing being represented by The Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Member for Noosa and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs

Opening of Long Jump Pits at Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre, Girraween Sports Complex, Sunshine Beach

5.30 pm Friday 8 March 2013
Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre, Girraween Sports Complex, Sunshine Beach

5.10 pm – 5.25 pm	Guests arrive
5.30 pm – 5.45 pm	Speeches approximately 15 minutes including: • Introduction - Ian Smith, Centre Manager, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre • Council support for sport - Councillor Russell Green, Sunshine Coast Regional Council • State support for Sport – Minister Glen Elmes MP
5.45 pm – 5.50 pm	Official opening – Minister Elmes cut the ribbon across long/ triple jumpits and local athletes make ceremonial jumps. *(Photo opportunity)*
5.50 pm	Close of event and start of Noosa Branch Little Athletics' Age Championships program

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FUNCTION CHECKLIST

The Honourable Glen Elmes MP
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs
on behalf of the
Minister for National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing

Opening of Long Jump Pits and Run Way

Friday 8 March 2013 – 5.30 pm

NAME OF ORGANISATION	Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc
PURPOSE OF FUNCTION	Opening of the long jump pits and runway
DATE OF FUNCTION	Friday 8 March 2013
TIME OF FUNCTION	5.30 pm
MINISTER'S ROLE	Minister Elmes will open the facility.
IS THE MINISTER TO ADDRESS A SPECIFIC TOPIC? ***(if yes, please provide an outline)***	Government support for sport and the benefits of this project.
PERSON TO ACCOMPANY	Ms Tania Lewis, Advisor North Coast Region, Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing he protection of an indi
OTHER DIGNITARIES ATTENDING	• Mr Ian Smith, President / Centre Manager • Mrs Val Hooper, Secretary and Treasurer • Councillor Russell Green, Sunshine Coast Regional Council Division 11 • Mrs Wendy Guthrie, Sunshine Coast Regional Council • Master Luke Giacca (Club Member), 15 year old long jumper who recently was awarded a bronze medal at the National Championships for Hepathlon (Adelaide). • Mr Tony Northey, President Little Athletics Queensland
PROGRAM ***(please attach separately)***	Run Sheet attached.
ARRIVAL TIME	5.15 pm
DEPARTURE TIME	6.00 pm
DRESS REQUIREMENT ***(please ensure details are specific for example: walking boots, wading overalls, black tie etc.)***	Casual attire.
NAME AND TELEPHONE OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING THE FUNCTION	Mrs Val Hooper Secretary, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre he protection of an indiv

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VENUE OF FUNCTION ***(please provide exact address and directions)***	Athletics oval (lower field) Girraween Sports Complex, Intersection of Langura Way and Eenie Creek Road, Sunshine Beach
CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ***(to assist the Minister's driver please provide as much detail as possible)***	Enter facility and multiple car park available. Endeavouring to reserve a car park in the turning circle area.
EMERGENCY CONTACT AT FUNCTION VENUE	Mrs Val Hooper Secretary, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre le protection of an ind
NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL MEET THE MINISTER ON ARRIVAL	Mr Ian Smith President, Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre e protection of an in
ENTRANCE AT WHICH THE MINISTER SHOULD ARRIVE	Main entrance of the complex.

SPEECH DETAILS	
WHO FUNDED THIS PROJECT AND WHAT ARE THE PROPORTIONS?	Total Cost of Project $61,365 GST Exclusive $44,794 – Sport and Recreation Services $14,750 – Sunshine Coast Council $1,821 – Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre The Club advises that local businesses and club members also donated additional in-kind works to complete the project, valued up to $13,000.
LENGTH OF SPEECH ***(should be no longer than 10 minutes)***	5 minutes.
WILL THE SPEECH BE DELIVERED OUTDOORS?	Yes - on the long jump pit area (pending weather)
WILL THE AUDIENCE BE SITTING OR STANDING?	Standing/sitting in grandstand area.
WILL THERE BE A LECTERN AVAILABLE?	No.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Mr Ian Smith and Mrs Val Hooper from Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre Councillor Russell Green, Sunshine Coast Regional Council Mr Tony Northey, Queensland Little Athletics Association
THANK YOUs	Executive Committee of the Noosa Branch Little Athletics Centre.
AUDIENCE PROFILE	Little Athletics participants, parents and general public.
NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING	100 plus (Pending weather).

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MEDIA COVERAGE	Club has advised the Noosa News and Sunshine Coast Daily of the event.

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Minister.....
Dated 27/2/13.

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

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

SUBJECT: **Australian Crime Commission Report**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 28 February 2013 to ensure the Attorney-General is informed in a timely manner of the content of the cross jurisdictional Ministerial meeting regarding the Australian Crime Commission Report into Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport of 14 February 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **sign** the letter to the the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice advising of the outcomes from the cross jurisdictional briefing on 14 February 2013 regarding the Australian Crime Commission Report into Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) released its report titled Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport (the Report) on 7 February 2013.
- The investigation titled *Project Aperio* identified widespread use of prohibited substances including peptides, hormones and illicit drugs in professional sport. It also found that this use has been facilitated by sports scientists, high-performance coaches and sports staff. In some cases, players are reported to have been administered with substances that have not yet been approved for human use. The ACC also reported that organised crime identities and groups are involved in the distribution of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs to athletes and professional sports staff.
- The focus of the report is on intelligence and not evidence, the latter being a matter for police and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (ASADA) to pursue.
- Media statements were initially the primary source of information until the meeting of 14 February 2013 and a chronology of media statements for the period from 7 February to 14 February 2013 is attached (**Attachment 2**).
- The Federal Minister for Sport, the Honourable Kate Lundy MP called a meeting for jurisdictional Ministers for Sport on 14 February 2013 which included a briefing from the ACC, the Federal Minister and ASADA. The Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing was in attendance.
- A communiqué released following the meeting highlighted a potential key action of progressing implementation of the National Policy on Match Fixing in Sport (national policy) (**Attachment 3**).
- The Queensland Government has considered the national policy which includes both nationally consistent criminal offences for match fixing and a sports betting model, to provide for a nationally consistent approach to the approval of sports betting involving government, betting agencies and sports bodies.

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- The implementation of both aspects of the national policy would require amendments to the *Criminal Code Act 1899* and the *Wagering Act 1998,* which fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice. In July 2012, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice advised that Queensland will not be implementing specific criminal offences for match-fixing and will continue to rely on the offences provided by the *Criminal Code Act 1899* and the *Wagering Act 1998*, which provide sufficient regulation and penalties.
- At this time, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice also advised that he would not be progressing work to implement the sports betting model as his Department had other priorities. In light of the findings of the Report, the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will revisit the implementation of the sports betting model with the Attorney-General.
- It is noted however that the implementation of the sports betting model appears to increase state and territory regulatory and enforcement responsibilities, without any compensation provided by the Australian Government. The additional resources required to implement the sports betting model, unless addressed in some respect, are likely to remain a significant obstacle.
- A letter to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice outlining the contents of the Report and summary of the meeting of 14 February 2013 is provided at (**Attachment 1**).
- *Consultation:* Ms Candiece Duclos, Principal Lawyer, Commercial Law Group, In-house Legal as consulted on the content of the letter and raised no issues with the content.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS
- Attachment 1 – Letter to the Attorney-General;
- Attachment 2 – Chronology of media statements; and
- Attachment 3 – Communiqué from meeting of 14 February 2013.

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

28 FEB 2013

The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Level 18, State Law Building
50 Ann Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Attorney-General

I write to you regarding the 7 February 2013 released Australian Crime Commission (ACC) report into "Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport - new generation performance and image enhancing drugs and organised crime involvement in their use in professional sport" (the Report) and the subsequent briefing I attended in Melbourne on 14 February 2013.

As I am sure you are aware, the Report highlights many potentially serious matters ranging from breaches of the World Anti-doping Authority (WADA) Code, specifically the prohibited substance provisions, to infiltration of organised crime in sport. The Report states that "criminal groups involved in the trafficking of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs also engaged in money laundering, corruption, match fixing and fraud".

The Federal Minister for Sport, the Honourable Kate Lundy MP convened a meeting of jurisdictional Minister's for Sport on 14 February 2013. A summary of the meeting is outlined below:

- the ACC and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (ASADA) have worked in partnership in *Project "Aperio"* over the past 12 months;
- the project was considered important in the context of Australia's reputation relating to integrity in sport;
- noteworthy comments included the announcement that it was unlikely that only the National Rugby League and Australian Football League are affected;
- ASADA is considering other measures such as the introduction of an Athlete Biology Passport;
- all sports need to work together to overall address the integrity in sport issues;
- the meeting noted the actions of the Australian Football League which has had an integrity team in place for several years and the intentions of the National Rugby League to implement the same; and
- there may be a need to consider match-fixing and sport betting in control mechanisms, in addition to the use of prohibited or illegal substances.
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A communiqué issued following the meeting highlighted the desire for all Minister's to work together to address these concerns including implementing the National Policy on Match Fixing in Sport (Attachment 1). It is noted no formal agreements have been sought in this regard.

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The Queensland Government has considered the National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport (national policy). The national policy includes both nationally consistent criminal offences for match-fixing and a sports betting model to provide for a nationally consistent approach to the approval of sports betting involving government, betting agencies and sport bodies.

The implementation of both aspects of the national policy would require amendments to the *Criminal Code Act 1899* and the *Wagering Act 1998.* The current Queensland Government position was to not implement specific criminal offences for match-fixing and continue to rely on the existing offences provided by the *Criminal Code Act 1899* and the *Wagering Act 1998.*

Implementation of a nationally consistent sports betting model was also not considered a priority at the time. In forming this position it was noted that the implementation of the sports betting model appears to increase state and territory regulatory and enforcement responsibilities, without any compensation provided by the Australian Government. The additional resources required to implement the sports betting model, unless addressed in some respect, may remain a significant obstacle.

In light of the report findings, it is anticipated that the Queensland Government may need to re-examine its adoption of the national policy once the ongoing investigations have revealed more available evidence or conclude.

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the Department) is not directly involved in the administration and training practices of the professional National League Teams. The Department however sponsors the Gold Coast Suns, North Queensland Cowboys, Logan Thunder ladies basketball team, Queensland Firebirds and indirectly the Cairns Taipans for community outcomes unrelated to the conduct of the team in the National league. Additionally, the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) supports elite athletes through various means including the conduct of sports science and training activities on site at the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre. The QAS also assists some State sporting organisations to employ high performance coaches.

I have taken the action of writing to the National League franchises to request the provision of information in relation to any investigations from the ACC, ASADA or Queensland Police.

While many of the actions in relation to the report going forward will be managed through Federal agencies, I thought it prudent to formally write to you to express my concern at the extent and nature of findings in the Report and the potential for further investigations resulting in charges of breaches of law or WADA codes in Queensland. I have been advised that further and on going investigations may occur over following months and I will continue to monitor the situation. Where possible and relevant, the Department and I shall continue to champion the need for a drug free and fair sporting industry in Queensland.

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

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
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SPORT AND RECREATION MINISTERS' MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

Melbourne, 14 February 2013

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They recognised the efforts of the ACC, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and the sporting codes in raising these serious issues.

Ministers supported the actions of the codes in immediately addressing the issues raised in the ACC report and urged the codes to work as quickly as possible with authorities to finalise investigations.

Sport Ministers agreed that Australia must move immediately to strengthen the integrity of sport. The Ministers noted the report provided an alert to everyone involved in sport to improve their safeguards against doping and to actively do something about it.

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b) Developing strategies that deal with substance abuse in sport;

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Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport
Australian Crime Commission (ACC)

Timeline of key information resulting from the ACC's report into Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport:

Thursday 7 February 2013
The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) released the findings of a 12 month investigation into the integrity of Australian sport and the relationship between professional sporting bodies, prohibited substances and organised crime.

The investigation titled *Project Aperio* identified widespread use of prohibited substances including peptides, hormones and illicit drugs in professional sport. It also found that this use has been facilitated by sports scientists, high-performance coaches and sports staff. In some cases, players are reported to have been administered with substances that have not yet been approved for human use. The ACC also reported that organised crime identities and groups are involved in the distribution of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs (PIEDs) to athletes and professional sports staff.

The Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports (COMPPS) announced in response agreeing to several measures to assist the crackdown on drugs in sport.

The Coalition represents all the major sporting organisations in Australia, including the Australian Football league (AFL), National Rugby League (NRL), Football Federation Australia (FFA), Australian Rugby Union (ARU) and Cricket Australia (CA).

The individual bodies are to:

- Establish integrity units to deal with doping, betting and ethical issues.
- Co-operate with ASADA and law enforcement agencies in a joint investigation.
- Call on their athletes to come forward and own up to wrongdoing and co-operate with investigators to possibly reduce sanctions.
- Enact a multi-code policy to share information and implement doping sanctions across codes.
- Have zero tolerance for any support staff involved in peddling inappropriate substances and help ensure they are not employed in other codes.

Source: Sydney Morning Herald

Sunday 10 February 2013
Reported that Essendon Australian Football Club (AFL) is being investigated over alleged multiple cases of use of World Anti-Doping Agency-banned performance-enhancing drugs by players, possibly "without their knowledge or consent".

Another club, whose identity is known to the AFL, has just one player suspected of performance-enhancing drug use, although the league doesn't know the name of the player or even whether he is still on the club's current player list.

Monday 11 February 2013
Following a request from the AFL and NRL, the ACC granted permission for both codes to confidentially notify the specific clubs within their respective codes that were identified in Project Aperio. Once notified, a club may choose to make it publically known that they have been notified.

The Australian Crime Commission cannot name clubs and individuals, as they are protected under Section 60 of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* which protects the rights of persons against reputational damage and the right to a fair trial.

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Monday 11 February 2013
The Director General of the Department of Sport and Recreation in WA, Ron Alexander announced a unified industry decision to take positive action against drugs and criminal activity in sport in Western Australia.

Industry and government representatives including key State Sporting Associations, Professional National League teams, WA Police and Racing and Wagering met to discuss the ACC report.

Western Australian government agencies will continue to work with federal agencies and law enforcement agencies in other states to address any criminal issues raised in the report.

Tuesday 12 February 2013
The NRL announced it contacted six of its clubs, the Penrith Panthers, Manly Sea Eagles, Cronulla Sharks, Newcastle Knights, Canberra Raiders and North Queensland Cowboys to inform them they're named in the ACC report into sports doping.

The CEOs of the six NRL clubs mentioned in the report meet with Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA). Each CEO was individually informed about the extent of their club's involvement, although the ASADA operatives didn't reveal the identities of any players who are suspected to have taken illicit performance-enhancing drugs. All six clubs reminded about the amnesties on offer for players who confess or come forward with information that assists the ASADA inquiry.

Wednesday 13 February 2013
The **Australian Olympic Committee** announces the introduction of statutory declarations regarding anti-doping matters for all athletes and officials seeking membership of an Australian Olympic Team or Shadow Team.

Any person who wilfully and corruptly makes a false statutory declaration knowing it to be untrue will be guilty of a criminal offence and could face up to five years imprisonment.

Wednesday 13 February 2013
State-based police, who received the ACC report five months ago, have confirmed no criminal investigations are currently afoot relating to the ACC's allegations.

ACC chief executive John Lawler has admitted the operation had largely gathered intelligence rather than evidence and was not intended to result in arrests.

Source – The Australian

Wednesday 13 February 2013
North Queensland Cowboys report that the allegations refer primarily to a player experience prior to joining the club.

Thursday 14 February 2013
ASADA anticipates interviewing up to 150 players, support staff and administrators from the AFL and NRL and stated that the investigation is both complex and wide ranging and will take many months to complete.

Reportedly 70 to 80 charges may be possible from the investigations and at least one loophole has allowed the legal sale of performance enhancing drugs by crime figures to athletes, but the ACC has made specific claims about players selling illicit drugs and doctors writing illegal scripts,.

ASADA has been blood testing players from Penrith and Canberra over the off season. Australia's football codes say they are creating blood profiles of players which is known as "Biological athlete passports" and has been in use in cycling for some time. However it is reported blood profiling can not show use of peptides which are at the centre of the current controversy.

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MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

Chief of Staff ..... OK
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Minister .....
Dated 27/2/13.

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

SUBJECT: **Lapsing of funding approved under the Active Inclusion Program**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval is required by 28 February 2013 to ensure program savings are realised for the 2012/2013 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **lapse** funding approved to 10 organisations under the Active Inclusion Program (**Attachment 1**) and
- **notes** the template letter to be sent by the Acting Deputy Director General, Sport and Recreation Services informing the 10 organisations of the lapse in funding (**Attachment 2**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Funding under the Active Inclusion Program - Round 1 was approved on 9 June 2010 with the funding period being between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011. Of the 496 organisations approved funding, all but one organisation, Gordanvale Touch Association have been paid.
- Funding under the Active Inclusion Program - Round 2 was approved on 13 December 2010 with the funding period being between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011. All 345 organisations approved have been paid.
- Funding under the Active Inclusion Program - Round 3 was approved on 16 December 2011 with the funding period being between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012. Of the 650 organisations approved funding, all but 10 organisations (**Attachment 1**), have been paid.
- Funding under the Active Inclusion Program is paid up front, however if an organisation has an outstanding issues with the Office of Fair Trading, the approved payment is not paid until the issue(s) are rectified.
- Regional staff have made monthly contact with approved organisations reminding them of their responsibilities and requirement to rectify outstanding issues with the Office of Fair Trading before payments can be made.
- On the 31 October 2012, a letter was also sent from Ms Lyndall Holz, Director, Regional Services providing a final 30 days from the date of the letter to comply with the outstanding issues with the Office of Fair Trading or funding would be lapsed.
- Client managers from Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) regional offices have been consulted and provided recommendations regarding actions to release payments or lapse funding.
- Details of those organisations that continue to have issues impacting on SRS' ability to release approved funding are attached (**Attachment 1**). SRS considers that with the funding period of the Active Inclusion Program now expired and all avenues have been exhausted, recommends the unpaid funding to the value of $47,239 be lapsed.
- Lapsing of the unpaid approved grants are as per the departments Operational Procedure – Funding Program Development - see (**Attachment 3**).

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- Lapsing of this funding will not impact on the organisations' ability to apply for future funding.
- The administrative delegation to approve lapsing of unpaid funding, where the department is initiating the action, sits with the Minister.
- Funds will be retained in the SRS grants budget for future projects.
- It is recommended that 10 organisations whose funding is to be lapsed receive a letter from the Acting Deputy Director General, Sport and Recreation Services informing them of this decision (**Attachment 2**).

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – List of organisations to have funding lapsed
- Attachment 2 – Template letter – lapsing of funding
- Attachment 3 – Operational Procedure – Funding Program Development – Unpaid approved grants

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G2 Reference	Client Name	Detailed Description	State Region	Approved $	Paid $	Outstanding $
A-002-00177	Gordonvale Touch Association Incorporated	conducting level 1, 2 and 3 referee accreditation for 22 participants and level 1 coach accreditation for eight participants to increase the number of accredited volunteers for touch football at Gordonvale	Far North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-00072	Gordonvale Touch Association Incorporated	conducting accredited level 1 coaching course for 12 club volunteers and accredited level 1 and level 2 refereeing courses for 19 club volunteers to support touch football at Gordonvale	Far North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-00804	Bakers Creek Australian Football Club Inc	providing sports trainers accreditation for juniors and seniors including community based programs such as school footy, women's footy, AFL 9's and Active After School Community Programs to support Australian football at Bakers Creek	North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-00836	Mackay Amateur Water Polo Association Incorporated	providing level 1 coaching accreditation for 10 participants, level 2 coaching accreditation for three participants, refereeing accreditation for 10 participants, presenter and assessor courses for four participants, governance training and conducting a three week	North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-00934	Neptunes Netball Club Incorporated	providing foundation coaching accreditation for 20 volunteers, development coaching accreditation for five volunteers, level 1 umpiring accreditation for 20 volunteers and level 2 umpiring accreditation for five volunteers to support netball at Townsville	North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-01098	Mackay Touch Assn Incorporated	providing level 1 coaching accreditation for 10 volunteers, level 1 refereeing accreditation for 17 volunteers and level 2 refereeing accreditation for five volunteers to support touch football in Mackay	North Qld	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
A-004-01095	Robina City Soccer Club Inc	providing accreditation for 12 coaches, 20 referees and 2 volunteers to support football at Robina	South East	$4,346.00	$0.00	$4,346.00
A-004-00712	Emerald Eagles Football Club Inc	providing coach accreditation for 71 volunteers to support football at Emerald	Central Qld	$3,960.00	$0.00	$3,960.00
A-004-00985	Gold Coast Rugby League Inc	providing club volunteer educational training sessions in collaboration with local agencies to further develop club management to enable the club to develop their own club culture to support rugby league at Carrara	South East	$3,600.00	$0.00	$3,600.00
A-004-00919	Mount Isa Judo Club Inc	providing first aid accreditation for five volunteers and funds to support two coaches attending state development training at the Gold Coast to support judo at Mount Isa	North Qld	$3,200.00	$0.00	$3,200.00
A-004-00980	Wynnum & District Rugby Union Club Inc	conducting a participation program for 50 children to support rugby union at Wynnum	Brisbane	$2,133.00	$0.00	$2,133.00

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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«Client_Contact_Job_Title»
«Client_Name_for_Letters»
«Client_Postal_Address»
«Client_Postal_Suburb» «Client_Postal_State» «Client_Postal_Postcode»

Dear «Client_Contact_Salutation» «Client_Contact_Surname»

I refer to «Client_Name_for_Letters»'s funding approved under the Active Inclusion Program – Round 3 to «Description_Project_Current».

As you are aware, your organisation had an outstanding issue(s) with the Office of Fair Trading that needed to be rectified before payment of the approved grant could be made.

As your organisation was unable to rectify the issue(s) within the funding period of the Active Inclusion Program – Round 3 (1 January 2012 – 31 December 2012) funding of $x previously approved has now been lapsed.

Please note that your organisation will still be eligible to apply for funding under any of Sport and Recreation Services programs in the future as long as you are up-to-date and compliant with the Office of Fair Trading at the time of application.

If you require any further information in relation to this matter please contact «SRQ_Office_Manager_Salutation» «SRQ_Office_Manager_First_Name» «SRQ_Office_Manager_Surname», Regional Manager, «SRQ_Office_Name», Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services) on «SRQ_Office_Phone_No» and quote application number «Application_Number_G2».

Yours sincerely

Richard Watson
A/Deputy Director General
Sport and Recreation Services

11. Unpaid Approved Funds

Following predetermined project and program reporting timeframes, information identifying unpaid grants is retrieved from **G2.** An investigation then takes place to determine the reason the funds are unpaid.

Client Managers are responsible to monitoring budget expenditure and project completion. An unpaid grant may be due to outstanding incorporation status or outstanding project acquittals under other funding programs. The **Client Managers** are responsible for assisting clients to rectify issues impacting upon payment of approved funds.

Funds may also remain unpaid due to incomplete or incorrect internal administrative processes at client, program or administrative support level.

Start Events

Periodically
Periodic reporting is defined based on the government reporting cycles (Estimates, Annual Report, and Budget) and program assumptions, including milestones and cash-flow predictions.

Identify Unpaid Grant Funds
The **Program Manager** requests **Grants Management** run a program report from **G2** identifying unpaid grant funds for the current reporting cycle. This is comprised of all unpaid funds that were previously approved under the funding schedule.

Investigate Unpaid Grant Funds Cause
Following a pre-defined period after the beginning of the program period, each approved client with unpaid funds is investigated by the **Program Manager** through the **Client Manager** to determine the reason funding remains unpaid.

The **Client Manager** contacts the approved applicant with the aim of resolving issues impacting on payment/s being actioned. Contact may be written or verbal. A file note/comment must be made in **G2** to record actions taken to resolve issues impacting on payment/s being actioned. All file notes and correspondence relating to resolving issues impacting on payment/s being actioned must be registered in **TRIM** by the **Client Manager**.

Funding that remains unpaid following a defined process and period of time after the beginning of the program period will be lapsed.

Prepare Unpaid Grant Funds Letter
A letter from the **Client Manager** seeking a resolution to issues impacting on funding payment/s being actioned is sent to the approved applicant. A file note/comment is noted in **G2** and the correspondence is registered and filed in **TRIM** by the **Client Manager**.

Request Grant Funds Payment
Once issues impacting on funding payment/s have been identified and resolved the **Client Manager** generates a payment authority form and forwards to **Grants Management.** A **G2** check is done of the client's EFT and OFT details to ensure a payment can be processed. A payment voucher (including RCTI forms if appropriate) is generated and approved by the manager, **Grants Management** and forwarded to the **Program Manager** with financial delegation to approve the payment. **Grants Management** track the approved payment package, including the voucher, ABN check and EFT instructions and forwards to **Queensland Shared Services Finance**.

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End Events

Unpaid Grant Funds Letter Sent
A letter from the **Client Managers** seeking a resolution to issues impacting on funding payment/s being actioned is sent to the approved applicant advising that payment will not be released is sent to the grant recipient. A file note/comment is noted in **G2** and the correspondence is registered and filed in **TRIM** by the **Client Manager.**

If the approved applicant requests lapsing of the approved funding, the **Client Manager** notifies the **Program Manager** and requests that **Grants Management** lapse the application in **G2.** The **Client Manager** must provide **Grants Management** with a copy of the letter from the approved applicant requesting the lapse. **Grants Management** lapses the grant in **G2.** A file note/comment is noted in **G2** and the correspondence is registered and filed in **TRIM** by the **Client Manager.**

The **Client Manager** prepares a brief to the Minister for information only, detailing the approved applicant's request to lapse approved funding.

Payment Request Received
The funding payment is executed by **Grants Management** when the request is received.

If the grant remains unpaid after the end of the program period, and all avenues to assist the approved applicant to rectify issues impacting upon payment have been exhausted, the department will lapse the approved funding and project. Lapsing of an approved grant requires Ministerial approval. In consultation with **Grants Management**, the **Client Manager** prepares a brief to the Minister, through the **Program Manager**, seeking approval to lapse the approved funding and project. The brief must provide clear details on steps taken to rectify any issues.

On notification of Ministerial approval to lapse the approved funding and project, the **Client Manager** notifies the **Program Manager** and requests that **Grants Management** lapse the application in **G2.** The **Client Manager** must provide **Grants Management** with a copy of the Ministerial brief and letter (where applicable) to the approved applicant advising of the lapsing of the funding. A file note/comment is noted in **G2** and the correspondence is registered and filed in **TRIM** by the **Client Manager.**

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Process Supporting Information

Business Process Task	Role	Applications
Identify Unpaid Grant Funds	Program Manager	G2
Investigate Unpaid Funds Cause	Program Manager	G2
Prepare Briefing Note	Client Manager	TRIM Mincor
Generate Payment Authority	Client Managers	G2
Process Payment Request	Grants Management Queensland Shared Services Finance	G2 SAP

Assumptions

Client Managers maintain accurate project reporting and grant recipient contact.

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Chief of Sta... OK
Dated 21/3/2013
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required
Minister.....
Dated 25/3/13.

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

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

SUBJECT: **132kV Transmission Line Removal Tully Gorge**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 8 April 2013 as Powerlink QLD is committed to start removing the Transmission Line in mid April 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** the removal of a redundant 132kV transmission line which traverses 19.6km through protected areas between the Kareeya Power Station and the Innisfail Substation, and
- **sign** the letter to give effect to this approval as required under section 111 of the *Electricity Act 1994* which states that an electricity entity must act under a written agreement of the Minister administering the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* before altering electrical lines in a protected area (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The 132kV transmission line between Kareeya Hydroelectric Power Station and the Tully substation, traversing 19.6km through protected areas inside the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, became redundant following the removal of the 132kV line between Kareeya and Innisfail in early 2010.
- The Project Manager for Powerlink has applied to the department to remove this redundant transmission line from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service estate (Tully Gorge National Park, Tully Gorge National Park -Recovery, and Alcock Forest Reserve).
- Powerlink is committed to commence this project in mid April 2013.
- Powerlink has prepared an Environmental Management Plan and an Environmental Works Plan to ensure any impacts on the values of the protected areas are minimised, and a Rehabilitation Plan to ensure the cleared transmission line corridor is revegetated following removal of the infrastructure.
- Consultation has occurred with Bruce Jennison (Project Manager, Wet Tropics Management Authority), Michael Briggefoot (Base Service Manager for the Department of Defence, who have a lease over part of Tully Gorge National Park), and Andrew Owen (Project Manager, Powerlink QLD) who are all supporting the project.
- Section 111(1) of the *Electricity Act 1994* (EA) states that an electricity entity must not build, replace or alter electric lines or other works in a protected area unless the entity acts under a written agreement of the Minister administering the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
- Clause 6.1(b) of the Deed of Agreement for Electricity works on protected areas between the State of Queensland and the Queensland Electricity Supply Industry provides for electrical works to be decommissioned. However there is no ministerial delegation for providing a written agreement under section 111 of the EA.

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- Section 111(2) of the EA states that the Minister must take into account the following three criteria:
    1. the extent and significance of the disturbance building the works will, or is likely to, cause to the protected area;
    2. the electricity entity's report on alternative routes or positions for building the works outside the protected area; and
    3. the extent of any disability or disadvantage in using an alternative route or position.
- Section 111(3) of the EA states that the Minister's agreement may be given on conditions the Minister considers necessary to minimise interference to the protected area, and such conditions are included in the letter of approval (**Attachment 1**).
- An assessment against each of these criteria has been undertaken which recommends that the Minister's consent is granted for removal of the redundant transmission line (**Attachment 2**).

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Letter to Andrew Owen, Project Manager Powerlink giving Minister's consent to removal of the redundant 132kV transmission line.
- Attachment 2 - Assessment against the criteria under section 111(2) of the *Electricity Act 1994*.

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

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

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

SUBJECT: **Further extension of scheduled expiry of the Forestry Regulation 1998**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 26 April 2013 in order to provide timely confirmation to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) that the Minister has approved further extension of the Forestry Regulation 1998 (the Regulation).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** that DPC be requested to arrange a further one year extension of the scheduled expiry of the Regulation
- **sign** the letter to the Premier to advise that a further extension will be sought (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Under automatic expiry provisions in Part 7 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, the Regulation was scheduled to expire on 1 September 2009.
- Scheduled expiry of the Regulation has since been extended on four occasions (three previously by the now Department of Environment and Heritage Protection) on the basis that relevant provisions in the *Forestry Act 1959* (the Forestry Act) are under review. The Regulation is currently scheduled to expire on 31 August 2013.
- A further one year extension of the scheduled expiry is required to complete the amendment of the Forestry Act and remake the Regulation. Background information on issues leading to the need for a further extension are detailed in (**Attachment 2**).
- DPC has responsibility for the Statutory Instruments Regulation, under which extensions to scheduled expiry dates are granted.
- DPC has requested formal instructions on whether or not a further extension will be required for the Regulation so that it can arrange for the necessary amendment of the Statutory Instruments Regulation by 31 August 2013.
- Allowing the regulation to expire is not an option as this will remove the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's ability to manage and administer State forest activities.
- It is the department's intent to formally advise DPC of the need for a further 12 month extension subject to approval of this brief.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Letter to the Premier requesting an extension
Attachment 2 - Additional detail about further extension of the Forestry Regulation from expiry

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Attachment 2: Additional detail about further extension of the Forestry Regulation from expiry

- The Forestry Regulation 1998 (the Regulation) is not large in size, with the body of the Regulation totalling 23 pages (exclusive of schedules, contents pages and endnotes).
- Necessary enhancements have been identified that will require associated changes to the *Forestry Act 1959* (the Act), and therefore require an amending Bill.
- For example, under the current Regulation, there is a 10 penalty unit ($1100) maximum penalty for ignoring a fire ban in a timber reserve, or ignoring a direction to put out a hazardous campfire in a State forest. The intention is to move these important provisions from the Regulation into the Act, so as to allow for a higher maximum penalty of 165 penalty units ($18,150). This higher penalty is consistent with fire safety provisions in related legislation, reflecting the serious implications of these offences for the safety of persons and property, including potential impacts on timber resources.
- The four previous extensions of scheduled expiry of the Regulation resulted from delays caused by competing legislative priorities, and unavoidable circumstances arising at critical times. For example, the June 2010 sale (under licence) of State Plantation Forests to Forestry Plantations Queensland (now HQPlantations) involved a complex series of amendments to the Act and Regulation which were not expected when the initial remaking was planned.
- On 4 October 2012, the Premier wrote to the Minister about these four previous extensions to expiry, with the following request:

  "In accordance with the Government's commitment to cutting the number of pages of regulation by 20 per cent and as the *Forestry Regulation 1998* has now been exempted from expiry a number of times, could you please closely scrutinise the rationale for retaining this regulation. If the regulation needs to remain in place, could you also consider whether it needs to be remade."
- The Minister replied to the Premier on 25 October 2012 (CTS 15249/12), confirming the need to retain the Regulation given that it:
  - specifies the areas that are State Plantation Forests managed by HQPlantations under the 99 year Plantation Licence granted by the Queensland Government
  - specifies the areas that are timber reserves, feature protection areas, scientific areas and State forest parks
  - prescribes the fees payable for permits under the Act, including for camping permits and commercial activity permits
  - provides for matters of safety, forest protection and public order, including management of recreational and commercial activities, fire bans and fire safety, water pollution, use of firearms, littering, public behaviour, domestic animals and vehicle use.
- sch3(2)(1)(a) Cabinet matter - For consideration by Cabinet
- The delays have resulted from the need to focus available effort on key government legislative priorities, including providing for ecotourism access to national parks, and permit streamlining.
- These priorities have intensively engaged most of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's strategic policy and legislative efforts for the past 12 months and will continue to do so throughout the remainder of 2013, together with further review and amendment of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
- Steps are in train to recruit additional legislative staff so that the necessary work on the Act and Regulation can be completed within the proposed additional extension period without jeopardising progress on the Government's priority legislative reforms.
- sch3(2)(1)(a) Cabinet matter - For consideration by Cabinet

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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: **Dedication of properties acquired with National Reserve System funding assistance as National Park.**

TIMEFRAME:

- Noting of this brief is required urgently to inform discussions with the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** information regarding National Reserve System (NRS) properties to inform ongoing discussions with Minister Powell over the acquisition process and options to fund management of these lands;
- **note** that these properties will be re-assessed using the new protected area assessment methodology developed by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's (EHP's) assistance to complete the required data analysis;
- **note** the attached details of each parcel of land including purchase price, initial tenure recommendations and estimated management costs (**Attachment 1**);
- **note** the attached summary of park values index (**Attachment 2**); and
- **note** that while the properties currently hold various tenures, they are listed on the Queensland Government Asset Register as the responsibility of NPRSR and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) as it is responsible agency for fire, pests and other matters for which the State is involved.

BACKGROUND

- The NRS scheme has been supported by Commonwealth, state and territory governments since the 1990s.
- A five year funding arrangement for the NRS under the 'Caring for our Country' program ends this year. Its particular focus has been to increase poorly represented areas throughout Australia within the protected area estate.
- Under this program, the Commonwealth provides $2 for every $1 spent by state agencies or other approved bodies to purchase strategically important properties. This contribution recognises that money is needed for the set-up and initial management of the properties as well as for their purchase.
- A number of properties in Queensland's poorly represented areas were purchased for future national park under this program (**Attachment 3**), after being identified by the State and approved by the Commonwealth as making important contributions to a nationally representative system (**Attachment 1, Table 1**).
- On 12 February 2013, the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing met with Minister Powell and the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs to discuss a number issues relating to the acquisition of parks, including the methodology, developed by NPRSR, to identify the values of areas currently in, or being considered for future inclusion into, the protected area estate.

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The selection process under the NRS

- The process through which these properties were selected through the NRS was exhaustive.
- From 2009 to 2012, over 1,500 properties were evaluated for national park potential by technical groups within the Queensland Government. Most properties were excluded from the process due to:
  - inadequate values, poor condition or a high level of infrastructure development;
  - the presence of valuable mineral resources;
  - lack of availability; or
  - lack of affordability.
- Factors taken into consideration through this process included all forestry, energy and mining interests, as well as existing leases.
- The internal selection process included the use of expert opinion, a science-based methodology (with criteria similar to the current scientific methodology that is being developed by NPRSR) and field inspections to shortlist key properties across the State.
- Properties recognised as being highly significant included those with potential to contribute to representation of ecological communities and species, tourism and recreation, local economic benefits, and improved management of existing national parks.
- Some of the properties purchased have been potential national park proposals for decades. All were purchased with the full support of QPWS at the time, on the understanding that resourcing for management would be forthcoming.
- In addition to the State based assessment process to determine the suitability of properties, all proposals submitted to the Commonwealth were subject to a rigorous competitive evaluation process conducted by the NRS program.
- The NRS assistance provided since 2010 (for properties not yet gazetted) is shown in Table 1 (**Attachment 1**). Note that this excludes Cape York lands and small properties in the Daintree area, which were purchased under special programs.
- Market value or slightly better was paid for the properties and all properties were sold voluntarily.
- In two cases (Littleton and Badgery), the landholders were asked to sell as part of the Delbessie lease agreement and were initially reluctant, but then agreed to an immediate sale to avoid the placement of a 'future conservation area' over the property.
- A condition of NRS funding is that properties be dedicated as International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Protected Area Category II (National Park) and be managed by QPWS. The agreements stipulate that this is to be achieved within two years of the date of settlement.
- The properties are listed in the Titles Register as having various tenures, including unallocated State land, freehold and reserve for environmental purposes, but all appear in the Queensland Government Asset register under NPRSR with an associated assumption of management responsibility.
- The gazettal of properties as national park may take time as they need to be cleared of legal impediments, such as most leases or other interests. In some cases, this can take much longer than the agreed two years. To date, this has not posed any problems with the NRS program managers.
- Although the agreement to create national parks means that grazing should be excluded, some grazing may be permissible where areas are declared as national park (recovery) and grazing is strictly controlled for management purposes.
- In most cases, destocking takes place during the transition period, and the landholder receives free grazing rights during this time as part of the sale agreement. Destocking was negotiated by EHP officers as part of the settlement arrangements with the landholders. Any extension of grazing rights must be cleared with the NRS or risk a breach of the funding agreement.

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CURRENT ISSUES

Review of properties

- Consistent with discussions at the joint Ministerial meeting on 12 February 2013, it was agreed that the NRS properties should be subject to an evaluation under the new protected area assessment methodology developed by NPRSR.
- This will provide a transparent and scientific basis for appropriate gazettal and tenure decisions to be made for each property.
- It is proposed that NPRSR prioritise the assessment of NRS properties under the scientific review process, noting that data analysis support is required from EHP.
- A request for this support is being progressed in separate correspondence between the Directors-General of NPRSR and EHP.

Management costs

- Concern has been expressed about the capacity of QPWS to manage the purchased properties within current resources.
- The anticipated costs to establish basic management and meet legal obligations and community expectations appear in Table 3 (**Attachment 1**). For the current suite of 14 properties awaiting gazettal, the estimated costs are:
  - $1.8 million (recurring) for basic annual operational costs;
  - $1.5 million (one off capital investment) for the provision of camping areas; and
  - $0.9 million (one off capital investment) for the establishment of work bases and housing.
- Options to identify funding to cover management costs are currently under investigation.
- Some funding may be available from the following sources:
  - EHP currently holds $5 million from a reimbursement from the Commonwealth NRS program for funds already spent. This funding currently supports an election commitment specific to capital acquisitions.
  - A proportion of money from the 2012-2013 acquisition allocation of $9 million (also held by EHP) can also be allocated for capital expenses associated with the purchase of land (i.e. where fencing, surveying and firebreaks are needed).
- sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process
- While this funding, if re-allocated, could meet the upfront costs of establishing new national parks, it is not available to meet any long-term recurring operational costs.

Contractual agreements

- Each property is subject to an executed funding agreement between the State and the Commonwealth containing specific conditions, including:
  - the property be dedicated as an IUCN Protected Area Category II (National Park) within two years of purchase;
  - the Grantee agrees to maintain ownership of all the property and ensure it is not used for any purpose other than national park; and
  - the State will repay the NRS funding on a pro-rata basis for any part of the property not actioned in accordance with the deed conditions.
- If any properties are sold or do not progress to national park, money will need to be re-imbursed to the Commonwealth.
- Consistent with the direction provided at the joint Ministerial meeting, officers will work to identify potential contractual implications of partial gazettal of NRS properties as national park tenure, including implications on the funding contribution made by the Commonwealth.
- It should be noted that there is currently an additional $16.5 million of funding requests from Queensland for additional national park acquisitions under the NRS program.

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Grazing

- The agreements with the NRS specify that all the properties purchased with funding assistance should be Protected Area Category II (National Park).
- However, in several cases, QPWS managers consider that controlled grazing would be of assistance in managing pest plants and fire, at least in the shorter term until rehabilitation works can be undertaken. For this reason, it is recommended that a few of the areas be declared as wholly or partly national park (recovery), which permits some grazing for rehabilitation purposes. (**Attachment 1, Table 2**).
- Any grazing that does occur must be managed according to a rehabilitation plan and be strictly for the purpose of controlling pest weeds.
- In these cases, partnerships or third-party arrangements may be sought to implement rehabilitation works as these are beyond the capacity of regional resourcing.
- As a part of the Stage 2 *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA) reforms, the tenure of national park (recovery) will be abolished and absorbed into national park tenure.
- In the development of the policy position on grazing on protected areas, it was originally envisaged that this activity would be excluded on national parks and where there was a demand for it to take place (as either a historic use or management tool), then the appropriate tenure would be 'regional park'.
- At the meeting of 12 February 2013 with Ministers Powell and Elmes, the potential of allowing grazing to take place on national parks for management purposes was discussed as a future option on NRS properties.
- sch3(2)(1)(a) Cabinet matter - For consideration by Cabinet

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Details of each parcel of land (Tables 1 – 3)
Attachment 2 – Summary of park values index
Attachment 3 – Map location of acquired properties in bioregional context

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Table 1: Properties purchased since 2010 (not including Daintree and Cape York Peninsula)

Property	Bioregion	Date of settlement	Total price paid $	Commonwealth contribution $	Proposed PA class
Badgery	Brigalow Belt	5/8/2011	236,398	156,666	National park
Rungulla	Gulf Plains	19/7/2011	2,145,000	1,430,000	National park
Gilbert River	Gulf Plains	19/7/2011	1,045,000	696,666	National park
The Canyon		18/11/2011	1,220,000	813,333	National park
Littleton	Gulf Plains	17/2/2012	6,251,386	4,066,667	National park
Eight Mile	Gulf Plains	29/3/2012	622,088	400,000	National park
Apsey/12 Mile	Brigalow Belt	4/4/2012	553,727	366,850	National park
Peakvale	New England Tableland	9/3/2012	30,000	0	National park with some national park (recovery) for mine rehabilitation
RedcliffeVale	Brigalow Belt	9/8/2010	3,528,096	2,333,130	National park with some national park (recovery) for control of exotic gasses over northern section only
Retreat Valley	Wet Tropics	27/6/2011	149,600	96,000	National park
Bedourie	Brigalow Belt	13/5/2011	1,149,819	766,583	National park
Belmah	Brigalow Belt	30/3/2011	2,048,168	908,273	National park (recovery) for buffell control
Wairuna	Einasleigh Uplands	30/6/2010	7,811,695	5,200,260	National park with some national park (recovery) for control of pest plants in the wetlands
Mt Poverty	Wet Tropics	27/8/2010	441,000	332,620	National park
Total			**27,231,977**	**17,567,048**	

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Table 2: Recommendations for each property

Property	Recommendation	Notes
Twelve-mile/ Apsey Badgery	National park (These properties are adjacent – likely to amalgamate with Wondul Range National Park)	High priority additions in very poorly represented subregion. Minimal management implications.
Belmah/ Nogoa River	National park (recovery). Allow controlled grazing Explore potential partnerships for management and rehabilitation	Very high value but buffell grass issues. Strong local support from Council – possibility of trusteeship arrangement. Will need to negotiate with NRS if conservation park option is preferred.
Bedourie	National park (addition to Expedition National Park)	Adjoins Expedition National Park. Adds connectivity. Access difficult
Redcliffevale	National park with minor part of area as national park (recovery) Allow controlled grazing on NP (recovery) only	High priority addition. High tourism value
Littleton	National park with minor part of area as national park (recovery) Consider need for controlled grazing on NP (recovery) only	High priority addition. High tourism value. Possible future partnership with conservancy or grazier.
Rungulla Gilbert River Eight Mile	National park – run as one contiguous park as the three properties are adjoining Explore potential partnerships for management with a third party (e.g. conservancy)	Potential as new iconic destination. Plan for tourism use
The Canyon	National park Explore potential partnerships for management (possible conservancy management)	If conservancy option is to be explored, negotiate with NRS and ensure that public access is permitted.
Wairuna	National park with minor part of area as national park (recovery) Allow controlled grazing on NP (recovery) only	Proceed to gazettal as soon as possible. High priority addition, Tourism potential. Existing interest from commercial tourism providers for volunteer-tourism opportunities. Girringun rangers also have high interest in managing the park.
Mount Poverty	National park (addition to Paluma Range National Park) Explore potential partnerships for management	Add to Paluma Range National Park. High priority addition (mahogany gliders, lowland forest). Future potential is as part of the larger long-standing proposal "Wharp's Holding".
Retreat Valley	National park	

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Table 3: Estimated management costs

Property	Staffing	Operations	Capital (management facilities)	Recreation facilities	Notes
Badgery	0	10,000			managed to conjunction with adjacent estate
Apsey – 12 mile	0	10,000			managed to conjunction with adjacent estate
Rungulla	170,000	200,000	800,000	300,000	setup to manage complex with Gilbert River and Eight Mile
Gilbert River					part of Rungulla costs
Eight Mile					part of Rungulla costs
The Canyon	85,000	50,000		300,000	run from Rungulla - additional cost estimate
Littleton	170,000	200,000	100,000	300,000	infrastructure already good - possible costs for improvements
Retreat Valley	0	10,000	60,000		minimal management required
Belmah	170,000	50,000			manage from Springsure
Bedourie	0	10,000			minimal management required
Redcliffe Vale	170,000	100,000		300,000	manage from Eungella - need money to cover
Wairuna	85,000	200,000		300,000	manage from Princess Hills- add extra for weed issues
Mt Poverty addition to Paluma Range NP)	85,000	50,000			manage from Paluma Range
Peakvale					manage in conjunction with Sundown
Total	**935,000**	**890,000**	**900,000**	**1,500,000**	
				1,825,000	total recurrent (operational) per year
				5,475,000*	basic operational costs over 3 years
				1,500,000**	total capital to establish simple camping areas at Redcliffe Vale, Rungulla, Wairuna, Littleton and the Canyon
				900,000	total capital costs for establishment of work base and housing

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*Note that the full costs for some properties will not be needed until 2014, as former landholders are still in place and grazing is yet to be phased out. Therefore the basic cost for the first three-year period could be below this – estimated at between $4.7 million and $5million.

**Note that the development of tourism facilities will take place progressively as funds are available.

Attachment 2 - Summary of park values index (in hard copy)

- Summary of national park values: Retreat Valley
- Summary of national park values: Mount Poverty
- Summary of national park values: Wairuna
- Summary of national park values: The Canyon
- Summary of national park values: Littleton
- Summary of national park values: Rungulla
- Summary of national park values: Gilbert River
- Summary of national park values: Eight Mile
- Summary of national park values: Redcliffe Vale
- Summary of national park values: Belmah
- Summary of national park values: Bedourie
- Summary of national park values: 12 mile/ Apsey
- Summary of national park values: Badgery
- Summary of national park values: Peakvale

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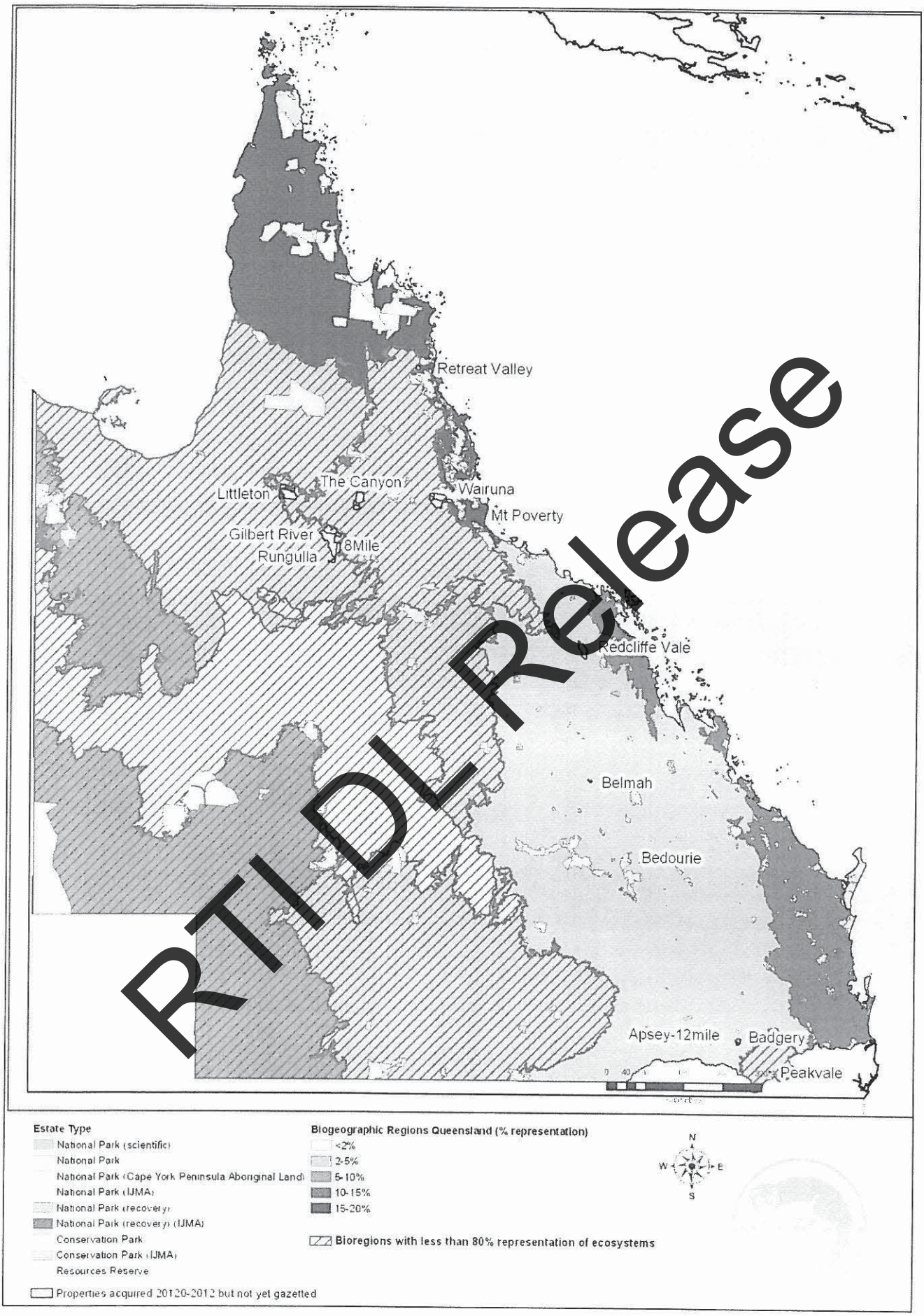
Map : Location of acquired properties in bioregional context



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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: **National Parks Volunteering election commitment**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing is urgent as requested by the Minister's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the options for implementing the government's election commitment regarding a national parks volunteer program;
- **note** the interest expressed by the National Parks Association of Queensland (NPAQ) and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) in implementing the commitment;
- **note** the existing QPWS-funded two year trial 'Friends of Parks' program which was completed in December 2012;
- **sign** the attached letter of thanks (**Attachment 1**) to NPAQ regarding this program;
- **approve** Option Three as the preferred option whereby Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will seek the services of suitably experienced organisations to deliver the National Parks Volunteer Program;
- **note** that under State Purchasing Policy this requires a Significant Procurement Plan with delegation for approval by the Director-General; and
- **note** that QPWS is establishing a complementary small grants program to enhance volunteering and voluntourism this financial year.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Volunteers make a significant contribution to protected areas in Queensland and a review conducted in 2010 estimated that there are roughly 900 volunteers and 100 programs operating on QPWS estate.
- The review found that better coordination and investment was required to improve the volunteer program.
- In response, QPWS provided $33,000 to fund a part-time coordinator position in NPAQ to conduct a two year *Friends of Parks* trial. This was based in Girraween, Carnarvon and Currawinya national parks and ended in December 2012. While this has instigated a number of volunteer projects in these parks, a review with NPAQ and QPWS indicates that increased investment is required in coordination to progress a successful program.
- In addition to the funded NPAQ trial, QPWS has a number of MoU's with other groups for volunteer activities, for example mountain bike clubs in Townsville, Atherton and the Gold Coast and Four Wheel Drive Queensland. Volunteer works completed under these MoU's include track construction, maintenance, park clean-up days, and revegetation.
- Working with established clubs and associations provides significant efficiencies for QPWS in that they self-organise their members, in most cases provide a code of behaviour or ethics for members, and provide insurance for activities.
- An election commitment of the government is to 'invest $1.5 million over three years to fund four Friends of Parks coordinators and a QPWS Conservation Volunteer Coordinator to coordinate volunteer and eco-holiday partnerships to help protect and enhance national parks'.

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National park volunteer programs in other jurisdictions

- A range of established and successful models for delivery of national park volunteer programs exist in other national parks agencies.
- Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service delivers volunteering through:
  - Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) - to deliver specific projects to attract international volunteers;
  - Wildcare Inc - a community based organisation which works with a range of Tasmanian government agencies to provide management and coordination of volunteers working on national parks and other reserves; and
  - by partnering with community groups through a formal registration process.
- Similarly, Parks Victoria uses:
  - CVA - to deliver specific projects by attracting volunteers who either sign up for regular involvement or international visitors who sign up for an extended period eg. two weeks;
  - People and Parks Foundation - an independent and not-for-profit organisation, which works with Victorian land management agencies to manage volunteer programs on behalf of the agencies to meet key priorities, for example sea bird monitoring; and
  - by partnering with community groups through a formal registration process.

Options to implement the National Parks Volunteering election commitment

- A number of options exist to implement the election commitment. These range from delivery of the program by QPWS to contracting delivery of the program to external providers as components or in its entirety.
- Volunteer programs in other jurisdictions indicate that there are a number of experienced and established organisations that could provide volunteer management on behalf of QPWS.
- Both NPAQ and CVA have formally expressed interest in implementing part or whole of the national parks volunteering election commitment, and it is anticipated that there are a number of community groups who would also indicate interest, for example Eco-barge and NRM community groups.
- The election commitment provides $1.5 million, requires that five positions are funded as part of the program including a QPWS Conservation Volunteer Coordinator; and that the program is to provide national park volunteering opportunities including eco-holidays.
- All options are to achieve the following outcomes:
  - fulfils the election commitment;
  - provides an efficient and accountable use of the funding;
  - provides an avenue for community groups (for example local NRM groups, mountain bike clubs) to partner or register to provide volunteer services;
  - provides eco-holiday or voluntourism opportunities;
  - provides opportunities in multiple locations across the State; and
  - delivers volunteering activities on national parks according to agreed priorities.
- Options for delivery include:
  - Option One - QPWS-managed program with staff employed by QPWS.
  - Option Two - Contracting delivery of the program in its entirety by one external service provider.
  - Option Three - Contracting components of the program for delivery by external service providers (recommended).
- An analysis of the benefits and risks associated with each of the options is attached (**Attachment 2**).
- A draft budget is attached for Option One (**Attachment 3**).
- It is recommended that Option 3 is pursued as the preferred option on the basis that:
  - The experience of other jurisdictions indicates that a number of reputable organisations exist with governance arrangements, demonstrated skill and experience and established volunteer program delivery models and networks.
  - The skill and networks of these organisations provide opportunities that a QPWS-managed program would not achieve within the funding constraints.

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- Securing the services of an experienced organisation provides cost efficiencies as they have established management structures, delivery models and services.
- Contractual arrangements will provide certainty around deliverables specified in the election commitment and it is proposed that the commitment of five positions can be made up of part or whole positions.
- Contracting components of the program provides enhanced opportunities for regionally-based community groups to express an interest in delivering a geographic or issue-specific volunteering program for national parks.

- In addition, the Minister has requested that a grants fund of $500,000 be considered as part of this program to create a component of the $1.5 million election commitment.
- QPWS is establishing a small grants program to support and enhance volunteering and voluntourism in national parks with the aim of distributing grants towards the end of this financial year. QPWS will then outsource the delivery of co-ordination, management and enhancement of volunteering and voluntourism to partner organisations such as NPAQ and CVA over the next two years. An updated project plan of option 3 is attached (**Attachment 4**).

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ATTACHMENTS
- Attachment 1 – Letter of thanks to NPAQ
- Attachment 2 – Options Analysis
- Attachment 3 – Option 1 draft budget
- Attachment 4 – Option 3 brief project plan

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Queensland Government

Minister for National Parks,
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Our Ref: CTS17938-12

20 MAR 2013

Mr Paul Donatiu
Executive Coordinator
National Parks Association of Queensland
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Dear Mr Donatiu

I refer to our discussions and your recent correspondence with my office on the National Parks Volunteering election commitment. The Queensland Government is committed to improving access to national parks and we are taking a number of steps to do this including reviewing the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and streamlining permits for ecotourism operators and recreation users to access national parks. The volunteering initiative is an important step in improving the community's engagement with national parks and I welcome your interest in this initiative.

I have considered a number of options to deliver this commitment and have decided that I will be seeking the services of a number of community organisations to assist in delivery of the program. Community organisations are well placed to do this and I am aware that the National Parks Association of Queensland has been funded by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) for a trial volunteering program. I would like to take this opportunity to thank your association for its efforts in this area and encourage you to be involved in future.

I anticipate that the program will focus on a number of opportunities including adopt-a-trail program, campground hosts and voluntourism.

Thank you for your continued support for the QPWS volunteer program. Should you have further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
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National Parks Volunteer Program – Options and Analysis

	Details of option	Benefits	Risks
Option 1 QPWS-managed program	• The $1.5 million is retained in QPWS budget with the five staff QPWS positions. • Detailed budget provides for labour and operating funds required to fund the employment of an AO5 QPWS Coordinator position based in Brisbane and four AO4 positions located in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mackay and Cairns. • Program to be established whereby community groups will be able to register with QPWS to conduct volunteer services in their local national parks. • Priority projects to be identified by QPWS.	• Complete control over delivery of election commitment with respect to employment of positions specified in the commitment. • Enables direct control over use of resources and priorities. • If funding ceases at end of term, this model creates a potential for self-management by community groups to continue volunteering.	• Funding of State Government positions exhausts a greater proportion of funding given salary levels and fixed overhead costs. • While QPWS has a range of volunteer programs across the state these are predominantly based around individuals volunteering in established opportunities, for example in public contact programs in D'Aguilar National Park. • QPWS has limited skill and expertise in developing volunteer programs in partnership with community groups and therefore the ability to leverage opportunities in this area may be constrained compared with the other options available.
Option 2 Contract entire delivery of program	• Secure the services of an established volunteer organisation that has demonstrated experience in providing volunteer management services for land management agencies or similar.	• Ability to leverage skill and expertise of an established volunteering organisation. • Reduced administration and management required by QPWS.	• Delivery of election commitment contingent on delivery by external organisation and subject to well-documented contract. • If funding discontinued at end of

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	• Contract to include the employment of five volunteer coordinators to fulfil the requirements of the election commitment. • Positions could be located in QPWS offices to maximise efficiencies. • Contractor required deliver a program that develops partnership based volunteering services with community groups, for example 4WD Qld and mountain biking clubs. • Program to be delivered in key geographic locations including Cairns and Brisbane as a minimum. • Priorities agreed annually with contractor.	• Maximise efficiencies by working with an organisation with established expertise, procedures and governance. • Potential to maximise funding by leveraging opportunities that the organisation already has established as a result of their expertise.	term, no capacity retained in QPWS to continue volunteering. • Requires continued QPWS investment in management of contracting arrangements and local project identification.
Option 3 Contract components of the program	• Secure the services of two or more organisations to deliver volunteering opportunities. • Organisations to have demonstrated experience in providing volunteer management services around conservation or land management. • Contracts to be either issue-based (for example, develop eco-holiday volunteering opportunities across the State) or geographically based (for example, developing volunteering opportunities in Western Queensland national parks). • Combined contracts must deliver four volunteering coordinators in total to fulfil election commitment.	• Allows for expertise to be focussed on key deliverables, for example eco-holidays. • Ability to leverage skill and expertise of an established volunteering organisation. • Maximise efficiencies by working with an organisation with established expertise, procedures and governance. • Potential to maximise funding by leveraging opportunities that the organisation already has established as a result of their expertise.	• Multiple contracts will require increased administration and management by QPWS. • Delivery of election commitment contingent on delivery by external organisation and subject to well-documented contract.

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Attachment 3
Option One – draft budget proposal

Labour

Level	Annual Base Salary ($)	No. FTE	2012-13 $'000	No. FTEs	2013-14 $'000	No. FTEs	2014-15 $'000	No. FTEs	2015-16 $'000
A04	65.727	2	131.454	4	262.908	4	262.908	2	131.454
A05	75.573	0.5	37.787	1	75.573	1	75.573	0.5	37.787
Total Base Salary Costs			**169.241**		**338.481**		**338.481**		**169.241**
On Costs	**% On Costs**								
Superannuation	0.1275		21.578		43.156		43.156		21.578
Leave Loading	0.0135		2.285		4.569		4.569		2.285
Long Service Leave	0.021		3.554		7.108		7.108		3.554
Work Cover	0.0083		1.405		2.809		2.809		1.405
Payroll Tax	0.0475		9.172		18.345		18.345		9.172
Other (please specify)									
Total On-Costs			**37.994**		**75.988**		**75.988**		**37.994**
Total Employee Expenses			**207.235**		**414.469**		**414.469**		**207.235**

Mandatory Corporate Infrastructure Cost
10 % of labour - $41k

Operating
It is proposed that the remainder of funds ($45k) per year be used for the following:

- Travel / transport, including contribution for using regional vehicles - 20
- Promotion and printing etc - $10k
- Other, e.g. training - $15k

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National Parks Volunteering

Unit:	NPRSR / QPWS / Technical Services / Commercial and Visitor Services
Project Sponsor	Ben Klaassen, A/Deputy Director General QPWS ph 3330 5270
Project Manager:	Pamela Harmon-Price Commercial & Visitor Services QPWS ph 3330 5230

Project Scope

Election Commitment	Invest $1.5 million to fund four Friends of Parks (FOP) coordinators and a QPWS Conservation Volunteer Coordinator to coordinate volunteer and eco-holiday partnerships to help protect and enhance our National Parks.
Strategy for delivery	Improve volunteering and voluntourism through a combination of a small grants program ($500,000 for the program, with a maximum grant of $50,000 per organisation) and outsourcing the delivery of enhanced volunteer programs and eco-holidays to external service providers based on delivery models in other agencies.

Project Implementation

Milestones

Short term (By end March 2013)

- Identify financial and other requirements and assessment criteria to establish a small grants program to support volunteering in Queensland parks and forests.
- Identify and inform potential grant recipients of the grants program proposal.
- Review the 2011/12 NPAQ pilot program to inform the contracting process and ensure value for money through outsourcing.
- Liaise with other parks agencies around Australia and identify key success factors for successful outsourcing of volunteer initiatives and voluntourism.
- Improve volunteer policy and procedures to inform the tender process and support expansion of existing successful volunteer programs in parks.

Short-medium term (By end June 2013)

- Promote the new Friends of Parks program through new pages on the NPRSR website.
- Develop the required instruments for a small grants program for volunteering.
- Develop a tender document to outsource the delivery of the Friends of Parks program over the next two years *By end May 2013*
- Develop a collaborative partnership agreement template to enhance volunteer partnership arrangements.
- Advertise the application process for volunteering grants *By end June 2013*
- Assess applications for small grants and disburse grants to successful applicants *By end June 2013* (**Note: dedicated and appropriately skilled resources will be directed towards achieving this deadline but it may not be possible given the timeframe to deliver this action).**

Medium-long-term (July 2013–March 2015)

- Appoint successful applicants to co-ordinate the management and delivery of different streams of the Friends of Parks program *By end September 2013*
- Contract community partner organisations co-ordinate and expand volunteer programs under binding contracts with QPWS.
- Manage and support partner organisations in the delivery of improved volunteering and voluntourism in Queensland parks.
- Review the success of the small grants program and determine whether a further round of grants is desirable.
- Identify and implement new voluntourism opportunities.
- Expand campground hosting and other volunteering initiatives.

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Sponsor's authorisation to implement a government commitment

I authorise the commencement of the project as described in this plan

Signed: _____ Date: / 02 / 2013

Name: Ben Klaassen

Title: A/Deputy Director-General, QPWS

CTS No. 08286/13

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

Chief of Staff ..... OK
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Further information required
Minister.....
Dated / /

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

SUBJECT: **1770 Hovercraft Tours**

TIMEFRAME

- This briefing note was requested by the Ministers Office.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the issues surrounding sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy (1770 Hovercraft Tours) desire to operate a hovercraft.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] applied in late 2012 for a (State) marine park permit to operate a hovercraft commercially within the protected waters of Round Hill Creek, adjacent to the town of 1770.
- Hovercraft are designated as "managed vessels" under both State and Commonwealth marine park legislation, meaning that their use in a marine park, even recreationally, requires a permit.
- Following negotiation of a mutually agreeable outcome, a three month permit was granted in March 2013 for the recreational use of the hovercraft in Round Hill Creek. This allows [redacted] to operate the vessel in order to gain the required qualifications from Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ), and will allow the actual impacts of hovercraft operations in the area to be quantified.
- The [redacted] subsequently found that the standard $20 million public liability insurance required as a condition of the marine park permit was not available on the market. The State decided to accept $10 million public liability insurance for recreational use. A copy of the [redacted] insurance policy has been provided to the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS).
- The cover letter accompanying the marine park permit (**Attachment 1**) details the potentially significant impacts that commercial hovercraft operations might have on the area and the need to consider mitigation measures as part of any future application for commercial use. These matters have also been discussed verbally with both [redacted]
- To be granted a Commercial Activity Permit, [redacted] will need to:
  - secure the appropriate insurance for a commercial operation (being $20 million public liability)
  - secure the appropriate licences as required by MSQ
  - complete an application for a Commercial Activity Permit and pay the regulatory fees
  - demonstrate an on-water operation of the hovercraft to QPWS staff so that an assessment of impact can be made.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter to [redacted] 11 March 2013

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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Our reference 1770 Hovercraft Tours

11 March 2013

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Dear [redacted]

Re: Application for Marine Park permission for operating a hovercraft in Round Hill Creek

I refer to your application to conduct a hovercraft operation within Round Hill Creek in the Rodds Bay Segment of the (Queensland) Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park. Attached to this letter is a draft permit for your consideration. The permit will be valid for 3 months in order to allow you to continue to develop your proposal. The tourist program component of your application has not been approved. If you wish to operate your hovercraft beyond the 30th of June, you will have to lodge a new application before that date.

Hovercraft are specifically listed as "managed vessels" in both Commonwealth and Queensland Marine Park legislation in recognition of their unique characteristics leading to potentially significant impacts on the environment and other users. As you are aware, this designation means that even private recreational operation of a hovercraft in a marine park requires permission.

I understand that the operation of your hovercraft is limited by Maritime Safety Queensland to 'Smooth Waters' and that much of the area of Round Hill Creek is covered by a 6 knot speed limit. Therefore, the area of operation remaining for your proposed operation is limited to quiet, tidal wetlands frequented by shorebirds (resident and migratory). Current use of the area consists of nature-based recreational activities, small-scale commercial fishing and a few existing nature-based tourist programs.

Despite our best efforts, QPWS has only been able to undertake a desktop assessment of your proposal. That assessment raises serious concerns regarding the potential impacts of your proposed operations on the environment and on other users. The decision to grant a temporary permit for limited operations is to afford you the opportunity to consider the issues detailed here and develop procedures to mitigate the impacts. Specifically the issues

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are:

- The potential for significant impacts on shorebirds and other users through;
  - the proposed frequency of operations (up to 7 tours per day);
  - the proposed 'style' of operation (e.g. operating the vessel in an erratic and unpredictable manner versus operating at a constant speed, noise profile and direction);
  - a proposed speed of 30 knots which has the potential to increase disturbance by minimising response time;
- The potential for increased impacts on shorebirds at high tide when they are restricted in areas to roost;
- The extent to which shorebirds will habituate to any impacts or whether they will learn to avoid the area;
- If operating over any seagrass beds, the likelihood of and potential impact on dugong and turtles;
- The extent to which the proposed operation will impact on existing users.

Following up on your comments that hovercraft currently operate in Moreton Bay, QPWS confirms that the operation of these vessels adheres with the attached *Queensland Sporting Hovercraft Club – Code of Conduct*. In the absence of any formal industry code or other best practice guidelines, the attached draft permit requires that any operations of your hovercraft abide by this code.

In order to be able to accurately and adequately assess the actual impacts of your proposal, your cooperation with QPWS Officers while operating your hovercraft will be essential. Any future decision on the use of hovercraft in this area will be predicated on observations of operations and a quantitative assessment of the impacts.

I look forward to hearing from you in order to finalise a permit which will allow you to further develop your proposal.

Yours sincerely

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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: **Historical arrangements for whale watching in marine parks.**

TIMEFRAME

- Noting of this briefing note is required by 23 February 2013, prior to Fraser Coast Community Cabinet meeting scheduled for 24 and 25 February 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** the attached information.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

Moreton Bay Marine Park.

- In the Moreton Bay MP, under the *Marine Parks Regulation 2006*, authorities for commercial whale watching are limited to three Commercial Activity Permits.
- There are two current Commercial Activity Permits authorising whale watching in a defined area of Moreton Bay MP. In the 2012 season both operators conducted whale watching tours.
- The third permit has never been made available to the market. There has been formal interest registered by a number of parties including the Quandamooka people as part of the North Stradbroke Island joint management negotiations.
- Current permits are valid as follows:
  - Brisbane Whale Watching Pty Ltd – issued 13/02/12; expires 30/11/2017
  - Tangalooma island Resort Pty Ltd – issued 29/02/12; expires 30/11/2017
- Records indicate that these permissions for Tangalooma were originally issued in 1993 and the other was originally issued in 1996 (and has changed hands a number of times).
- Fee structure: the Moreton Bay MP operators pay regulated fees, as per Schedule 4 of the *Marine Parks Regulation 2006*
  - no annual permit fee applies
  - a per passenger 'daily fee' of $1.59 per person aged 5 to 14, and $3.00 per person aged 15+
  - CPI applies
- Fees paid: Refer Attachment 1

Great Sandy Marine Park (Hervey Bay).

- In the Great Sandy MP, under *Marine Parks Regulation 2006*, authorities for commercial whale watching are limited to 20 authorities. QPWS presently has 17 current Commercial Activity Agreements authorising whale watching in Great Sandy MP.
- The remaining three Commercial Activity Agreements were either never issued or have been relinquished.
- One of the 17 current Agreements is held by the Oceania Project which is a research-based tourism venture. With industry agreement this operator pays no fees in light of the research benefits.
- In the 2012 season 8 of the 17 authorised operators did not conduct whale watching tours due to the current tourism downturn.
- The current Agreements commenced in August 2007 and expire in June 2017.

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- Current fee structure: refer Attachment 3 ('Schedule B' from the Great Sandy Whale Watching Agreements).
- A 'total fleet revenue' (TFR) amount was applied and has been increased annually (2012 = $135,768). Schedule B was negotiated and agreed to by all GSMP operators in 2007.
- Fee increases: the TFR is increased annually by 2.5%, as a proxy for CPI. The last increase of August 2012 was 2.5%, and not 3.5% as applied to regulated, and other DG set fees.
- Fees paid: refer Attachment 3

- **Additional Information.**
- The limits (cap) on the number of authorisations for whale watching in Great Sandy MP and Moreton Bay MP were set in 1997 under the *Whale and Dolphin Conservation Plan* (the Plan) and related to concern about the possible impact of whale watching activities (e.g. vessels) on humpback whale populations.
- One of the issues that the review of the Plan was considering is that humpback whale numbers are estimated to have been increasing since 1997 at a rate of 10% per annum.
- In 2011-12 Brisbane Whale Watching Pty Ltd was fined several thousand dollars (~$4500) for falsifying passenger returns (systematic and deliberate under reporting of passenger numbers and under payment). A conviction was not recorded.
- Under the (Qld) Marine Parks Regulation 2006, which reflects the Plan, whale watching is restricted to Marine Parks; the (State) Great Barrier Reef Coast MP, Great Sandy MP and Moreton Bay MP.
- In the Great Barrier Reef MP tourism permissions for swimming with Dwarf Minke whales offshore Cairns and for watching humpback whales in the Whitsundays.
- In the (State) Great Barrier Reef Coast MP, although technically allowed, no operators have applied for permissions to conduct whale watching in these waters as they are generally close in to the coast, and include tidal areas, shallow estuaries and bays.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS
- Attachment 1 - Moreton Bay MP WW Operators fees paid 2007 to 2012
- Attachment 2 - Schedule B of Great Sandy MP Commercial Activity Agreements (fee calculation)
- Attachment 3 - Great Sandy MP WW Operators fees paid 2007 to 2012

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WHALE WATCHING PERMITS MORETON BAY

PERMIT NO.	OPERATOR	COMMENCE DATE	EXPIRY DATE	amount received	over payments/ under payments	Invoice no.	Date fees received	cost centre	receipt no.	amount received	over payments /under payments	Invoice no.	Date fees received	cost centre	receipt no.	amount received	over payments /under payments	Invoice no.	Date fees received	cost centre	receipt no.	amount received	over payments /under payments	Invoice no.	Date fees received	cost centre	receipt no.
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CVL189	Moreton Bay Whale Watching Tours (Brisbane Whale Watching Tours)	01-Jun-06	30-Nov-11	commercial/p	$0.00	for june july season	17/01/08		A233551	commercial/p	0.00	Jun Oct season	5/11/08		16888	commercial/p	0.00	Jun July Aug season	25/09/09	9090322	17908			jun season	2/08/10		18990
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SCHEDULE B COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FEES

The following commercial fees will apply from July 2007 to November 2011:

1. The annual fee payable by the Operator will be the sum of the following amounts:

   a) A Fixed Base Payment of $4,500

   b) A Proportional Operating Fee if the Operator conducts a commercial whale watching program during the year

2. The Proportional Operating Fee will be calculated by the Chief Executive and the Operator will be advised of the amount owing as soon as practicable to the start of each whale watching season.

3. The Proportional Operating Fee will be calculated as follows:

   POF = IVSC / FSC x FOF

   Where:

   POF is the Proportional Operating Fee to be paid by the Operator

   IVSC is the Individual Vessel Survey Capacity of the Operator's nominated vessel

   FSC is the Fleet Survey Capacity of all vessels which will operate in any given season

   FOF is the total Fleet Operating Fee

4. The Fleet Operating Fee will be calculated as follows:

   FOF = TFR - FBPF

   Where:

   TFR is the Total Fleet Revenue set for any given year

   FBPF is the Fixed base Payment for the Fleet i.e. $4,500 x number of Commercial Activity Agreements requiring commercial fee payments

5. The Total Fleet Revenue from 2007 to 2011 will be:

2007	$120,000
2008	$123,000 (increase of 2.5% in lieu of CPI)
2009	$126,075 (increase of 2.5% in lieu of CPI)
2010	$129,226 (increase of 2.5% in lieu of CPI)
2011	$132,457 (increase of 2.5% in lieu of CPI)

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CAA No.	CAA Holder	Details	Vessel	Fixed Base Payment Fee (FBPF)	Surveyed Capacity of Vessel (IVSC)	%	Proportional Operating Fee (POF)	Total 2012 Season Cost to be paid to QPWS	
CAA2007/GS001	Reid Investments P/L	operating	Freedom III		49	0.046666667			y
CAA2007/GS002	Whale One Pty Ltd	**not operating**	**not operating**		**0**	**0**			y
CAA2007/GS003	Symbale P/L	operating	Mikat		100	0.095238095			y
CAA2007/GS004	AD & SJ Nicholson	**not operating**	**not operating**		**0**	**0**			y
CAA2007/GS005	Whalesong Cruises Hervey Bay P/L	operating	M.V. Whalesong		100	0.095238095			y
CAA2007/GS006	Kingfisher Bay Resort Village P/L	**not operating**	**not operating**		**0**	**0**			y
CAA2007/GS007	Pacific Whale Foundation Eco Adventures Aust P/L	operating	Hinchinbrook Explorer		268	0.255238095			y
CAA2007/GS008	Kingfisher Bay Resort Village P/L	**not operating**	**not operating**		**0**	**0**			y
CAA2007/GS009	LD & RD Burgess	operating	Tasman Venture		120	0.114285714			y
CAA2007/GS010	LD & RD Burgess	operating	Sea Legs		6	0.005714286			y
CAA2007/GS011	Glen Charles Dorn	operating	MV Grant Dorn		220	0.20952381			y
CAA2007/GS012	Jaigear Pty Ltd	**not operating**	**CAA surrendered 28/7/10**		**0**	**CAA surrendered 28/7/10**			amt to be incl. in calculation but not invoiced as directed
CAA2007/GS013	Peter Lynch	operating	Blue Dolphin		30	0.028571429			y
CAA2007/GS014	The Oceania Project	**Research**	Moon Dancer		**0**	**Fees waived**			amt to be incl. in calculation but not invoiced as directed
CAA2007/GS015	Merelday Pty Ltd	**not operating**	**not operating**		**0**	**0**			Advised by phone by PP 040712 10.34am
CAA2007/GS016	BT & JM Perry	operating	Quick Cat II		95	0.09047619			y
CAA2007/GS017	BT & JM Perry	operating	that's Awesome		32	0.03047619			y
CAA2007/GS018	Glen Charles Dorn	operating	Shayla Cruises		30	0.028571429			y
			TOTALS		1050	1			

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CPI of 2.5% as per current CAA

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TFR

s/commercial/pr

not to be invoiced

revenue to be recd

CAA breakdown 2012

11 operating
7 not operating incl. research & surrendered
2 held in abeyance

proportional operating fee	POF		*refer Reid Column H3*
individual vessel survey capacity	IVSC	49	*refer Reid Column F3*
Fleet Survey Capacity	FSC	1050	*refer total of vessels capacity Colum F21*
Fleet Operating Fee	FOF		*refer POF total Column H21*
Total Fleet Revenue	TFR		*refer Total 2012 Season cost to be paid to QPWS Column I21*
Fixed Base Payment for the fleet	FBPF	commercial/p	*refer 4500x16CAA'S Column E21*
POF=IVSC/FSC X FOF	e.g. Column H3		refer Column H3 POF for Reid = 3871.94 & this is calculated by IVSC 49 / FSC 807 X FOF 63768.43
FOF=TFR-FBPF	FOF		refer Column H21 FOF = 63768.4 & this is calculated by TFR 135768.43 - FBPF 72000

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

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

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

SUBJECT: **Concessions to QPWS Permit fees for seniors card holder**

TIMEFRAME
- Non-urgent.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Minister:
- **note** that fees for Camping and Vehicle Access Permits are set by regulations and any provision of a seniors card holder (or other types) concession would need to be set with in the regulation.
- **endorse** the further investigation of seniors card holder concession (or other types) to be included as part of the current review of *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* (RAM) Vehicle Access Permit fees.
- **endorse** the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department) position not to offer a seniors card holder (or other types) concession for Camping Permit fees.
- **note** the contents of the Chief of Staff response letter to s.78B(2) (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND
- Since the change of government, several requests have been received asking for the introduction of concessional fees for seniors and/or pensioners card holders.
- As a general principle and unlike most other Australian States, Queensland does not charge the public general entry fees to national parks and State forests. There are however, several exceptions to this principle as outlined below:

  - Camping Permits (Regulatory Fees) – Permit fees are charged on a per person per night basis. A concession is offered for family groups and for children on an approved school excursion.
    - ***There are no "senior's fee concessions" associated with QPWS administered Camping Permits.***

  - Recreation Area Vehicles Access Permit (Regulatory Fees) - Permit fees are charged to take a vehicle to any of the seven areas managed under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*. Queensland's Recreation Areas include Fraser Island, Green Island, Moreton Island, Bribie Island, Inskip Peninsula, Cooloola, and Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).
    - ***There are no "senior's fee concessions" associated with Recreation Area Vehicles Access Permits.***

  - Access to QPWS Centres or guided tours (Non-Regulatory Fees) - Fees are charged with entry to QPWS managed centres and attractions (e.g. David Fleay Wildlife Park, Mamu Canopy Walk, etc.) or to participate in QPWS managed "Ranger Guided Tours" (e.g. Ranger led tours at Mon Repos Conservation Park).
    - ***Seniors/pensioner concessions fees are offered as part of these non-regulatory fees, however, the concessions offered vary across the different sites accessed.***

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New South Wales (NSW) Fee Exemption Card

- Previously, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service offered a Fee Exemption Card (which allowed for concessional fees), but only to NSW pensioners. However, the validity of this restriction was called into question and they have recently amended their policy and extended the Fee Exemption Card to all Australian Pensioners and Veterans holding specific classes of concession cards.
- NSW currently charge a vehicle entry fee to access many of its high profile national parks.
- State Government issued seniors cards do not qualify individuals to the NSW Fee Exemption Cards and the associated concessions.

KEY ISSUES

- QPWS has yet to establish a consistent policy direction on seniors card holders and other concessional fees.
- The current consideration is timely given the department is undertaking a number of reviews into the legislation and policies that are used to govern Queensland's national parks and State forests, including a review of QPWS administered fees and charges.
- As part of this fees and charges review, QPWS has identified the need for a more consistent approach to non-regulatory fees and concessions.
- sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process

Vehicle Access Permits

- Additionally, QPWS has been considering the merits of a regulatory change to allow for a pensioner or seniors card holder concession and this could be included into the broader review of RAM Vehicle Access Permits and the associated fee structure.
- Issues surrounding the basic qualifying status for granting a concession (i.e. State issued seniors cards or Commonwealth pensioner card or both) remain unresolved.
- Similarly a process for seniors card concession accreditation would need to be developed (i.e. additional categories included in the online booking system) and would involve changes to the ParksQ booking system.
- While these alterations may be able to be incorporated into the current ParksQ development contractor works program, they are currently unfunded and it is likely that they would incur additional costs.
- Amendment to the regulation to allow for concessional fees could be built into any proposal associated with the review of RAM Vehicle Access Permit system and the associated fee structure.

Camping Permits

- Given the small individual fee associated with Camping Permits ($5.45 per person per night) and the extensive costs associated with managing camp ground facilities, QPWS does not consider a concessional fee is warranted or necessary.

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Member for Buderim

Queensland Government

Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Our Ref: CTS 19181/12

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 7 December 2012 to the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, concerning seniors card holder discounts. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your interest in Queensland's national parks and I hope that you continue to visit all these spectacular places in Queensland. The Queensland Government has clearly indicated its intent to improve access to national parks for all the community and for ecotourism operators.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) currently offer seniors concessions for entry in several of its Wildlife Centres, as well as at some destinations which feature Ranger guided tours (e.g. Fleays Wildlife Park, the Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre and Mon Repos – sea turtle tours).

For all national parks, except for seven declared Recreation Areas, entrance for independent travellers is free of charge. For five of the seven Recreation Areas, a Vehicle Access Permit fee applies and this generally recognises the costs associated with managing the high levels of use in these popular areas. These areas include - Fraser Island, Moreton Island, Bribie Island, Cooloola and Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

Both the Vehicle Access Permit and Camping Permit fees are set by, and subject to, regulations and these regulations do not currently provide for seniors card concessions. However, your point is worth further consideration in light of the government's commitment to improve access and reduce red tape.

As a result of this commitment, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is currently undertaking a number of reviews into the legislation and policies that are used to govern Queensland's national parks and State forests. Along with many other management and visitor access issues, these reviews include assessments of the various QPWS fees and charges. The Minister has indicated that he will have the seniors and pensioner concessions considered as part of this review.

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The Minister hopes this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Anne Greentree, Director, Commercial and Visitor Services, QPWS, on telephone 3330 5073.

Yours sincerely

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Policy Advisor

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CTS No. 00845/13

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

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
Wednesday, 6 February 2013, 11.30 am
Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands
Councillor Karen Williams, Mayor, Redland City Council
Councillor Mark Edwards, Redland City Council

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

SUBJECT: **Sod turning ceremony for Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park**

DEP REP: Geno Costin, Infrastructure Planning and Development Branch, 3237 1917

BACKGROUND

- The Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) comprises of the Macleay, Perulpa, Lamb, Karragarra and Russell Islands. Russell Island is the largest of the island communities with approximately 3,000 residents.
- On 25 October 2011, Redland City Council (Council) was approved $750,000 under Category 2 of the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program Round 3 to construct multipurpose courts and one field with lighting at Russell Island.
- The estimated total project cost is $2,057,000 (GST exclusive) with Council contributing the remaining $1,307,000 towards the project.
- The project site was previously a 4.7 hectare avocado farm that was acquired by Council for the purpose of developing sport and recreation facilities for the residents of the SMBI.
- Council's 2008 SMBI Sport and Recreation Strategy identified sport and recreation facilities for island residents were insufficient.
- Council has prioritised the Russell Island project as they believe it will directly add value to the SMBI community in the short, medium and long term through building social capital, reducing anti-social behaviour, encouraging community members to lead healthier lifestyles and increasing the island's capacity to host events, which in turn will boost tourism.
- The construction of the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park may provide the impetus for the development of an inter-island sports program.

Consultation:

- Ms Karen Purdy, Sport and Recreation Officer, Redland City Council, telephone 3829 8512.

CURRENT ISSUES

- Council has invited the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to mark the start of construction on four multipurpose courts (catering for tennis, netball and basketball) and a new playing field with lighting and irrigation at Russell Island.
- Council has been provided with 'In Principle Approval to Proceed to Construction' to enable it to commence the earthworks components of the project whilst final building approval is obtained for the lighting component. This approval was granted to take advantage of access to earth works equipment which was currently available on the island.
- Council is completing the earthworks as a cost saving measure. The lighting and irrigation components and construction of the multipurpose courts will be completed by independent contractors.
- It is anticipated construction will be completed in early June 2013.
- Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands will represent Minister Dickson at the event.

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Function Checklist;
- Attachment 2 – Run Sheet;
- Attachment 3 – Speaking Points;
- Attachment 4 – Media Release; and
- Attachment 5 – Guest List.

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FUNCTION CHECKLIST

The Honourable Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing
Represented by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands
Sod turn for the Russell Island Field Development
Wednesday, 6 February 2013, 11.30 am

NAME OF ORGANISATION	Redland City Council
PURPOSE OF FUNCTION	Sod turn to mark construction of Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
DATE OF FUNCTION	6 February 2013
TIME OF FUNCTION	11.00 am – Departure from Redland Bay Ferry Terminal 11.30 am – Sod Turn Ceremony
MINISTER'S ROLE	Sod turn to mark the construction of the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park.
IS THE MINISTER TO ADDRESS A SPECIFIC TOPIC? ***(if yes, please provide an outline)***	The construction of a new public sports park. The project includes: • one (1) full-size sports field catering for a range of football codes; and • four (4) multipurpose courts catering for tennis, netball and basketball. The courts and the field will be provided with lighting to allow night-time use. The site will become a home for local sport and recreational groups as well as fostering community networks by facilitating a wider range of interests.
PERSON TO ACCOMPANY	Mayor of Redland City – Councillor Karen Williams
OTHER DIGNITARIES ATTENDING	Division 5 Councillor – Councillor Mark Edwards
PROGRAM ***(please attach separately)***	TBA – an updated run sheet will be provided closer to the event date.
ARRIVAL TIME	10.50 am at Redland Bay (ferry departs at 11.00 am and arrives at Russell Island at 11.20 am – arrive at sod turn site at 11.30 am)
DEPARTURE TIME	TBC – between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm (note 1.05 pm ferry arrives at Redland Bay Ferry Terminal at 1.25 pm).
DRESS REQUIREMENT ***(please ensure details are specific for example: walking boots, wading overalls, black tie etc.)***	Business attire / Smart casual Please note: There may be some uneven ground at the site so closed-in/lace-up shoes are recommended.

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NAME AND TELEPHONE OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING THE FUNCTION	Ms Kristina Dickman Service Manager Sport and Facilities Redland City Council 3829 8647 the protection of an indiv
VENUE OF FUNCTION ***(please provide exact address and directions)***	Corner of Union and Nicholas Streets, Russell Island. Catch ferry to venue from Redland Bay Ferry Terminal – Banana Street Redland Bay. (From Hamilton Street turn left at the Redland Bay Police Station, then first right turn onto Banana Street. Take the first left turn into the large car park area of the ferry terminal).
CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ***(to assist the Minister's driver please provide as much detail as possible)***	Park in the large car park area at the Redland Bay Ferry Terminal. Catch the ferry to Russell Island and a Council vehicle will be waiting to take the Minister to the venue.
EMERGENCY CONTACT AT FUNCTION VENUE	Ms Kristina Dickman Service Manager Sport and Facilities Redland City Council 3829 8647 he protection of an indi
NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL MEET THE MINISTER ON ARRIVAL	Mayor of Redland City – Councillor Karen Williams (at the Redland Bay Ferry Terminal)
ENTRANCE AT WHICH THE MINISTER SHOULD ARRIVE	Redland Bay Ferry Terminal The large car park area adjoining the terminal.

SPEECH DETAILS	
WHO FUNDED THIS PROJECT AND WHAT ARE THE PROPORTIONS?	Total Project Cost – $2,057,000 Redland City Council – $1,307,000 Sport and Recreation Services – $750,000
LENGTH OF SPEECH ***(should be no longer than 10 minutes)***	3 minutes
WILL THE SPEECH BE DELIVERED OUTDOORS?	Yes
WILL THE AUDIENCE BE SITTING OR STANDING?	Standing
WILL THERE BE A LECTERN AVAILABLE?	No

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Traditional Owners – Quandamooka People Mayor of Redland City – Councillor Karen Williams Division 5 Councillor – Councillor Mark Edwards Representatives from sporting organisations
THANK YOUs	Mayor of Redland City – Councillor Karen Williams Division 5 Councillor – Councillor Mark Edwards
AUDIENCE PROFILE	Mayor of Redland City – Councillor Karen Williams Division 5 Councillor – Councillor Mark Edwards Sporting organisations Media outlets Russell Island residents (TBC)
NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING	Approximately 20 people
MEDIA COVERAGE	Yes

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run sheet

Redland CITY COUNCIL

Russell Island Sod Turning Ceremony

Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
Wednesday 6 February 2013
11.30am – 12.00pm
Approximately 20 guests

11.30am	**Guests arrive at Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park**
11.30 – 11.35am	**Welcome guests**
11.35 - 11.42am	*Cr Karen Williams, Mayor of Redland City* • Welcome and acknowledgements • Speech (5 min) • Introduce State Member of Redlands – Peter Dowling MP
11:42 – 11 45am	*State Member of Redlands – Peter Dowling MP* • Speech (3 min)
11.45 – 11.55 pm	*Mayor Williams and Peter Dowling MP* • Turning of the sod • Photo opportunity
11.55 – 12.00pm	*Mayor Williams* • Thank you and close
12.00pm	**Function concludes**

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Speech for Peter Dowling, Member for Redlands Representing the Hon. Steve Dickson Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Details of Request

CTS No.	00845/13
Date Requested	17/01/13
Date Due	25/01/13
Prepared by	Name: Lindsey Uhrig, Senior Communications Officer Telephone: 3339 5821
Approved by	Name: Kerry Waters, Executive Director, Corporate Communications Telephone: 3339 5812

Details of Event

Event	Sod turning for the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
Date	Wednesday 6 February 2013
Time	11.30am
Venue	23 Nicholas Street, Russell Island
Length	3 minutes
Contact	Geno Costin, Senior Development Officer Telephone: 323 71917

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Acknowledgements:

- Good morning ladies and gentlemen.
- I'd firstly like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.
- I would also like to acknowledge:
  - (TBC)

Speech Notes:

- It is a pleasure to be here today – representing the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Honourable Steve Dickson – to celebrate the official sod turning of this wonderful new sports park here on Russell Island.

- I am told this sports park will not only have four multipurpose courts for tennis, netball and basketball, but also a full-size sports field catering for a number of football codes.

- The courts and field will also be fitted with lighting to allow night-time training and competition or evening community events.

- I believe the more sport and recreation space we can create for communities, the better.

- This new sports park will no doubt be a wonderful addition to the island, enhancing the use of the existing community building that adjoins this site.

- These new facilities may even enable major tournaments and competitions to be hosted on Russell Island.

- This new sports park will ensure a bright future for the sporting community of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

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GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT:

- It is the government's strong desire to see more Queenslanders spending more time outdoors, exercising and participating in sport and active recreation in such wonderful surrounds as we have here.

- The Queensland Government is pleased to be able to fund projects such as this, because we're keen to encourage more Queenslanders to get involved in sport and physical activity at all levels.

- Our objective is to get more people more active more often. The government also wants people to have access to top class sporting facilities, wherever they live in Queensland.

- And this is why the government has provided $750,000 in funding through the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program to support this project.

- As a government, we believe participation and success begin with a strong focus on grassroots sport and recreation.

- It is the reason the government has introduced an initiative called *Get in the Game*.

- *Get in the Game* involves three new funding programs worth $18 million. These programs will

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provide clubs with better equipment and facilities, and also assist families in getting children involved in sport and recreation.

- One of these funding programs is the *Get Started* program.

- More than 2,000 clubs have registered with the *Get Started* program and thousands of families have applied for vouchers of up to $150 for children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club.

CLOSING:

- In closing, congratulations to everyone associated with making this project a reality.

- I wish you all the very best for the future and hope the Russell Island sports park will be a hub of sporting and community activity for people of all ages.

- Thank you.

ENDS

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Department of **National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing**

Draft Media release

Deadline	**25.01.13**	**Briefing officer**	Geno Costin
Media Services contact	**Lindsey Uhrig**	**Phone**	3237 1917
Media Services phone	**3339 5821**	**Director/GM:**	
Approved	**Kerry Waters, GM, CC**	**Phone**	

New Sport and Recreation Park destined for Russell Island

Construction will soon be underway to build a new sport and recreation park on Russell Island.

Minister for Recreation and Sport Steve Dickson said the Queensland Government had contributed $750,000 in funding through the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program to support the project.

"It is my strong desire to see more Queenslanders spending more time outdoors, getting exercise and participating in sport and active recreation," he said.

"This is why the Queensland Government is pleased to be able to fund projects such as this, to ensure communities have access to top class sporting facilities, wherever they live in Queensland."

The new competition standard field, and four multipurpose courts, will be accessible to the entire community but will predominantly support the growth and development of the local sporting clubs.

"These improvements will help ensure a bright future for the sporting community of Russell Island and provide the general public with greater opportunities to be active," Mr Dickson said.

This project will add value to all the South Moreton Bay Islands, building social capital, reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing the islands' capacity to host events and boost tourism.

"The more sport and recreation space we can create for communities, the better."

Mr Dickson said the State Government was keen to encourage more Queenslanders to get involved in recreation and sport.

"We are doing this by helping both sport and recreation clubs and families at the grassroots community level through our initiative called *Get in the Game*," he said.

"Through three new funding programs worth $18 million, the government will be providing clubs with better equipment and facilities and giving children who might not otherwise be able to afford it the opportunity to play sport."

"More than 2,000 clubs have registered with one of the funding programs, the *Get Started* program, and thousands of families have applied for vouchers of up to $150

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for children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club."

ENDS

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Guest List

Russell Island Sod Turning Ceremony

Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park
Wednesday 6 February 2013
11.30am – 12.00pm
Approximately 20 guests

Mayor Karen Willliams
Mark Edwards, Division 5 Councillor, Redland City Council
John Burns, former RCC Councillor and responsible for Council purchasing the land
Kristina Dickman RCC Sport & Community Facilities Manager
Russell Island SS principal David Anderson
Possibly school students
Community representatives

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From: Lorraine Hardgrave <Lorraine.Hardgrave@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 17 January 2013 11:48 AM
To: DLO NPRSR
Cc: Peters Toni; Anna Hilton
Subject: FW: Turning the Sod - Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park, 23 Nicholas St, Russell Island - CTS 00845/13

Importance: High

Categories: Danny

Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands will be representing the Hon Steve Dickson at the sod turning ceremony Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park on Russell Island 6 February at 11.30am. Would you please provide briefing/speaking notes and a draft press release for this event to be made available to our office by noon 29 January, 2013.

Regards

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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT
The Honourable Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

From: June-Mary Davis [mailto:June-Mary.Davis@redland.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 1:41 PM
To: Lorraine Hardgrave
Subject: Turning the Sod - Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park, 23 Nicholas St, Russell Island

Lorraine

Thank you for your phone call advising that Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands will be representing the Minister at the Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park turning of the sod.

The date and time we have discussed today is Wednesday, 6 February 2013 at 11.30am, with possibility a community luncheon following the official proceedings.

With regard to travel arrangements, the Mayor and Cr Mark Edwards will be travelling on the 11.00am direct water taxi, arriving Russell Island at 11.20am.

I will be able to provide more information, once the Program has been finalised.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards

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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: **Approval of applications under Get Playing**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 22 February 2013 to enable approved Get Playing projects to commence from 1 March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** the 83 recommended Get Playing projects for a total funding amount of $6,760,000 (**Attachment 1**)
- **note** these applications will provide funding support for 26 sport and recreation activities
- **note** the template letter for approved projects (**Attachment 2**)
- **approve** the use of Minister's electronic signature for all Get Playing approvals → Note signature block on attached Letters will be changed
- **approve** the template letter advising Members of Parliament of approved projects (**Attachment 3**); and
- **approve** the template letter to be sent by the Director, Regional Service Delivery, Sport and Recreation Services to the unsuccessful applicant (**Attachment 4**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Get Playing provides funding of up to $100,000 for sport and recreation organisations for facility development to encourage more Queenslanders to become more involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice.
- The program opened for applications on 29 September 2012 and closed on 1 December 2012 with 243 applications received against an allocated budget of $6,700,000.
- Approved projects can commence on 1 March 2013 and are required to be completed by 28 February 2014.
- A total of 83 projects for a total funding amount of $6,760,000 are recommended for approval. While this is $60,000 higher than the allocated budget of $6,700,000, past experience is that a small number of projects will lapse some of their approved funding due to project savings or minor scope changes with overall expenditure anticipated to be within the allocated budget of $6,700,000.
- The 83 projects recommended for approval represents 75 per cent of all eligible projects received under the first round of the program.
- These projects will provide funding support for 26 sport and recreation activities across Queensland ranging from the larger sports such as rugby league, rugby union, cricket, football, golf, softball and basketball to the smaller sport and recreation activities such as ice hockey, water sports, BMX, skate boarding and croquet.
- The recommended projects cover new facility developments or upgrades covering more than 20 different types of minor infrastructure with the most prevalent types being lighting (19 projects), change rooms/amenities (10 projects), courts (8 projects), club houses and irrigation (6 projects each) and fields (5 projects).

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- A relatively high portion of the applications were assessed as ineligible under the first round of the program (133 of the 243 applications or 55 per cent). Reasons included: not providing evidence of financial contributions, land tenure or permission to build; not providing quotes or a quantity surveyor's estimate dated no more than one month prior to submission; and outstanding issues with the Office of Fair Trading. Sport and Recreation Services is available to work with unsuccessful applicants to address relevant outstanding issues ahead of the next release of the program.
- Some of the recommended projects may have been impacted by the recent wet weather or flood events across Queensland. Sport and Recreation Services will work with any such clients to see if additional time is required for pre-construction compliance to attend to rectification works and/or insurance claims before the approved project proceeds. Any requirements for additional time will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and wherever possible within the existing program timeframes.
- *Key Communication Messages:* Marketing Services is assisting with the preparation of draft media releases.
- *Government Commitment*: Get Playing is one of the Get in the Game Government Commitment initiatives aimed at enhancing grassroots sport and recreation participation opportunities.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:* The approved projects will provide better sport and recreation infrastructure for Queenslanders.
- The Minister has previously approved the template letters for approved projects (**Attachment 2**) and advising Members of Parliament of approved projects (**Attachment 3**).
- A template letter advising unsuccessful applicants is provided for the Minister's consideration and approval (**Attachment 4**).

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Ministerial Get Playing Approval Schedule;
- Attachment 2 – Template letter for approved projects;
- Attachment 3 – Template letter advising Members of Parliament of approved projects; and
- Attachment 4 – Template letter for unsuccessful applications.

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Your Reference: «G2_Reference»

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Dear «Salutation»

I refer to the «Client_Name_»'s application for funding under the *Get Playing* to «Description_Project_Current».

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved a grant of «Amount_Recommended» (GST exclusive) for this project.

You will shortly receive a Funding Agreement setting out the terms and conditions of funding for the program. «Client_Name_» can commence the project upon execution of the agreement.

Please contact «SRS_Regional_Manager», Regional Manager, «SRQ_Office_Name» Regional Office, Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services) on «SRQ_Office_Phone_No» should you have any queries regarding this matter.

I look forward to receiving reports on the project.

Yours sincerely

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

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«Member of Parliament Name» MP
«Ministerial Portfolio»
Member for «State Electorate»
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«Suburb» QLD «Postcode»

Dear «Salutation»

I refer to recent applications for funding under the first release of the Queensland Government's *Get Playing* program.

I am pleased to inform you that the assessment of the applications has been finalised and I have approved «Total Funding» (GST exclusive) in funding to support «No. of projects» projects in your electorate.

Get Playing aims to assist local sport and recreation organisations with facility development to encourage more Queenslanders to become involved in the sport and recreation activity of their choice. The program aims to meet this objective through funding facility development that:

- meets the organisation's requirements;
- increases the availability of local facilities that meet community needs; and
- increases the number of people that are active members of local sport and recreation organisations.

Please find enclosed a schedule of all successful projects within your electorate.

Should you have any questions relating to these projects please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

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

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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«Client_Postal_Suburb» «Client_Postal_State» «Client_Postal_Postcode»

Dear «Client_Contact_Salutation» «Client_Contact_Surname»

I refer to «Client_Name_for_Letters»'s application for funding under the *Get Playing* program to «Description_Project_Current».

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has now completed the assessment of all applications and I wish to advise that your organisation has not been successful at this time.

For feedback on the assessment of your application, please contact «SRQ_Office_Manager_Salutation» «SRQ_Office_Manager_First_Name» «SRQ_Office_Manager_Surname», Regional Manager, «SRQ_Office_Name», Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services) on «SRQ_Office_Phone_No» and quote application number «Application_Number_G2».

Thank you for your interest in the program and I wish you well with your future efforts.

Yours sincerely

Lyndall Holtz
Director

Regional Service Delivery
Sport and Recreation Services

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Chief of Staff ..... OK
Dated 6/31/2013
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required
Minister .....
Dated 6/31/13

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

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

SUBJECT: **Approval of applications under the Get Going Program.**

TIMEFRAME

- This brief is urgent as approvals are required by 22 February 2013, so approved organisations can be advised prior to the funding period commencing on 1 March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approves** 475 applications for funding totalling $3,371,664 under the *Get Going* program **(Attachment 1)**
- **notes** the regional analysis (**Attachment 2**)
- **notes** the breakdown of applications and recommendations by sport (**Attachment 3**)
- **notes** the template letter to be sent to successful organisations (**Attachment 4**)
- **approve** the use of Minister's electronic signature for all *Get Going* approvals; Note: signature block will be changed on attached letters if BN approved.
- **approve** the template letter advising Members of Parliament of approved projects (**Attachment 5**); and
- **approve** the template letter to be sent by the Director, Regional Service Delivery, Sport and Recreation Services to the unsuccessful applicant organisations (**Attachment 6**).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Get Going is part of the Get in the Game initiative, which was announced by the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing on 29 September 2012.
- The program provides grants of up to $10,000 to local not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs to help them grow through initiatives such as promotional activities, equipment and membership drives to improve sport and active recreation programs and services.
- Round 1 of the program opened on 29 September 2012 and closed on 1 December 2012.
- Sport and Recreation Services received a total of 928 applications requesting $6,817,234.
- Details of each application, including recommendations is provided in the Ministerial Schedule **(Attachment 1).**
- The original program budget for round 1 was $0.67 million, however due to the high demand for funding received under the program, the budget has been increased to $3.3 million.
- Based on the department's assessment, 475 applications are recommended for funding of $3,371,664 which is outlined in **Attachment 1**. While this amount is $71,664 higher than the allocated budget of $3.3 million, past experience is that a small number of projects will lapse some of their approved funding due to project savings or scope changes with overall expenditure anticipated to be within the allocated budget of $3.3 million.
- An analysis of these applications across Sport and Recreation Services seven regions and the relevant populations is provided at **Attachment 2**.

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- A breakdown of applications received (including requested funding amount) and recommendations made (including funding amount recommended) by sport is at **Attachment 3.** These projects will provide funding to 63 sport and recreation activities across Queensland ranging from larger sports such as rugby league, rugby union, Australian football, football and netball to the smaller sport and recreation activities such as ice hockey, croquet, karate, tenpin bowling and table tennis.
- Key Communication Messages: Media Services is assisting with the preparation of draft media releases.
- Government Commitment: Get Going is one of the Get in the Game Government Commitment initiatives aimed at enhancing grassroots sport and recreation participation opportunities.
- Five Point Action Plan for Queensland: The approved projects will support sport and recreation clubs to provide better programs and services so more Queenslanders become members of local sport and recreation organisations.
- The Minister approved the use of his electronic signature on 3 September 2012 (CTS11987/12) to advise successful organisations of the approved project. A template of this letter is provided **(Attachment 3)**, which will require the Minister's electronic signature when this brief is approved.
- A template letter to Members of Parliament (MP) advising of the successful applicants is provided at **(Attachment 4).** Upon advice from the Minister's office, the letters for the relevant MP will be provided to the Minister for signing.
- All unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter from the Director, Regional Service Delivery, Sport and Recreation Services. A template of this letter is provided **(Attachment 5).**

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Ministerial schedule
- Attachment 2 – Regional Analysis
- Attachment 3 – Breakdown of Applications and Recommendations by Sport
- Attachment 4 – Template letter and merge data - successful applicants
- Attachment 5 – Template letter and merge data - Members of Parliament
- Attachment 6 – Template letter - unsuccessful applicants

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Attachment 2

Analysis by Region

Get Going	Number of Applications Received	Amount Requested	Number of Applications Recommended	Total Recommendations	% of Funding Recommended	% of Population
Brisbane	138	$1,100787	58	$405,341	12.0%	23.4%
Central	119	$769,803	87	$517,246	15.3%	10.6%
Far North	103	$776,233	59	$451,071	13.3%	6.1%
Nth Coast	138	$1,028,572	60	$423,645	12.5%	16.8%
Northern	110	$841,982	52	$394,528	11.7%	9.9%
Sth East	168	$1,253,971	95	$701,377	20.9%	21.3%
Sth West	152	$1,045,886	64	$478,466	14.2%	11.9%
	928	**$6,817,234**	**475**	**$3,371,664**	**100%**	**100%**

1. All applications rated Low Risk (HHH)

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Attachment 3 **Analysis by Sport**

Sport	Number of Applications Received	Amount Requested
Rugby League	104	$722,254
Soccer	71	$539,981
Australian Football	70	$503,183
Netball	55	$401,465
Rugby Union	51	$329,662
Multisport	37	$292,195
Hockey	37	$269,015
Cricket	31	$223,856
Basketball	25	$212,187
Golf	24	$190,063
Equestrian	23	$176,257
Tennis	26	$165,398
Bowls Lawn	28	$164,536
Swimming	19	$161,860
Gymnastics	20	$1,509,843
Pony Club	21	$149,218
Softball	21	$132,677
Canoeing Outrigger	14	$125,306
Life Saving Surf	15	$123,567
Sailing	14	$112,084
Rowing	13	$109,995
Touch	16	$96,203
Baseball	12	$82,253
Surfing	9	$74,317
Athletics Little	10	$60,397
Athletics	8	$57,709
Squash	6	$50,870
BMX Bicycle Motocross	6	$46,701
Oztag	5	$45,563
Table Tennis	6	$42,944
Motor Cycling	5	$42,255
Disability Sports	5	$40,267
Dragon Boating	5	$39,048
Water Polo	5	$38,611
Motor Sport	4	$33,967
Mountain Bike	4	$32,110
Croquet	6	$32,094
Archery	5	$31,931
Polocrosse	4	$29,850
Cycling Competitive	3	$29,488
Canoeing	3	$28,584
Running	3	$27,907
Karate	4	$27,229
Triathlon	3	$26,748
Rock Climbing	3	$26,202
Underwater Sports	3	$25,297
Ice Skating	3	$24,999
Roller Sports	3	$21,828
Horse Riding Recreational	3	$21,424
Lacrosse	4	$20,068
Karting	2	$19,980
Parkour	2	$19,924
Orienteering	4	$19,821
Judo	2	$19,029
Sport	**Number of Applications Received**	**Amount Requested**

Sport	Number of Applications Recommended	Total $ Recommended
Soccer	36	$264,981
Rugby League	36	$247,370
Australian Football	36	$239,160
Netball	29	$219,321
Rugby Union	29	$184,328
Multisport	19	$149,782
Basketball	14	$117,766
Softball	18	$116,110
Golf	15	$106,834
Cricket	15	$95,491
Swimming	12	$95,006
Equestrian	13	$93,194
Gymnastics	12	$91,473
Hockey	13	$88,027
Tennis	15	$87,396
Pony Club	10	$72,705
Life Saving Surf	9	$69,189
Bowls Lawn	13	$64,891
Canoeing Outrigger	7	$64,506
Touch	11	$62,054
Sailing	7	$59,770
Rowing	7	$54,355
Baseball	6	$46,091
Surfing	5	$44,466
Athletics Little	6	$39,803
Disability Sports	5	$39,374
BMX Bicycle Motocross	5	$36,587
Squash	4	$34,004
Oztag	4	$33,009
Motor Cycling	4	$31,975
Dragon Boating	4	$29,048
Athletics	4	$28,630
Polocrosse	3	$24,500
Motor Sport	3	$24,000
Archery	4	$23,651
Roller Sports	3	$21,828
Parkour	2	$19,924
Canoeing	2	$17,474
Underwater Sports	2	$15,537
Lacrosse	3	$14,824
Swimming AUSSI Masters	2	$14,612
Orienteering	3	$12,515
Table Tennis	2	$11,511
Futsal	2	$10,844
Judo	1	$10,000
Rock Climbing	1	$10,000
Skate Boarding	1	$10,000
Yachting	1	$10,000
Carriage Driving	1	$9,546
Croquet	2	$9,423
Karate	1	$9,380
Cycling Competitive	1	$8,738
Tenpin Bowling	2	$8,209
Ice Hockey	1	$8,103
Sport	**Number of Applications Recommended**	**Total $ Recommended**

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Tenpin Bowling	3	$18,209
Gridiron	2	$17,381
Water Skiing	2	$17,113
Taekwondo	2	$16,000
Swimming AUSSI Masters	2	$14,612
Yachting	2	$14,087
Futsal	2	$10,844
Fishing	1	$10,000
Kayaking	1	$10,000
Skate Boarding	1	$10,000
Traditional Indigenous Games	1	$10,000
Trail Bike Riding	1	$10,000
Inline Hockey	1	$9,961
Ultimate Disc	1	$9,800
Campdraft	1	$9,685
Carriage Driving	1	$9,546
Physical activity	1	$9,136
Cycling Non Competitive	1	$9,091
Fitness	2	$8,697
Broomball	1	$8,500
Ju Jitsu	1	$8,450
Boxing	1	$8,140
Ice Hockey	1	$8,103
Parachuting	1	$8,066
Endurance Riding	1	$7,600
Roller Skating	1	$7,125
Vigoro	1	$7,000
Skipping	1	$5,619
Mixed Martial Art	1	$5,382
Shooting Sporting	1	$4,942
Riding For Disabled	1	$4,810
Volleyball	1	$4,419
Music	1	$4,150
Shooting Rifle	1	$546
TOTALS	**928**	**$6,817,234**

Parachuting	1	$8,066
Boxing	1	$8,040
Running	1	$7,907
Triathlon	1	$7,360
Roller Skating	1	$7,125
Vigoro	1	$7,000
Skipping	1	$5,619
Shooting Sporting	1	$4,942
Horse Riding Recreational	1	$4,290
	475	**$3,371,664**

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Dear «Salutation»

I refer to the «Client_Name_»'s application for funding under *Get Going* to «Description_Project_Current».

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved a grant of «Amount_Recommended» (GST exclusive) for this project.

A representative from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will be in contact with you regarding the administration and delivery of your project.

Please contact «SRS_Regional_Manager», Regional Manager, «SRQ_Office_Name» Regional Office, Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services) on «SRQ_Office_Phone_No» should you have any queries regarding this matter.

I look forward to receiving reports on the project.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks,
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Dear «Salutation»

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I am pleased to inform you that the assessment of the applications has been finalised and I have approved «Total Funding» (GST exclusive) in funding to support «No. of projects» projects in your electorate.

Get Going supports local sport and recreation clubs to create opportunities for more Queenslanders to become members through delivering projects that

- assist with maintaining and increasing club membership;
- develop better experiences to encourage new members; and
- support clubs with meeting the needs of their members.

Please find enclosed a schedule of all successful projects within your electorate.

Should you have any questions relating to these projects please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

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

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Dear «Client_Contact_Salutation» «Client_Contact_Surname»

I refer to «Client_Name_for_Letters»'s application for funding under the *Get Going* program to «Description_Project_Current».

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has now completed the assessment of all applications and I wish to advise that your organisation has not been successful at this time.

For feedback on the assessment of your application, please contact «SRQ_Office_Manager_Salutation» «SRQ_Office_Manager_First_Name» «SRQ_Office_Manager_Surname», Regional Manager, «SRQ_Office_Name», Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (Sport and Recreation Services) on «SRQ_Office_Phone_No» and quote application number «Application_Number_G2».

Thank you for your interest in the program and I wish you well with your future efforts.

Yours sincerely

Lyndall Holz
Director

Regional Service Delivery
Sport and Recreation Services

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Chief of Staff ..... OK
Dated 13/2/13.
Approved Not Approved Noted
Further information required

Minister .....
Dated 27/2/13

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**

Dept to prepare media release.

SUBJECT: **Approvals under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program as at 21 February 2013.**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by Friday 22 February 2013 to ensure payments can be made as soon as possible to approved organisations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** the schedule recommending funding of $131,305 to seven organisations (**Attachment 1**);
- **approve** the draft letter to successful applicant organisations, relevant local Members of Parliament and to ineligible organisations (**Attachment 2, 3 and 4**); and
- **approve** the use of your electronic signature for all Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program letters; and
- **approve** the draft media releases.

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program (the program) provides up to $25,000 to support restoration and repair of infrastructure and to replace damaged sport and recreation playing and training equipment.
- The eligible areas for the program are based on the local government areas declared under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) including: Aurukun, Banana, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Burke, Cairns, Carpentaria, Cassowary Coast, Central Highlands, Cherbourg, Cloncurry, Cook, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gold Coast, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Hinchinbrook, Hope Vale, Ipswich, Isaac, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Mackay, Mapoon, McKinlay, Moreton Bay, Mornington, Napranum, Northern Peninsula Area, North Burnett, Palm Island, Pompuraaw, Redland, Rockhampton, Scenic Rim, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Sunshine Coast, Tablelands, Toowoomba, Torres, Torres Strait Islands, Western Downs, Whitsunday, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah.
- The program was released following NDRRA activations in early February 2013, and closes on 10 May 2013.
- The department recommends funding of $131,305 for seven applications as per the attached schedule (**Attachment 1**).
- Further schedules and letters will be prepared on a weekly basis until soon after the closing date.
- A draft letter to the successful applicant organisations, relevant local Members of Parliament and ineligible organisations is provided at **Attachment 2, 3 and 4.**
- The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Recreation is seeking the Minster's approval to use his electronic signature for all letters developed under the program.
- The program budget for 2012-2013 is a total of $1 million.
- *Key Communication Messages:* Draft media releases are attached, should the Minster wish to make an announcement of approved projects (**Attachment 5**).
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - Funding supports the recovery of sport and recreation organisations from natural disasters, including mitigation strategies for damaged facilities, where appropriate.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Ministerial Schedule
- Attachment 2, 3 and 4 – Draft letters to the successful applicant organisations, relevant local Members of Parliament and draft letter to ineligible organisations
- Attachment 5 – Draft media releases

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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: **Assessment of land at Boonooroo Plains, Fraser Coast Regional Council for Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc.**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **note** that the land at Boonooroo Plains, just south of Maryborough, provides both a number of positive aspects, and a number of issues to be explored further when considering it as a potential site for the development of the Wide Bay Motor Complex.
- **note** that alternative sites within the region have been investigated (refer **Attachment 1** item #6 Fraser Coast Community Cabinet Meeting Premier's Contentious Issue Briefing Note).

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- The *Wide Bay Burnett Regional Recreation and Sport Strategy 2010* recommended the establishment of a purpose built motor park within the Wide Bay Burnett region including a regional standard bitumen road racing circuit and consideration of the incorporation of a 4WD park (see **Attachment 2**).
- In 2010, the Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc. was established to guide the development of a multi-purpose driver training and motorsports facility in the region.
- Information from the group's website suggests that they are considering developing a facility which will feature a drag-strip, speedway and circuit incorporating driver-training facilities. Additional opportunities include a jet sprint boat course, lawn mower racing, 4x4 adventure course/s and a motocross arena. The development of all facilities is dependent on the various user clubs securing funding through various sources including grants, membership fees and private investment.
- Since 2010, the Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc. has assessed a number of potential sites and is currently reviewing Lot 47 on MCH4375 and Lot 49 on MCH4794 for consideration as a potential regional motor sport facility.
- The development of a motor complex in the Wide Bay area was the subject of a deputation at the Fraser Coast Community Cabinet meeting on 24-25 February 2013.
- Alternative sites have been considered including the Churchill Investigation Area, between Maryborough and Hervey Bay. This site is dependent upon a Queensland Government decision regarding an alternative use – Exploration Permit Coal by Northern Energy Corporation Ltd.
- Northern Energy is seeking to establish an open cut mine on part of the site. Initial reports indicate that should the permit be granted, Northern Energy has undertaken to relocate the users within the shooting complex.

Land suitability

- A desk top assessment of the land at Lot 47 on MCH4375 and Lot 49 on MCH4794 has been conducted by the department (**Attachment 3**).
- The site is State land (Reserve for Local Government) with Fraser Coast Regional Council as trustee.

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- This site is three square kilometres of flat land alongside Maryborough Tuan Forest Road - a two lane sealed arterial road. The site is square, with each side being approximately 1.73 kilometres in length (refer figures 1 and 2 **Attachment 3**).
- Based on comparable plans for motor sports facilities (the Ipswich Motorsport Precinct and the Fraser Coast Motor Park proposed site plan), three square kilometres of flat land would be an appropriate size and shape to accommodate the planned facilities.
- The majority of the land surrounding the target site is State land (north), Poona National Park, to the south east, and Tuan State Forest south of the site.
- The Maryborough Aero Modellers Club land abuts the site on the north western border.
- The proposed site would be an attractive option in terms of its access to an arterial road and its relatively flat topography.
- A Google Earth aerial search of the site shows 2-3 (potential) residential properties within a kilometre of the site. Between 1.5 kilometres and 4.5 kilometres west and north west of the target site are a number of higher density residential areas.
- The site is within six kilometres of the centre of Maryborough.
- As identified in the Site Assessment Report (**Attachment 3**), the site provides a number of potential constraints as a motor sports complex. These include:
  - Under the Draft Fraser Coast Regional Council Planning Scheme the target site is zoned as 'waste management facility'. There are two existing sites to the north west of the site that are currently classified as 'sanitary' (see Figure 2 **Attachment 3**).
  - Native title has not been extinguished on these lots and they remain claimable.
  - The area consists of 'remnant vegetation containing "of concern" regional ecosystems'; a Great Barrier Reef Wetland Protection Area; and the following 'vulnerable' species: koalas; Wallum Froglets; Wallum Rocketfrog, and Ground Parrots.
  - Noise mitigation and noise management may be required when considering the potential proximity of the site to the nearest houses.
  - A portion of the land is under lease to the Maryborough Sugar Factory to 31 January 2016.

Future considerations

- The evidence provided in this brief is limited to initial desktop analysis. Following further investigation, should an appropriate site be identified for a regional motor sport complex, consideration would then need to be given to the most appropriate funding, development and management models to employ.
- The *Fraser Coast Regional Council Draft Planning Scheme* is currently available for comment. This document has the target site zoned as a 'waste management facility'. A large parcel of land to the north of Maryborough is currently zoned 'recreation', and is proposed to remain so in the draft plan. This land is currently used by shooting sports. It is adjacent to the Churchill Investigation Area.
- *Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities*: Not applicable.
- *Consultation:*
  - Ms Janine Pay, Advisor, Hervey Bay Regional Office, Sport and Recreation Services on telephone (07) 4125 9379.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - The development of a motor sport complex in the Wide Bay region would deliver on growing a four pillar economy by boosting tourism and economic development in the area and providing local jobs.

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FRASER COAST COMMUNITY CABINET MEETING

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

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IDENTIFICATION OF SUITALE LAND FOR 'NOISY' AND 'HARD TO LOCATE' SPORTS – Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc and Fraser Coast Gun Clubs

RESPONSE

- The Queensland Government is aware of the issues surrounding the identification of suitable land for 'noisy' and 'hard to locate' sports including motor sports and gun clubs.
- A number of motor sport clubs as well as commercial enterprises have recently approached the Government for land for motor sport facilities. Only a limited number of these types of facilities would be economically sustainable within a region.
- As a consequence, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is currently assessing the needs of different motor sports in the south of the State, including the Wide Bay Burnett region.
- Both the Queensland Government and local governments have a role in providing for motor sport and gun club activities. The Queensland Government has an interest in regional facilities whilst the provision of land for local sport and recreation clubs, including motor sport clubs and gun clubs, is the responsibility of local governments.
- Individual clubs must continue to work with their local governments to identify appropriate long term venues to suit local club needs. However, the development of regional facilities should be discussed with representatives of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.
- The Department's *Get Playing* program does not fund the purchase of land or relocation of facilities to other sites.

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BACKGROUND

Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc – Construction of Wide Bay Motor Park Complex In 2006, prior to the local government amalgamations, the Hervey Bay City Council and Maryborough City Council jointly funded a feasibility study into the establishment of a motor sport complex in the region.

- The former Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation conducted a 'Land Use Opportunities and Constraints Study' for a significant area of unallocated State land in the Churchill Investigation Area (between Maryborough and Hervey Bay) in 2010. The study identified an opportunity for a purpose-built regional motorsports park in the Investigation Area. Government policy requires State land to be disposed of (or transferred between agencies) at market value.
- Use of this site was impacted because an Exploration Permit for Coal was lodged over the area by Northern Energy Corporation Limited (NEC). In September 2012, NEC indicated it was undertaking further exploration work to progress the establishment of the Colton Mine in a section of the Investigation Area, but it is currently awaiting Queensland Government approval of an Environmental Management Plan.
- The Wide Bay Motor Complex Inc. (WBMC) was established in 2010 to guide the development of a multi-purpose driver training and motorsports facility for the Wide Bay region.
- An article in the Fraser Coast Chronicle (December 2011) indicated that a suitable 100 hectare site between Howard and Childers had been identified by WBMC (tenure and ownership of land unknown).
- The WBMC website indicates that "WBMC Inc has currently identified a site and in early 2013 will recommence discussions with Fraser Coast Regional Council to move towards developing a facility which will hopefully include a Drag strip, Speedway and Circuit incorporating driver training facilities. Additional opportunities include a Jet Sprint Boat course, Lawn Mower racing, 4x4 adventure course/s and a motocross arena. The development of all facilities is dependant on the various user clubs securing funding through various sources including grants, membership fees and private investment."
- In September 2012, the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils wrote to the Council of Mayors South East Queensland seeking their support "in our quest to have the State Government undertake an audit of State land in the Wide Bay Burnett Region that may have potential to be developed to support noisy and hard to locate sports".

Regional motorsport issues

- In addition to the Wide Bay issues above, in recent months, the Queensland Government has been requested to find land for motorsports for:
  - a regional off-road motorcycling facility on the Sunshine Coast;
  - the Scenic Rim Motorsports Association;
  - the Sunshine Coast Employment and Driver Training Complex;
  - the Suncoast Junior Motorcycle Club;
  - the Albert District Motorcycle Club;
  - the Gold Coast Motocross Club; and
  - the Fort Lytton Motocross Club.

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- As a consequence, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is preparing a Motorsports Facilities Strategy for the greater south east Queensland area (including Wide Bay Burnett), due for completion by the end of February 2013.
- The cost of developing and maintaining motorsports facilities may result in it being unviable for both the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Burnett regions to develop motorsports facilities with each offering similar opportunities.

Fraser Coast Gun Clubs

- Maryborough Smallbore Rifle Club is located on Department of Defence land at Walker Street, Maryborough. The Department of Defence had an agreement of tenure with the Queensland Rifle Association (QRA) for the Club to utilise the land; however, the agreement expired in 2007 and the Club has been operating on a month to month, goodwill basis since that time.
- A second shooting club, the Maryborough and District Rifle Club is located on the same parcel of land adjoining the Maryborough Smallbore Rifle Club and is also operating on a month by month basis.
- In 2011, the Department of Defence notified both clubs that due to the potential sale of the land, both clubs would be required to relocate by the end of that year. To date, both clubs continue to operate at the site.
- The Walker Street site has been categorised as a 'no option site' due to urban encroachment and as such, can only be sold to either State or local government. The Fraser Coast Regional Council is currently negotiating with the Department of Defence to purchase the site at a peppercorn value due to its constraints (60% of the site has been categorised as future residential and the remaining 40% as environmental nature park).
- Fraser Coast Regional Council is trustee for a State-owned reserve (located at Churchill Mine Road, Maryborough) for recreation purposes as a rifle range, the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex. The Complex is currently utilised by the Fraser Coast branch of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, the Fraser Coast Pistol Club and the Fraser Coast Sporting Clays. Three other local shooting groups also have access to the complex.
- The Maryborough Sport and Recreation Plan 2006 and the Fraser Coast Regional Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2006–2025 recommended that the Complex be the preferred location for all shooting sports. Further, Council's 2009 'Fraser Coast Shooting Complex, Issues and Options Paper' identified that it may be possible for the Maryborough Smallbore Rifle Club to relocate to the Complex on the basis that some upgrades would be required.
- The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has advised that consideration of any extension of the lease of the Churchill Mine Road site would require an environmental impact assessment, and that a considerable amount of land would be required to accommodate the Maryborough and District Rifle Club which may not be achievable.
- Northern Energy Corporation Limited (Northern Energy) is seeking to establish an open cut mine adjoining the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex with a life up to 25 years. Northern Energy predicts that mining will be required within the shooting template for up to four years. Northern Energy is prepared to relocate the users within the shooting complex to maintain the number of

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shooting facilities available. This may provide opportunities for both Maryborough clubs to relocate to the site. Council is working with all shooting clubs and Northern Energy in relation to this matter.

- The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's 'Land Use Opportunities and Constraints Study' for the Churchill Investigation Area identified several parcels of land that warrant further investigation. Part of the potential usage for the land includes difficult to locate sporting activities, including gun clubs.

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8.15 MOTORSPORT

Motorsport is defined as the collection of sport which primarily involves the use of motorised vehicles for racing.

For the purposes of this Strategy, the focus has been on the following motor sport disciplines as they are the most important in the study area:

- motorcycle racing (motorbikes)
- speedway (cars)
- karting (karts).

Consultation has occurred with the following motor sport governing bodies:

- Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS)
- Motorcycling Queensland (MQ)
- Australian Karting Association of Queensland (AKAQLD)
- National Association of Speedway Racing (NASR).

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

In general, motorsport facility standards are assessed on a case-by-case basis should a club or organisation wish to nominate for an event. Generally, most ancillary facilities such as toilets, amenities and catering can be bumped in to the site as required. However, this is a costly exercise and the clubs may benefit from permanent infrastructure at the venues.

Higher quality facilities are required for higher level competition and each governing body has detailed technical specifications in relation to facility standards for State and higher level competition.

There are four track-based motocross clubs in the Region. These clubs are:

- Hervey Bay Mini Bike Scramble Club
- Central Burnett Motorcycle Club (Mundubbera)
- Kingaroy and District Motorcycle Club
- Rum City Motorcycle Club.

There are three kart clubs in the Wide Bay Burnett Region and each club consistently organises ten events per year. These clubs are:

- Cooloola Coast Kart Club
- Bundaberg Kart Club
- Fraser District Kart Club.

The South Burnett Kart Hire (Nanango) does not have an affiliated club.

There are four speedway clubs in the region:

- Bundaberg Speedway Sedan Club
- Gympie Saloon Car Club
- Maryborough Sporting Car Club
- South Burnett Speedway Club.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Motorsport. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Motorcycle Racing

Motorcycle clubs in the Wide Bay Burnett Region compete at various levels of competition including the South East Queensland Series, internal club competitions and club versus club competitions.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region has the potential to attract the following events and competitions:

- Sunshine State Series - 400 competitors. Available annually through an application process
- Thundercross - 300 competitors. Available annually through and application process
- SEQ Junior - 450 competitors. Available annually through an application process
- Queensland Championships. Available annually through an application process

It is expected that there would be approximately 2.5 spectators per competitor for these types of events. Previous events have demonstrated significant economic impact in the hosting community.

Significant motorsport venues in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Action Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough	dirt track (also known as flat track)
Bundaberg Kart Track	Bundaberg Regional Council	University Drive, Branyan, Bundaberg	karting
Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Gympie Regional Council	Runge Rd, Gympie	karting
Maryborough Speedway	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough	karting
South Burnett Kart Hire	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango	karting
Hervey Bay Motocross	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Dundowran Rd, Hervey Bay	motocross
Kingaroy Motocross Track	South Burnett Regional Council	Eden Vale South Road, Kingaroy	motocross
Mundubbera Motocross	North Burnett Regional Council	Sandersons Lane, Mundubberra	motocross
Rum City MCC	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bingera Weir, Bundaberg	motocross
Kingaroy Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy	speedway
Mothar Mountain	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie	speedway
Maryborough Speedway	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Gympie Rd, Tinana	speedway
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough West	street car sprints (events only)

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Speedway

Speedway in the Wide Bay Burnett Region is conducted in all the club tracks.

Karting

Karting in the Region is generally run by the three clubs who each hold 10 karting meets per year. Other Clubs from around Queensland can attend these events.

Cooloola Kart Club hosted a State Dirt Championship this year (2009) and its facility is capable of hosting a National Championship.

One State Dirt Championship and one State Bitumen Championship is held each year through an application process. Championships are allocated to venues that have sufficient facility standards.

Notes

Recommendations from CAMS, MQ, AKAQLD and NASR include the upgrade of supporting infrastructure such as amenities and ablutions at existing facilities to support current and future events.

- Motorcycle Racing - MQ has also determined a need for the establishment of a new motocross facility at Gympie and a regional standard bitumen road racing circuit.
- Karting - AKAQLD has recommended significant facility improvements to the Fraser District Kart Club at Maryborough to deal with population growth and encourage additional events to be hosted there in the future. AKAQLD has also advised that the Cooloola Coast Kart Club and the Bundaberg Kart Club have both indicated a need for lighting for the provision of night time events.
- Speedway - Despite numerous requests, National Association of Speedway Racing did not provide any input to this study.

General

CAMS identified the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park as an opportunity for future development. The current road system could be upgraded to cater for motor sport events and driver training. CAMS also see an opportunity to develop the land between Action Park and the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park as a motor sport precinct catering for numerous disciplines. It is understood that the land is currently a mixture of crown and freehold tenure. It has been noted that a facility similar to Morgan Park in Warwick (a large multi-sport complex of approximately 150ha) would be beneficial for the Region and would alleviate some of the pressure on land and the requirement for noisy and hard-to-locate sports.

Consultation with the State Government's Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation provided that a newly formed motorsport organisation (Fraser Coast Motor Park Inc.) had conducted a feasibility study for the development of a the Fraser Coast Motor Park (the Motor Park) in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area.

The Motor Park aims to consolidate existing and disparate motor sport activities on the Fraser Coast in to one, purpose-built modern facility. It has the potential to attract major events and provide an educational institution for young drivers.

The Motor Park is expected to comprise a fully integrated motor sport and driver education facility, featuring:

- international competition standard dragstrip
- Speedway
- karting track
- motocross track
- club car circuit
- driver training centre (including skidpan)
- 4WD and industrial vehicle training course
- operations centre, trackside offices and public amenities

There is also potential to further develop the facility to include a number of other elements to the site including:

- automotive trade
- retail merchandising outlets
- historical car and motorsport museum
- corporate event and function centre
- on-site tourist accommodation

The Motor Park Feasibility Study demonstrated a significant economic impact estimated at $13 million per year for the Region. The Motor Park is currently investigating a suitable site (100 hectares) between Maryborough and Hervey Bay. The State Government is also investigating a 15,000 hectare site between Maryborough and Hervey Bay to identify suitable short, medium and long term uses for a site (the Churchill Study) along Churchill Mines Road. In addition to motor sport, other industries are also being considered for the site including mining, manufacturing, aviation, marine and food processing industries.

The suitable land uses will be determined by the State Government and no decision has been made as yet. However, given the pressure that will come upon the existing motorsport centres as urban expansion accommodates the growing population, it makes significant planning sense to be looking at a large centre catering to many different motorsport disciplines that is well buffered, and protected through local planning instruments from residential encroachment (the cycle of constant relocation of hard-to-locate sports facilities must be broken if the community is going to have easy access to these facilities).

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Many sites need to be investigated. However, QWI indicated that some land will be isolated by the realignment of the Bruce Highway south of Gympie and that this may be suitable for a motocross facility. The final answer on this site will not come until the end of May when the land sale process, following the discontinuation of the Traveston Crossing Dam, is finalised.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.15.1 Establish a new motocross facility in the Gympie area	Gympie Regional Council	SCRC, LGs, DIP	New site required
8.15.2 Identify and establish a purpose built Motor Park within the Wide Bay Burnett region including a regional standard bitumen road racing circuit and consider the incorporation of a 4WD park	WBBSRC	LGs, local stakeholders	New site required
8.15.3 Improve the facilities at the Fraser District Kart Club at Maryborough	Fraser District Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.4 Installation of lighting at the Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.5 Installation of lighting at the Bundaberg Kart Club	Bundaberg Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.6 Continue investigations into relocation of the Kingaroy Speedway	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy Speedway	New site has been identified
8.15.7 Undertake an audit and improve facilities (including access to water at Mundubbera Motocross)	Mundubbera Motocross	North Burnett Regional Council	No

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Site Assessment Report Lot 47 MCH4375 and Lot 49 MCH4794

Proposed Wide bay Motor Sport Complex site - Lot 47 on MCH4375 and Lot 49 on MCH4794

Figure 1: Lot 47 on MCH4375 and Lot 49 on MCH 4794

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The target site is classified 'State land' - 'reserve' with the Fraser Coast Regional Council as trustee. Reserve land is then allocated a further classification for one or more community purposes. This land has been classified 'local government'. This was a classification under the previous *Land Act 1964*. This classification does not exist under Schedule 1 of the current *Land Act 1994*. The previous classification system was more general.

The site can be accessed directly via a two lane arterial road – Cooloola Road. There is currently no sewerage or water access on the site.

A section of Lot 49 MCH4794 is under a 30 year lease to the Maryborough Sugar Factory. This is estimated to be 10 ha. This lease will expire 31/01/2016. The land is used for the "disposal of effluents and liquescent wastes and the temporary storage of other recyclable wastes emanating from the MSF". The Fraser Coast Regional Council has jurisdiction regarding any continuation of this lease.

The Maryborough Aero Modellers Club land abuts the site on the north west border of the proposed site. This club began in 1962 and had grown to 86 members by 2011.

To the north, east and south of the site, is State land, Poona National Park (south) and Tuan State Forest (south and south west). Hancock Plantations has 40,724 ha at Tuan State Forest.

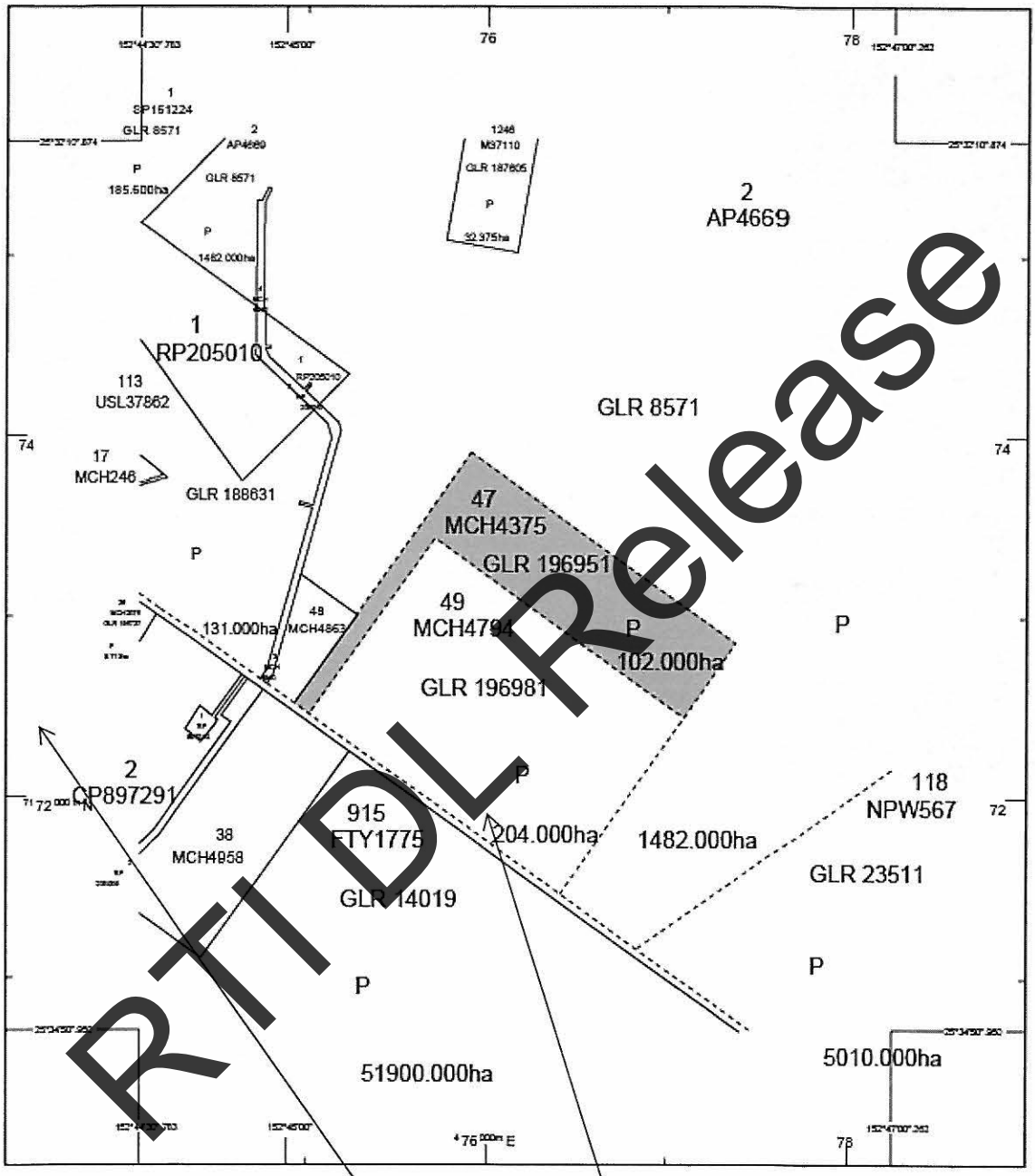

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Figure 2: SmartMap 9446-14433

Reserve - sanitary | Target site

Beyond the State land to the north of the site is freehold land. There is also feehold land abutting the western corner of the site. The closest houses are approximately 400meters and 600meters west of the site. Between 1.5km and 4.5km west and north west of the target site are a number of higher density residential areas.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council have a Draft Planning Scheme available for consideration. Within this plan, the target site is proposed to be zoned as a "waste management facility".

The Strategic Maps within the Draft Plan has a large parcel of land to the north of Maryborogh (light green on the map) dedicated as a "major sport and recreation open space area".

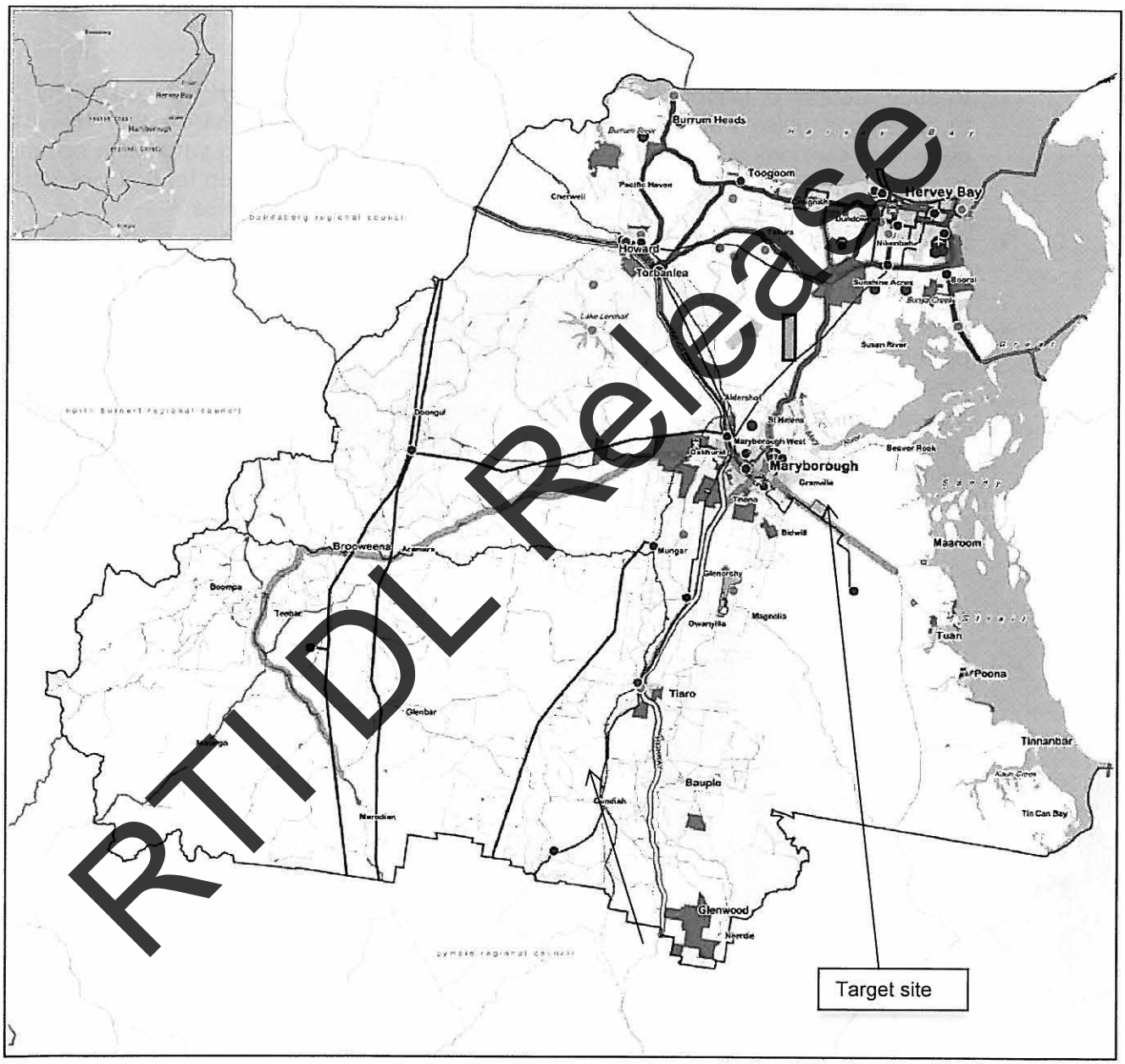

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Figure 3: Draft Fraser Coast Regional Planning Scheme map

Vegetation and habitation

- The site is predominantly classified as 'remnant vegetation containing "*of concern*" regional ecosystems'. The essential habitation maps show the presence of koalas, Wallum Froglets, Wallum Rocketfrogs and the Ground Parrot. Each of these species is native wildlife prescribed as '*vulnerable*' under the *Nature Conservation Act 1994* (NCA).

- These four species are located in relatively small areas on the target site, and all feature in abundance in neighbouring Poona National Park to the south east, and the Tuan State forest to the south.
- The site contains a relatively small area at the southern corner which is classified as 'high regrowth vegetation containing of concern ecosystems'. This is situated on land classified as a 'Great Barrier Reef Wetland Protection Area'.
- The majority of the site is classified as 'remnant vegetation', with some very small patches of non-remnant vegetation. Clearing of 'remnant vegetation' is regulated under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999.*
- Consideration would need to be given to community perception/reactions, should this ecosystem be cleared.

Noise assessment

- In 2009, Council of Mayors (SEQ) commissioned Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd to develop a noise framework for off-road facilities. The preliminary policy that was developed provides a basic screening methodology for determining whether a site may be suitable from a noise perspective. While this work was undertaken for trail bike noise, there would be valuable application for other types of motor sport noise.
- Figure 4 shows the screening test for areas with clear flat ground between the development and the receiver, while Figure 5 shows the screening test for areas with dense bushland between the development and the receiver.
- There appears to be no natural noise buffering for the potential site from land topography or vegetation particularly for noise receptors to the west of the site at 400m and 600m. The site presents some constraints if these properties have residential dwellings.
- The next closest houses are greater than 1.5km away from the perimeter of the potential site. Given the lack of screening, for example bushland and topography, significant noise mitigation measures are likely to be required.

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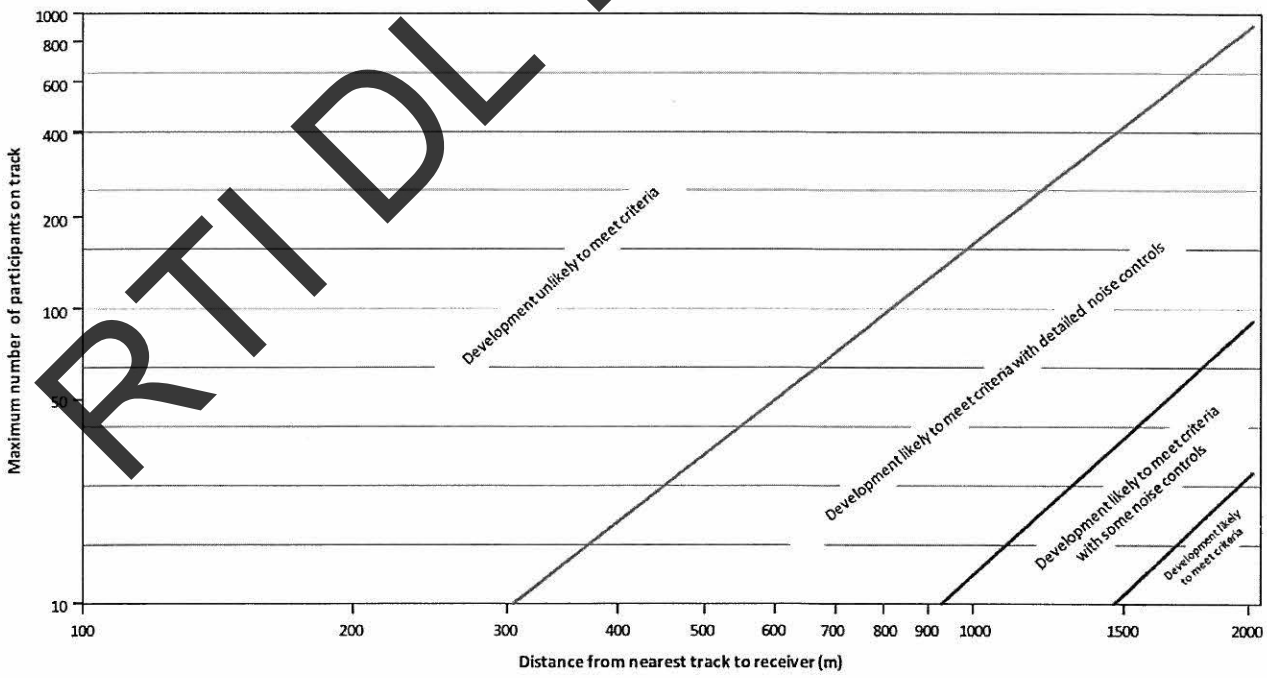

Figure 4: Site screening clear flat ground - line of site to receiver

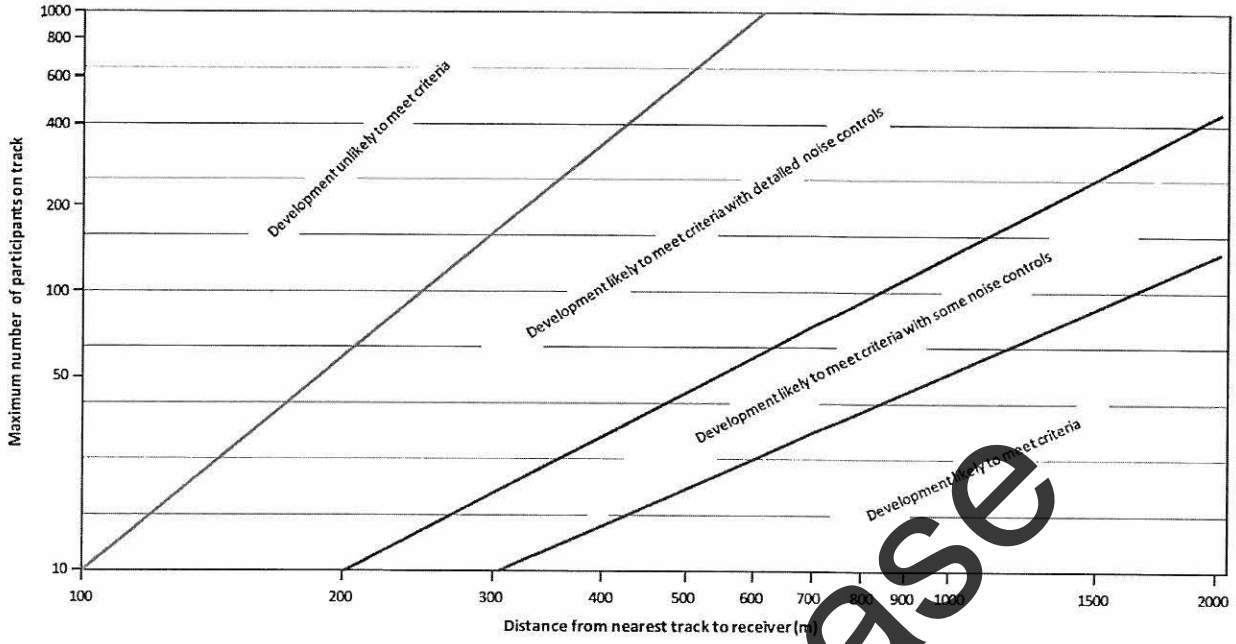

Figure 5: Site screening dense bushland

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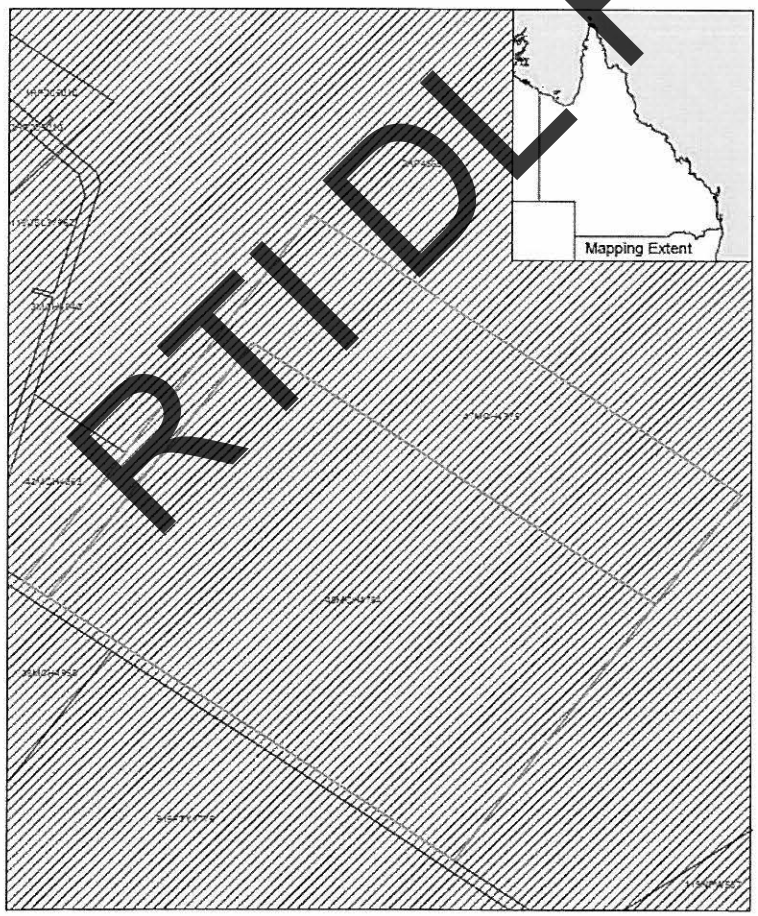
Native Title

Both requested lots are under the current "Butchulla Land and Sea Claim #2" FCNO QUD288/09, are Reserve tenure, have never been Freehold tenure and thus native title has not been extinguished on these lots and they remain claimable.



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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: **Variation to GPS Rugby Club Election Commitment (Commitment 410)**

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by Friday 12 April 2013 to enable the urgent commencement of the GPS Rugby Club (the club) change rooms and storage area election commitment project which has a completion date of 30 June 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **endorse** seeking the Premier's approval for a variation to the Queensland Government's election commitment funding from $100 000 to $153 000 for the club's change rooms and storage area project at Yoku Road, Ashgrove
- **sign** the letter to the Premier seeking approval to increase the Queensland Government's funding commitment for the project from $100 000 to $153 000 with the increase to be funded from within the Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) budget (**Attachment 1**)
- **approve** the letter to the club advising of the increased election commitment funding of $153 000, to be signed by the Minister, pending the Premier's approval (**Attachment 2**).

BACKGROUND

- On 27 June 2012, the club was granted $100 000 as an election commitment (Commitment 410) to construct new change rooms and a storage area at Yoku Road, Ashgrove.
- Ashgrove Sportsground is home to the GPS Rugby Club and Valley District Cricket Club and their respective junior clubs and is heavily utilised throughout the year.
- The club originally estimated the project would cost $140 000 and applied for funding of $40 000 with Brisbane City Council (BCC) under the Community Sports Club Grant Program (the program) to meet the project shortfall.
- Following the design of the project and further consultation with BCC, the total project cost, including infrastructure fees ($8900) and Development Approval costs ($4100) is estimated to be $153 000, leaving a funding shortfall of $53 000.
- The program guidelines stipulate that a project cannot commence prior to notification of being successful.
- The outcomes of the first round of the program were announced in mid-March 2013 and the club's application was unsuccessful as the application lacked sufficient detail.
- BCC advised that this project was viewed as a priority and that the club should resubmit a more detailed application in the second round and include infrastructure fees (water and sewerage connections) and Development Approval costs.
- The application for the second round of funding closed on 25 March 2013 and the club has submitted an updated application.
- The outcomes of the second round of the program will be announced in June 2013.

KEY ISSUES

- The club is presently unable to commence work on the project until funding from BCC has been secured.

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- By the time BCC considers the revised application in June 2013, the project completion date for the election commitment of 30 June 2013 will not be met.
- In order to meet the election commitment completion date of 30 June 2013, it is recommended that Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) fund the estimated budget shortfall of $53 000 from within its budget.
- sch3(2)(1)(c) Cabinet matter - Budgetary process
- SRS has consulted with BCC on the timeframes required for Development Approval and Permission to Build, and provided there are no changes required to the project, BCC has advised that approval should be granted within five days of application.
- If the club is successful in June 2013 with its updated funding application to BCC, SRS will arrange for the club to reimburse SRS any of the additional funding of $53 000 paid to the club at that time.
- *Key Communication Message/Media Opportunities:* Not applicable.
- *Election Commitment*: Yes. The timeframes allocated for 2012 election commitment was 12 months, making the completion date for this project 30 June 2013.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS
- Attachment 1 - Letter to the Premier
- Attachment 2 - Letter to GPS Rugby Club.

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Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

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12 April 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier

I am writing to you regarding the 2012 election commitment (Commitment 410) of providing funding support of $100 000 to the GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club (the club) to construct new dressing rooms and a storage area at Yoku Road, Ashgrove.

The club originally estimated the total cost of the project to be $140 000 and applied for funding of $40 000 with Brisbane City Council (Council) under the Community Sports Club Grant Program (the Program) to cover the shortfall.

However, the application was unsuccessful and Council advised the club to submit a more detailed application under the next round of the Program. At the same time, Council advised the club that the project will incur infrastructure fees and Development Approval costs estimated to total $13 000.

The club has submitted an updated application to Council for funding of $53 000, representing the revised funding shortfall. However, the outcomes of the next round of funding will not be announced until June 2013. The club is therefore unable to commence the project pending advice from Council on its funding application.

In order to enable the club to proceed with this project, it is proposed that the Queensland Government's funding commitment be increased from $100 000 to $153 000. The additional funding of $53 000 is available within the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department's) budget.

This will allow the club to commence the project as soon as Development Approval and Permission to Build are obtained from Council and will maximise the potential to complete the project before the election commitment date of 30 June 2013.

If the club is successful in June 2013 with its funding application to Council, the department will arrange for any of the additional $53 000 in funding paid to the club at that time to be reimbursed to the department.

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I look forward to your favourable consideration of this matter. Should your advisors have any enquiries, please have them 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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12 April 2013

Mr Anthony Herbert
President
GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club
PO Box 371
ASHGROVE QLD 4002

Dear Mr Herbert

I refer to the 2012 election commitment of $100 000 to GPS Old Boys Rugby Club (the club) to construct new dressing rooms and storage area at Yoku Road, Ashgrove.

I am aware that following the design of the project, and with Infrastructure and Development Approval application fees payable to Brisbane City Council (Council), the total project cost is now estimated to be $153 000, leaving a funding shortfall of $53 000.

I understand the club applied to Council under the Community Sports Club Grant Program (the Program) to help meet the funding shortfall for the project, but was unsuccessful and has recently submitted an updated application under the Program with outcomes to be announced in June 2013.

As the club is unable to commence work on this project until funding from Council is secured, the project completion date for this election commitment of 30 June 2013 would not be met.

Given these circumstances, I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Government has approved an additional funding commitment to the club for this project of $53 000, bringing the State's total funding commitment to $153 000.

I request that the club make every effort to ensure that the project will meet the election completion date of 30 June 2013. To this end, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) is consulting with Council on the timeframes for Development Approval and Permission to Build required for the project to commence.

If the club is successful in June 2013 with its funding application to Council, SRS will arrange for any of the additional $53 000 in funding paid to the club at that time to be reimbursed to SRS.

I wish you well with the delivery of this infrastructure project. Should you have any enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
Thursday 14 February 2013, at 4.00pm
Parliament House, Brisbane
The Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Mr Jason Crowther, Managing Director, Atlas Multisports
Mr Gary Binet, Manager of McDonalds Kulin Store

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

SUBJECT: **Road Closures and Financial Support for Sunshine Coast Marathon**

BACKGROUND

- protection of an in and [redacted] would like to discuss the Sunshine Coast Marathon (the marathon) and Community Run Festival (the festival) which will occur on Sunday 25 August 2013. In particular, they wish to discuss the route of the Marathon and road closures with Minister Emerson and financial support for the event with Minister Dickson.
- The inaugural Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Run Festival occurred in August 2012 and involved the 42.2km marathon, 21.1km half marathon, as well as 10km, 5km and 2km running events. The festival attracted over 5,000 participants.
- Starting and finishing at Alexandra Headlands Surf Lifesaving Club, the 2012 event involved road closures at Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headlands and Maroochydore. Details of road closures for the 2012 event are attached (**Attachment 1**).
- While details of the route for 2013 are yet to be published by the event organisers, their website indicates that they have made a few changes in the course, proposing to eliminate a zig zag section through Maroochydore and replacing it with a route that heads out to Picnic Point at Maroochydore.
- It is still proposed to start and finish the marathon from Alexandra Headlands in 2013, running over Alexandra Headlands into Mooloolaba and back to Alexandra Headlands before completing four scenic loops in Maroochydore.
- In terms of financial support for the event in 2012, the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing approved $12,500 in sponsorship for the event (**Attachment 2**), with the Queensland Government recognised as the sponsor of the '2km Kids and Community Run'. Additional event sponsors included Channel Seven, Westpac, McDonalds Sunshine Coast, Ronald McDonald House, Sunshine Coast Daily, Hot 91.7 FM and Zinc 96.1. The festival aims to raise money for Ronald McDonald House and The Butterfly Foundation.
- *Consultation*: Ms Sharon Hodges, Director, Industry Capacity and Events, Sport and Recreation Services, regarding details of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's (the department) 2012 contribution and advice on current sponsorship policy.

CURRENT ISSUES

- It is anticipated that [redacted] and [redacted] will be seeking advice from Minister Dickson on financial assistance for the event and advice from Minister Emerson regarding road closures.
- The department will consider any submitted sponsorship proposals which outline the funding required, sponsorship benefits and the benefits of the event, both in encouraging an increase in participation and the regional benefits brought by the event.

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- Given the department had no concerns with its sponsorship of the Marathon in 2012 and the popularity and participation numbers of the 2012 event, the event would again be eligible for sponsorship support, pending the proposal received and the budget position of the department.
- In 2012, the event promoter was provided details of the previous Events Queensland's Regional Development Program (EQRDP). This program is designed to fund events of regional significance that generate economic benefit for local communities. The department is unaware if the event promoter applied for funding under this program, however this still remains a viable option for event funding.
- While the funding round for events prior to 31 August 2013 has closed, round 24 of the program for events to be held from 1 October 2013 through to 31 March 2015 is currently open and closes on 15 February 2013.

Department Financial Assistance for the 2013 Event

Deputee Position

- Can the Minister provide sponsorship for the 2013 Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Run Festival?

Suggested Response

- The department will consider any detailed sponsorship proposals provided. These proposals should outline the participation benefits of such an event and other benefits the event will bring to the region it is held in. Funding sought and sponsorship benefits should also be detailed in any proposal. The level of support provided in 2012 ($12,500) is typical of support generally available for community events of this nature.
- The department also suggests an application for support be made through Tourism and Events Queensland's Regional Development Program. The current round for events being held from October 2013 to March 2015 closes on 15 February 2013.

MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Road Closures for the 2012 Marathon.
- Attachment 2 – Previous Ministerial briefing note for the 2012 event (CTS: 07801/12).

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Sunshine Coast MARATHON & community run festival

42.2km 21.1km 10km 5km kids 2km

This one day event on **Sunday, August 26 2012** comprises of the following distances;

Timeframe	Distance	Course
6am-12pm	Marathon - 42.2km	Alexandra Headlands, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore
6:30am-9:30am	Half Marathon 21.1km	Alexandra Headlands, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore
10am-12pm	10km	Alexandra Headlands, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore
10:30am-12pm	5km	Alexandra Headlands, Maroochydore
11am-12pm	2km	Alexandra Headlands

Road Closures - Sunday, August 26 2012

Mooloolaba Closures

*** 5:30am-7am**

- Mooloolaba Esplanade from Buderim St south (half way down Alex Hill)
- Beach Terrace
- River Esplanade to Hancock Lane
- Hancock Lane
- Walan St from Hancock Lane to Brisbane Rd
- Brisbane Rd from Walan St intersection to Mooloolaba Esplanade

Alexandra Headland Closures

*** 4:30am-12:30pm**

- Eastern side of Alexandra Parade & Aerodrome Road (from Pacific Terrace to 6th Ave)

*** 4:30am- 12:30pm**

- Alexandra Parade from Buderim St to Pacific Terrace

Motorists can access Alexandra Parade from Pacific Terrace and travel North to Maroochydore

Maroochydore Closures - Paid parking available at Rugby Fields (entrance from 4th Avenue)

*** 5:30am-12:30pm**

- 6th Avenue
- 5th Avenue
- 4th Av from Richards St to Hinkler Parade
- Melrose Parade
- Beach Parade
- Memorial Avenue from 6th Av to Alexandra Pde
- Alexandra Parade

*** 5:30am-11:30am**

- Cotton Tree Parade
- The Esplanade, Cotton Tree
- Duporth Avenue to Beach Rd

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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: Sponsorship of the Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Run Festival

TIMEFRAME

- Approval of this briefing note is required by 31 July 2012 to provide the department sufficient time to negotiate a sponsorship agreement with the event promoter.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- **approve** sponsorship of the 2012 Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Fun Run Festival for $12,500 (excluding GST)
- **sign** the letter to Mr Jason Crowther, Managing Director, Atlas Multisports advising of the Sponsorship (**Attachment 3**)

BACKGROUND/KEY ISSUES

- Mr Jason Crowther, Managing Director, Atlas Multisports has provided the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing with details on the Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Run Festival (the Festival) indicating they are seeking Queensland Government support of the event (**Attachment 1**). In addition to this, a Sponsorship proposal was sought and provided to the department (**Attachment 2**).
- The Festival is scheduled to be held on the weekend of August 25 and 26 with all races to be held on Sunday August 26.
- The Festival consists of a full marathon (42.195km), half marathon (21.0975km), 10km and 5km races, along with a 2km kids and community run. The event will be centred around the Alex Surf Club, Alexandra Headlands.
- The Festival is supported by commercial partners Channel Seven as naming rights sponsor, Westpac, McDonalds Sunshine Coast, Ronald McDonald House, Sunshine Coast Daily, Hot 91.7FM and Zinc 96.1. The Festival aims to raise money for Ronald McDonald House and The Butterfly Foundation.
- The sponsorship proposal provided to the department is seeking sponsorship of $25,000 for the 2012 Festival. For this level of support the Queensland Government would be offered naming rights for the 2km kids and community run. Sponsorship benefits include logo recognition on print and web advertising once the sponsorship agreement is signed, along with recognition on a promotional campaign aimed at Sunshine Coast Schools targeting participation in the 2km event. There will also be acknowledgement from commentators during the Festival and banners displayed at the Festival.
- The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing will be invited to start the kids 2km event, along with assisting in medal presentation. Each child in the 2km Kids and Community run will receive a medal for participation.
- The department sponsored the staging of the Rotary Fun Run at the University of Queensland in 2012 for $5,000 to support around 900 participants. The department has also committed to supporting the Bridge to Brisbane fun run for $50,000 to support up to 50,000 participants. $125,000 was provided to Sanitarium for three Weet-bix TRYathlons to be held in Queensland, reaching over 2400 participants. The Festival is aiming to have 600-800 participants in the Kids 2km.
- As the Festival contains a number of varying participation opportunities along with market stalls

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focusing on health related retailers, the department believes there is a scope for promoting the message of getting active and participating, particular focusing on the kids 2km event.

- Along with participation benefits, the Festival may have beneficial promotional and tourism benefits to the region, which could be positively influenced with the inclusion of the marathon and half-marathon components, which are more likely to attract competitors from outside the Sunshine Coast region.
- As the event is aiming to attract between 3000 and 5000 participants in total, with 600-800 children participating in the 2km Kids and Community Run, the department recommends supporting the event for $12,500 in 2012 which remains consistent with funding provided to other fun run type activities. It is unknown if the reduced funding over that requested will still provide the department with the opportunity to be naming rights sponsor of the 2km Kids and Community run.
- For future events, given the Festivals potential for tourism and economic benefits to the region, the Events Queensland Regional Development Program (EQRDP) may be a more appropriate source of support. The EQRDP round which would support an August 2012 event has closed.
- The department will provide the event promoter with details of the Events Queensland Regional Development Program which will be a more appropriate avenue for future Queensland Government funding.
- A letter to Mr Jason Crowther, Managing Director, Atlas Multisports advising of the Queensland Governments position is included at **Attachment 3**.
- *Consultation:* Ms Kate Blumke, Manager, Events Queensland has advised that the event promoter has not applied for financial assistance for the Festival. Mr Steve White, Regional Manager, SRS North Coast Region has advised that whilst they have minimal knowledge of the event, they are not aware with any concerns over the event or event promoter, with the event receiving significant media coverage on the Sunshine Coast.
- *Key Communication Messages:* The Queensland Government is proud to support the Sunshine Coast Marathon to encourage Queensland to get active and consider participating in sport and active recreation. **Attachment 4** provides draft media releases on the Queensland Government sponsorship for both option 1 and option 2.
- *Five Point Action Plan for Queensland:*
  - Does this deliver on growing a four pillar economy? The proposal aims to encourage tourism for the Sunshine Coast region.
  - Does this lower the cost of living for families by cutting waste? No
  - Does this deliver better infrastructure and better planning? No
  - Does this revitalise frontline services? No
  - Does this restore accountability in government? No

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Submission by Atlas MultiSports
- Attachment 2 – Sponsorship request from Atlas Multisports
- Attachment 3 – Letter to Mr Jason Crowther, Managing Director, Atlas Multisports
- Attachment 4 – Draft media release

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
Wednesday 30 January 2013 at 1.00 pm
Mrs Tracy Stockwell, Chair, Queensland Academy of Sport Board
Mr Bruce Hatcher, Deputy Chair, Queensland Academy of Sport Board

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

SUBJECT: **Meeting with the Chair of the Board of the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS).**

DEP REP: Bennett King, Executive Director, QAS, (07) 3872 0207.

BACKGROUND

- The QAS was established by the Queensland Government in 1991 to assist talented athletes and coaches within Queensland to achieve excellence in their chosen sport and to nurture their personal and professional development. The QAS currently supports more than 600 Queensland athletes across 32 sports.
- The QAS Board is an Advisory Board reporting to the Minister. The Chair met with previous Ministers once every six weeks, just prior to the Board meetings. The meetings outlined key strategic matters that the Board felt needed to be communicated to the Minister.
- The Board members are as follows:
  - Mrs Tracy Stockwell (Chair)
  - Mr Bruce Hatcher (Deputy Chair)
  - Mr Ray Epstein
  - Mr Bruno Cullen
  - Ms Bronwyn Thompson
  - Ms Naomi McCarthy.
- There are currently two vacant positions on the Board. The Acting Deputy Director-General, Sport and Recreation Services, also attends Board meetings as a representative of the Director-General.
- While the Board reports to the Minister, the Executive Director reports through the Acting Deputy Director-General, Sport and Recreation Services to the Director-General.

CURRENT ISSUES

- Nominees for the filling of the two current vacant positions on the Board.
  - Professor Brendan Burkett resigned in February 2012 and Mrs Wilma Shakespear has verbally advised the Board that she is resigning as she is relocating to Canada.
  - The term for the current Board expires on 30 November 2013.
  - The Chair would like to fill the two vacant positions as soon as practicable.
  - Following identification of suitable replacements, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) would be required to begin the process for Governor in Council approval.
- The Queensland Government Crest and the recognition of QAS athletes training and competing nationally and internationally.
  - The Board has been advised of the directive that the Queensland Crest is the new government Logo and that no text is to appear with the Crest.
  - The Board has requested the Chair discuss with the Minister, the possibility of requesting a separate logo for the QAS.

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- NPRSR has previously made representation to the Department of Premier and Cabinet in relation to the matter and has been advised that any specific words for QAS are inconsistent with government policy.
- The QAS is a member of the National Institutes Network (NIN) which comprises each of the State Institutes/Academies of Sport and the Australian Institute of Sport. Each of these entities have logos that clearly identify their athletes in a daily training environment or at national/international competitions as representatives of their State. Their logo designs all incorporate text identifying their institution or their government departmental support.
- The Board considers a clearly identifiable logo would enable it to seek entrepreneurial opportunities that have not been explored in the past.

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Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
MINISTERIAL DEPUTATION BRIEFING NOTE
27 February 2013
Mr Jim Carmichael, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Rugby Union
Mr Rod McCall, Chairman, Queensland Rugby Union
The Honourable Tim Nicholls, Treasurer and Minister for Trade

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

SUBJECT: **Meeting with the Queensland Rugby Union regarding the Ballymore redevelopment.**

BACKGROUND

- Ballymore (located at Clyde Road Herston) is the traditional home of Queensland Rugby Union and sits on Crown Land. In 1973, a Deed of Grant in Trust in perpetuity was provided to Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) to utilise the site for sport and recreation purposes.
- Ballymore is currently used for club matches, Queensland Reds training and trial games, academy training, Brisbane Roar training, QRU administration and other community uses.
- In 2007, the Howard Government agreed to provide the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) with a one-off capital grant of $25 million towards the development of a new Australian National Rugby Academy at Ballymore. The grant was contingent on the ARU meeting the recurrent costs and the State providing the ARU with freehold tenure of Ballymore.
- On the basis of the Federal grant, the ARU/QRU prepared a redevelopment plan for Ballymore, including a new field, redeveloped stadium, athletes village, community pool and sports medical centre.
- In February 2008, the newly elected Rudd Government withdrew the federal grant to the ARU.
- On 10 July 2008, a grant of $4.2 million to QRU was approved by the then Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport, the Honourable Judy Spence to develop a swimming pool and an additional field at Ballymore. The grant was approved outside of the regular program funding round.
- The State grant is the subject of a funding agreement between QRU and the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (the department) under which QRU was to be paid instalments of $1.4 million each year. The first instalment was paid to the QRU on 15 August 2008.
- QRU has submitted acquittals that demonstrate an amount of $1,247,649.40 has been spent on the planning for the original Ballymore redevelopment with this expenditure largely relating to the development application preparation.
- In 2009, the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) conducted a public hearing into the awarding of the State grant following allegations $200,000 was redirected to the University of Queensland Rugby Football Club at the request of a former Advisor to Minister Spence.
- On 12 August 2008, after obtaining the State grant, QRU submitted a Development Approval application with Brisbane City Council for the original Ballymore redevelopment. Development Approval was granted on 13 September 2010.
- QRU did not commence the redevelopment due to a lack of financing and ongoing appeals by local residents, which led to the Development Approval being submitted to the Planning and Environment Court for consideration.
- In late 2011, QRU engaged consultant Coffey Sport and Leisure (CSL) to investigate and provide options for the future development and usage of Ballymore.
- On 15 February 2012, QRU formally requested an extension of time to 31 March 2014 for the funding agreement with the State. The department did not agree to this request as QRU did not provide details and a status update on planning for the redevelopment of Ballymore, including the CSL report, how the approved project would be delivered, or additional funding sources.

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- The department extended the funding agreement to 30 November 2012, however is yet to be provided the requested information by the QRU. While the agreement has not been extended no action has been taken by the department to lapse the funding given the meeting with the Treasurer and Minister was to be scheduled. The department retains the balance of the grant ($2.75 million) in its forward estimates.
- As at February 2013, the department has accepted claims totalling $1,247,649 against the original $4.2 million grant. The department also finalised the $200,000 paid to UQ Rugby determining, based on legal advice, it would be difficult to recoup without significant cost. As a result $1,447,649 has been acquitted to date. No further payments will be made outside of this until the scope and timeframes of project were agreed.
- Since 1998, QRU has requested funding totalling $14,242,709 from the department (**Attachment 1**).

CURRENT ISSUES

- The department understands QRU's initial interest in redevelopment of Ballymore was partly derived from the poor condition and age of the Ballymore stadium infrastructure. Maintenance costs for stadiums can be up to $1 million annually, a significant cost imposed on the QRU considering the limited use of the ageing infrastructure.
- On 20 November 2012, QRU wrote to Dr Glaister, Director-General, advising that the Planning and Environment Court had formally approved the original Ballymore Development Application and that the QRU had recently considered their position regarding the type of redevelopment that should now occur at Ballymore (**Attachment 2**).
- QRU advised that:
  - the financial basis of the original 2008 redevelopment plan is no longer appropriate;
  - an athletes village is no longer a central requirement;
  - the original redevelopment plan would result in significant reduction of public parkland and community use of sporting fields;
  - development of aquatic recovery, sports medical treatment, gymnasium and additional field facilities remains a priority for the QRU at the Ballymore site;
  - greater administration space is needed for the QRU; and
  - QRU intends to maintain Suncorp Stadium as the home venue for Reds matches.
- In consideration of a new scope for the redevelopment of Ballymore, it appears the QRU have retained those aspects of the original redevelopment plan that are part of the approved $4.2 million State grant (swimming pool and additional field).
- QRU also advised that consultant CSL, through working closely with the QRU, has developed the *Ballymore Precinct Redevelopment Business Case* and the *Ballymore Precinct Master Plan concept design* documents. The department has not received or reviewed either document and is unable to comment on the new proposals.
- It is understood that at the meeting on 27 February 2013, QRU intends to provide the Honourable Steve Dickson MP, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade with an update on the status of the planning for the potential redevelopment of Ballymore.
- It is highly unlikely the QRU can develop the existing commitment of a pool and additional field with the remaining $2.75 million in funds and as such there is potential for QRU to request further assistance from the State in regards to Ballymore, either in the form of providing funding support for any redevelopment proposed, or granting the QRU freehold tenure of a parcel of Ballymore land for the redevelopment.

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Funding Report
- Attachment 2 – Letter from QRU to Director-General on 20 November 2012

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Client Name for Letters	Program Name	Description Project Current	Amount Total Funding Requested	Amount Total Approved	Transaction Finalised Paid $	Date Approval	Date Not Approved	Application Status
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan	employ a local coordinator for rugby union to support seven clubs in the Greater Brisbane area	$156,000.00	$157,950.00	$78,975.00	8/04/2011		Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Major Facilities Program	Construct a 25 metre indoor heated pool and additional rugby union field at 91 Clyde Road, Herston	$4,200,000.00	$4,200,000.00	$1,400,000.00	10/07/2008		Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program	deliver participation opportunities, build organisational capacity including volunteers, and develop projects and resources that support the inclusion of people with inequitable access to programs and services	$750,000.00	$777,713.00	$777,713.00	15/09/2010		Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	National Standard Facilities Program	construction of a two-storey building to support education and development initiatives and administration functions at Herston	$861,435.00	$771,253.00	$771,253.00	3/10/2003		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Rural / Regional Coach Mentor Program	provide three mentee coaches residing in Mt Isa, Emerald and Longreach to access quality education and training and receive mentor support to assist with their coaching development	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	19/12/2003		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Sport and Recreation Development Program	improve organisational capacity in planning, management, governance practices and education and training to deliver improved and increased participation opportunities and pathways for Queenslanders	$750,000.00	$767,053.00	$767,053.00	18/12/2007		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Sport and Recreation Development Program	increase participation in schools and clubs in the Wide Bay area	$150,000.00	$135,000.00	$135,000.00	18/12/2007		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Sport and Recreation Development Program	improve the management of rugby clubs in Queensland through volunteer education	$75,000.00	$60,000.00	$60,000.00	18/12/2007		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Development Program	Football - third year of three year funding.	$300,000.00	$212,700.00	$212,700.00	8/11/2002		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Development Program	Delivery of targeted programs to increase the number of Women and Girls involved in Coaching, Refereeing and Schools Programs.	$123,000.00	$123,000.00	$123,000.00	4/12/2003		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Development Program	three year funding - first year - development initiative	$250,000.00	$219,081.00	$219,081.00	4/12/2003		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Development Program	improve planning, governance and management practices, pathways for development and service delivery throughout Queensland	$825,000.00	$711,163.00	$711,163.00	1/12/2004		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Sport and Recreation Development Program	Football	$1,827,000.00	$220,000.00	$220,000.00	2/12/1999		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Sport and Recreation Development Program	Football	$313,500.00	$257,500.00	$257,500.00	29/11/2000		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Sport and Recreation Development Program	Football - second year of three year funding.	$210,000.00	$210,000.00	$210,000.00	5/12/2000		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Statewide Sports Development Program	Qld Rugby Union Ltd	$1,733,402.00	$225,000.00	$225,000.00	21/12/1998		Finalised
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Active Inclusion Program	conduct a rugby union Program incorporating health and lifestyle choices program to support Rugby Union in Doomadgee, Mornington Island, Normanton, Weipa and Cairns	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00		13/12/2010	Not Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	National Standard Facilities Program	construction of a national standard training and administration complex incorporating office space, training rooms, swimming pool and gymnasium at Ballymore Stadium, Herston	$1,500,000.00	$0.00	$0.00		21/04/2004	Not Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Rural / Regional Coach Mentor Program	Rural/Regional Coach Mentor Program 2003	$8,956.00	$0.00	$0.00		9/12/2002	Not Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	Sport and Recreation Development Program	develop the modified game of Recreation Rugby to increase participation opportunites in regional Queensland	$150,000.00	$0.00	$0.00		18/12/2007	Not Approved
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	State Development Program	This application was included in the 2001 funding.	$104,416.00	$0.00	$0.00		4/12/2003	Not Approved
			$14,242,709.00	**$9,052,413.00**	**$6,173,438.00**			

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Tuesday 20 November, 2012

Dr John Glaister
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Dear John,

Re: Ballymore Development Application and progress

I write in response to your correspondence dated 26 July and my apologies for the delay.

However, as explained previously to Mr. Klaassen we have been awaiting finalisation of a number of matters so that we could provide a more comprehensive update of our planning.

To that end, please find below a brief summary of our progress in the scope of our overall development of the Ballymore precinct.

In relation to the original Development Application I can advise that:

- On 10 August 2012, the Planning and Environments Court formally approved the initial Ballymore Development Application dated 12 August 2008; and,
- As a consequence, we have now been provided with the relevant authority and documentation from the Brisbane City Council.

Subsequent to this, throughout 2011 and 2012 Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) has been further evaluating the economic and strategic benefits of the initial Development Application. In particular, we have considered the changing requirements of the code over the last few years and into the future and also considered the ongoing community expectations of the precinct.

Some of the findings that were identified are as follows:

- The financial basis of the 2008 plan is no longer appropriate and the economic conditions are less likely to provide an adequate return based on the current Development Application,
- An Athlete's Village is not a central requirement to the QRU strategically,
- The initial Development Application would result in a significant reduction of public parkland and sporting fields for community utilisation,
- The necessity for Aquatic Recovery, Sports Medical Centre, Gymnasium facilities and a further playing field remain a fundamental priority,
- Greater administration space is necessary due to increased participation, community programming and partnership provision being centrally coordinated out of the Ballymore offices for many of the Queensland regions,
- Suncorp Stadium is more suitable to our strategy around the ideal match day experience for our targeted 40,000 members for Queensland Reds Super Rugby and inbound International tour games.

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As advised some time ago, QRU engaged the services of Coffey Sport and Leisure (CSL) to conduct a review of all aspects of the initial development and where required make recommendations to ensure overall alignment with a range of key objectives, including but not limited to the following;

- The most suitable development based on site conditions and usage,
- What are the most appropriate components to ensure economic sustainability,
- Considerations of State and Federal Government policy objectives where appropriate; and,
- Correspond with the strategic direction of the Queensland Rugby 'Future Generation' Plan, whilst satisfying community expectations.

To that end, CSL, in conjunction with the QRU Ballymore Committee (a Committee of the QRU Board), have completed:

- The Ballymore Precinct Redevelopment Business Case and,
- The Ballymore Precinct Master Plan concept design,

Furthermore, you would be aware that we have been in discussions with The Hon. Tim Nicholls, MP and the Hon. Steven Dickson, MP. It was agreed that once we were at a stage to outline our planning we would arrange to meet to present in detail.

It was determined this was the best course of action, so that prior to progressing any further with sensitive negotiations with any interested parties, we could gauge the views of Government, particularly regarding the most appropriate use of the precinct in the future.

To that end, we have contacted Minister Nicholls' office to arrange a suitable date to meet at our Ballymore offices.

At this meeting, we would look to present a short presentation outlining the material contained within the document's mentioned above, along with a tour of Ballymore.

Upon feedback from Messer's Nicholls and Dickson, we would then be able to amend our key documents and forward to the appropriate Government departments within a few days.

I trust that the information contained herewith clarifies our current position and we look forward to progressing the Ballymore planning with the Government over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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Jim Carmichael
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: The Hon. Tim Nicholls, Treasurer and Minister for Trade - Queensland Government
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