

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 1 February 2013
Subject: Correspondence from Mr Harold Hobbs, Member for Warrego, in relation to the need for a school at Wycombe

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Date 10/2/2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the response to Mr Harold Hobbs, Member for Warrego, (Attachment 1) which advises that Wycombe State School (WSS) will not be re-opened in 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 11 December 2012, Mr Hobbs wrote to you asking that you consider re-opening the WSS (Attachment 2). Mr Hobbs suggests that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) lease the school from the parents (who purchased the school in December 2012) and provide a qualified teacher.
- DETE advises this is not a viable option because:
 - o there are no foreseeable prospects for significant population growth in the area
 - o there are other farming communities of similar size throughout rural, regional and remote areas of Qld that do not have state schools in operation
 - o in the current fiscal environment, re-opening the school is difficult to justify (in 2008, it cost \$81,916 per student to operate the school)
 - o of the significant cost to reconnect services to the site (for example, water)
 - o even when open, some parents chose other schools where their children could access broader educational experiences and interact with more peers
- Mr Hobbs indicates that approximately 11 local students would be willing to attend WSS in 2013. However, according to DETE, modelling completed by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR) suggests that a re-opened WSS in 2012 may have had six students.
- The previous WSS catchment area was absorbed into the catchments of St George State School, Surat State School and Begonia State School. The combined total enrolments for these schools over the next five years is predicted to increase by 10 enrolments (rising from 299 students in 2012, to 309 by 2017).
- The closest schooling options for children in the Wycombe area are: 1) Begonia State School (16 students in 2012) which is 35kms via a dirt road subject to flooding, or 85-90kms via sealed road, 2) St George State School (213 students in 2012) which is approximately 85kms, and 3) Surat State School (70 Students in 2012) which is approximately 85kms.
- Re-opening the school would create a difficult precedent particularly in the current fiscal climate when Government agencies are being asked to find significant savings and DETE is looking at further rationalisation of under-utilised schools.


• CONSULTATION

- DETE

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• **BACKGROUND**

- Wycombe which is located within the Surat Basin, is a small farming district, and like many small rural communities has a declining population. The school was closed at the end of the 2009 school year due to continual low enrolments (which ultimately dropped to three students in 2008).
- The former school buildings (including staff accommodation) have been vacant since this time, with all services disconnected and education resources and assets dispersed to other schools in the Region.
- OESR, which is part of Queensland Treasury and Trade, provides the Government with economic, demographic and social research to inform Government policies, programs, and service delivery decisions. OESR is involved in modelling student population projections to inform school planning for DETE.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Mr Hobbs

Howard,

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2012 about the need for a school at Wycombe. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was interested to hear of your proposal to re-open the school at the former Wycombe school site which I understand is now owned by the Wycombe local community. I am always open to innovative ideas and sought further advice from my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable John Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, about options for the former school.

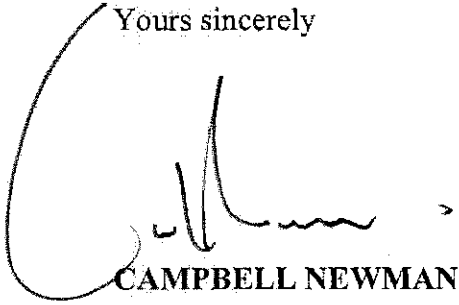
I was informed that Minister Langbroek has already responded to you on this matter advising, in his letter of 22 November 2012, that there is insufficient evidence to justify the cost of re-opening and operating the school. Having reviewed the advice received from Minister Langbroek, I can confirm that the Government is not in a position to re-open Wycombe State School at this time.

When the school was closed in 2009, I understand that enrolments had fallen to six students. The cost of keeping a school open with such small numbers is significantly higher than educating students at larger schools, and is particularly difficult to justify in the current fiscal environment. While I appreciate the need to ensure appropriate access to education for students in rural areas, I am told that students who would have previously attended Wycombe State school have now been absorbed into St George State School, Surat State School and the Begonia State School.

Further, I am advised that the projected enrolment growth for these three schools over the next five years is an increase of just 10 students—that is, increasing from 299 students in 2012 to 309 students in 2017. As such, I am reassured there is sufficient capacity at each of these schools to meet the needs of the Wycombe catchment area. I am sorry that I am not able to give you more positive news.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Premiers please find attached correspondence from the Member for Warrego Howard Hobbs MP to the Premier.

Thanks

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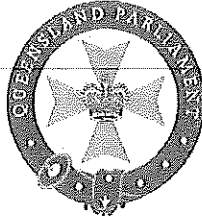
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Howard Hobbs MP
Member for Warrego

Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier
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11 December 2012

Dear Premier

I wish to provide you with background information regarding the need for a school at Wycombe commencing 2013 for 11 and possibly more students.

Background

- Wycombe State School was mothballed on 31/12/2008.
- End 2009 the former Labor Government Minister approved the permanent closure of the School.
- Mid 2012 parents advised that 11 and possibly more students were in the area and would like the school reopened.
- November 2012 expressions of interest from families of 11 students were sent to the Education Minister with a request to postpone the auction of the site until formal consultation could be done with the families. (attached)
- The Department did not consult any of the families who expressed interest.
- 22 November 2012 Education Minister advised that the School would not be reopened. (attached)
- 7th December 2012 School site was auctioned and bought by local families.

Local families have bought the school and they would like to operate the site as a school. They would be willing to lease the school back to the Department should adequate student numbers be confirmed. This arrangement while unusual today has operated successfully in the past. The Education Department has in the past provided a qualified teacher and made arrangements with the local community to use the facility.

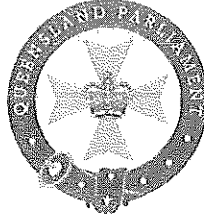
I would encourage you to consider this proposal and it confirms the Government is proactive in ensuring education opportunities are expanding even though we are in tough financial times. I look forward to your response and enclose a letter from [redacted] who explains the education difficulties in the region. (attached)

s.73
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Yours faithfully

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**Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education,
Training & Employment
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31st October 2012

Dear Minister

I refer to the Departments proposal to dispose of the Wycombe School and School House and ask that this be put on hold until the Education Department conduct a meeting with the parents who wish to have the Wycombe School re opened for school for 2013 as soon as possible.

I have attached the following written expressions of interest from parents who wish to send their children to the Wycombe State School in 2013.

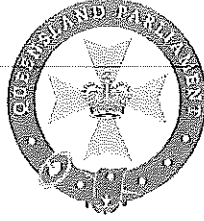
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My office is currently waiting on expressions of interest from the following families.

s.73 Member of the Public

I have enclosed the written expression of interest, local letters of support, and a list of the distances which some of these families would have to travel to their nearest school and the alternative of travelling to Wycombe.

Howard Hobbs MP Email address - warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au



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I would appreciate your urgent advice in relation to this matter as the parents would like to see this school operational in 2013.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Howard Hobbs'.

Howard Hobbs MP
Member for Warrego

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CC Fiona Crawford Ministers Office, s.73 Member of the Public Deb Dunstone

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Dear Mr Hobbs *Howard,*

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2012 on behalf of the Warrego Electorate Office regarding the future of Wycombe State School.

Between 2006 and 2008, the viability issues of Wycombe State School were carefully examined, including enrolment trends, accessibility to alternate education settings and the extent of curriculum offerings. In May 2007, the then Minister for Education at the time requested that formal consultation commence with the Wycombe community. As a result of this consultation it was determined that the school would remain open during the 2008 school year to allow the then Year 6 cohort to complete Year 7, with a review to be conducted in 2008.

As enrolments had dropped to three students at the beginning of 2008, the Executive Director, Roma District, requested that formal consultation resume to gather further information. At the end of 2008, the then Minister for Education and Training approved the temporary closure (mothballing) of the school, as new enterprises close to Wycombe had not translated into an increase in enrolments at the school, and the school's low enrolment numbers were not educationally or socially of benefit to the children.

In 2009, a further review and consultation occurred to identify any changes to enrolment predictions. With enrolment numbers predicted to continue to decrease, the former Minister approved the permanent closure of Wycombe State School at the end of 2009. All assets from Wycombe State School have since been dispersed to other schools throughout the Darling Downs South West Region and the school site is empty, awaiting sale.

I understand there are a small number of families that have shown interest in sending their children to Wycombe State School, based on the anecdotal nature of the expressions of interest provided. However, the Department maintains that there is insufficient evidence to justify the cost of re-opening and operating the school.

Thank you for your interest in the welfare of students in and around the Wycombe area. While this is not the outcome you are seeking, I trust you will understand this explanation.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Ms Lee Callum, Executive Director, Strategy Research and Performance on telephone 3237 0950 or by email at lee.callum@dete.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

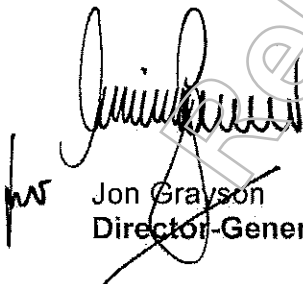
- **approve** the design of your personal medallion (**Attachment A**) ✓
- **indicate** your preferred design (**Attachment B**) for a generic medallion, which will be available in the Queensland Government gift range from:
 1. Cooktown Orchid ✓
 2. Queensland Flag
- **note** Protocol Queensland recommends the generic medal be produced 70mm in size and presented in a square leatherette case, with the Queensland Coat of Arms embossed on the lid.
- **endorse** that both medallions be manufactured in China given the comparison costing of Queensland production.

KEY ISSUES

- Your personal medallion will be 40mm in size with the round plastic capsule, and is the same size as your previous Lord Mayor's medallion.
- Cost for manufacture of your medallion in China is \$3.58 each (including case cost) versus \$27.72 for manufacture in Queensland. A full list of comparison costings is at **Attachment C**.
- Production for the 70mm generic medallion in China is \$8.11 each versus \$42.57 for manufacture in Queensland.
- Production of both medallions is estimated to take around 8 weeks.
- Production for both medallions will be funded by Protocol Queensland with an initial production run of 500, costing \$1790 for your personal medal and \$6945 for the generic medallion.
- Note that the medallion you used as Lord Mayor was manufactured overseas.

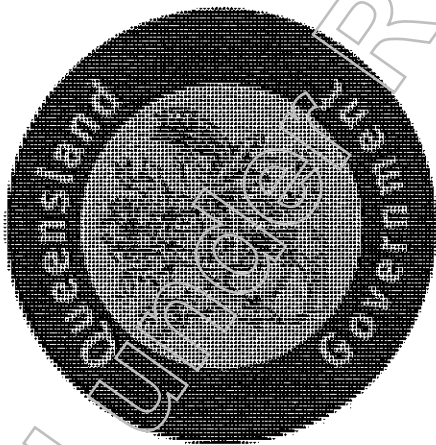
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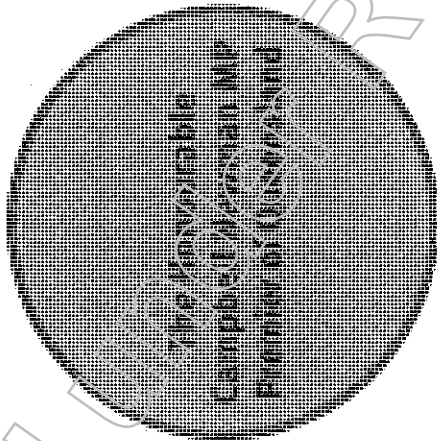

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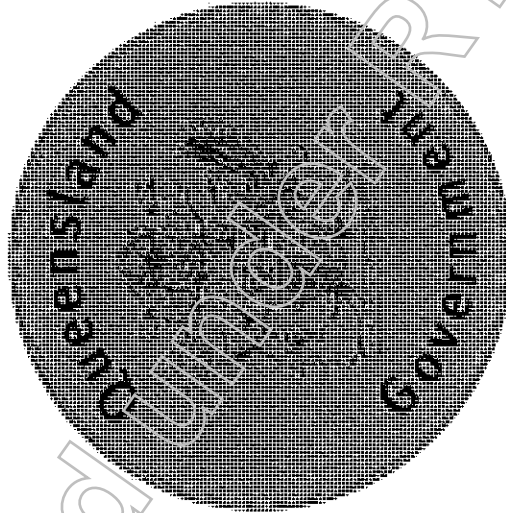
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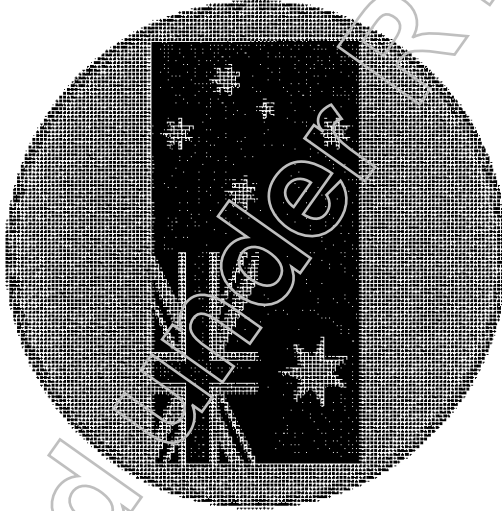
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Chinese production

Premier's medallions quotes as at 23 November 2012

supplier	size	thickness	style	manufactured	quantity	medallions each	case each	total price each set	TOTAL	case type
National										
Generic Queensland state medallion										
	70mm	4mm	3D both sides	China	500	\$8.11	\$5.23	\$13.39	\$6,695.00	square or rectangular black leatherette
	70mm	4mm	3D both sides	China	500	\$8.11	\$5.78 <i>(if printed in gold or silver)</i>	\$13.89	\$6,945.00	square or rectangular black leatherette
Premier's coloured medallions										
	40mm	4mm	3D blue vitreous enamel one side, raised flat type on other gold finish	China	500	\$2.70	\$0.88	\$3.58	\$1,790.00	round plastic capsule



Notes:



Timing: 8 weeks in manufacture plus additional 3 weeks due to Christmas period.

Larger rectangular case (as per sample) would require a special vacuum forme made to fit a round medallion at an additional cost of \$450.

Cases are manufactured in Melbourne and medallions in China.

Queensland production

Premier's medallions quotes as at 10 December 2012

supplier	size	thickness	style	manufactured	quantity	medallions each	case each	total price each set	TOTAL	case type
AJ Parkes	Generic Queensland state medallion									
	70mm	4mm	3D both sides	Queensland	500	\$42.57	\$10.70	\$53.27	\$26,635.00	square or rectangular black leatherette
	70mm	4mm	3D both sides	Queensland	500	\$42.57	\$10.70 (lid printed in gold or silver)	\$53.27	\$26,635.00	square or rectangular black leatherette
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	40mm	4mm	3D blue vitreous enamel one side, raised flat type on other gold finish	Queensland	500	\$25.47	\$2.25	\$27.72	\$13,860.00	round plastic capsula



Notes:
 Timing: minimum 8 weeks in manufacture plus additional 3 weeks due to Christmas period.
 Larger square plastic case is not available in a size to fit a 70mm medallion.
 Cases are manufactured in Melbourne and medallions in Queensland.

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- agree that the Queensland Government will not make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment *Inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012* (the House Inquiry)
- sign the letter to the Chair of the House Inquiry indicating this (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- There are currently two separate Australian Parliament Inquiries into the Australian Education Bill 2012 (the Bill) — the House Inquiry, and the Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations *Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Education Bill 2012* (the Senate Inquiry).
- On 3 December 2012, the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) was invited by the Senate Inquiry to make a submission by 8 February 2013. With Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) support, DETE declined to provide a submission.

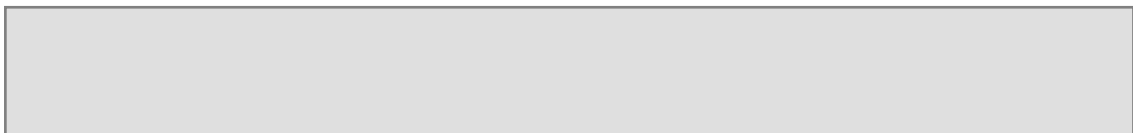
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- For these reasons, DPC recommends that the Queensland Government decline to make a submission to the House Inquiry, as invited by the Chair, and that you respond accordingly.

• CONSULTATION

- Social and Health Policy, DPC, and DETE.



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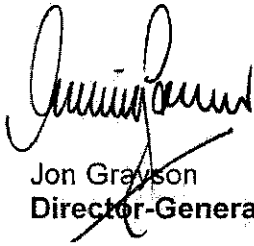
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• BACKGROUND

- The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment wrote to you on 10 December 2012 (**Attachment 2**) seeking Queensland Government input to the House Inquiry. Submissions are required by 15 February 2013, though the committee does not yet have a reporting date for the inquiry.
- Unless otherwise determined by the Premier as the Chair of Cabinet, submissions to federal inquiries should be brought to Cabinet for consideration.

for

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Ms Rishworth

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2012 about the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment *Inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012*.

While the Queensland Government appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Australian Education Bill 2012 that is afforded by your inquiry, we will not be providing a submission.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely



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10 December 2012

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Dear Premier,

Inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012

On behalf of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment, I am writing to advise that the Committee has commenced an inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012.

The Bill was referred by the Selection Committee on Thursday 29 November 2012. The terms of reference for the inquiry are the Bill.

The Bill, the Explanatory Memorandum, First Reading and Second Reading speeches can be accessed on the following website:
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r4945

The Committee would appreciate any views that your Government has on the inquiry terms of reference. **Submissions should be sent to the Committee by 15 February 2013.** It is preferred that submissions are sent by email to educationbill.reps@aph.gov.au. Alternatively they may be sent by mail. Submissions should be addressed to:

The Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment
Parliament House
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The Committee usually makes public the written submissions it receives for an inquiry. However, you should note that once the Committee has received a submission it cannot be published or disclosed to another person without the Committee's authorisation. Guidelines on making a submission and appearing as a witness at a hearing are available from the Committee's web site:



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Should your office have any questions about the inquiry, please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4573.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Rishworth". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Amanda Rishworth MP
Chair

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/2752

Document No. DOC/13/2233

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 17 January 2013
Subject: Request for Sponsorship – National Social Inclusion and Complex Needs Conference

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier

Date 23/1/2013

Date Action Required by:

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(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **sign** the letter to Mr Michael Moore, CEO, Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) declining sponsorship of the National Social Inclusion and Complex Needs Conference (**Attachment A**)
- **note** the information below regarding the sponsorship request for the National Social Inclusion and Complex Needs Conference.

• KEY ISSUES

- Correspondence has been received from the PHAA requesting sponsorship between \$5500 and \$22 000 of the National Social Inclusion and Complex Needs Conference 2013 (**Attachment B**).
- The conference will showcase successful programs and approaches in addressing complex needs and social determinants of health.
- Consultation regarding this sponsorship resulted in the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) advising that this conference aligns with the department's core business.
- The DCCSDS has advised that the marketing and promotional benefits of the sponsorship are not considered a priority for the department.
- The conference is being held in Canberra with approximately 300 delegates.
- It is recommended that the Queensland Government decline the opportunity.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health, DCCSDS, Department of Housing and Public Works, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs.

• BACKGROUND

- The PHAA National Social Inclusion and Complex Needs Conference will be held at the Hotel Realm, Canberra, ACT, on the 15 and 16 April 2013.
- It is anticipated that approximately 300 delegates will attend the conference.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/32781

Document No.

To: **THE PREMIER**

Date: 27 February 2013

Subject: **Response to further correspondence from**

s.73 Member of the Public

regarding ongoing

disability support for her brother,

[Redacted]

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / ~~Noted~~

Premier [Signature]

Date 26/3/2013

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- note [Redacted] requires individualised disability support to live in social housing and that his family was aware that no support was available before signing the lease on his unit
- note [Redacted] was discharged from Caboolture Hospital on [Redacted] and that his family has advised they will care for him until funded support is available
- sign the response to [Redacted] Attachment 1).

• **KEY ISSUES**

s.73 Personal Information



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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 14/12/2012

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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Document No. TF/13/4077

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 March 2013 2/4
Subject: Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) requirement for Meals on Wheels (MoW) services to return unspent 2011–12 funds.

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 10/4/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (**Attachment 1**) expressing your concern with the length of time and processes involved to finalise unspent 2011–12 funds for MoW and requesting Minister Davis to waive the requirement for MoW services to apply in writing to DCCSDS for reimbursement of unspent funds (returned to DCCSDS), or approval to use unremitted funds
- sign the responses to Mrs Debra Tape, Chief Executive Officer, MoW Services Association (**Attachment 2**), Mrs Helen Monaghan, Manager, Holland Park & District MoW (**Attachment 3**), Mr Jack Pool, President, Stafford & District MoW Association (**Attachment 4**), and Mrs Mary Lowe AM, President, Mt Gravatt MoW Service (**Attachment 5**), advising them that the Government has reconsidered its position, and MoW services can now retain their unspent funds from 2011–12.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 12, 13, 14 and 19 December 2012, Mrs Tape, Mrs Monaghan, Mr Pool and Mrs Lowe wrote to you, respectively, regarding invoices sent from DCCSDS to MoW for the return, within 14 days, of unspent funds from 2011–12.
- Under the previous Home and Community Care (HACC) program, the Federal and Queensland Governments jointly funded MoW, with Queensland administering the contracts. The arrangements averaged to a 65 per cent Federal Government, 35 per cent State split.
- While the funding agreements require unspent funds to be returned, in 2009–10 and 2010–11, MoW were invited to apply to retain both the federal and state portions of their 'surplus'. This decision was taken in response to the natural disasters of early 2011. The surplus was used by MoW for the benefit of the services to upgrade equipment etc.
- As part of 2011–12 reconciliation process, on 18 September 2012, DCCSDS approved the recall of surplus MoW funds, which totalled (combined federal–state amount) \$539 445 (plus GST). The state portion of the surplus is approximately \$190 765. Subsequently, on 5 December 2012, letters invoicing MoW were sent from Mr Mike Goodman, Director, Funding Accountability, DCCSDS.
- MoW lobbied hard for the Queensland Government to reverse the decision to recall surplus funds. Mrs Tape wrote to you (**Attachment 6**) advocating on behalf of a number of MoW services, along with several MoW districts regarding their individual circumstances.
- In February 2013, the Federal Department of Health and Ageing advised DCCSDS that it had authorised the federal portion of MoW recall funds totalling \$348 730 to stay with the services and to be directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes.

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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- On 4 March 2013, Minister Davis wrote to:
 - i. Mrs Monaghan, Mrs Tape, and Mrs Lowe (**Attachment 7**) to advise that MoW services are now able to retain surplus funds from 2011-12 (both State and Federal Government) on the proviso that those funds are directed towards, one-off, non-capital purposes;
 - ii. MoW services that returned their 2011-12 surplus to DCCSDS (12 organisations in total) and wish to have this underspend reimbursed (for one-off items as above), need to request reimbursement in writing (**Attachment 8**)
 - iii. remaining MoW services yet to either write in or to return unspent 2011-12 funds, need to apply in writing to retain their surplus for one-off items (**Attachment 9**).
- Your response to Minister Davis (**Attachment 1**) expresses your concern with the length of time and red tape involved in finalising this issue, and requests that the requirement for MoW organisations to write to DCCSDS (as per ii and iii) be waived.
- The responses at **Attachments 2-5** advise Mrs Monaghan, Mrs Tape, Mr Pool and Mrs Lowe that the Queensland Government has reconsidered its position and MoW can now retain their unspent funds from 2011-12 for one-off, non-capital purposes.

• CONSULTATION

- DCCSDS

• BACKGROUND

- Under the National Health Reforms, effective 1 July 2012, administration of HACC funding was separated between the Federal and Queensland Governments, based on age. With this, administration of the MoW contracts transfers from Queensland to the Federal Government.
- In early February 2013, you met with Minister Davis and discussed a process for managing the underspent 2011-12 MoW funding and communicating this to services.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Danny
Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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11 APR 2013

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Dear Minister *Tracy*,

I write in relation to correspondence I've received from a number of Meals on Wheels (MoW) services regarding the recall of unspent funds from the financial year 2011-12.

I am advised that, on 5 December 2012, your department invoiced MoW seeking the return of 2011-12 surplus funds within 14 days. I understand that this decision was taken in line with the standard annual reconciliation process administered by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS), and in accordance with the Government's commitment to return the budget to surplus by 2014-15.

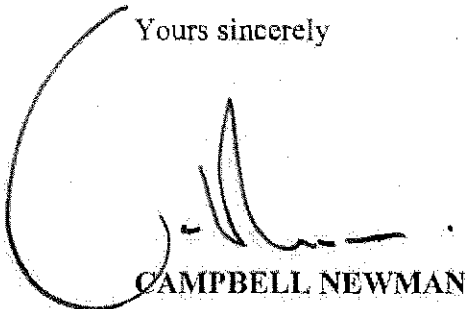
Subsequent to this decision being taken, I am told the Federal Government indicated its intention to allow MoW to retain its portion of surplus funds (approximately 65 per cent of the total funding allocation) on the proviso that those funds are to be directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes by 30 June 2014. I am pleased to note that the Queensland Government is also extending the same courtesy to MoW in relation to the state portion of funding.

What remains is a commitment from our end, to ensure that MoW services can access their funds in a timely manner and without further adding to their administrative burden. To this end, I would like to express my concern with the process proposed by your department that organisations must apply in writing to utilise their unspent 2011-12 funding. In particular, I do not believe that the 12 MoW services, which did the right thing and repaid DCCSDS, should have to apply in writing for the reimbursement of unspent funds. While I acknowledge the need for the accurate acquittal of funds for audit purposes, in terms of equity, this surplus should have been automatically refunded by DCCSDS.

As such, I request that you waive the requirement for MoW services to apply for reimbursement in writing, and refund those organisations that repaid DCCSDS as a matter of urgency. In my view, this is the only process that is consistent with the Government's commitment to reducing red tape, and which will minimise any further delay and costs to both the Government and these services in finalising this matter. It also recognises the important front-line service that MoW organisations deliver to vulnerable Queenslanders, particularly in these difficult times.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I refer to our recent meeting in my office - this sort of situation just should not be happening!



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mrs Tape

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2012 about Meals on Wheels (MoW) services being asked to return unspent funds for the financial year 2011-12 within 14 days. I apologise for the delay in responding and thank you for your patience.

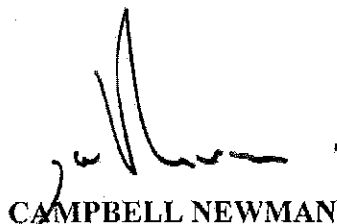
Let me start by commending MoW for the invaluable contribution the organisation makes to communities right across Queensland. Now more than ever, the people of Queensland need a helping hand from MoW volunteers who are willing and ready to deliver nutritious meals and comfort to those in need.

Following discussions with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services I am delighted to tell you that the Queensland Government has reconsidered its position on the recall of unexpended MoW funds for 2011-12. Furthermore, following formal confirmation from the Federal Government regarding the treatment of its portion of this unspent funding, MoW services are now able to retain the entirety of their 2011-12 surplus for one-off, non-capital purposes.

I would like to apologise again for the delay in responding to services about this matter. However, as you would appreciate, we needed to obtain clarity from the Federal Government, prior to communicating with organisations. I understand that Minister Davis has written to MoW organisations regarding the process for services, including those which have already returned these funds, to retain these unspent funds from 2011-12.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mrs Monaghan

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2012 about the requirement for Holland Park & District Meals on Wheels (MoW) to return unspent funds totalling \$8819 for the financial year 2011-12 within 14 days. I apologise for the delay in responding and thank you for your patience.

Let me start by commending MoW for the invaluable contribution the organisation makes to communities right across Queensland. Now more than ever, the people of Queensland need a helping hand from MoW volunteers who are willing and ready to deliver nutritious meals and comfort to those in need.

Following discussions with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, I am delighted to tell you that the Queensland Government has reconsidered its position in relation to the recall of unexpended MoW funds for 2011-12. Furthermore, following formal confirmation from the Federal Government regarding the treatment of its portion of this unspent funding, MoW services are now able to retain the entirety of their 2011-12 surplus for one-off, non-capital purposes. I understand that Minister Davis has written to MoW organisations regarding the process for services to retain these unspent funds from 2011-12.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Pool

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2012 about the requirement for Stafford & District Meals on Wheels (MoW) Association Inc. to return unspent funds totalling \$18 608 for the financial year 2011-12 within 14 days. I apologise for the delay in responding and thank you for your patience.

Let me start by commending MoW for the invaluable contribution the organisation makes to communities right across Queensland. Now more than ever, the people of Queensland need a helping hand from MoW volunteers who are willing and ready to deliver nutritious meals and comfort to those in need.

Following discussions with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, I am delighted to tell you that the Queensland Government has reconsidered its position in relation to the recall of unexpended MoW funds for 2011-12. Furthermore, following formal confirmation from the Federal Government regarding the treatment of its portion of this unspent funding, MoW services are now able to retain the entirety of their 2011-12 surplus for one-off, non-capital purposes. I understand that Minister Davis has written to MoW organisations regarding the process for services to retain these unspent funds from 2011-12.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mrs Lowe

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2012 about the requirement for Mt Gravatt Meals on Wheels (MoW) Service Inc. to return unspent funds totalling \$22 317 for the financial year 2011-12 within 14 days. I apologise for the delay in responding and thank you for your patience.

Let me start by commending MoW for the invaluable contribution the organisation makes to communities right across Queensland. Now more than ever, the people of Queensland need a helping hand from MoW volunteers who are willing and ready to deliver nutritious meals and comfort to those in need.

Following discussions with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services I am delighted to tell you that the Queensland Government has reconsidered its position in relation to the recall of unexpended MoW funds for 2011-12. Furthermore, following formal confirmation from the Federal Government regarding the treatment of its portion of this unspent funding, MoW services are now able to retain the entirety of their 2011-12 surplus for one-off, non-capital purposes. I understand that Minister Davis has written to MoW organisations regarding the process for services to retain these unspent funds from 2011-12.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Meals on Wheels
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First Name: Debra
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Comment:

Please find attached a letter for Mr Newman I hope he can assist Regards Debra Tape CEO
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Meals on Wheels Queensland

Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland
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Cc: Tracey Davies MP
Minister for Communities, Child Safety & Disability
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Thursday, December 13, 2012

Dear Premier Newman

Concern for Meals on Wheels Services requested to return allocated funds!

Several Meals on Wheels Services have contacted my office very distraught at having recently received an invoice from the Department of Communities to return varying amounts for over payment of client subsidy during 2011/12 funding cycle with a 14 day payback period required. Previously Meals on Wheels services were required to estimate the number of meals that will be delivered in a funding period (12 months). Sometimes numbers dropped and Meals on Wheels Services had surplus subsidy. (They receive only \$2.55 per meal) Attempts were made by some services to adjust their estimated figures with the Department of Communities but in several cases the Department of Communities were not able to adjust the figures. This wasn't too much of a problem in previous years as the Meals on Wheels Services were able to request retention of those excess funds for equipment purchases to enhance the operations. Some services chose to wait out the interest payment then return the funds.

I am assuming that the Department of Communities has changed policy to comply with State budget cuts and savings. Is it possible for you to encourage a change in this decision and allow retention of those funds or at least a 3 month return period instead of 14 days? It is causing undue stress on already struggling and ageing volunteer workers when they should be enjoying the lead up to Christmas. This of course won't affect all services only a handful as most services will have gone over their numbers rather than under.

I am writing to you Premier as I feel that these changes have been introduced as a result of your Governments funding cuts and I also understand that several services have already forward letters to your office?

I am hoping that perhaps you could investigate the possibility of allowing retention of surplus funds as was done in the past or at least encouraging a longer period required for return of the excess funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

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Hon Tracy Davis MP
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Dear Mr Pool *Jack*

Thank you for your letter concerning the Stafford and District Meals on Wheels request to retain 2011-2012 surplus funds.

The former Home and Community Care program, which provided funding for the subsidy paid to Meals on Wheels providers, was jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments and administered by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services through service agreements with providers.

Further to discussions between the department and the Australian Government (Department of Health and Ageing), it has been decided that the Stafford and District Meals on Wheels 2011-2012 surplus funds of \$15,508 is able to be retained on the proviso that those funds are directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes.

Further, please note that given the timing of this decision, should the 2011-2012 surplus funds not be able to be expended in the 2012-2013 financial year, the department is amenable to the funds being expended in 2013-2014 and acquitted in the 2013-2014 financial year return.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Powis, Director, Community Care Program, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services on 3033 0148.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Davis MP
Minister for Communities, Child Safety
and Disability Services



Hon Tracy Davis MP
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Dear Ms Monaghan *Helen*

Thank you for your letter concerning the Holland Park and District Meals on Wheels request to retain 2011-2012 surplus funds.

The former Home and Community Care program, which provided funding for the subsidy paid to Meals on Wheels providers, was jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments and administered by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services through service agreements with providers.

Further to discussions between the department and the Australian Government (Department of Health and Ageing), it has been decided that the Holland Park and District Meals on Wheels 2011-2012 surplus funds of \$8819 is able to be retained on the proviso that those funds are directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes.

Further, please note that given the timing of this decision should the 2011-2012 surplus funds not be able to be expended in the 2012-13 financial year, the department is amenable to the funds being expended in 2013-2014 and acquitted in the 2013-2014 financial year return.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Powls, Director, Community Care Program, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services on 3033 0148.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Davis MP
Minister for Communities, Child Safety
and Disability Services



Hon Tracy Davis MP
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Our reference: OOM:01023-2013

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Dear Ms Tape *Debra*

Thank you for your letter concerning the recall of surplus funds paid to Meals on Wheels providers in the 2011-2012 financial year.

The former Home and Community Care program, which provided funding for the subsidy paid to Meals on Wheels providers, was jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments and administered by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services through service agreements with providers.

Further to discussions between the department and the Australian Government (Department of Health and Ageing), it has been decided that all Meals on Wheels service providers will be able to retain both State and Australian Government 2011-2012 surplus funds on the proviso that those funds are directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes. The department will write to each Meals on Wheels service provider advising of this decision.

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Meals on Wheels 2011-12 Reconciliation - Recall of Funds Payment

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In early December 2012 the Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (the department) sent your organisation the result of your Home and Community Care (HACC) 2011-12 Meals reconciliation. This included an invoice for the recall of overpaid meals subsidies which has recently been received by the department.

However, I would like to advise that after subsequent discussion between the department and the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing it has been decided that organisations are to be given the opportunity to retain 2011-12 surplus funds on the proviso that those funds are to be directed towards specific, one-off, non-capital purposes by 30 June 2014.

Please advise in writing if you wish to utilise your surplus funds based on this criteria and a reimbursement will be actioned by the department accordingly.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or have any concerns, please contact Mr Anthony Mathas, Director, Funding Accountability, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services on telephone (07) 3224 6304.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 7 January 2012
Subject: National Liaison Committee for International Students seeking support for SAFETYCard program

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to Mr Wayne Pan, PA to Public Officer (Master Shang) of the National Liaison Committee for International Students (NLC) advising you have referred his email to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, for his consideration.

• KEY ISSUES

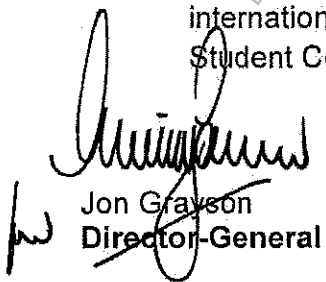
- On 12 December 2012, Mr Pan emailed advising that in light of recent attacks on Korean students in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, the NLC is seeking clarification of the Queensland Government's support for the NLC's SAFETYCard program (**Attachment 2**). SAFETYCard is the NLC's national safety program for the international student community, jointly supported by Australian police and the local multicultural community. Members can report safety matters to a hotline so all incidents are followed up with relevant authorities and consulates (**Attachment 3**).
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has advised that NLC is not formally recognised as a peak body and should not be the main point of contact for international student issues. The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) is the recognised peak body for international students in Australia.
- In May 2009, the NLC made headlines over allegations of bullying against university staff and intimidating and aggressive behaviour on-campus. (Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 9 May 2009) Student delegates and staff from the National Union of Students have also reported concerns in their dealings with Mr Shang.
- DETE has also advised there is no evidence that the SAFETYCard program has been endorsed by industry stakeholders in Queensland.

• CONSULTATION

- DETE (DETE also consulted with the Queensland Police Service).

• BACKGROUND

- The Council of Australian Government's International Students Strategy for Australia (ISSA), which seeks to improve the experience of international students studying, living and working in Australia, was released on 29 October 2010. Queensland's ISSA Inter-agency Working Group, chaired by DETE, administers the implementation of ISSA initiatives in Queensland.
- The International Education and Training Unit (IETU), within Queensland Trade and Investment Queensland also has a key role in leading the promotion of Queensland's international education and training industry, and has established an International Student Consultative Committee for Queensland.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Renee Woodhouse
Area: Social and Health Policy
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Dear Mr Pan

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2012 about your request for clarification of the Queensland Government's continuous support of the National Liaison Committee for International Students (NLC) SAFETYCard program.

I would like to assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to improving the experience of international students studying, living and working in Australia and strongly condemns any form of behaviour which threatens the safety or wellbeing of students nationally. The Queensland Government supports the Council of Australian Government's International Students Strategy for Australia (ISSA) and has established an inter-agency working group to manage the implementation of ISSA initiatives in Queensland.

I can also advise that the Department of Education, Training and Employment has lead responsibility for all matters related to international students and education in Queensland. I have referred your email to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, for his consideration and direct reply to you.

Again, thank you for contacting me in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Kate Johnson

From: Ben Myers
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2012 6:43 PM
To: Kate Johnson
Cc: Athena Hondroudakis
Subject: FW: The SAFETYCard Program
Attachments: National Safety Program.pdf; QLD Premier's Office.pdf

Kate: can you please arrange a response to this e-mail.

Athena: can you please ensure an acknowledgement is sent.

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Sent: Tuesday, 11 December 2012 9:03 AM
To: Ben Myers
Cc: CHOO Mark NLC; rebekah.narango@ministerial.qld.gov.au; Michael Prain
Subject: The SAFETYCard Program

Hi, Ben

Our Public Officer Mr SHANG Master talked with Michael PRAIN, Chief of Staff to Police Minister Jack DEMPSEY while you were away in India last week. I am writing to you as Chief of Staff to Queensland Premier Campbell NEWMAN to bring direct attention to the Premier on the recent Korean student attacks and our SAFETYCard program.

Firstly let me give you some background information about NLC and OSA.

National Liaison Committee For International Students, more widely known as NLC, is the national peak body for International Students in Australia. NLC was formed in 1986 through the amalgamation of various state-based international student representative organisations across Australia to combat the introduction of the Overseas Student full-fee paying program.

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From 1 May 2008, NLC has transformed from a student union model to become the central platform, backed by the local Multicultural Community, to serve our NLCommunity: the International Student Community.

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For the past 26 years, NLC had been working with all stakeholders: the local Multicultural Community, Australian & foreign government agencies, education providers and relevant organisations in the Australian international education industry to build a strong International Student Community. Now we are even more determined and prepared to play the vital role as the national peak body for all International Students and build a stronger NLCommunity in the years ahead.

Recent Korean Student Attacks

On 27 November 2012, Sydney Morning Herald ran a story about recent Korean student attacks in

Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. After talking with Korean Embassy and Consulate-General, NLC had decided to address our NLCommunity safety concerns to the three Police Commissioner's offices.

On 30 November 2012, NLC talked with Debbie PLATZ, Chief of Staff to Queensland Police Commissioner Ian STUART.

On 4 December 2012, NLC talked with Michael PRAIN, Chief of Staff to Queensland Police Minister Jack DEMPSEY.

On 5 December 2012, NLC contacted Ben HUBBARD, Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Julie GILLARD. Carl UNGERER, Senior Adviser to Foreign Minister Bob CARR called NLC to explain the situation. John PILBEAM, DFAT Director of Korean Section also called NLC to brief the current status.

On 6 December 2012, Queensland Police Minister and Police Commissioner met with Korean Consul-General KIM Jin-Soo.

On 7 December 2012, Mary McKEONN, PA to DFAT Secretary Peter VARGHESE contacted NLC to arrange a meeting with DFAT in Canberra. NLC talked with Belwyn WALKER, Executive Assistant to Lord Mayor Graham QUIRK as the attacks happened in Sunnybank Hills and Runcorn within the Brisbane City Council area.

The SAFETYCard Program

SAFETYCard is the national safety and reward program of the International Student Community, jointly supported by Australian Police, the local Multicultural Community and NLCommunity Partners to create the national safety network and membership reward platform for International Students. It is administered by NLC and distributed by OSA campus operations at major educational institutions in Australia.

SAFETYCard Photo ID is the proof of OSA membership which can be used as the photo identification to access safety reporting services, government concessions and exclusive member rewards provided by NLCommunity Partners.

On 8 August 2008, NLC launched NLCommunity Safety Hotline together with OSAssurance Fund, the emergency relief fund for the International Student Community.

On 8 August 2009, NLC launched the SAFETYCard program in New South Wales with the support from NSW Premier Nathan REES and NSW Police.

On 8 August 2010, NLC launched the SAFETYCard program nationally to cover International Students in all 8 states and territories across Australia.

On 8 August 2011, NLC launched SAFETYCard Photo ID, the third generation SAFETYCard which can be used as the photo identification for International Students.

On 8 August 2012, NLC launched OSA national membership service platform for direct access to federal, state and local government concessions.

All International Students are automatically covered by our National Safety Program, please find our brochure attached for your reference.

Dealings with Queensland State and Local Governments

NLC has been dealing with Queensland State and Local Governments on international student safety since 2008.

On 10 December 2008, NLC met with Queensland Education Minister Rod WELFORD. NLC also met with Assistant Police Commissioner Ross BARNETT at Police Minister Judy SPENCE's office. On the same day, NLC met with Brisbane City Councillor and Chairman of Committee Geraldine KNAPP.

On 20 April 2010, Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen BECKETT to Queensland Premier Anna BLIGH

confirmed with NLC for our visit to Queensland. Please find the letter from the Premier's office attached.

On 20 May 2010, NLC met with Police Minister NEIL ROBERTS and Police Commissioner Bob ATKINSON and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Julie Attwood in the Parliamentary Annexe of the Queensland Parliament Complex. On the same day, NLC met with Deputy Leader of the Opposition Lawrence SPRINGBORG and Chief of Staff of Leader of the opposition Kevin Martin.

On 21 May 2010, NLC met with Deputy Mayor Graham QUIRK with the local Multicultural Community Leaders from Chinese, Indian and Muslim Community.

On 8 August 2010, NLC made the announcement to extend our SAFETYCard program to cover International Students in Queensland.

On 22 November 2012, NLC had the meeting with Transport NSW with the support from NSW Transport Minister Gladys BEREJIKLIAN. CountryLink agreed to offer public transport concession for International Students on SAFETYCard Photo ID.

On 3 December 2012, Queensland Rail confirmed with NLC to offer public transport concession for International Students on SAFETYCard Photo ID.

In our past dealings with Queensland state and local governments, NLC has always been treated as the national peak body for International Students with proper respect and courtesy.

In light of the recent Koean student attacks, NLC is seeking clarification directly from Premier NEWMAN for Queensland government's continuous support of our SAFETYCard program. Upon the confirmation, we will review our decision whether to promote Queensland as a safe destination for International Students from 2013.

Please check with Premier NEWMAN, and get back to me for confirmation.

Regards,

PAN Wayne
PA to Public Officer

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From: Owen Wareham
Sent: Wednesday, 5 May 2010 3:45 PM
To: 'PAN Wayne NLC'
Cc: Stephen Beckett; Dana Jackson; CHOO Mark NLC
Subject: RE: NLC's Visit to Queensland

Hi Pan Wayne,

I can now confirm Minister for Trade, Stephen Robertson, Minister for Police, Neil Roberts and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Julie Attwood will be able to meet with Mr Choo Mark and Mr Shang Master on Thursday 20 May, from 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm in room 5.04A in the Parliamentary Annexe of the Queensland Parliament Complex. I will also be in attendance.

Please let me know if I can help with anything further.

Kind regards

Owen

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Dear Mr Pan

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2010 requesting a meeting with the Queensland Ministers for Trade, Multicultural Affairs and Police.

I have alerted the relevant Ministers' offices to the National Liaison Committee's visit, and asked that they arrange for Ministers or appropriate departmental representatives to meet with you during your stay.

Our office will be in contact with you shortly to advise you of the timing of the meeting.

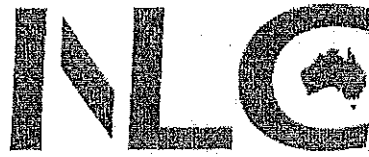
Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of international students, and I trust that your visit will be both informative and productive.

Yours sincerely

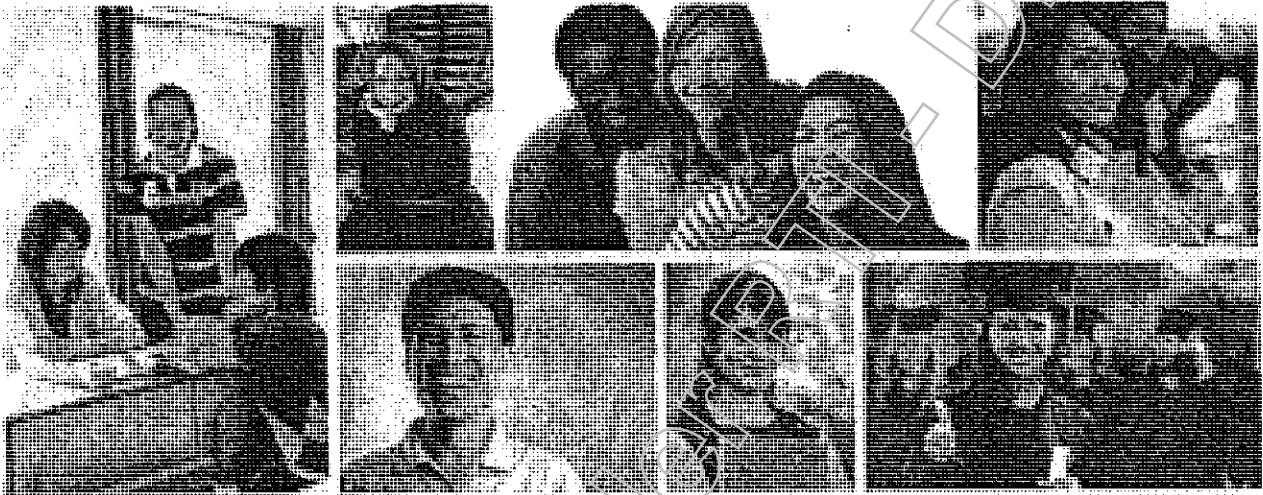
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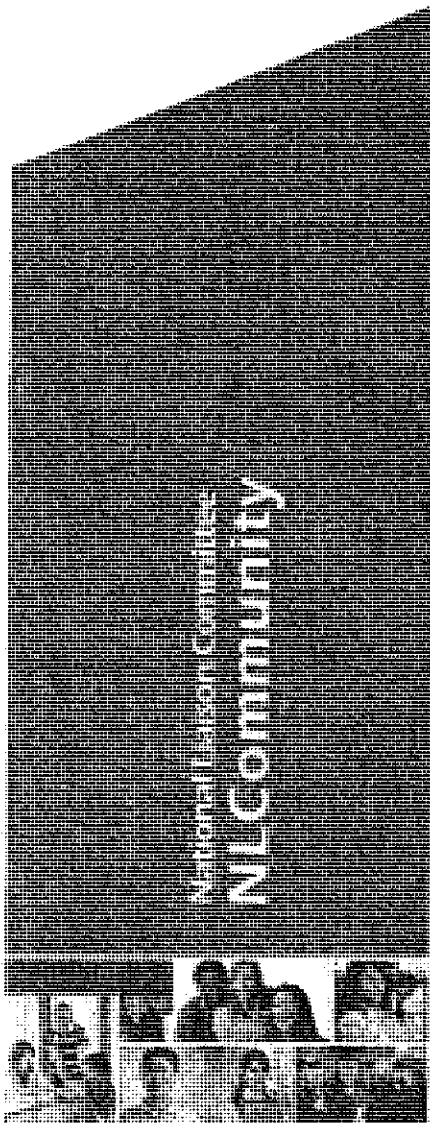
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Vision

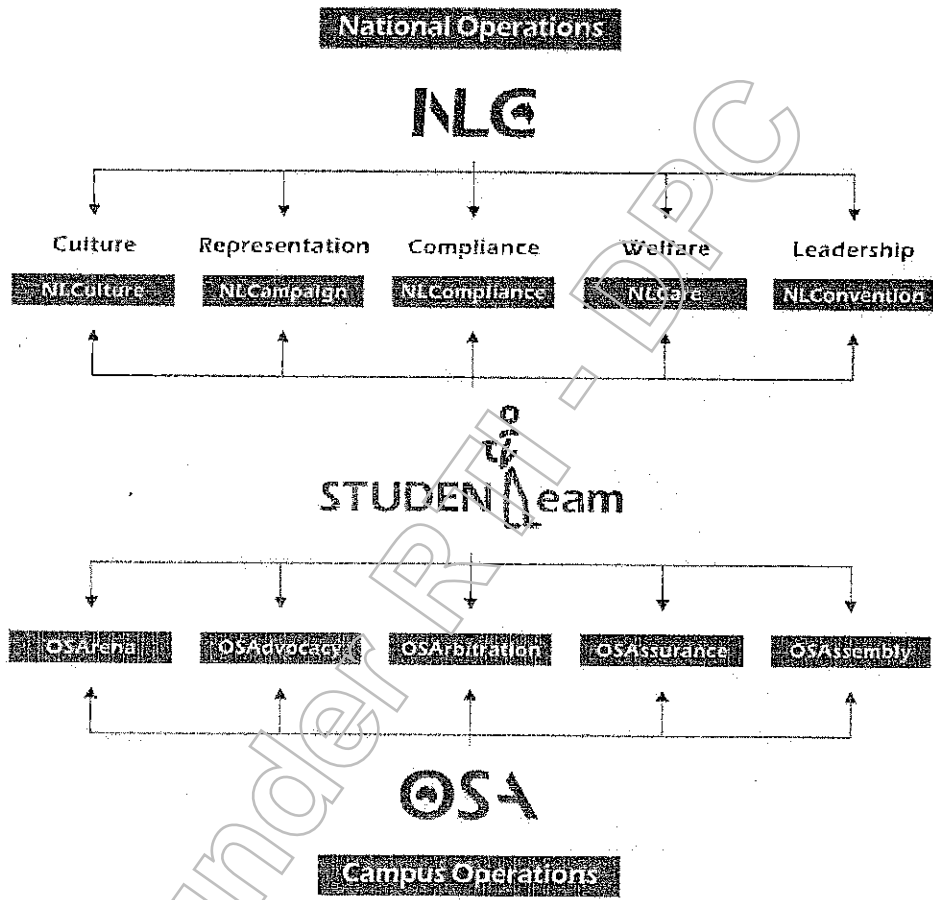
The vision of NLC is to uplift the spirits of International Students for self awareness and cultural identity by demanding equal rights & respect and maximising fair share of representation & influence in all relevant educational institutions.

Mission

The mission of OSA is dedicated to the advancement of the social, cultural and economic well-being of International Students by sponsoring and engaging in various OSA activities for the benefit of the International Student community.



Structure



STUDENTeam

STUDENTeam is the executive branch of NLC national and OSA campus operations.

On national level, STUDENTeam is comprised of NLC Executives and NLCommunity Ambassadors, all of whom are past NLC Convenors and OSA Presidents.

Being a member of national STUDENTeam provides the opportunity for past international student leaders to work and learn together in the Multicultural Community environment that enhances leadership skills and attitudes by getting involved in our NLCommunity operations.

On campus level, STUDENTeam is comprised of a working group of elected OSA Presidents and Executives, along with NLCampus Representatives appointed by NLC national office.

Being a member of campus STUDENTeam provides the opportunity for current international student leaders to create social networks and develop leadership qualities and people skills via active engagement within OSA campus operations and volunteering for NLCommunity.

National Liaison Committee For International Students

SAFETY FIRST

On Campus & Beyond

In the wake of JIAO Dan's tragic death in October 2007, NLC and OSA joined forces to address the international student safety concerns together.

On 1 May 2008, the International Student Day, our national NLCampaign: Safety First - On Campus & Beyond was officially launched at the welcome reception for NLCommunity Volunteers hosted by the Lord Mayor of City of Melbourne, an event co-sponsored by NLC.

NLC national office had directly approached the top management of all major education providers, including all 39 universities to encourage the implementation of safety measures for International Students.

Our position is clear: we will not stop until each and every campus is safe across all relevant Australian educational institutions for International Students.

We will not leave anyone behind! This is our pledge to over 500,000 International Students we look after in our NLCommunity.

On 8 August 2008, our 100 days on campus NLCampaign concluded with the launch of OSAssurance Fund: the International Student Assurance Fund. The fund is an emergency relief fund initiated and managed by NLCare, our welfare operations.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide social welfare through counselling activities and emergency services for benevolent relief of suffering & misfortune for the benefit of the International Student Community. With primary focus on safety & welfare, NLC is able to assist International Students who are disadvantaged in critical situations.

International Student Safety Taskforce



In the wake of WEI Liao's tragic death in October 2008, NLC has called for the International Student Safety Taskforce.

The establishment of the safety taskforce has been driving national collaboration on Safety through the involvement of all relevant federal, state & local government agencies to formulate a comprehensive National Safety Strategy.

On federal government level, we have directly approached the Prime Minister and relevant Federal Ministers' offices and worked closely with federal government agencies to address the overall issues for the International Student Community with special focus on safety concerns.

On state government level, we have talked with Premier and Chief Minister's offices in all eight states and territories. Meetings with relevant Ministers across Australia have been facilitated to set up state and territory based International Student Taskforce following the Victoria government's taskforce model.

On local government level, we have started a series of meetings with Lord Mayors and Councillors from five major capital cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide. More cities will be included in our NLCity Welcome of International Students, the civic welcome events we co-sponsor with participating local governments to promote community safety and social inclusion.

NLCity Forum on International Student Safety

NLCity FORUM

In the wake of YU Zhang's tragic death in June 2009, NLC has started to host NLCity Forum on International Student Safety in major capital cities across Australia.

With the support from the local Multicultural Community in Australia, NLC focused on lobbying both the government and the opposition to uncover the true extent of safety issues affecting the International Student Community.

As the national peak body for International Students in Australia, NLC is the only organisation capable of touching the most sensitive issue facing the international education industry, that of international student deaths.

On 5 February 2009, the Votes and Proceedings Hansard of the House of Representatives was released confirming the total number and the cause of international student deaths reported.

From November 2007 to November 2008, there was a record of 51 international student deaths in Australia.

In the light of such a record number of deaths in our community, NLC had decided not to wait for further actions by government agencies and education providers, but to address the safety concerns immediately by establishing our own community-based national safety program: the SAFETYCard program.

SAFETYCard is the national safety program of the International Student Community, jointly supported by Australian Police and the local Multicultural Community to create the national safety network for International Students.

SAFETYCard is administered by NLC and distributed by OSA campus operations at educational institutions across Australia. All International Students are automatically covered by our national safety program.



Calling SAFETYCard Hotline

For emergency incidents, SAFETYCard members are encouraged to call Police (000) first, then call our SAFETYCard hotline to file safety incident reports. Other non-emergency safety related incidents are dealt with by our NLCounsellors. All safety incidents are followed up with relevant Local Area Commands and Consulates for proper investigation and consular protection.

Identifying Affected Member

SAFETYCard number is a unique 13-digit barcode by GS1 Australia assigned to identify each member. By quoting SAFETYCard number when reporting a safety related incident, the data will be shared by NLC with the Police to identify troubled spots on and off campus, and improve overall NLCommunity safety.

Addressing Under-Reporting

Police has indicated there are under-reporting of crimes committed against International Students because of language & cultural barriers. By using safety reporting services, members are assured that their safety incident reports are treated with respect & given proper attention.

Following-Up Safety Incident

Every safety incident report is assigned to one of our NLCounsellors responsible for liaising with the relevant Local Area Command where the safety incident was reported. Every report is followed up until there is a resolution for the affected member.

Making Community Referral

NLCounsellors determine the level of assistance and support required by the affected member, and make referrals to external agencies for further action. Each affected member can have access to specialist services provided by government agencies & the local Multicultural Community.

THE SAFETYCARD PROGRAM



AEI year-to-date (YTD) December 2011 international student data indicates that there were 557,425 full-fee international student enrolments in Australia.

Nationality	YTD Dec 2011	Share of all Nationalities
Other Nationalities	248,426	44.6%
China	189,691	34.0%
India	72,801	13.1%
Korea	29,933	5.4%
Vietnam	23,738	4.3%
Malaysia	22,836	4.1%

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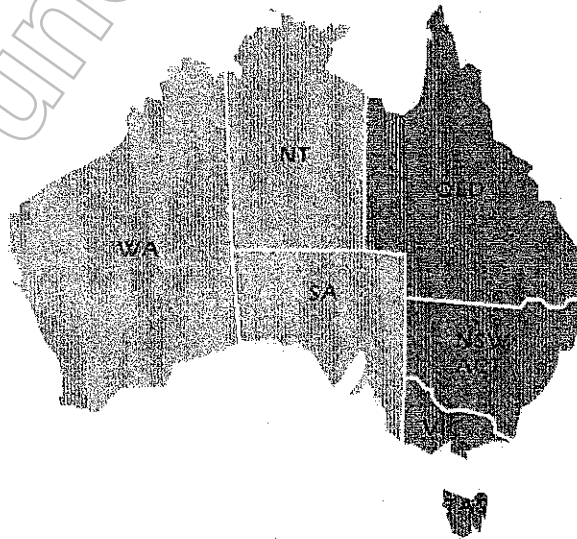
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Distribution Map



State/Territory	Number of Students	Percentage
Queensland	11	11
Victoria	8	18
South Australia	8	13
Western Australia	5	11
South Australia	3	4
Australian Capital Territory	2	4
Tasmania	1	1
Northern Territory	1	2

Contact NLC

If you would like to know more about NLC and our our national safety program, please feel free to contact us.

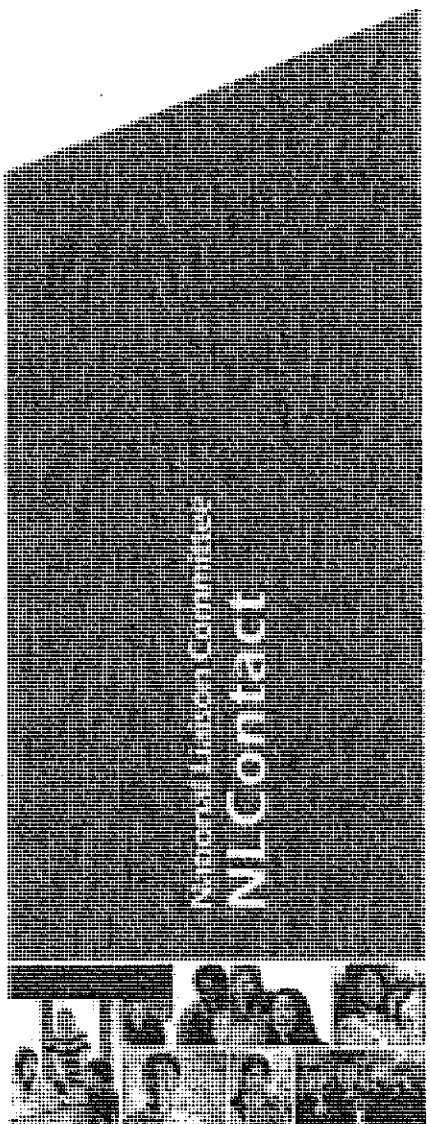
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [redacted] acknowledging her concerns about the treatment her daughter and reassuring her that the Queensland Government is committed to fixing the public health system (Attachment 1).

KEY ISSUES

s.73 Personal Information

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: **THE PREMIER**
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the information in this brief regarding the Pearls proposal
- note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) and Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) have met with Pearls to discuss the proposal
- note that it is recommended that Pearls engage with the Federal Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and DETE in order to consider alternate complying investment options that do not involve QTC bonds

CTPI - Commercial

- sign the response letter to Pearls (**Attachment 2**) outlining the conditions of Queensland Government involvement and querying the inaccurate document.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 13 December 2012, the Managing Directors of the Pearls Group and Pearls MiiHome (a Pearls subsidiary) wrote to you (**Attachment 3**) seeking Queensland Government support for their plans to expand across Australia and the Asia Pacific.

- To support the capital raising effort, Pearls are proposing to:
 - o attract overseas investors through the Australian Government's new Significant Investor Visa (SIV). Under the SIV, individuals who invest \$5 million or more in Australia can become eligible for permanent resident status. Pearls are seeking your written support to quarantine 100 of Queensland's SIVs for their investors
 - o initially invest funds in Queensland Government bonds, with funds to be drawn down over 12 months as required to fund the business expansion.

Significant Investor Visas

- SIVs are one of five types of business visas offered by the Australian Government. SIV applicants are required to be nominated by a state or territory government and meet all relevant criteria.
- Queensland has a remaining allocation of 185 business visas to 30 June 2013. DETE, which manages Queensland's allocation, has advised that it is confident Pearls' request for 100 SIVs over the next two financial years can be met.
- However, DETE does not support quarantining SIVs for any one company because:
 - o Queensland's business visa allocation (and final decision making for each application) is determined by DIAC, and while Queensland can influence the allocation, it cannot provide guarantees to a third party on the number of future places available

- o demand for SIVs is likely to grow significantly, with a large number of companies recently expressing interest.
- The fact that the Queensland Government cannot quarantine/guarantee SIV places has been made clear by DETE in an email to Pearls and in your response letter.

Investment in Queensland Government bonds

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Pearls document for potential investors



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- Your response letter queries this document and requests that Pearls inform its associates of the conditions of Queensland Government's involvement.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Mr Madrers

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2012, co-signed by Mr Paul Brinsmead, Joint Managing Director, Pearls Group and Mr Mark Winfield, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Pearls MiiHome, about Queensland Government support for the Pearls Group's plans to expand across Australia and the Asia Pacific through MiiHome. I apologise for the delay in responding.

First of all, thank you for your company's response to requests from government to put forward temporary housing solutions in response to recent devastating flood events.

Thank you also for the opportunity to have a more detailed look at your MiiHome proposal following my initial discussions with you and Mr David Higgins, Senior Director, Pearls Group in India last year. It certainly looks like an exciting opportunity to grow the Pearls Group while delivering economic benefits to Queensland.

I understand that since your letter, representatives of the Pearls Group have met with relevant officers from Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) to discuss the proposal in more detail.


I'm happy to say that, based on advice from DETE, I'm confident we will have sufficient Significant Investor Visa (SIV) places available under the Business Innovation and Investment Program to support your request. I've asked DETE to engage with your representatives and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) to support and streamline the application process wherever possible.

As you would be aware, while the Queensland Government nominates SIV applicants, the Federal Government through DIAC is the final decision maker for each individual SIV application. DIAC also determines Queensland's allocation of SIVs. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this means that the Queensland Government isn't in a position to provide a SIV quota or guarantee to any individual or company.

I have sent a copy of your letter and my response to my Cabinet colleagues, the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, who have responsibility for QTC bonds and Queensland's allocation of SIVs respectively, so they are aware of your proposal.

I would encourage you to continue working with DETE and DIAC to progress your project and I look forward to hearing further updates on progress soon.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the update on the outcomes of the 23 November meetings of the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM) and the Intergovernmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission (IGC-ACC), as provided in a letter from the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety (**Attachment 2**)
- sign the reply to Minister Dempsey (**Attachment 1**) requesting that he ensures that officers from his departments confer with officers from Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) in relation to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) mentioned in the letter at their earliest convenience.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 13 December 2012, Minister Dempsey wrote to you providing an update on the 23 November 2012 meetings of the SCPEM and IGC-ACC which he attended in Creswick, Victoria (**Attachment 2**).
- The SCPEM meeting included an update on the progress of the National Response to Firearms Crime project, CrimTrac, National Public Safety Mobile Broadband Capability, and a QPS presentation on cybercrime.
- Of particular note, Minister Dempsey reports that:
 - o The Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group has been tasked with making recommendations for future legislative and/or policy change relating to firearms crime.
 - o The National Public Safety Mobile Broadband Steering Committee will reconvene to explore any further evidence that jurisdictions may care to provide on the adequacy of the 10MHz reservation of Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and agree the next steps for the design and implementation of the system. They will report back to SCPEM by 28 February 2013.
 - o A draft agreement on an IGA for the future governance, funding and information sharing model for CrimTrac was presented by the Federal Government. Minister Dempsey did not support the Federal Draft Agreement as the documents were, at the time, being assessed by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Minister Dempsey indicates that he will determine whether full support to the proposals can be given and, if it is necessary, will refer the issue to you to determine whether Cabinet approval is necessary before making a decision on supporting the proposed IGA.

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- The IGC-ACC meeting involved updates on
 - o the development of an Australian Criminal Intelligence Model
 - o an update on the amendment of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* to provide the ACC with the authority to disclose information to the private sector, as well as a broader range of Government agencies, foreign bodies and Parliamentary members
 - o an update on the amendment of ACC regulations to facilitate information sharing by the private sectors
 - o confirmation of the extension of Task Force Galilee which is examining serious and organised investment fraud.

• **CABINET COMMITMENTS**

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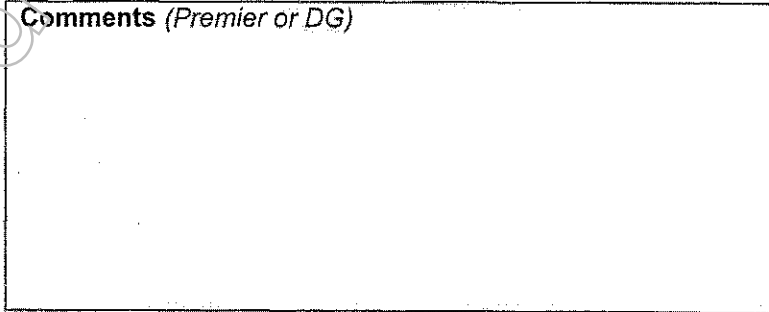


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Dear Minister

Jack

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2012 about your attendance at the meetings of the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM) and the Intergovernmental Committee of the Australia Crime Commission (IGC-ACC).

I very much appreciate the work that you are doing to protect and progress the interests of Queensland in the police and emergency management spheres, through your participation in these intergovernmental bodies. I also appreciate your keeping me informed of the progress of the projects that these bodies are undertaking.

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Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Premier

On 23 November 2012, I attended the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM) meeting and the 20th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Australian Crime Commission (IGC-ACC). Both meetings were hosted in Creswick (Victoria) by the Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Honourable Peter Ryan MLA.

The SCPEM meeting included a number of issues which were important to Queensland including:

1. a proposed new governance model for CrimTrac;
2. work towards a National Public Safety Mobile Broadband Capability;
3. cybercrime and its future impacts on policing; and
4. an analysis of legislative gaps and opportunities to combat firearm crime.

While I have enclosed copies of the meeting Resolutions (Attachment A) and the Communiqué (Attachment B) endorsed by Ministers present, I would like to draw your attention to the following items.

SCPEM meeting

- At the last SCPEM, Ministers agreed to a large body of work referred to as the **National Response to Firearms Crime**. Ministers were given a status report on this activity at the last meeting. This work is progressing well with significant progress made towards a National Firearms Register, National Firearms Identification Database and Australian Ballistics Identification Network, all to be hosted by CrimTrac. Other work includes Operation Unification which is to occur in 2013. This operation focuses on criminal activity and the illicit use of firearms through covert and overt operations such as a 'dob-in' an illegal firearm campaign and media announcements. Ministers also noted a report on existing gaps in firearms legislation and agreed to pursue legislative amendment where necessary to close the gaps. Queensland fared very well in this analysis. We also tasked the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group to make recommendations for future legislative and/or policy change. That Group will report to SCPEM at the first meeting in 2013. A copy of the Status Report is at Attachment C.

- Just prior to the meeting, the Commonwealth provided final drafts of proposed legislation on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the future governance, funding and information sharing model for **CrimTrac**. The Commonwealth sought the support of all jurisdictions for its proposals at the meeting. I did not support the Commonwealth's draft resolution and had canvassed my position with other key jurisdictions before the meeting. As these documents are still being assessed by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and other jurisdictions, it was agreed to only note the Commonwealth's proposals, to agree in principle to endorse the proposed models for CrimTrac's future governance, funding and information protection and to agree to facilitate consideration by State and Territory Governments to enable an indication of support or otherwise for the legislation and IGA out of session as soon as practicable. The Commonwealth Minister for Home Affairs will write to all Ministers to resolve outstanding issues and to determine a timeline for the finalisation of the legislation and IGA in 2013. I will determine whether full support to the proposals can be given. At this stage, I can advise that full support is likely and that it is doubtful there will be any financial impost on Queensland and that the changes will be to Queensland's benefit. However, if necessary, the issue will be referred to you to determine whether Queensland's participation requires Cabinet approval.
- All jurisdictions agreed to commit to a nationally interoperable mobile broadband capability for public safety agencies. However, while there is no disagreement on the need for a **National Public Safety Mobile Broadband Capability**, there is considerable disagreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories about how to achieve this outcome. After considerable debate, it was agreed that the Steering Committee, including the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), reconvene to explore any further evidence jurisdictions may wish to provide to consider the adequacy of the 10 MHz reservation announced by the ACMA. They are also to determine the next steps to agree to the design and implementation of the system. The Steering Committee will report back by 28 February 2013.
- The QPS made an excellent presentation on **cybercrime** and e-crime and its impacts on the future of Australian policing. The QPS is regarded as a leader in this field and along with other law enforcement agencies have collaborated and developed strategies aimed at improving responses to cybercrime. As just one example, scams emanating from Ghana saw around 7 000 victims from Queensland alone who have sent just under \$10 million to Ghana in the past 12 months. SCPEM agreed to make cybercrime a standing agenda item for the purpose of monitoring strategy and response developments. Work has commenced on developing a national plan to combat cybercrime which will be considered by Ministers in the first half of 2013. A representative of the Crime and Misconduct Commission also tabled its report on Darknets to SCPEM.

20th IGC-ACC meeting

A short meeting of the IGC-ACC included the mandatory quarterly updates from Mr John Lawler APM, Chief Executive Officer, and Commissioner Tony Negus APM, Chair of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC). Key issues raised were:

- Jurisdictions and the ACC have developed an Australian Criminal Intelligence Model to support the free flow of criminal intelligence across various agencies that operate in the related domains of national security, serious and organised crime, and policing and community safety;

- the ACC Act was amended to provide the ACC with the authority to disclose information to the private sector as well as a broader range of government agencies, foreign bodies and Parliamentary members. This change creates more opportunities to apply non-traditional law enforcement strategies to harden the Australian environment against serious and organised crime;
- to further facilitate information-sharing with the private sector, ACC regulations were amended to prescribe certain bodies corporate to enable information to be disclosed. Such bodies corporate include entities from the maritime, aviation, banking, telemarketing and casino industries; and
- Task Force Galilee was extended for a further 12 months of operation. Galilee brings together 19 State, Territory and Commonwealth government agencies, and engages with 25 industry organisations, to better understand the nature and extent of the threat of Serious and Organised Investment Fraud (SOIF). The Task Force has identified a range of prevention and disruption opportunities which will assist in making Australia a hostile environment for organised crime groups engaged in SOIF.

My contact officer in this matter is Mr Paul Friedman, Director, Office of the Commissioner, QPS, on telephone 3364 8194.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


Jack Dempsey MP
Minister for Police and Community Safety

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Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management

Communiqué

23 November 2012 – Creswick, Victoria

The Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM) met in Creswick today chaired by the Hon Peter Ryan MLA, Deputy Premier of Victoria and Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

The Council promotes a coordinated national response to law enforcement and emergency management issues, and comprises Australian and New Zealand ministers for police and emergency management and a representative of the Australian Local Government Association.

The Council reaffirmed its commitment to the cross cutting issues of addressing indigenous disadvantage and gender inequality. In particular, Ministers discussed the need to work with the Select Council on Women's Issues on areas of joint priority, including the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2012-2022*, and the development of the National Framework for Gender Equality.

The Council also noted that Sunday is White Ribbon Day in support of a campaign to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate violence against women. The Council agreed that committing to work with the Select Council on Women's Issues is a practical way in which the Council can show its commitment to gender equality and the prevention of violence against women.

Ministers welcomed the Federal Government's announcement of a Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse in Australia.

Ministers discussed a number of policing matters, including a national response to firearms crimes, cybercrime and information sharing issues. Ministers also discussed a range of national emergency management matters including the implementation of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

Policing

National Response to Firearms Crime

Ministers discussed their ongoing cooperation to support a national response to firearms crime, including:

- noting a benefits analysis for the proposed National Firearms Register, and
- agreement to support a national campaign by Police in relation to illicit firearms.

Ministers also agreed to further work being undertaken to identify opportunities for jurisdictions to reduce the risk of firearms crime, acknowledging the majority of firearms users in Australia are licensed and use their firearms in a lawful manner.

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Ministers noted that CrimTrac will soon complete the first deliverable of the National Firearms Identification Database (NFID) project, with the central application going live in the first quarter of 2013. This represents the culmination of several years' work and will be an invaluable resource for identifying firearms consistently across the country. The central application will provide law enforcement with a searchable web interface containing key description information for all known firearm models, including images, configuration details, and other reference information.

Cybercrime

Ministers discussed the ongoing threat posed by cybercrime and developments in the use of technology by criminal groups, noting a paper by the Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission on how internet technologies are facilitating major crime. Ministers also received a presentation on current and emerging cybercrime issues.

Ministers resolved to make cybercrime a standing agenda item for the purpose of monitoring strategy and response developments and requested the National Cybercrime Working Group undertake a body of work to develop national policy and operational responses to darknets and associated cybercrime issues.

The Ministers noted the ongoing work by Commonwealth agencies in detecting, investigating and disrupting the activities of those who use darknets and other technologies for criminal purposes.

Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network

Ministers agreed to the implementation of a significant project to enhance Australia's capability to identify and respond to cybercrime, subject to the CrimTrac Board of Management undertaking further work to identify any jurisdictional costs. The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) will provide a centralised national facility which will allow members of the public to report instances of cybercrime and access prevention advice and support and refer reports to law enforcement and regulatory agencies for further consideration. ACORN will also collect and aggregate cybercrime data to assist in the development of a clearer picture of the impact of cybercrime. This picture will be used to aid the development of improved responses to cybercrime, both within individual jurisdictions and on a national scale. In recognition of the national significance of this project, Ministers agreed that the ACORN will be hosted and funded by CrimTrac and that the Australian Crime Commission will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the system, with operational support provided by a Joint Management Group comprising representatives of all law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Australian Criminal Intelligence Model

Ministers, with the exception of Victoria, endorsed a new Australian Criminal Intelligence Model and management strategy. Victoria supports the objectives of the model and all Ministers noted the model will promote the use of technology, culture, policy and legislative initiatives as enablers for improved information sharing. The model will also deliver a standard framework for the management of the intelligence cycle to strengthen and enhance criminal

intelligence capabilities for law enforcement (including policy and regulatory agencies) in Australia.

Resource Allocation in Remote Service Delivery Communities

Ministers noted the body of work undertaken by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, in collaboration with state and territory police agencies, that identifies key drivers for police resource allocation in remote service delivery communities. This body of work highlights the complex interplay of factors effecting police resourcing in remote service communities and contributes to a broader effort to understand and address key remote policing and community policing issues, such as the recruitment, support and retention of officers who work in remote, predominantly Indigenous communities.

Update on the implementation of the COAG agreement on the nationally consistent regulation of the private security industry

Ministers noted progress in implementing Stage One of the Council of Australian Government (COAG) reforms to the private security industry focussing on improving the probity, competency and skills of security guards and the mobility of business licences across all jurisdictions. Governments are working closely with the private sector in the implementation of the reforms. Ministers also noted further work is underway to enhance the national approach to training arrangements in the private security industry.

Emergency Management

Ministers discussed the considerable progress that has been made in implementing Australia's resilience-based approach to emergency management, in line with the objectives of the COAG-endorsed National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

Ministers noted recent achievements and work underway in a range of areas including enhancing emergency warning capabilities, flood mapping, disaster risk communication, and community engagement.

Understanding and communicating disaster risk

Ministers discussed a range of projects that have been completed to help raise community awareness and understanding of disaster related issues. This included the practical aspects of effectively communicating hazard and risk information and the role that risk registers play in this context, as well as ways to promote disaster resilience.

Ministers noted that guidance to assist practitioners communicate risk to the broader community will be incorporated into a new section of the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines.

Ministers also agreed to a new national slogan to promote disaster resilience in Australia – 'Get Ready'. This slogan is underpinned by the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience

Communication Plan six key messages: disasters will happen; disaster resilience is your business; connected communities are resilient communities; know your risk; get ready, then act; and learn from experience. Ministers considered that the use of a national slogan will help the public recognise and retain the key messages and communicate disaster preparedness generally and will contribute to more consistent communication across Australia.

Research

Ministers acknowledged the importance of a whole-of-government approach to natural hazards and emergency management research. Research informs our understanding of risks posed by natural hazards and contributes to effective decision-making to respond to them. Ministers agreed to the development of a Disaster Resilience Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) application, incorporating the continuation of bushfire research. A multi-jurisdictional committee will be established to support the development of the CRC proposal to be chaired by New South Wales.

Knowledge management

Building disaster resilience through enabling jurisdictions, agencies and the community to access information and evidence is essential. To this end, the Commonwealth Attorney-General launched the Australian Emergency Management Knowledge Hub, a key online facility providing a research clearing house, cross-sectoral discussion forums and new media collaboration tools for the emergency management sector and the general community. The Knowledge Hub can be found at www.emknowledge.gov.au.

Enhancing disaster resilience capability

Recognising the importance of providing warnings during disasters, the Commonwealth Attorney-General and the Victorian Minister for Police and Emergency Services launched the deployment of major enhancements to the national telephone-based warning system, Emergency Alert. The enhancements will enable emergency services to send text messages to mobile phones based on the last known physical location at the time of an emergency. It is currently operational for Telstra customers and will be available for Optus and Vodafone customers by November 2013. This builds on the system's existing capability to send voice messages to landline telephones and text messages to mobile phones based on the user's registered address.

Ministers agreed in-principle to commit to a nationally interoperable mobile broadband capability for public safety agencies and endorsed a national implementation plan. Ministers also agreed to align jurisdictional-specific public safety mobile broadband network planning with national interoperability principles. The successful delivery of this initiative will provide Australia's police and emergency service agencies with a robust capability that can be critically relied upon during natural disasters and other emergencies. This important body of work remains a significant priority for SCEM.

Ministers noted progress made to strengthen the capacity of the Triple Zero emergency call service to handle surges in demand during extreme events. This includes the progressive roll-out of single, uniform telephone numbers across Australia for the State Emergency Service (132 500) and Police Assistance Line (131 444).

Disaster preparations for the 2012-13 summer

Ministers stressed the need for everyone within the community being prepared for the coming summer period. Ministers discussed the significant actions and investments that jurisdictions have undertaken to prepare for the 2012-13 summer, particularly in public education and awareness and in updating technical and hardware capabilities.

Ministers were advised that the Commonwealth will issue a new NDRRA Determination 2012 including matters arising from the *Review of the Insurance Arrangements of States and Territories under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Determination 2011* (Insurance Review). Ministers were also updated on the development of a national impact assessment framework to better target disaster relief and recovery assistance.

Learning from previous disasters

Previous disasters provide valuable lessons to governments, businesses and the community to ensure better preparation in the future. The Council is committed to ensuring that findings from significant reviews into previous disasters will be taken into consideration when enhancing Australia's disaster management framework.

Ministers noted issues of national significance arising from the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Final Report. These issues are being addressed through the ongoing implementation of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience.

Ministers were also given a presentation on the findings from the 'Review of the Civil Defence Emergency Management response to the 22 February Christchurch Earthquake' which was released on 5 October 2012. The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee is currently reviewing the recommendations further to determine whether they apply to the Australian context.

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the response to Mr Mark Henley, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Council of Social Services (QCOSS), clarifying the Government's position in relation to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) forward estimates (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 18 December 2012, Mr Henley wrote to you to express concern around DCCSDS grant efficiency projections contained in the *State Budget 2012-13 Budget Measures: Budget Paper No. 4* (the Budget paper) and the impact of the reductions on vulnerable people and the sector (**Attachment 2**).
- In particular, Mr Henley refers to grant funding efficiencies on page 31 of State Budget 2012-13 — Budget Measures — Budget Paper No.4, which notes total savings of \$259.7 million over four years, including projected savings of about \$30 million in 2012-13, \$38 million in 2013-14, \$95 million in 2014-15 and \$95 million in 2015-16. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) notes that these figures are forward estimates and final figures will need to be confirmed through annual Budget processes.
- While DCCSDS has three service delivery streams — namely social inclusion (communities), child safety, and disability services — the budget reductions in 2012-13 and 2013-14, will mostly impact only social inclusion programs, as CBRC specifically approved grant efficiencies not being applied to disability programs until 2014-15, and child safety was not overly impacted given the need to take account of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.
- To ensure social inclusion funded programs are targeted at those most in need, DCCSDS has scheduled a review process for priority areas (including youth, domestic violence and homelessness). This process will minimise the impact of future budget savings measures by reprioritising services to the most vulnerable social inclusion client groups. QCOSS has been told it will be invited to play a key role in the review process to inform decisions around reprioritisation of funding.
- The response to Mr Henley also seeks to correct some inaccuracies contained in his correspondence, namely that the grant efficiencies will apply *across* DCCSDS (i.e. not limited to the social inclusion stream), and that the Government is committed to implementation of an NDIS by 2018-19, not from 2014-15. This accords with your media statement of 12 December 2012 about increased state disability funding from 2014-15.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Director-General

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Dear Mr Henley *Mark*,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2012 about projections contained in the 2012-13 State Budget Papers and their impact on the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify this important issue. As you are aware, the State's finances are in need of significant fiscal repair and it has been necessary for efficiencies to be achieved across all departments, including DCCSDS. At the same time, every effort has been made to minimise the impact on vulnerable and dependent Queenslanders and front-line services delivered by the government and the non-government sectors.

As you point out, *State Budget 2012-13 Budget Measures: Budget Paper No. 4* (Budget Paper No. 4) forecasts grants funding efficiencies for DCCSDS over the next four years totalling \$259.7 million. To do this, DCCSDS will cease or reduce funding for lower priority projects and services and require efficiency improvements from state-funded organisations.

Unfortunately, social inclusion programs will be the most impacted by these efficiencies in 2012-13 and 2013-14. As you are aware, disability support and child safety services are the areas in which significant reform is underway, and consequently, decisions about future funding for these areas have been largely held in abeyance while negotiations about a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry take place.

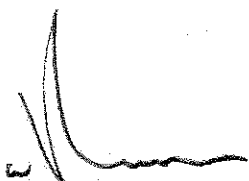
However, this does not necessarily mean that all grants efficiencies will need to be sourced from social inclusion programs going forward. The projections contained in Budget Paper No. 4 are estimates only and final figures for each service stream (i.e. social inclusion, child safety, and disability services) will be confirmed through budget processes each year. Furthermore, to minimise the impact of budget savings on our most vulnerable social inclusion client groups, DCCSDS is reviewing service delivery in a number of areas including youth, domestic violence, homelessness, and sexual assault services. This process is intended to prioritise services so that they are targeted towards our most disadvantaged Queenslanders.

I appreciate the community services sector support for the announced increase in Queensland Government funding for disability services from 2014–15 when we will have finalised the State's fiscal repair task. This will see the State spend up to \$1.77 billion per year on disability and related services by 2018–19, and coincides with our commitment to implementation of an NDIS from 2018–19, subject to the Federal Government honouring their promises to match our funding commitment.

However, I am mindful of your concerns for other vulnerable Queenslanders. I can assure you that the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, and officers in her department are keen to work with the Queensland Council of Social Services, so that DCCSDS funding is directed across the State to delivering the best outcomes for those groups most in need.

I hope this information is of assistance. Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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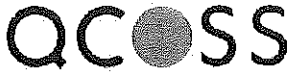
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18 December 2012

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
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Dear Premier

I am writing to request clarification on an issue of concern for the community services industry in Queensland relating to the state budget projections.

The state budget papers project for 2014/15 and 2015/16 a reduction of \$90 million in funding under the social inclusion initiatives for the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services portfolio. The social inclusion initiative has already experienced a budget reduction of \$30 million for this current financial year and is to experience the same in 2013/14. The result has already seen a reduction in services and supports for vulnerable people. An additional \$60 million reduction in funding and services for vulnerable people will undoubtedly result in additional crises across Queensland.

It is understood the additional \$60 million funding reduction to the social inclusion budget referred to above is due to the state government's commitment to an NDIS from 2014/15 as the disability services budget is quarantined. The community services sector strongly supports your government's investment into the proposed NDIS partnership.

We do however, have serious concerns for other vulnerable people. The adverse effects of this budget decision will have serious implications for disadvantaged and vulnerable families and individuals who experience, or are at risk of, homelessness, domestic and family violence, sexual assault and women's health issues. The sector's capacity will be significantly hindered by further funding cuts, in a period of change and challenge, while it transitions to a more effective and efficient outcomes-focussed industry. Of additional concern during this time is the loss of significant social capital that has been generated over decades, which is at risk if the transition is not managed in a considered manner.

QCROSS requests your government's serious consideration to reversing this savings measure that will have enormous negative consequences in high areas of need across the state.

Yours sincerely

Mark Henley
Chief Executive Officer



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/33532

Document No. DOC/13/16774

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 27 February 2013
Subject: Complaint regarding outsourcing of catering services at the Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre

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Premier

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to s.73 Member of the Public (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 22 December 2012, [redacted] wrote to you advising that [redacted] employees lost their jobs as a result of the outsourcing of catering services managed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) at the Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast (Attachment 2).

s.73 Personal Information

- While the Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre is owned and managed by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPRSR), catering services were originally established by DETE as the first occupant of the site to support the Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School. DETE later transferred ownership of the majority of the site to DNPRSR.
- In 2012, DNPRSR decided to undertake a competitive tender for catering services to identify potential savings. DNPRSR has advised that the procurement process, which commenced in September 2012, was undertaken in accordance with State Procurement Policy and DNPRSR procurement policies and procedures.
- The tender was won by Alliance Catering who were ranked consistently high in all criterion and achieved the highest moderated scores for the catering contracts offered. The estimated savings to the department for the outsourcing of catering services at Tallebudgera is \$272 000 per year.
- DETE has advised that the Principal of the Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School submitted a tender to DNPRSR to continue providing catering services at the site and that catering staff were made aware of the tender process. DNPRSR has advised that all former catering staff were afforded the opportunity to apply for employment opportunities with the successful tenderer, Alliance Catering. The department understands seven staff applied for positions with six being successful with their applications.



- DETE advises that staff were provided with as much notice as possible, given that the Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School itself was only advised of contractor changes during the week beginning 17 December 2012.

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- DE TE, DN PRSR

• BACKGROUND

- There are six Active Recreation Centres in Queensland, located at Tallebudgera, Yeppoon, Magnetic Island, Leslie Dam, Currimundi and Lake Tinaroo. Tallebudgera is the only co-located DE TE and DN PRSR facility of its kind.
- DE TE employ a relatively small number of catering staff to support other outdoor education and environment centres and residential colleges. Of the 24 outdoor education centres managed by DE TE, only 9 directly employ catering staff.

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 22 December 2012 about changes to catering services at the Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre (TORC). I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you may be aware, TORC is managed by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPRSR). Unfortunately, difficult decisions had to be made to address the serious financial situation in which we find ourselves. As highlighted in the Commission of Audit, the former government left Queensland with a \$2.8 billion deficit and a debt burden which was expected to reach \$100 billion by 2018–19 unless action was taken to repair the State budget. All areas of government expenditure have been reviewed, and the decision to undertake a competitive tender for these catering services was made as part of the Queensland Government's commitment to reduce spending and direct funds to where they are needed most.

DNPRSR has told me that the procurement process was undertaken in accordance with State Procurement Policy and departmental procurement policies and procedures. All caterers were welcome to tender and applications were assessed on their merits against the evaluation criteria. I understand that the Principal of the Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School put in a tender for the continuation of the service provided by DE TE employees and that staff were made aware of the process. While I realise that the previous service operated very successfully, I am advised the new arrangements will result in significant savings.

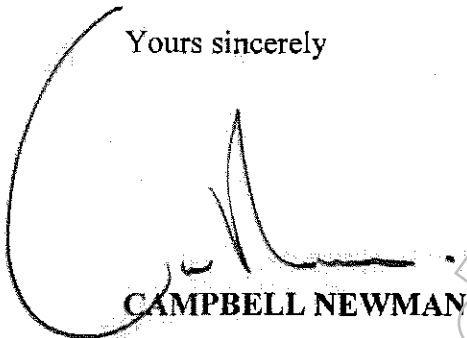
I also understand that most of the catering staff, previously employed at the TORC, were employed on a casual basis. Unfortunately, the terms of employment for casual staff mean they were not entitled to any form of payout or redundancy. However, all staff were given the opportunity to apply for jobs with Alliance Catering, the firm that won the tender.

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Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Employment support services for jobseekers

If you have lost your job or are looking for employment there is assistance you can access.

Below are government, and community services that may be of help to you.

Federal government employment services

Job Services Australia

Job Services Australia provides opportunities for one-on-one assistance and tailored employment services. This service provides opportunities for one-on-one assistance and tailored employment services. It focuses on increasing employment participation, addressing skills in demand and helping individual jobseekers, particularly disadvantaged jobseekers, find sustainable employment. For further information call **13 62 68** or visit www.deewr.gov.au/jobservicesaustralia

Financial assistance and income support

If you lose your job, financial assistance may be available to you through Centrelink. To enquire call **13 28 50**. Centrelink also offers a free financial information service (FIS) to help you make more informed decisions about your finances and options for Centrelink assistance. You don't need to be a Centrelink customer to speak to a FIS Officer. To make an appointment call **13 23 00**. For further information visit www.humanservices.gov.au

Assistance to claim entitlements

The General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme is an Australian Government assistance program for employees who lose their employment because their employer becomes bankrupt or insolvent and they are owed entitlements. For further information call **1300 135 040** or visit www.deewr.gov.au/geers

Redundancy and the law

There is state and federal legislation in place that determines eligibility for redundancy and other payments in the event of employment termination. For further information call **13 13 94** or visit www.fairwork.gov.au

Advice and information on unfair dismissal or work practices

If you lose your job and believe you have been unfairly dismissed or underpaid and are seeking advice or assistance, call a Fairwork Infoline adviser on **13 13 94** or visit www.fairwork.gov.au

State government employment services

Support for apprentices, trainees and their employers

Apprentices, trainees and their employers will be able to get support to enable them to continue with their employment and training. For further information call **1800 210 210** or visit www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au

Training and skilling information service

Skilling Solutions Queensland is the Queensland Government's free training and skilling information service. Their specially trained consultants can work with you to identify opportunities to turn your workplace experience into a formal qualification through recognition or prior learning (RPL). Or, if you are seeking a career change or wish to re-enter the workforce, they can work with you to explore career and up-skilling options. For further information call **1300 654 687** or visit www.skillsolutions.qld.gov.au

Community services and other useful information

Updating child support details

Separated parents who have income or care arrangement changes should contact the Child Support Agency (CSA) to ensure they are paying the correct amount of child support. Prompt advice is recommended as child support payments may not be able to be backdated. For information call **13 12 72** or to find a CSA office location visit www.humanservices.gov.au

Counselling

Lifeline offers a 24-hour confidential telephone counselling service on **13 11 14**.

Employment websites

Australian Government www.jobsearch.gov.au
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
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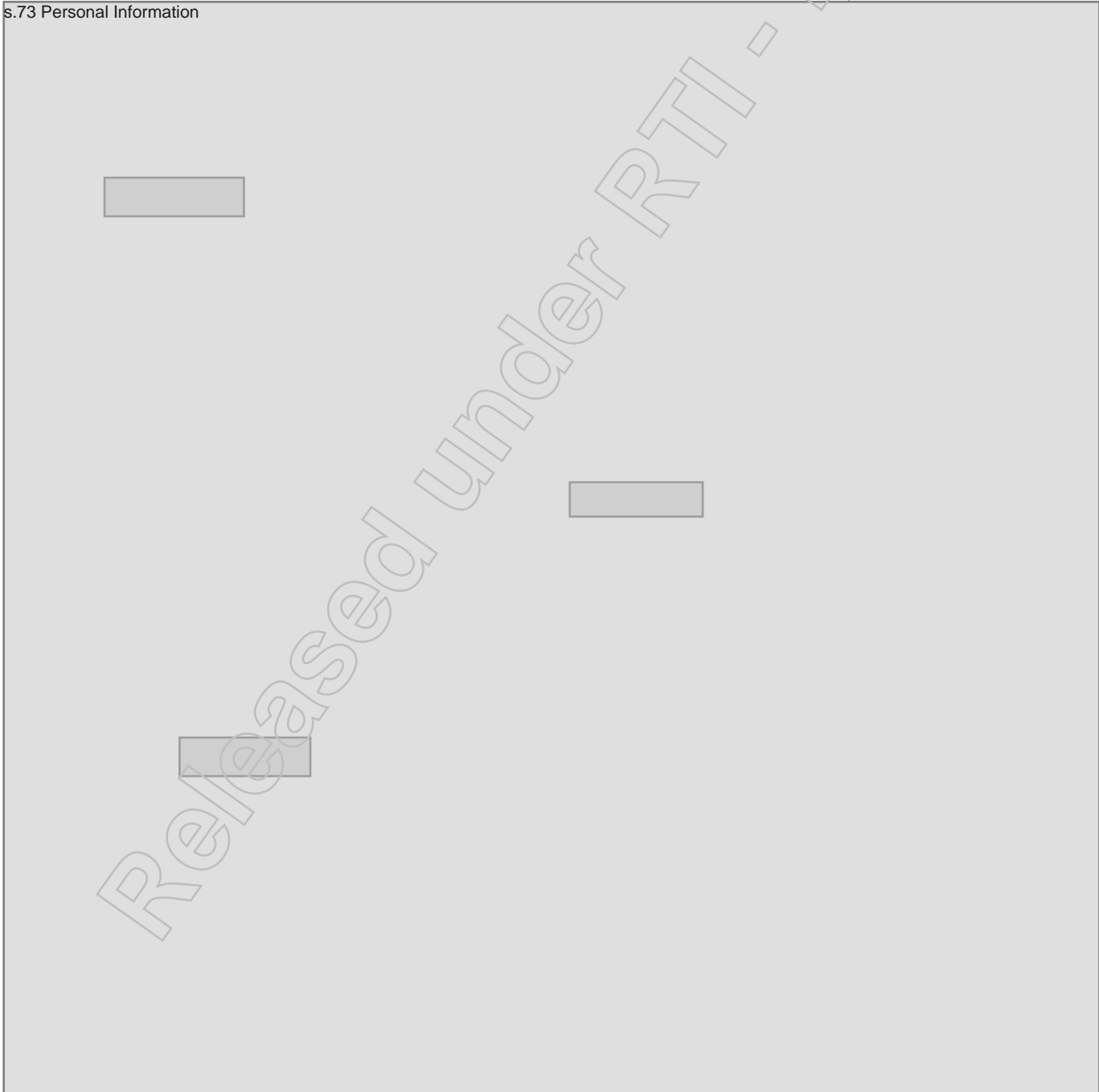
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (Attachment 1) to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] apologising for about the quality of service she received from the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) and advising that a review of the organisation is already underway.

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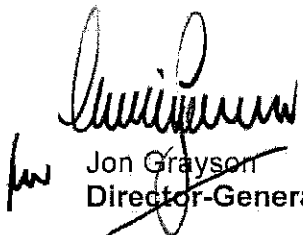
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• **CONSULTATION**

- DE TE

• **BACKGROUND**

- As the QSA is an independent statutory body, Minister Langbroek is unable to intervene in matters relating to the day-to-day operations of the authority. The QSA has a complaints process which incorporates the Queensland Ombudsman.
- The QSA is predominantly funded through an administered grant from DE TE (\$37.9 million in 2012-13), together with user charges (\$1.4 million) and other own source revenue (\$0.4 million).
- The QSA's administered grant funding has reduced from \$41.2 million in 2011-12 to a budget estimate of \$37.9 million in 2012-13. This largely reflects the cessation of funding for the Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks (QCATs) as part of the DE TE's commitment to reducing the regulatory burden.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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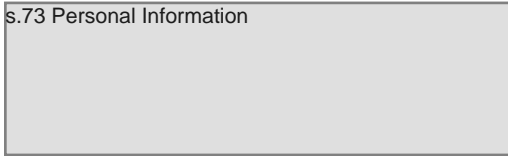


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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 2 January 2013 about the quality of service provided by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can understand your disappointment and frustration resulting from your recent contact with the QSA, 

While I am very sorry to hear that the service was below the standard expected, I really appreciate the time you have taken to let me know about your experience.

I was concerned about the miscommunication regarding the office opening hours, the staff service and red tape that you reported, so I have investigated your concerns. I am told that the QSA has a compulsory closure period from Christmas Day to New Year's Day, and that while the QSA's Brisbane office was open on the normal business days outside this period, the Gold Coast District office is closed until 21 January 2013. This is because the Gold Coast District office is set up to support schools and does not provide any services directly to the public. The Brisbane office on the other hand does open from 2 January 2013, so I apologise for any confusion caused.

 I understand that it is standard practice, in line with the legislation, to advise applicants that a re-issue could take up to seven days. This is because of the complexity of searches required for some requests and the need to protect the privacy of individuals by establishing proof of identity. While I realise that this could be inconvenient in some cases, I understand that you were able to present at the QSA office early the next day and that your application was processed and certificate re-issued straight away.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER

Date: 15 January 2013

Subject: Treatment provided to s.73 Member of the Public
grandson [redacted] **at the Nambour**
Hospital.

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• RECOMMENDATION

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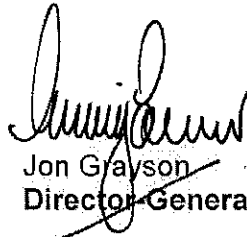
- sign the letter to [redacted] responding to her concerns about [redacted] treatment at Nambour Hospital (Attachment 1).

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• CONSULTATION

- QH


Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 22 January 2013
Subject: The Blue Pool in Cooper Creek

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you **sign** the letter to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} about the Blue Pool area in Cooper Creek, in the Daintree district (**Attachment 1**).

• **KEY ISSUES**

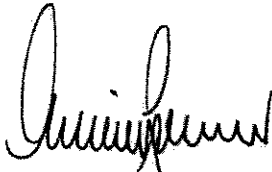
- ^{s.73 Personal Information} wrote to you on 6 January 2013 complaining about people trespassing and vandalising her family's property ^{s.73 Personal Information}, as well as two adjacent properties, the Blue Pool and public land (see **Attachment 2**).
- Prior to Christmas 2012, the Daintree district was subject to a large influx of visitors returning from a music festival held at Palmer River, in association with the solar eclipse. Many visitors established informal camps, including in the vicinity of the Blue Pool, where there are no toilet or rubbish facilities.
- ^{s.73 Personal Information} have written to local, State and Commonwealth agencies seeking a prohibition on public access to the Blue Pool. This solution would require specific regulations and effective enforcement. It is not considered an appropriate option by the departments involved (Departments of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM); National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing; and Environment and Heritage Protection).
- The traditional owners of the area regard the Blue Pool site as having particular cultural significance and would prefer that it not be used for swimming or other recreational purposes.
- Cairns Regional Council (CRC) and Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (JYAC) are the joint trustees of the public reserve that provides access to the Blue Pool. They have recently finalised a management plan for the reserve which includes measures to limit vehicle access and discourage swimming at the Blue Pool through public education.
- All departments involved agree given the recent finalisation of the management plan, intervention by Government would likely make an already complex issue more difficult to resolve. Their advice is that joint trustees should be allowed to discharge their responsibilities for the reserve in line with the management plan, with background support from State and local governments as necessary.
- Trespass on private land in these circumstances is a civil matter falling outside the responsibilities of the State, and has to be managed by the ^{s.73 Personal Information}. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that, if trespassers refuse to leave a commercial property, QPS can be asked to assist with their removal.

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• **BACKGROUND**

s.73 Personal Information

- The Blue Pool lies within Cooper Creek, designated as a river and managed by the DNRM. The precise location is unknown, but people swim on the southern end of the reserve.
- The public land cultural and environmental reserve providing access to the Blue Pool from Flametree Road is managed by CRC and JYAC. Flametree Road itself is managed by CRC and provides access to a corner of the [redacted]. A map of the area is attached (**Attachment 3**).


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Director-General

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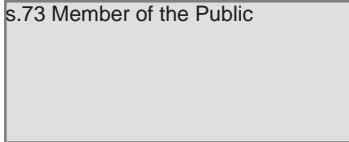


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s.73 Member of the Public



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 6 January 2013 about trespassing and damage to the Blue Hole area in Cooper Creek.

I was sorry to read about the behaviour of visitors to the Blue Pool and surrounding area. Given your obvious commitment to the protection of the Daintree environment, it must be very distressing for you and your family.

My understanding is that the influx of campers in recent weeks was at least in part associated with large gatherings of people attracted to North Queensland by the recent solar eclipse. No doubt numbers will fall as the wet season sets in.

I am advised that the primary route of public access to the Blue Pool, and then to your property, is via Flame Tree Road and a small adjacent parcel of public land. You may be aware that the joint trustees of the public reserve, the Cairns Regional Council and the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Land Corporation, have recently finalised a Land Management Plan for the reserve. I understand that the plan includes public education and access management measures designed to discourage recreational use of the Blue Pool.

For the time being, the Queensland Government believes that the best approach is to support the joint trustees, as the managers responsible for the adjacent reserve, in the implementation of the management plan. I can certainly understand your concerns in relation to people trespassing on your property. If you have any further problems with trespassers refusing to leave your property, I would encourage you to seek assistance from the Queensland Police Service.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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FROM: Johanna de Winter
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 8 / 1 / 2013

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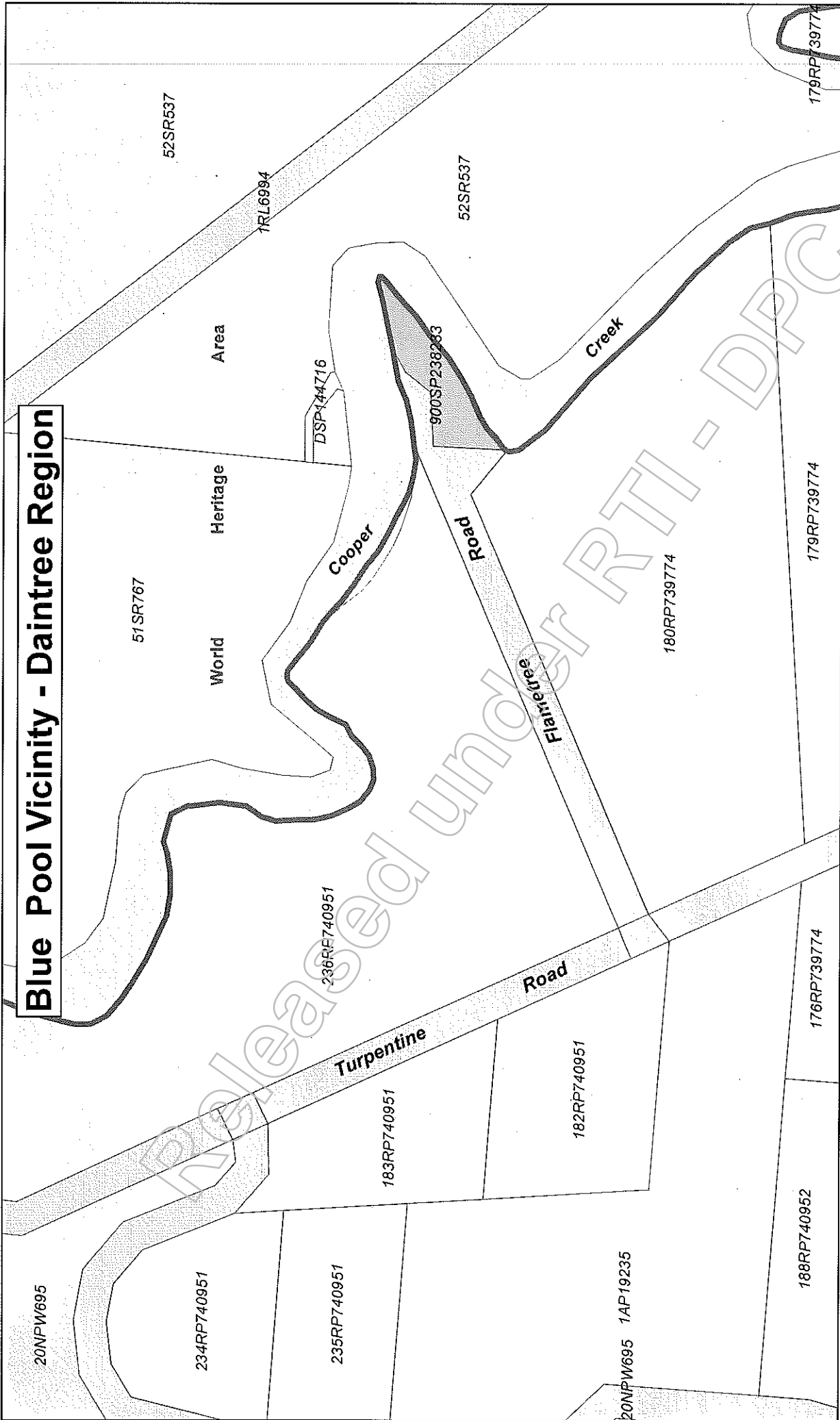
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Tracking Folder No. TF/13/476

Document No. DOC/13/23479

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 17 April 2013

Subject: **Vegetation clearing on freehold property at**
s.73 Personal Information **Cashmere**

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier *[Signature]*

Date *B.A.L.*

Date Action Required by: 18/02/13

Requested by: Johanna De Winter

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to s.73 Member of the Public (**Attachment 1**) noting you have sought advice from Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) regarding its advice about his development application
- sign the letter to Councillor Alan Sutherland (**Attachment 2**) requesting advice about MBRC's advice given to [redacted] about his development application
- sign the letter to Mr Rob Molhoeck MP, Assistant Minister for Planning Reform (**Attachment 3**) requesting consideration of this planning issue in the context of ongoing red and green tape reduction reviews
- note that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) will further assess this matter after receiving MBRC's response.

• KEY ISSUES

- The *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and *Vegetation Management Act 1999* (VMA) allow clearing for exempt purposes without any State Government approval. Some exempt purposes are clearing for essential management and routine management.
- On freehold land, clearing for essential management can include the area around a dwelling, and any associated infrastructure, for a minimum distance of 20 metres and up to 1.5 times the height of the tallest tree that is located in the vicinity of the dwelling or associated infrastructure. It also includes clearing for fire management lines of up to 10 metres in width along property boundaries to provide access for fire management purposes, such as back burning.



- The VMA also allows clearing in an emergency situation where there is imminent risk of a fire reaching a dwelling and associated infrastructure.
- National environment law (*Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) generally does not restrict responses required to manage bushfire emergencies, nor does it regulate measures taken to fight fires. If these activities are part of a genuine emergency response, they are unlikely to be subject to compliance actions or other penalty under the national environment law.
- National environment law also does not generally regulate fire prevention measures taken by state and territory governments. Fire prevention activities only need federal environmental approval if they are likely to have a significant impact on a nationally protected matter and are not specifically exempted by national environment law, as detailed in **Attachment 4**.
- To help people prepare their homes and families for bushfire season, the Queensland Rural Fire Service has prepared a *Prepare Act Survive* publication with information. This is intended to assist making a decision to stay or leave a property, and outlines steps to take as a result of those decisions (**Attachment 5**).

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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- Central to s.73 Member of the Public case is his property being located within a Priority Koala Assessable Development Area (PKADA) of the South-East Queensland State Planning Regulatory Provisions (SPRP).
- The PKADA of the SPRP prohibits urban development in non-urban zones and restricts new development from clearing koala bushland habitat. However, the SPRP does not apply to activities, such as:
 - o development that is self-assessable or requires compliance assessment under a local government planning scheme
 - o domestic activities (dwellings and any reasonably associated infrastructure)
 - o development that will not result in clearing more than 500 square meters of native vegetation, or a development footprint more than 500 square meters.
- The SPRP applies to new development that is made code or impact-assessable under a relevant planning instrument, such as MBRC's planning scheme.
- MBRC is responsible for determining what activities are considered code or impact- assessable. Importantly, MBRC's current planning scheme appears to have placed koala constraints over [redacted] property, despite the exemption afforded under the SPRP.
- For [redacted] development application to MBRC about the construction of earth dams on his property, MBRC was the Assessment Manager. As the Assessment Manager, MBRC is responsible for regulating development activities against its planning scheme and the SPRP.
- DPC recommends seeking advice from MBRC to ascertain its position on this development application so as to determine an appropriate way forward to resolve the matter and provide further advice to [redacted] accordingly.
- DPC will further assess the immediate issues after receiving the MBRC's response and take any necessary action to address these accordingly.
- Policies regarding koala conservation in planning and development assessment are being addressed through the planning reform initiatives. The specific issues raised by [redacted] should be forwarded to Assistant Minister Molhoeck.

• CONSULTATION

- Department of Natural Resources and Mines, and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)



Premier of Queensland

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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2013 about clearing vegetation on your property at Cashmere. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I fully understand your desire to protect your property from bushfire. My department did some investigation and found that routine clearing of the land in question for safety purposes — or for new infrastructure, such as a dam — does not trigger the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.

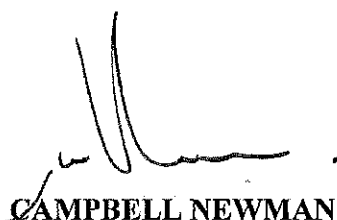
I note your property is located in a Priority Koala Assessable Development Area of the South-East Queensland Koala Conservation State Planning Regulatory Provisions (SPRP). The SPRP requires conditions which promote koala conservation to be placed on new development that is made assessable under a planning instrument, such as the Moreton Bay Regional Council's (MBRC) planning scheme. Importantly, the activities of your proposed development application do not appear to be limited under the SPRP. This means the MBRC may have imposed restrictions on these activities under its planning scheme.

That is why I have taken the liberty of writing to Councillor Allan Sutherland, Mayor of the MBRC requesting advice about MBRC's position on this matter. I will provide you with further information after receiving Councillor Sutherland's response.

Separately, I have referred this matter to Mr Rob Molhoeck MP, Assistant Minister for Planning Reform, asking him to consider the implications of these planning issues in the context of our broader ongoing red and green tape reduction reviews.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/15170

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 4 February 2013
Subject: Letter from s.73 Member of the Public alleging he was unfairly held in custody at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH)

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted

Premier 

Date 19/2/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] Attachment 1) acknowledging his concerns and encouraging him to discuss these directly with his treating clinicians.

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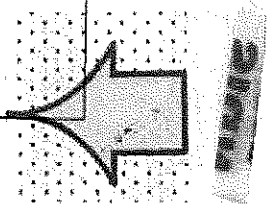
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- Queensland Health



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/566

Document No. DOC/13/4429

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 March 2013
Subject: Business Advisory Forum (BAF)

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date *9/4/13*

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

Please note Ben Hayes rotations!

- **approve** the establishment of a BAF as outlined in this brief.

• KEY ISSUES

- Your office and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) have been considering mechanisms for Government to enhance its engagement on key business and economic issues to support development of the 30-year *Queensland Plan* and longer term policy.
- The first mechanism, a BAF, is the subject of this brief. The second, to develop more sophisticated economic capacity, will be addressed in a further brief.
- The intent of the BAF would be to facilitate Government interaction with Queensland's business and commerce community through a series of themed forums.
- The forums would enable business and industry to provide feedback to ensure the Queensland Government and the public service are responsive to the needs of business, and discuss ideas on the future growth and prosperity of Queensland's economy.
- The BAF would include a small core group of permanent members including you as Chair and:
 - o Government
 - the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
 - the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
 - Directors-General of the Departments of Premier and Cabinet, State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games.

o **Business/industry**

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Action Officer: Phil Richardson
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- The Government's foremost economic advisor, chair of a Premier's Economic Advisory Panel or a Queensland Government Economist (note: roles do not exist at present).
- Other influential individuals (for example, company CEOs), along with relevant groups and ministers/assistant ministers would be invited to attend based on the discussion topic. **Attachment 1** contains a list of the top 30 industry/business associations in Queensland.
- It is proposed that the BAF meet three times in 2013 for three hours, with meetings structured to support the development of *The Queensland Plan*.
- Proposed dates are 8 May, 29 August and 7 November 2013 with the meetings to be held in Brisbane. Consideration could be given to holding meetings in regional centres — perhaps dependent on topics particularly relevant to regional Queensland. However, regional meetings would be costly and could impact on attendance (frequency and seniority) of members.
- Each BAF would have a centrepiece topic for discussion. DPC suggests that regulatory reform would be a timely topic for the first meeting, given the Government recently established the Office of Best Practice Regulation and is currently working on a framework for measuring and monitoring regulatory burden.
- Future topics could include infrastructure, science/innovation, productivity, export competitiveness and industrial relations.
- Discussion papers on key topics should be prepared by relevant agencies (in consultation with DPC and Queensland Treasury and Trade) and circulated with an agenda to attendees at least two weeks ahead of meetings. Attendees could also nominate issues and sub-topics that they feel should be discussed.
- Each BAF would open with a presentation on the selected topic by the relevant portfolio minister (or director-general) before moving into a discussion format with a structured agenda. Given the breadth of topics likely to be covered at each meeting, attendees will need to break into plenary groups to discuss relevant sub-topics.
- Outcomes (including action items) will be circulated to members after each meeting, with progress reported at subsequent meetings.

Implementation

- Appropriate secretariat support would be established within DPC, with Events Coordination organising each event. Ms Kate Davies is the liaison point in your office.
- A Matter To Note providing an overview of the BAF and associated information could be presented to Cabinet once finalised.
- Once your approval and/or comments are received, letters will be drafted to relevant stakeholders seeking their participation in the first BAF meeting.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/26610

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 15 April 2014

Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public
Advocate, Speaking Up for You Inc (SUFY),
about support for [redacted] currently
supported at the [redacted]
[redacted] facility, to visit
his mother in Bundaberg

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Premier [Signature]

Date 26 April 2014

Date Action Required by:

Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

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Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/590

Document No. DOC/13/33200

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 11 March 2013
Subject: Concerns raised by ^{s.73 Member of the} _{Public} about motorcycle registration requirements

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 13/3/2013

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Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you note information provided below, and sign the letter of response (Attachment 1) to

• KEY ISSUES

- wrote to you on 10 January 2013 complaining about arrangements currently in place for expired vehicle registrations (Attachment 2).
- Currently, a three month window of opportunity is provided for people to reinstate their vehicle's registration after expiry, without the need to provide a safety certificate.
- Registration fees in such instances are calculated from the previous expiry date. A reinstatement fee of \$51.95 also applies.
- In case, he failed to pay his registration by the due date, reinstating the vehicle two months after its expiry for a period of six months. Registration fees payable by were backdated to apply from the expiry date, with coverage re-commencing on the date of payment.
- Requirements around expired vehicle registration adopted in Queensland are consistent with those applying in other Australian jurisdictions, and with vehicle licensing requirements applicable in New Zealand.
- However, in New Zealand, people who are not going to use their vehicle on the road for at least three months can apply for a vehicle licence exemption. The maximum exemption period is 12 months, but a person can apply for subsequent exemptions. Exemptions must be applied for while the vehicle licence is still current.
- The availability of such an exemption could have appeal, as an example, for people experiencing a period of financial hardship, or people with a temporary medical condition preventing them from being able to drive, or for people travelling overseas for an extended period whose car will not be used during their absence.
- Potential risks from this type of exemption include an increase in unregistered vehicles on Queensland roads, and a cost to government from foregone revenue.
- Based on an examination of other states, no exemption of this nature has been adopted in Australia to-date.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 10 January 2013 about your motorcycle registration. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I commend you on doing the right thing and not driving your motorcycle during the two months in which it was unregistered. Currently, a three-month window of opportunity exists for people to reinstate their vehicle's registration, after expiry, without the need to provide a safety certificate. However, I am advised that there are no provisions in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* allowing the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to adjust a vehicle registration commencement date through the renewal process.

The registration renewal reinstatement fee of \$51.95 applied in your case was introduced to encourage people to pay their registration fees on time, and decrease the number of unregistered vehicles on the road and the risks associated with this. As I am sure you can appreciate, vehicle registration is a vital part of Queensland's transport system, enabling DTMR to identify and manage vehicle owners and to support the safety and security of Queensland's roads.

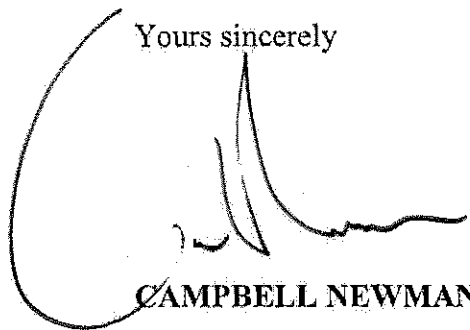
The reason you would have received a \$9.40 discount on your registration is because we apply a reduction for eligible concession card holders.

Investigations are currently underway to explore potential avenues for streamlining renewal registration requirements, and making vehicle registration easier. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of passing your letter on to my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, requesting that further consideration be given to the issues you have raised as part of this process.

It is clear from the issues you have raised that consideration should be given to the appropriateness of information contained on DTMR's website regarding current registration requirements. As such, I have specifically requested that Minister Emerson ensure that this occurs as a matter of priority.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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CAMPBELL NEWMAN

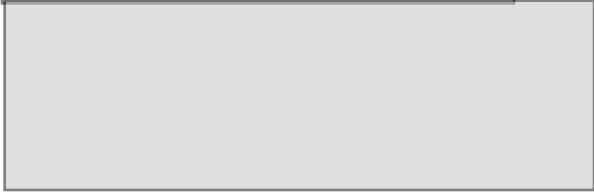

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 8:08 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: excessive registration fees

Importance: High

s.73 Member of the Public



Comment:

I want to know how the Qld government justifies charging me to backdate my motorcycle registration. ie. My bike was kept off the road as required by law when unregistered while I got together the money to pay it. It was unregistered for two(2) months. I just paid for 6 months but only received 4 months registration. I was also required to pay a fifty(50) dollar late payment charge. There is no mention of this backdating policy on the department of transport website. Further the Qld dept of transport website states and I quote "If you hold one of the following cards (a Queensland pension concession card) or you are an impaired service person, you may be eligible for a 50 per cent reduction (or more) of your vehicles registration fee." I received approximately ten(10) dollars discount on my registration. When answering these questions please keep in mind that I was an IT support worker for the Department of transport and my brother is a database administrator for Main Roads.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/704

Document No. DOC/13/5667

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 January 2013
Subject: Official Visit to Japan 16 to 22 February 2013

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Premier

Date

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note your draft Official Visit program to Japan 16 to 22 February 2013 (**Attachment 1**)
- note the proposed two-day business delegates program 18-19 February 2013, which you will lead for one day on 18 February 2013 (**Attachment 2**)
- advise the officials you wish to accompany you on the Trade Mission
- approve the use of your electronic signature on the letter of invitation to potential business delegates to accompany you in Japan for a two-day program from 18-19 February (**Attachment 3**). Note that this letter and the list of recipients have been approved by Daniel Harris of your office.

• KEY ISSUES

- Your visit to Japan follows an invitation by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to participate in a Guest of Government leaders program for three days 19-21 February 2013.
- The leader's program is currently being finalised but is expected to include meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Ministers, national Parliamentarians and the country's top law makers.
- The number of officials who can accompany you on the program is strictly limited and it is suggested that only your Chief of Staff accompany you on this occasion.
- MOFA will fund your flights and accommodation, with any additional members being the responsibility of the Queensland Government.
- MOFA will assign an escort officer throughout the program so it is not recommended a Protocol Officer travel on this occasion.
- The Trade and Investment Commissioner in Japan Mr Tak Adachi will accompany you throughout the visit and manage your program with the business delegation on 18 February.
- Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) drafted the enclosed letter of invitation to potential business delegates to accompany you in Japan for a two-day program from 18-19 February (**Attachment 3**).

• CONSULTATION

- TIQ, Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)
Premier - I note that CoS is likely to be on leave at this time.

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Policy

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Document No. 13/10357

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 23 January 2013
Subject: Letter from [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public about health payroll system and overpayments being returned to those who had paid them back

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 4/2/2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

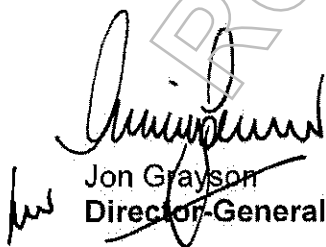
- sign the letter to [redacted] (Attachment 1) explaining the Government's decision to waive health overpayments of \$200 or less.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 14 January 2013, [redacted] wrote to you (Attachment 2) about her niece's overpayment of about \$100 as a result of the payroll failures in Queensland Health (QH). [redacted] writes that her niece gave the overpayment back, but was subsequently advised that because QH had been unable to recover all overpayments, the money would be given back to her. [redacted] questions this decision noting it is a waste of taxpayer's money to give returned overpayments back to the employees.
- QH has advised that a decision was made to write-off overpayments of \$200 per financial year or less given the costs involved in recovering small amounts. To ensure the waiver decision was applied equitably, amounts eligible for the waiver were refunded if they had already been paid back to QH.
- The waiver process was undertaken in January 2013 and included notifying and refunding money to staff with eligible overpayments and resulted in the refunding of \$73 030 to 767 employees. The decision to waive overpayments of \$200 or less was announced in Parliament by the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, on 30 May 2012, who said that 'given the fiscal challenges that confront our State, the cost-efficiency of work to recover smaller overpayments has also been assessed. A waiver will, therefore, apply to cumulative overpayment amounts of \$200 or less'.
- While [redacted] raises a valid point, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet notes that given the refund process has already been undertaken, it would not be practical or reasonable to revisit the decision.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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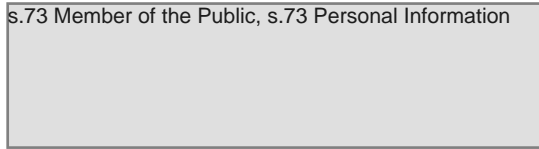


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Thank you for your email of 14 January 2013 about your niece's experience of the Queensland Health (QH) payroll problems. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can certainly understand why you are annoyed by the situation you have described, given your niece has done the right thing by returning the \$100 overpayment only to have it sent back to her. The payroll debacle has been an appalling waste of taxpayer money and the Government is determined to get it fixed and working properly.

So that money could start to be returned to the health budget where it belongs, the Government announced in May 2012, that it was lifting the moratorium on the recovery of overpayments that the previous Government put in place. However, a decision was also made to waive overpayments of \$200 or less as the extra resources required to recover these small amounts was not considered cost effective. It was also decided that the overpayment waiver had to be applied fairly across all staff, so people like your niece, who had already paid back money, received a refund if the overpayment was less than \$200.

I applaud the honesty your niece has demonstrated by paying back her overpayment. If everyone acted in this way, the Government may not have needed to waive these small overpayments. However, it would be unfair for the waiver to not be applied to your niece because of her honesty.

You may be interested to know that the Government has made a decision to establish a Commission of Inquiry on the implementation of the QH payroll system. While there have been a number of reviews undertaken, there are still questions that need to be answered about the integrity of the process. In addition, the inquiry will recommend any necessary changes to existing procurement, contract and project management for major information and communications technology projects to make sure future projects are delivered to a high standard and in a cost effective way.

I look forward to receiving the findings and recommendations that will be handed down by the Commissioner, the Honourable Richard Chesterman QC, by the end of April 2013. The Government will put in place all necessary changes to make sure the payroll is working effectively and the lessons of this disaster are fully understood and not repeated.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I really appreciate you taking
the time to write in about
this matter.

Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2013 9:27 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: Qld Health Payroll

Importance: High

Subject: Qld Health Payroll

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information

[Redacted]

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Comment.

Gary, My niece works in the hospital system, and when the old computer system malfunctioned, she was overpaid around a hundred dollars. She reported this and gave the overpayment back.

She has just received a letter which says words to the effect " you have been noted as having given back an overpayment. Because we have been unable to recover all the overpayments, overpayment monies that were previously returned, are being given back to the employee"

Isn't this madness???

The funds that went out in overpayments are massive, but to compound this by giving back the overpayments that were returned, seems ludicrous. I would like to hear the reasoning for this total waste of taxpayer's money.

There are so many employees out there who laughingly tell us how they were overpaid thousands, but I simply don't understand why now ALL staff should be overpaid, unless the person/s making this recent decision stand to profit themselves by legalising overpayments received. This is criminal. [Redacted]

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 25 February 2013
Subject: **Lockyer Valley land swap – remaining relocation grant funds**

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Premier
Date 23/2/2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letters to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works (**Attachment 1**), and Councillor Steve Jones, Mayor of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) (**Attachment 2**), in relation to the proposal to transfer the remaining relocation grant funds to the LVRC to distribute to participants in the Lockyer Valley land swap.

• KEY ISSUES

- The Building Services Authority (BSA) received \$2 835 000 from the 2010–11 Queensland Floods and Cyclone Yasi Disaster Relief Fund to distribute to residents of Grantham participating in the land swap. It was estimated that up to 81 residents would be eligible for the \$35 000 grant. Minister Mander advises that as at 14 February 2013, the BSA had received 50 applications and had made 32 grants (amounting to \$1 120 000), with four applications still being processed (**Attachment 3**).
- Minister Mander recommends that the BSA transfer the remaining funds (\$1 827 177), to the LVRC to distribute under a revised scheme. The LVRC propose to partner with the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR) to make grants on an 'as needs' basis, as assessed by the ACCIR, rather than capping the grant at \$35 000.
- Previously, you supported Minister Mander's proposal to transfer \$900 000 to the Salvation Army to distribute under a revised scheme (**Attachment 4 – TF/12/24818**). Minister Mander advises that as the Salvation Army are no longer in a position to assist, the LVRC have proposed this alternative scheme.
- Mayor Jones wrote to you on 14 January 2013 assuming that you had already agreed to a different proposal (the transfer of \$900 000 to the LVRC) and requested that the State provide the LVRC with \$100 000 to cover the administrative costs for the work of the ACCIR (**Attachment 5**).
- Under the existing scheme, the BSA has covered its own administrative costs. As the BSA could continue to administer the distribution of the remaining funds under revised grant criteria, there appears to be limited benefit transferring the money to the LVRC if Mayor Jones requires an additional \$100 000 from state funds.
- The proposed response to Minister Mander requests that he work with Mayor Jones to endeavour to come to an agreement based on the following principles that:
 - o the revised scheme is consistent with the underlying purpose of the original scheme administered by the BSA
 - o applicants who received a \$35 000 grant be treated equitably and consideration be given to 'topping up' their allocation under the revised scheme
 - o the donated funds are only used to benefit applicants and not for administrative costs
 - o there is effective accountability mechanisms in place equivalent to that of the BSA scheme.

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• CONSULTATION

- BSA and Crown Law.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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- 4 MAR 2013

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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2013 the proposed new scheme for the distribution of relocation grant funds for Lockyer Valley residents participating in the land swap.

I note your advice that the Building Services Authority (BSA) currently holds approximately \$1 827 177 in relocation grant funds and your recommendation that the BSA transfer these remaining funds to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) to distribute under a revised scheme to benefit participants in the land swap.

I also note that LVRC propose to partner with the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR) to make grants on an 'as needs' basis, as assessed by the ACCIR, rather than capping grants at \$35 000.

For your reference, I have attached a copy of a letter from Councillor Steve Jones, Mayor, LVRC and my response. You will note that Councillor Jones has requested \$100 000 from the Queensland Government to cover the administrative costs of engaging the ACCIR.

I understand that, under the existing scheme, the BSA has covered its own costs. I also note that an alternative to your proposal is that the BSA could continue to administer the remaining funds under revised grant criteria and continue to cover its own costs. As such, there appears to be limited benefit in transferring the remaining funds to LVRC if Councillor Jones requires an additional \$100 000 from state funds.

Could you please work with Councillor Jones and endeavour to come to an agreement on the arrangements for the revised scheme, based on the principles that:

- the revised scheme is consistent with the purpose of the existing scheme administered by the BSA, i.e. to support eligible applicants participating in the land swap
- applicants who have received a \$35 000 grant be treated equitably and consideration be given to 'topping up' their allocation under the new scheme if new applicants receive a higher grant amount
- the grant funds are only used to benefit applicants and not to cover administrative costs

- there is effective accountability mechanisms in place for the distribution of the funds equivalent to that of the BSA scheme.

As the Lockyer Valley community is once again working hard to clean up and rebuild after the recent floods, I would appreciate your urgent attention to facilitating a resolution to this matter within the above framework.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Your reference: *7.5/9/8-7*

- 4 MAR 2013

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Dear Mayor Jones

Thank you for your letter of 14 January 2013 about the Strengthening Grantham Project. I apologise for the delay in responding.

No doubt the Lockyer Valley region is working hard to clean up and rebuild after the recent floods. Coming so soon after the 2011 floods, this is of course a major blow for the people of your community. I assure you that the Queensland Government will work with Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) in getting the region, not only back on its feet, but more resilient than ever.

I note your advice that LVRC proposes to partner with the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR) to distribute relocation grant funds under a revised scheme.

I have written to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works to confirm my support for a revised scheme and requested that he work with you to finalise the arrangements.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I wish you and the Lockyer Valley community all the best in the flood recovery efforts in your region.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Minister for Housing and Public Works

Ref: HPW00186/13

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Hon Campbell Newman - MP
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Dear Premier

I refer to your letter of 26 November 2012, regarding a proposed new scheme for distribution of relocation grant funds for Lockyer Valley residents participating in the land swap.

You may recall the scheme proposed by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) entailed the allocation of \$900 000 from the fund to the Salvation Army for distribution to eligible residents in addition to the \$35 000 which the Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) will distribute to eligible applicants.

On 11 January 2013, the BSA received further advice from the LVRC that the Salvation Army is no longer able to participate in this scheme and the LVRC has now proposed two options for management of these funds.

The two options proposed by LVRC for future distribution of this funding are:

1. That the \$900 000 previously approved by you for allocation to the Salvation Army for distribution be transferred to the LVRC for management and distribution to eligible residents through ACCIR, in addition to the \$35 000. The BSA will continue to distribute the remaining funds held in accordance with the original criteria, with the grant capped at \$35 000.
2. That \$1 827 177 being the entire balance of funds currently held by BSA including interest, be transferred to the LVRC for management and distribution to eligible residents participating in the scheme. Funding should only be distributed to eligible applicants who qualify for the grant in accordance with the criteria established through the grant initiative.

The LVRC has assured that the integrity of the grant initiative will be upheld and that funding will only be made available to residents participating in the land swap, who meet the criteria to receive the additional funds. The LVRC proposes that the payment not be capped at \$35 000 and that additional funds be distributed to new applicants who meet the criteria, but otherwise lack the funds to participate in the scheme. It is proposed that the additional funding would be provided on a needs assessment basis conducted by the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR).

The BSA supports the second option, the transfer of the entire balance of funds held by the BSA to the LVRC, as being the most practical to ensure that all eligible applicants are provided with the most assistance available to encourage relocation without further unnecessary delay.

The BSA supports residents who have already received the grant being treated equitably and being given the opportunity to receive further funding and does not believe that any of the relief funds should be used for costs to administer the funding.

As at 14 February 2013, the BSA holds \$1 715 000, plus \$112 177 in interest, making a total of \$1 827 177 remaining in the fund.

To date the BSA had received 50 applications as follows:

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| - Applications withdrawn/ineligible | 14 |
| - Applicants paid | 32 |
| - Applications waiting further information | 4 |

The BSA believes that the LVRC is well placed to administer this program and is seeking your support to transfer this funding and management of the scheme from the BSA to the LVRC for distribution to its community.

Yours sincerely



Tim Mander MP
Minister for Housing and Public Works

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14 January 2013

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Dear Premier Newman

STRENGTHENING GRANTHAM PROJECT - PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING

As you are aware, the Lockyer Valley's 'Strengthening Grantham Project' has been an iconic example of how a disaster-affected community can not only rebuild, but rebuild in a safe way protecting future generations

We have been fortunate in the support we've received by all levels of Government as well as the community. Without this support, the almost 100 families that have swapped their land to date would be rebuilding their lives in an unsafe environment.

Recently, your department approved the transfer of \$900,000 of the Premier's Disaster Relief Fund from the Building Services Authority to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. Funding from the BSA has been provided to many families involved in the land swap and without it, they would have been unable to relocate their homes.

In order to manage the \$900 000 Council will be partnering with the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR) so they may provide the following services:

- Case Assessment to ensure that the additional funding goes to those residents who are unable to participate in the land swap because of genuine financial constraints; and
- Project Management to ensure that the best value is obtained for the funds available through the use of volunteer labour, material cost discounts and trusted tradespeople.

Council is committed to this partnership as we know that this will bring the critical support to those families still wishing to move to higher ground but do not have the financial means to do so.

As this commitment involves Council providing \$100,000 to ACCiR for administration costs to ensure transparency and equity in this important process, we would like to discuss with you the possibility of finding funds to reimburse Council all or a portion of this cost.

By supporting Council in this way, more families will be safe from flooding in the Lockyer Valley for generations to come.

To assist in moving this work forward, please contact me directly on 0408 981 736 or Mr Jamie Simmonds on 0433 282 897.

Yours sincerely



Cr Steve Jones
MAYOR

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. DOC/13/45070

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 March 2013
Subject: Review of a Roadside Vending Application

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Premier
Date 4/4/2013
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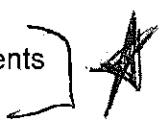
• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the information below in relation to [redacted] and s.73 Member of the Public [redacted] roadside vending application for a site on Palmerston Highway
- sign the letter of response [redacted] (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] has applied for a permit to operate from a disused fruit fly inspection station. After having his application reviewed and rejected a number of times he has written to you requesting that the application be reviewed again (Attachment 2).
- On 5 March 2013, [redacted] met with [redacted] to discuss the application and the Department of Transport and Main Road's (DTMR) safety concerns. These concerns include the fact that it is located off a sloped 100 km/hr zone and that the site is located on a section of the road where traffic is separated by a double centre line. West-bound traffic are not permitted to access the site. However, a roadside vendor in this location may encourage west-bound motorists to cross double lines in order to purchase from the vendor.
- The proposed location is also one of only five auxiliary lane overtaking opportunities on Palmerston Highway. This is the last opportunity for motorists to pass slow or heavy vehicles before descending the steepest section of the Palmerston Range. Interfering with this overtaking opportunity is potentially very dangerous. When this location was used as an inspection station additional signage and warnings were in place and trucks were only entering the area from the east-bound lane.
- An independent road safety expert will carry out an additional safety review before the end of March 2013. During the meeting on 5 March 2013, [redacted] was informed of this plan and indicated that he understood the safety issues at the site and that he was content to wait until that review was completed for final word on his application.
- DTMR offered to help locate an alternative site that would meet safety requirements but [redacted] did not want to consider sites further from his home.
- [redacted] requested the speed limit be reduced from 100km/hr to 80km/hr. DTMR explained that this reduction would limit the ability of vehicles to use the overtaking lane, particularly in the uphill direction.




Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. DOC/13/8466

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 23 January 2013
Subject: Request for Financial Assistance for
s.73 Personal Information **to participate in the** [redacted]
International Program in Japan

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Premier [Signature]
Date 25/1/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note I have not approved financial assistance to [redacted] to participate in the [redacted] International Program in Japan
- sign the letter to David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie, advising him of this decision (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- Correspondence has been received from Ms Janell Cox from the Office of David Gibson MP, seeking consideration of a request made to Mr Gibson to provide financial assistance to [redacted] school student, [redacted] to participate in the [redacted] Intercultural Program for 12 months (**Attachment 2**)
- As the sole Queensland representative on this program in 2013, [redacted] will have the opportunity to live and study in Japan for 12 months.
- [redacted] has also been awarded the [redacted] Scholarship 2012 (**Attachment 3**) which will sponsor her trip to Japan. This scholarship covers the following:
 - o return travel from her home to the host family's home in Japan
 - o orientation and enrichment activities during the stay
 - o medical costs incurred during the visit, dental and eye care
 - o high school enrolment for the duration of the program
 - o 24/7 [redacted] Support Network.
- This request does not align with the Director-General's Reserve guidelines, and to provide funding in this instance may set a precedence for future requests of this nature.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Mr Gibson

David,

Your office recently forwarded correspondence regarding the provision of financial assistance for ^{s.73 Personal Information} [redacted] to participate in the [redacted] Intercultural Program.

My department commends the hard work and dedication shown by [redacted] in gaining a place in this exchange program for 2013. I also recognise her achievement in being awarded the [redacted] Scholarship 2012. This scholarship will be of great benefit to her study experience, as it covers travel expenses to and from her host family, enrolment, orientation and enrichment activities during her stay, as well as her medical expenses.

The Queensland Government receives many requests for contributions from organisations, charities, schools and individuals, all of whom play a vital role for our State. For this reason, it is necessary to carefully assess all requests for the contribution they make to the Government's priorities.

Regrettably, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is not in a position to provide financial assistance in this instance.

I wish [redacted] all the best for her year abroad and trust it will be a very rewarding and enriching experience for her.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Sharni Sawyer

From: Glenys Jenkin
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 10:54 AM
To: Michele Rice; Bronwyn Edmeades
Subject: FW: Request for financial assistance
Attachments: 20130116091820202.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Michele and Bron

For registration please and then to go straight to the dept for an urgent brief and response as outlined below. Madeline Simmonds is the advisor.

Can you please send me the TF once this is registered.

Kind regards,

G

From: Madeline Simmonds [<mailto:Madeline.Simmonds@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 10:48 AM
To: Glenys Jenkin
Subject: FW: Request for financial assistance
Importance: High

Hi G

Can you please register this in TRIM and have a response drafted with PBN for the Premier.

It is urgent.

Thanks heaps

Maddy

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From: Gympie Electorate Office [<mailto:Gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 10:30 AM
To: Madeline Simmonds
Subject: Request for financial assistance
Importance: High

Dear Madeline

I have attached some correspondence that we received from a local student S.73 Personal Information

[Redacted] has been chosen as the sole Queensland recipient of the [Redacted] Scholarship to Japan with [Redacted] Australia. Her departure date is Wednesday 20th March 2013.

Mr Gibson has responded to [Redacted] advising her that Queensland State MPs are not provided with any funds to support these types of requests and that we would forward her letter onto the Premier's office for his consideration. We have also recommended to [Redacted] that she contact our local service clubs for assistance.

It would be appreciated if this request could be favourably considered as [REDACTED] is the sole representative from Queensland.

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding this request at your earliest opportunity.

Regards

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To: THE PREMIER

Date: 26 February 2013

Subject: Letter from s.73 Member of the Public and complaints of medical malpractice made in 2003

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 5.3.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to *[Redacted]* Attachment 1) advising her that the Queensland Ombudsman (Ombudsman) is the appropriate authority to investigate her concerns

• KEY ISSUES

s.73 Personal Information

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/900

Document No. DOC/13/21835

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 3 April 2013
Subject: Coal dust e-petition being sponsored by Mr Carl Judge MP, Member for Yeerongpilly

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Premier
Date 9/4/13
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
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• RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 3**) to Mr Carl Judge MP, Member for Yeerongpilly outlining the activities being led by the State to address concerns about coal dust emissions in Brisbane's southern suburbs.

• KEY ISSUES

- The e-petition (**Attachment 1**) being sponsored by Mr Judge requests, among other things, that all coal trains operating on the West Moreton system be required to be veneered, with veneering made a legislative requirement from 30 June 2013. The e-petition closes on 30 April 2013 after which the relevant minister will need to respond within 30 days.
- Mr Judge issued a press release on 15 March 2013 (**Attachment 2**) following a briefing with Mr Michael Roche, CEO Queensland Resources Council (QRC) in which he states that he '...has accepted in good faith that the issue of coal dust is being taken seriously and industry is responding to concerns from residents living near the corridor'.
Update on work being progressed by DTMR
- A comprehensive, industry-funded dust monitoring program commenced on 7 March 2013, involving testing stations at Oakey, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Tennyson, Fairfield and Coorparoo, with the station at Chelmer set up to provide a control measure. A continuous particle monitoring station is proposed to be established along the corridor
- The Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads convened a meeting of the Coal Dust and Rail Noise West Moreton Industry Group on Monday 11 March 2013 to discuss progress being made, next steps, and in which he reiterated the Government's position. QRC advised that Peabody and Yancoal have undertaken to veneer loaded coal wagons by the end of 2013.
- As rainfall is expected to substantially reduce coal dust readings in the near-term, it has been decided to continue the current dust monitoring for a further month in order to establish a more valid baseline measure of current dust levels. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) advises that New Hope Corporation (NHC) will now most likely begin veneering loaded coal wagons in mid-May 2013 after completion of the extended dust monitoring program.
- Once the monitoring program and NHC's veneering process is bedded down, DTMR advises that the Coal Dust and Rail Noise Working Group will proceed to examine rail noise issues, diesel emission issues and more broadly, levers that are available to Government.
- An issue that the Working Group is monitoring is the level of collaboration between, and with, dust monitoring programs being undertaken simultaneously by Queensland Bulk Handling and the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd for operations at the Port.

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FROM: Paul Leven DATE: 18 / 1 / 2013
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:
 - Please provide comprehensive response for consideration + brief/update on coal dust issue.

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier (Ministerial)
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 10:58 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: FW: Coal Dust E-Petition

From: Yeerongpilly Electorate Office [<mailto:YEERONGPILLY@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 10:00 AM
To: Yeerongpilly
Subject: Coal Dust E-Petition

Good Morning,

Please be advised the Member for Yeerongpilly, Carl Judge, has recently sponsored an e-petition on behalf of all Queensland residents in order to draw to the attention of the House resident's concerns about the cumulative impact of fugitive coal dust and noise emissions as well as other forms of pollution from coal trains operating on the West Moreton Coal System.

The purpose of the e-petition is to request the House to require all coal trains operating on the West Moreton Coal System to be 'venerated' as a minimum standard and for this to be made enforceable by way of legislation with a sufficient deterrent penalty for any non-compliance as from June 30, 2013.

Furthermore, the purpose of the petition is to request the House to appoint an independent panel of experts to undertake a detailed study of the impact of fugitive coal dust and noise emissions as well as other forms of pollution stemming from the West Moreton Coal System and Fisherman Islands Queensland Bulk Handling facility, with the prime objective of protecting human health and community lifestyles.

By signing the petition you are requesting the House to direct the panel of experts to assess and make best practice recommendations in terms of controlling the impact by fugitive coal dust and noise emissions as well as other forms of pollution, with the findings to be made publicly available on or before September 30, 2013.

Carl encourages all people to sign the e-petition and pass on to concerned residents, family and friends. The e-petition is for all Queenslanders especially those living along the rail line.

For more information and to sign the e-petition please refer to this link: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2042>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Yeerongpilly Electorate Office if we can be of any further assistance.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: West Moreton Coal System (coal dust, noise emissions and other pollution)
Eligibility: Queensland residents
Sponsoring Member: Carl Judge MP
Principal Petitioner: Peter West
 4/20 Livingstone Street
 YEERONGPILLY QLD 4105

Number of Signatures: 323
Posting Date: 11/01/2013
Closing Date: 30/04/2013

Do you wish to sign this E-Petition? Yes

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TO: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

Queensland residents draws to the attention of the House their concerns about the cumulative impact of fugitive coal dust and noise emissions as well as other forms of pollution from coal trains operating on the West Moreton Coal System. Queensland residents also draw to the attention of the House their concerns about fugitive coal dust associated with stockpiling at Fisherman Islands Queensland Bulk Handling facility.

Your petitioners request the House to require all coal trains operating on the West Moreton Coal System to be 'enclosed' as a minimum standard and for this to be made enforceable by way of legislation with a sufficient deterrent penalty for any non-compliance as from June 30, 2013.

Furthermore, your petitioners request the House to appoint an independent panel of experts to undertake a detailed study of the impact of fugitive coal dust and noise emissions as well as other forms of pollution stemming from the West Moreton Coal System and Fisherman Islands Queensland Bulk Handling facility, with the prime objective of protecting human health and community lifestyles.

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Coal Dust Solution in Sight

After speaking in detail with the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) on Thursday March 14, 2013, the State Member for Yeerongpilly, Carl Judge MP, has accepted in good faith that the issue of coal dust is being taken seriously and industry is responding to concerns from residents living near the rail corridor.

Mr Judge who initiated an e-petition was personally reassured by the QRC Chief Executive, Mr Michael Roche, that the three mining companies freighting coal along the West Morten Coal System namely New Hope, Peabody and Yancoal have all undertaken to commence veneering coal wagons by the end of 2013.

Yeerongpilly resident, Ms Jenni Patrick, who lives approximately 100 meters from the rail corridor has welcomed the impending progress and has praised the QRC and coal companies for responding responsibly to the communities concerns.

New Hope Group's New Acland Mine – responsible for about 60 per cent of coal passing through Yeerongpilly to the Port of Brisbane – is ready to start profiling and veneering coal wagons at the completion of a two-month baseline dust monitoring program.

It has previously been reported that the South West Users' Group (coal companies, carrier Aurizon and track owner Queensland Rail) is funding two rounds of testing by the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Sciences Branch of the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA). Air quality and dust deposition testing is to be performed at dedicated sites near the rail corridor at Oakey, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Tennyson, Fairfield, Coorparoo and Chelmer.

QRC Chief Executive Mr Roche has stated that testing will be conducted both before and after the start of veneering by New Hope Group to measure coal dust and monitor the effectiveness of veneering in terms of reducing fugitive coal dust emissions. Mr Roche confirmed that industry data indicates veneering typically results in a 75 to 90 per cent reduction in coal dust emissions. "After strongly advocating on this issue since being elected, I am pleased to see QRC working collaboratively to achieve a positive outcome for all stakeholders and especially concerned constituents" Mr Judge said.

The issue of rail noise is another concern however and I will certainly be continuing to pursue this with the Newinran Government, Mr Judge added.

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10 APR 2013

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Dear Mr Judge

I write in reference to the ongoing efforts being undertaken by the Queensland Government to address reasonable community concerns about coal dust emissions along the rail corridor through Brisbane's southern suburbs to the Port of Brisbane.

I note at this time the e-petition that you are currently sponsoring in the Legislative Assembly that closes on 30 April 2013. Although a formal response to the e-petition will be provided by the Government in the normal manner, I wanted to write to you about the work that the Government is already leading on this important matter.

I also note that you have recently met with Mr Michael Roche, Chief Executive of the Queensland Resources Council about the efforts that its members are taking and acknowledge your positive press release of 15 March 2013 recognising industry's efforts.

As you would know, I have been vocal about the need to do better in terms of coal dust emission mitigation and the Queensland Government has been progressing the matter on the back of community concerns since August 2012.

In August 2012, an initial dust monitoring program was undertaken at Tennyson by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP). Despite the results of that work indicating that coal dust emissions were within acceptable levels, my Cabinet colleague the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads established a cross-agency Coal Dust and Rail Noise Policy Working Group (the working group).

The working group includes representatives from my department, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), DEHP, the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA), the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Queensland Rail (QR). Among other things, the working group was tasked with developing a more comprehensive dust monitoring program.

The working group has been engaging with the South West System User's Group (SWUG), which includes West Moreton coal miners, QR, Aurizon (formerly QR National) and Queensland Bulk Holdings Limited. I personally wrote to the chairs of each member company of the SWUG, along with the Port of Brisbane requesting their involvement and cooperation in the work going forward.

As you are now aware, following your meeting with Mr Roche, the more comprehensive coal dust monitoring program being funded by industry commenced on 7 March 2013. The independent Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Sciences Branch located within DSITIA is responsible for implementing the program and for reporting on its results. Due to the recent inclement weather, the monitoring program has been extended by one month to ensure that an appropriate baseline is developed before the introduction of veneered coal wagons by New Hope Corporation, now expected to occur in May 2013.

Although I am pleased that good progress is being made, including industry playing its part, there is more to be done. I have challenged industry and government agencies alike to do better than the minimum — it is my belief that the objective for industry and the Government must be to eliminate coal dust emissions in suburban areas. This objective is broader than commercial imperatives and is aimed squarely at ensuring the quality of life for Queenslanders living along coal transport routes in urban areas.

Please be assured that the Government is not about to rest on its laurels. Notwithstanding the good cooperation of industry to date in responding to the increasing challenge of the coal transport-urban community interface, the Government is committed to doing what is necessary. To this end, I asked Minister Emerson to prepare advice to me about the levers and options that are available to the State to minimise, and ultimately eliminate, coal dust emissions in urban areas. To be clear, while I think that a successful solution is more likely where industry can identify cost-effective options toward eliminating coal dust emissions over a five year period, should this not be achievable then the Queensland Government reserves the right to regulate a response that does.

Once the monitoring program is bedded down and veneered coal wagons are introduced, the Working Group will turn its attention to issues associated with rail noise and diesel fuel emissions along the corridor and at the Port of Brisbane. This work will once again be undertaken with an eye to ensuring that the protections in place ensure the quality of life for Queenslanders living along the corridor is maintained, and where deficiencies are found to exist, that appropriate remedies are developed.

I would be pleased to organise ongoing updates for you as to the Government's progress in working through these complex issues. I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 January 2013
Subject: Brisbane Housing Company Ltd's (BHC) Catalyst Model proposal – Queensland Treasury Corporation's (QTC) credit review

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Premier

Date *8/2/2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **note** the contents of this brief and **sign** the letter to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

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**Subject: National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
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Document No. DOC/2013/16674

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 12 February 2013
Subject: **Response to numerous emails from [redacted] on allegations relating to the death of his wife in [redacted]**

s.73 Member of the Public

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• RECOMMENDATION

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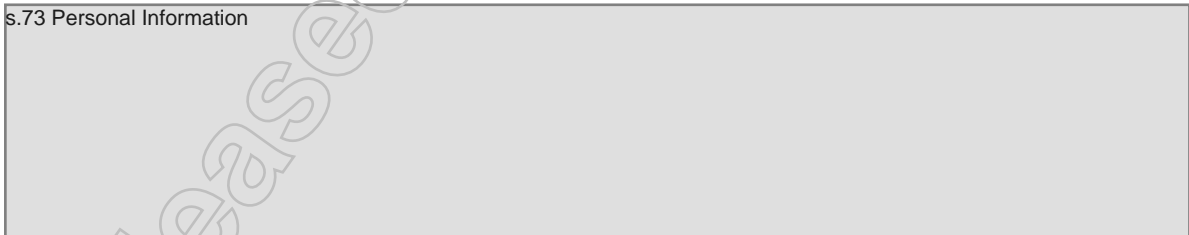
- sign the letter to [redacted] (**Attachment 1**) expressing your sympathy for the death of his wife in [redacted] providing a response to his latest issue (**Attachment 2**), and advising him that you cannot assist him any further, unless new information comes to light that would warrant further investigation
- approve that future correspondence from [redacted] regarding allegations about the death of his wife be noted and filed without any response or further acknowledgement, unless new information comes to light that would warrant further investigation.

• KEY ISSUES

No - always happy to respond.

- On 5 July 2012, [redacted] wrote to you (**Attachment 3**) seeking a meeting to discuss the circumstances of his wife's death in [redacted] and expressing his view that the operations of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) contributed to her death. [redacted] also emailed you on 16 July 2012 re-iterating his concerns (**Attachment 4**).
- In response, you wrote to [redacted] (**Attachment 5**) informing him that you would ask the Minister for Police and Community Safety, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, to take a fresh look at his allegations. You also wrote to Mr Dempsey on 13 August 2012 in order to seek his advice (**Attachment 6**).
- [redacted] has since written to you again on 16, 17 and 21 January, re-iterating previous allegations and a new allegation about a 'run in' with QAS staff on Facebook (**Attachment 2**).

s.73 Personal Information



- [redacted] has written to state and federal members of Parliament and other public officials on numerous occasions since at least 2002 seeking a thorough investigation of his allegations.
- Since 2003, [redacted] concerns have been the subject of four investigations and reviews by the QAS (involving both senior QAS officers and external experts). These investigations determined that the care given to [redacted] was appropriate and the allegation of inappropriate behaviour could not be substantiated.
- The CMC has also investigated the matter and in 2008 concluded that it was satisfied with the QAS handling of the complaint.

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- In 2005, s.73 Member of the Public [redacted] allegations against the QAS officers were also investigated by the Criminal Investigation Branch of the QPS, which determined that no further action should be taken in the matter.
- On 13 December 2012, the Minister for Police and Community Safety, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, provided a response to your request for advice (Attachment 7), noting that the Department of Community Safety's Ethical Standards Unit had undertaken a further review of this matter. This review found that there was no new evidence that would cause the case to be re-opened, and as a consequence the concerns raised by [redacted] could not be productively explored in any further inquiry.
- The QAS Commissioner's Office can find no record of any posts [redacted] refers to on the official QAS Facebook page. It is not possible to investigate any matters on personal Facebook sites, if that was where the 'run in' occurred.
- Despite the history of reviews, inquiries and investigations, [redacted] is likely to remain unsatisfied by any further communication.
- DPC's view is that, following your reply to this latest issue of concern (Attachment 1), [redacted] will have been provided with all relevant information and it will not be possible to provide any further assistance to him on this matter.
- Therefore, DPC seeks your approval to include advice to [redacted] that, unless new information comes to light, or he raises a new issue, all future correspondence on this matter will be noted and filed without further acknowledgement. The Department of Community Safety no longer corresponds with [redacted]

• CONSULTATION

- The QAS Commissioner's Office has provided advice at officer level about the history of this matter.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear s.73 Member of the Public

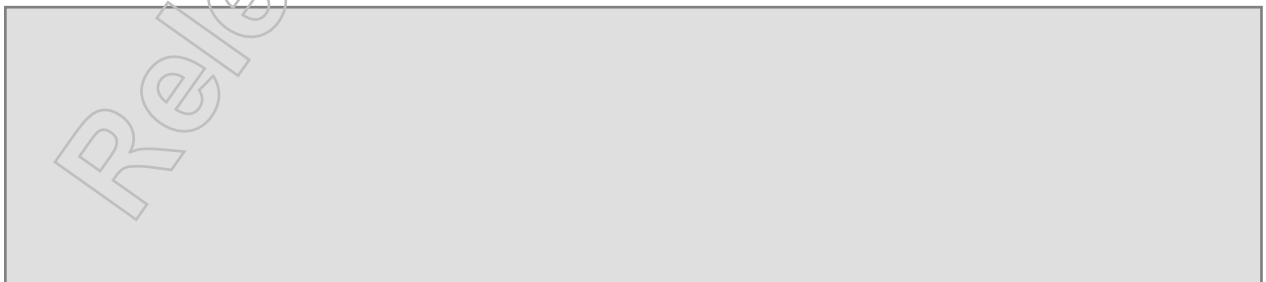
Thank you for your email of 16 January 2013 about your concerns with the use of Facebook by Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) personnel, and your further emails of 17 and 21 January 2013 about the circumstances surrounding the death of your wife [REDACTED]

Again, please let me offer my condolences for the loss of your wife, and express my regret for the concerns you have experienced over the circumstances of [REDACTED] death.

Firstly, to address your concern about postings on Facebook about QAS staffing, I sought advice from the QAS about your allegations, and I have been told that they have no record of any engagement or 'run in' with you on the official QAS Facebook site. I hope you will understand that I cannot investigate matters on your own or others' personal Facebook sites, so I cannot take any further action on this issue.

I also know that you continue to have concerns about the circumstances of the death of your wife. As I mentioned in my previous letter to you on 13 August 2012, I asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, to take a fresh look into your allegations and to let me know what he could find out.

I understand that the Department of Community Safety's Ethical Standards Unit has undertaken a further review of this matter, and advised that the concerns you raise have been the subject of number of internal inquires and investigations undertaken by the department, which in turn have been reviewed by the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC).

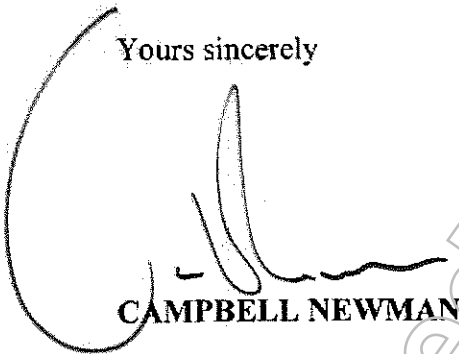


Based on the above, it would seem that there is no new evidence that has come to light that would indicate that the case you have put forward should be re-opened. Please be assured that the Department of Community Safety, under my colleague, Minister Dempsey, has re-assessed this case with a fresh set of eyes prior to concluding that there is very little, if anything, that can be achieved through a fresh investigation.

I know that you will not be satisfied with this response, but hope you will understand that I did initiate a further review into the issues you raised after receiving your emails. It is on the basis of these further reviews that I have had to, regrettably, conclude that there is nothing more that I can do to help you.

I appreciate that the loss of your wife and the circumstances surrounding her death have been very difficult for you, and I can understand why you feel that you need to do everything you can to have your concerns addressed. I am truly sorry that I cannot do anymore to help you.

Yours sincerely



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DATE: 17/1/2013

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 March 2013 *received 18/3*
Subject: Concerns regarding qualifications, procedures and legislation associated with early childhood education and care

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date *27/3/2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to *s.73 Member of the Public* (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 17 January 2013, *[Redacted]* emailed you a copy of a letter she wrote to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment raising concerns about teacher qualification requirements, procedures and legislation associated with early childhood education and care (Attachment 2).
- In particular, *[Redacted]* has raised concerns with inconsistencies for teacher qualifications under the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and Queensland's Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QGFS).
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has advised that representatives from the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (OECEC) met with *[Redacted]* to discuss her concerns.
- On 1 February 2013, *[Redacted]* wrote to Minister Langbroek again indicating that she was not satisfied with the outcomes of the meeting, and forwarded a copy of the letter to you on 6 February 2013 (Attachment 3). Specifically, *[Redacted]* indicated that a follow-up email sent to her by OECEC did not show any accountability, defining actions, timeframes or much concern for the issues she raised.
- *[Redacted]* raises some valid concerns about the confusing and differing requirements for early childhood education and care teachers.
- The problem primarily arises due to the Education and Care Services National Law, which comes into full effect from January 2014. Under the national law, any new teachers will need to have a four-year qualification to be an early childhood education teacher.
- However, for Queensland, the national law recognises diploma level qualifications (i.e. less than four years) for teachers registered with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) prior to 1 January 2012. These arrangements differ across jurisdictions and were negotiated by Queensland to suit the State's specific circumstances. ACECQA does not currently recognise the state specific provisions in its list of recognised qualifications.
- The OECEC has recently communicated to a small number of people (approximately 50) registered with the QCT after 1 January 2012, who hold (or are enrolled in) an approved diploma level qualification, that they will only be eligible to teach an approved kindergarten program for the duration of 2013. These people will not be able to practise after 31 December 2013 unless they undertake further study.

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- The requirement to increase the qualification for early childhood teachers to four years (which was a Rudd Government election commitment) has created major difficulties across the sector, including the need for complicated transition provisions for staff who have many years experience but may not have a four-year degree.
- Once the national law comes into full effect in 2014, staff with diploma level qualifications not registered with the QCT prior to 1 January 2012 will have to upgrade or take up non-teaching positions. There are also questions as to whether there will be a sufficient supply of appropriately qualified teachers to meet the future demand for services.
- Minister Langbroek has written to ACECQA to request that qualification levels align at the state and national level. DETE has also committed to:
 - o continue advocacy with ACECQA to improve both the quality and the turnaround times for qualification assessments
 - o discussions with the Queensland College of Teachers to improve information and issues related to mentoring of teachers in early childhood settings
 - o the development of improved communication materials about qualifications.

• **CONSULTATION**

- DETE



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 17 January and 6 February 2013 attaching the letters you sent to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment about systems and legislation for early childhood education and care. I apologise for the delay in responding.

In your original letter, you outlined a range of concerns, particularly in relation to teacher qualification requirements and the way these are being managed and communicated to the sector. I understand that you met with representatives from the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care [REDACTED]. I was sorry to hear you were not happy with the outcomes of the meeting and wrote a second letter to the Minister to reiterate your concerns.

I understand that the Minister has now written to you to about the various issues you raised and I hope this has alleviated your concerns. As I understand it, the new national laws for early childhood education and care have created a lot of confusion in the sector, particularly around the level of qualifications required for early childhood teachers. I can certainly appreciate your frustration at having to try and work your way around this overly complicated system and how this is impacting on your business. I am also convinced that we can all do better in simplifying the system for the benefit of providers and educators themselves.

Minister Langbroek has recently written to the national body, the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority to request that the qualifications list be aligned with Queensland's requirements for kindergartens that receive funding under the State's Kindergarten Funding Scheme (KFS). This should assist in achieving consistency for providers and provide greater certainty for staff.

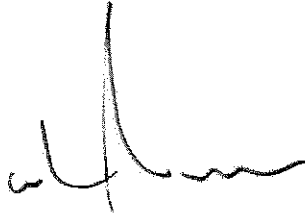
I have also asked that the Department of Education, Training and Employment continue to work on improving communication with the sector and streamlining processes wherever possible.

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In response to feedback from the early childhood sector, services can also now self-assess their teachers qualifications to ensure they meet Queensland KFS requirements. While I have been told that this process has received positive feedback and support to date from the sector, advice about your own experience would be particularly helpful in identifying where further improvements need to be made.

Again, thank you for writing to me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Thanks for taking the time to write
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made aware of this. Lets see if
the regulators get themselves sorted
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your further advice so I can
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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Thursday, 17 January 2013 1:06 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Early Childhood QLD
Attachments: Early Childhood QLD.pdf

Importance: High

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[Redacted]

Comment:

I have sent this attachment to John-Paul Langbroek and would like some action.

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17 Jan 2013

To whom it may concern,

My name is

I am writing this letter because there is total confusion and frustration with the systems, qualifications, procedures and legislation. I don't really even know where to begin.

I will give you some examples of scenarios to give you an idea of what we are faced with then get into the systems.

- 1) I placed an Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) in a permanent job in a centre in Brisbane. She was trained in NSW, has a Diploma, a Bachelor and a Masters in Early Childhood. She had been working as an ECT in Sydney. The University where she studied changed the name of the course therefore ACECEA did not approve her qualifications meaning she could not get QLD teachers registration. I called the University, they had never heard of ACECEA – how can this be?

She had applied for QLD Kindergarten recognition and this was declined as she did not have QLD registration. She then lost her permanent job as the centre could not get funding for her.

I knew this was not right so made calls and finally ACECEA phoned the Office of Early Childhood and Care and she was given recognition (2 days later) as QLD registration was never actually required – this resulted in the teacher losing her job and my business losing \$6200 for the placement. I had to facilitate the process between ACECEA and the Office of Early Childhood when this should have been done as a normal procedure.

- 2) For teachers who are provisionally registered and working in a centre they need to have a fully registered teacher to mentor them and sign off a K form in order to gain full registration. Most centres cannot even get one fully registered teacher on board, this means that going by the advice of QCT, the ECT has to find a teacher at a Primary School to act as a mentor – how can this possibly be an effective system when the mentor cannot observe and mentor the teacher - what are they really signing off and how are they mentoring??
- 3) NZ trained Teachers have been misled as they were all gaining their QLD registration and paying for this fee when at the end of the day it didn't count for anything as before 1.1.2013 a Diploma teacher with QLD registration could not work as an ECT therefore QLD registration was not required – why were they not told this as they all wasted their money and time on something that was never needed? Hundreds of NZ trained Teachers were declined their

Kindy recognition as although they had their QLD registration they were only at 'diploma' level. This means they can only work as a Group Leader. This has now just changed; meanwhile all these Group Leaders are floating around thinking they cannot work as an ECT when they now can. There is such a demand for ECT's it seems like a waste of skills and expertise when there is such a shortage.

- 4) A teacher I have under interview tomorrow has a Bachelor in Primary, a Certificate 3 and a Diploma in Childrens Services. She has just graduated and has her QLD registration (after 1.1.13) under the new scheme she will only be recognised for funding until the end of year. Under the National Law 2014, centres cannot get funding for these teachers. People in this situation have a four qualification. They get to know the families, children and become part of the community. How is it that they are good enough to work as an ECT this year and get funding then not suitable in 2014? Early Childhood Education is the foundation for children's future learning. Isn't continuity and forming relationships a key concept? This makes no sense to me. Why would someone to 4 years of study, then work for a year but then not be eligible for the role they trained in and then have to carry our further study? For a small business, centres will be hesitant in paying for a teacher when they only have a years service guaranteed.
- 5) A Bachelor in Education (from birth to 8) does not equip teachers to actually work effectively in a centre. They Early Years Learning framework is not even a module during their four years. We hold on campus interviews and not one graduate could tell us the meaning behind- Being, Belonging, Becoming.
Not all graduates have even had a practical in a centre setting. If they have it is often based in the nursery. This again makes no sense as when they graduate they won't be teaching the babies; they will be with the 3-4 year olds teaching the Kindergarten Program.
- 6) A number of teachers have come to me after graduating with a four year degree, looking for an ECT job as they have not picked up a Primary position. After four years they are not sure if their degree actually allows them to teach Early Childhood. – How can you study for 4 years and not know what you are actually qualified to teach? Every graduate I have worked with has had no knowledge at all of Kindergarten recognition.
- 7) I appear to have become the QLD Qualifications Assessor for graduates, Directors and Licensees. I am the go between person for ACECQA and the Office of Early Childhood. This is at no fault of the Centres; it is because no one can follow the constant changes, guidelines and procedures. I am operating a small specialised recruitment company and my business suffers because my time is not invested in my area of expertise. I am getting consumed by confusion from all parties involved.
- 8) I keep up to date as much as I can with all the changes. The latest one being self assessment for Kindergarten recognition. There is a flow chart that has been published to help with this process. Now there is a national Law that has been brought into the equation. To find out about this, you need to look on the website and the links take you to different Acts and Legislation. It is extremely confusing and there is no way to find a quick answer. No one really understands what they need to have, if their qualifications are approved or how long they will be employable for. They end up paying money for an assessment when this may never have been a requirement. The centres are crying out for ECT's but lose them because the time it takes to work it all out takes so long that the teacher often alternative employment (retail) so they can make ends meet.

s.73 Member of the Public

I am immersed in this Early Childhood System daily as my work is solely based in this area. The systems, procedures and policies just don't make any sense. There is so much double handling, confusion and contradictory information being circulated.

The decisions being made appear to lack consultation with those who are working in the industry daily. These decisions are impacting Centre, Educators, Small Businesses and most importantly the children and their families.

It appears that the multitude of procedures and policies between departments lacks cohesion and is not fluid to work with – the whole system is disjointed and the end result is getting messier and messier. The scenarios above are just a few examples of what I come across. People's livelihoods are at stake – income, security, career paths and employers have the ongoing battle of staff retention and motivation. They also don't know what is around the corner and what sits now maybe not sit tomorrow. When I asked a Senior person at one of the Departments about what happens if the assessments go wrong, I was told, 'we are hoping this won't happen, I guess we will know by the volume of phone calls' Has this been truly thought-out, of course there will be problems because no one can understand the systems. The staff I deal with at the Office of Early Childhood and Care are as forth coming as they can be and are very helpful to me, but i feel for them as change hits them overnight and often they haven't been briefed and cannot provide detailed information. Again this delays everything in the recruiting process for Centres, Teachers and us.

Standards of Early Childhood Education need to be a high priority at Ministry level. The habits children learn today continue into their adult life. Its a small and important window of opportunity to shape children's learning and social behaviours, there is no time for inconsistency, ineffective and illogical practices.

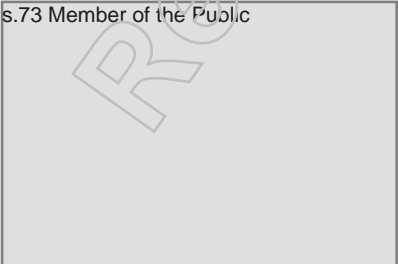
The problems we come across daily are so huge and it seems out of control! I talk to Centre Owners, Directors and Management companies every day and this is a common theme.

A reform is needed and systems need aligning, the decisions being made the procedures being implemented are not in touch with what is really going on, on the ground level.

I have many more examples and am happy to share these with you. Please take this seriously it's something that we feel can be improved quite quickly if only someone would take responsibility and be accountable. A really proactive team of people who actually cared about Early Childhood could work though this and make effective changes just by using some common sense.

I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

s.73 Member of the Public



Sharni Sawyer

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 3:17 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: SHP/RW-TF/12/1003-Doc/13/15331
Attachments: Follow up repsonse to meeting [redacted].pdf

Hi Paul

Thank you for your letter dated the 4/2 in reference to SHP/RW-TF/12/1003-Doc/13/15331

Just as an update – we sent the same letter that you received to the Minister of Education and were asked to attend a meeting with the Office of Early Childhood and Care which we did on the [redacted].

We were not satisfied with the outcome so have written another letter back to the Ministry – see attached.

Kind regards
Kate

[redacted]

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 February 2013
Subject: Letter from s.73 Member of the Public expressing concern about health cuts and the impact on services at the Stafford Dental Clinic

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 12 Feb 2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] **Attachment 1**) advising of the current situation regarding the Stafford Dental Clinic (SDC).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 18 January 2013, [redacted] wrote to you (**Attachment 2**) expressing concern that cuts to health staff have resulted in reduced services at the SDC and that services cannot be maintained if they are chronically underfunded.
- [redacted] praises the staff at the SDC and rather than commenting on any specific issue with his treatment, he is making general comments about the impact of cuts on the unemployed and pensioners.
- Queensland Health (QH) advises the SDC was provided with a full year budget of \$2 805 804 for 2011-12 and \$2 725 819 for 2012-13. While the SDC has a small decrease of \$79 985 to its 2012-13 budget, QH advises this was absorbed in the non-labour area and there has been no decrease to clinical staff.
- There are four dentists available at the SDC treating patients. In addition, dental students from The University of Queensland and Griffith University on clinical placement provide limited patient care under the supervision of the dentists.
- As is consistent practice across QH public dental clinics, SDC's appointments are arranged on a priority basis to ensure patients with the greatest clinical need receive treatment earlier. [redacted] had an appointment on [redacted] with a further two appointments scheduled for [redacted]
- QH further advises the Metro North Hospital and Health Service, of which the SDC is part of, has introduced an improved efficiency process across all dental clinics, which are expected to improve on current waiting times. The new processes include a stand-by patient list, for when patients do not turn up for scheduled appointments. This has been implemented in other dental clinics with successful results in managing to get more patients off the waiting list and in for treatment.

- CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health



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Dear s.73 Member of the Public

Thank you for your letter received on 18 January 2013 about health cuts and the impact of these on the unemployed and pensioners accessing dental services at the Stafford Dental Clinic (SDC). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate you letting me know your concerns about unemployed people and pensioners missing out on dental services. Ensuring all Queenslanders, including aged pensioners in the Gap and Ashgrove areas, have access to quality health services is a key priority.

Let me assure you that I am personally committed to fixing the health system. Despite the dire circumstances of the State budget, the Queensland Government increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year — an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget and one of the largest health budget increases in the country. This will enable us to employ more doctors and nurses and provide extra services to meet the needs of the State's growing and ageing population.

However, the Federal Government recently made a unilateral decision to cut State health funding by \$342 million, including reductions totaling \$103 million in 2012–13, which has placed additional financial pressures across all our public hospital and health services, including dental clinics.

I have been assured that at the SDC, there has been no reduction to clinical staffing levels and patient services have not been cut back. I have made it clear that any reductions are not to impact on frontline service delivery and that services should be reorganised to continue to deliver quality care to patients across Queensland.

Thank you for raising your concerns with me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I stress that my clear understanding is that there has been no cut to staffing at the clinic.

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To Campbell Newman,

Sir, I am writing to you to make you aware of the hardships caused by the lack of service delivery offered to the unemployed and pensioners by the Stafford dental health clinic because of the impacts of your staff cutting regime. The staff at the dental health clinic do an excellent job but they cannot be expected to maintain the quality of service if they are chronically understaffed. This service is vital for the health of our unemployed and pensioners in the Ashgrove electorate and I am appalled at your heartless slashing of funds to the most vulnerable members of the society.

Your pledge for a government with heart and efficient service delivery has not been honoured and your integrity has been irredeemably compromised. I am a member of a number of aged pensioner organisations and I will be encouraging people in the Ashgrove/ The Gap area to vote you out at the next election. You have definitely lost my vote.

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Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 18 February 2013
Subject: Response to s.73 Member of the Public re: treatment at Cairns Mental Health Unit in 1998 and re-accreditation as a medical practitioner

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To: **THE PREMIER**

Date: 12 February 2013

Subject: Letter from ^{CTPI - Commercial} [redacted] about increasing electricity charges on property leased from Queensland Health (QH) to [redacted]

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Premier [signature]

Date 15.2.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] which acknowledges [redacted] was overcharged and that QH is taking corrective action to rectify this situation (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 21 January 2013, [redacted] District Governor, wrote to you (Attachment 2) about the electricity charges levied by QH for a building leased by [redacted]
- [redacted]
- As of 1 July 2012, QH increased the price charged for the supply of electricity from between \$200-\$300 per month to more than \$1100 per month. [redacted] disputes this change noting it is not reflective of a user pays system.
- QH advised that the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service (HHS) reviewed and updated electricity charges for all external organisations in July 2012 using calculations based on electricity charges provided by the electricity supplier.
- QH contacted [redacted] and the HHS ceased invoicing [redacted] pending further investigation. This investigation concluded on 4 February 2013 and confirmed [redacted] was being overcharged for electricity.
- The overcharging relates to the use of an incorrect methodology. The West Moreton HHS has advised [redacted] directly of this mistake and informed her that :
 - o a revised methodology will be used for the calculation of electricity charges
 - o past electricity charges based on the incorrect methodology will be reviewed
 - o corrective action to rectify the charges is underway.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 February 2013
Subject: Suggestion to implement similar fining techniques for hoons as are in place for speed and red light cameras

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Date 20/2/2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter of response to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} (Attachment 1)
- note the following information regarding a suggestion from [redacted] (Attachment 2) to remove the need to identify the driver of a hooning vehicle by adopting the same approach taken to speed and red light cameras.

• KEY ISSUES


- On 19 November 2012, the Government introduced a range of amendments to the vehicle impoundment regime. In addition to giving effect to the election commitment to crack down on hoons, these amendments also made a range of changes aimed at simplifying the regime and making it easier for police to administer.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) understands that the issue, raised by [redacted] Attachment 2), was not identified as a problem by operational police during the course of significant internal consultation in relation to the changes to the vehicle impoundment regime. Accordingly, it is not clear whether or not this is, in fact, a significant barrier to the successful prosecution of hooning offences.
- [redacted] appears to be advocating the use of private video footage showing licence plates as a basis for issuing a ticket or fine — likening it to the current approach adopted with speed and red light cameras.
- DPC notes that the vehicle impoundment regime is more complicated than speeding fines. It is unclear whether or not the speed and red light camera approach is directly transferable or operationally and practically feasible. The use of private video footage is also likely to raise evidentiary issues.
- In view of the possible practical operational and evidentiary issues, the merits of adopting such an idea should be referred to the Queensland Police Service for consideration. [redacted] letter and your response (Attachment 1) has, therefore, been referred to Minister Dempsey for his consideration.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Police Service

• BACKGROUND

- [redacted] has written (Attachment 2) regarding the difficulties in charging hoons because identification of the driver of the vehicle is required to ground a hooning charge. [redacted] suggests allowing issue of a ticket/fine to the registered owner based on the vehicle registration — if the owner was not the driver, the owner would need to identify the offending driver to avoid the charge.


Jon Grayson
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2013 about problem hooning in your industrial estate.

I was very sorry to hear about the hooning activity around your commercial estate, and the effect that this is having on the amenity of the estate, as well as resulting in theft and damage to property in the area.

I absolutely agree that more needs to be done to deal with hoons — not only is the activity socially disruptive, but hoons irresponsibly put the rest of the community at risk with their antics. That is precisely why the Government is taking a tough stand in cracking down on illegal street racing and hooning by introducing the toughest anti-hooning laws in the nation, including:

- clamping cars and taking them off the road for three months for a first offence
- forfeiting or crushing cars for a second or subsequent offence
- supporting a 'HOONWatch' hotline for local residents to report hoons — noting that the more information that can be provided to police the better the chance of catching the hoons.

If hoons try to run from police in order to avoid these penalties, they will be hit with a minimum \$5000 fine and automatic license suspension.

I was interested to read your suggestions on the use of video footage to pursue and fine hoons. I certainly think that the solution you suggest for dealing with these issues is worth looking into further. Your suggestion is obviously in the nature of an operational policing initiative. Given that policing falls within the portfolio responsibility of my colleague the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your email to him for his consideration.

It is clear that you have a good relationship with your local police and I would encourage you to continue to work with them on this matter. In particular, you and other business owners in the estate should continue to report any ongoing hooning activity or other criminal behaviour to your local police as I know that police rely on information from the local community to help them do their jobs.

Once again I thank you for taking the time and initiative to write to me with your suggestion.

Yours sincerely



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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 22/01/2013

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brief requested on removal of job registration requirement

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Sharni Sawyer

From: [REDACTED] s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Monday, 21 January 2013 12:09 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Hooning violations

Dear Mr, Campbell Newman,

I am writing to you to highlight some frustrating situation that both the police from traffic branch and our local MP agree with.

I made a purchase in a brand-new commercial area some 6 years ago. Everything was nice, underground power, nice wide roads, easy access, quite due to the fact that the area was a dead-end.

most of the 150 or so premises where purchased by potential owner operators.

Since that time we have seen a slow deterioration of the area, largely due to an increase in Hooning activity with hooning meetings exceeding some 250 people at times.

It is not just the Hooning that degrades the area to an embarrassment when visitors arrive but the associated vandalism that goes with it.

no 96, operator has rear wheels stolen from his Ute.

Main road in lost a power light pole.

No84 has to replace its sliding gate. It had been smashed into.

I have been broken into, As has just about every other place in the village.

I am on a good report with the local traffic branch [REDACTED] and local MP Anthony Shorten.

Traffic branch admits that the hooning activity over the years has increased rather than demised.

Police are frustrated with the limited power available to them.

When an attempt is made to put surveillance cameras in, we are advised that the videos are not acceptable as we can not recognize the driver of the offending vehicle.

This frustration of not be able to supply video evidence due to no face recognition is a complete and utter sham.

If above rule applies, we should have a closer look at speeding and red camera fines.

Many times pictures of these offenses are send out without proper recognition of the face possible.

In these cases it is the owner of the vehicle that has to present the name of the offending driver if it was not him or her in the car.

Why can we not use the same procedure that is used with speeding cameras so that we can submit Video evidence of hoon cars with number plates.

Traffic branch can than issue fines to the car owner concerned. Let the car owner nominate his mate if he was not driving the car during the offense.

Send him the fine in the mail, and let him respond to it the same way as receiving any other traffic offense in the mail!

to highlight current conditions, allow me to repeat a story direct from traffic branch:-

We (police) come around the corner and see 500meters ahead a car doing doughnuts in the middle of the street. The car quickly pulls over to the curb and all passengers disembark from the passenger side of the car onto the footpath.

When the police pull over and ask whom was driving the car, complete silence.

Words from the officer is that on that basis he can not proceed to make a charge as he can not verify who was driving during the offense.

Present day Cameras can record the car hooning and take his number plate. It has often failed to get a face recognizable picture. So installing \$3,500.00 cameras is in question unless we change the rules.

Remove the face recognition requirement and we can apply the same system that is in place with speed and red light cameras.

I am highlighting this simple logical move as it can be applied under present laws.
A traffic offense is a traffic offense, whether it be speed, red light or hooning.

Police admit the present system does not work, is time consuming, and even when they increase patrolling in one area, the hoons simply move to another area.

My proposal to you is that with issuing fines to the car owners identical as speeding tickets, it would not take very long before this crazy situation is brought under control.

Lets face it, the majority of these hoons are P platers. would it not be nice to stop them developing bad habits when they haven't even got there full license

Best regards,

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 March 2013
Subject: Concerns from Faith Christian School of Distance Education about eligibility for federal funding and reduction in state funding for non-state schools

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the letter to Mr Jason Caldwell, Principal of Faith Christian School of Distance Education (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 28 December 2012, Mr Caldwell wrote seeking your support for his submission to the Honourable Peter Garrett MP, Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth to obtain federal funding for the Faith Christian School of Distance Education (FCSDE) (**Attachment 2 and 3**).
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has advised that eligibility requirements to receive recurrent funding for non-state schools offering distance education differ between the Queensland and Federal Governments. To qualify for federal recurrent funding, a non-state school offering distance education must also provide classroom education. However, schools do not have to meet this condition to be eligible for state government recurrent funding.
- On 4 January 2013, Mr Caldwell wrote again, restating his concerns about eligibility for federal funding, and advising that he had written to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment about the 23 per cent reduction in state recurrent funding for 2013. He advised that, as a new school in 2012 (under the 'new schools' rate), FCSDE received \$220 less per student than other independent distance education providers, and in 2013, this difference has risen to \$300 per student (**Attachments 4 and 5**).
- Mr Caldwell reported that DETE had advised that the cut in the new schools rate was due to the fact that the School's Resource Index (SRIs) is not issued for new schools until their second year of operation. Mr Caldwell asks that any SRI averages applied to the calculation for a second year distance education school should be based on other distance education SRI rankings, rather than an average for all non-state schools.
- On 4 February 2013, Minister Langbroek replied to Mr Caldwell to explain the funding formula and confirm that he does not intend to make any changes to the recurrent rates for any non-state school for 2013 (**Attachment 6**).
- State government recurrent funding rates are made up of a base component common to all schools and a needs component calculated according to the specific needs profile of each school. The socio-economic status score and the SRI, which is a measure of a school's income, each make up half of the 75 per cent needs-based funding of the recurrent grant. The remaining 25 per cent is made up of the school's isolation index (5 per cent) and the specific needs of the students enrolled at the school (20 per cent), including the number of students with a disability, students with English as a second language, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students in receipt of boarding fee concessions and students from isolated areas.

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- As the formula to calculate state recurrent rates is applied consistently to all non-state schools, each school's rate is a unique representation of its needs profile, regardless of whether the school is offering distance or classroom education.
 - New non-state schools are funded in their first year of operation at the new schools per student rate. The new schools rate is made up of the common base rate, which is the same for all schools, and the needs component is determined for a school with 'average needs'. Again, this rate is allocated to all new schools, regardless of whether the school is offering classroom or distance education.
 - For non-state schools in their second year of operation, data collected from the school's first year of operation is used to calculate the needs component of recurrent rates. However, no SRI is available at this stage as the school has not been in operation for long enough to produce the required data. Accordingly, it is standard practice to apply a mid-range SRI default score.
- **CONSULTATION**
 - DETE
 - **BACKGROUND**
 - In 2012–13, the total payment to non-state schools is \$517.89 million, a small increase on the 2011–12 payment of \$516.045 million. As a result of the very small level of growth compared to previous years, over half of the 2012–13 recurrent grant budget allocations needed for 2013 has already been expended. This has led to a decrease in the 2013 recurrent rates for most non-state schools by varying amounts ranging from 2 to 29 per cent, compared with 2012 rates and has attracted significant backlash from affected schools.
 - On 28 November 2012, Minister Langbroek wrote to all Principals, including Mr Caldwell, to explain the key reasons for the reduction in recurrent rates for non-state schools (**Attachment 7**).

Jon Grayson
Director-General

<i>Comments (Premier or DG)</i>



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Dear Mr Caldwell

Thank you for your letters of 28 December 2012 and 4 January 2013 about your submission to the Federal Government for funding for the Faith Christian School of Distance Education (FCSDE) and about the reduction in state government funding to non-state schools, particularly the impact this has had on new schools such as the FCSDE. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand that you have also written to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek, Minister for Education, Training and Employment and that Minister Langbroek has provided a response.

The establishment of a new school is undoubtedly an extremely challenging and demanding project and I would like to congratulate you on your outstanding effort and commitment to get the FCSDE up and running in 2012. An increase in enrolments from 175 students in your inaugural year to 320 just a year later is certainly a fantastic achievement.

You said in your letter that the first year of operation was particularly challenging, largely because the FCSDE does not qualify for federal recurrent funding. Accordingly, you have forwarded a submission to the Honourable Peter Garrett MP, Minister for Schooling Education, Early Childhood and Youth to reconsider eligibility criteria.

I have been told that the eligibility requirements to receive recurrent funding for non-state schools offering distance education differ between the Queensland and Federal Governments. To qualify for federal recurrent funding, a non-state school offering distance education must also provide classroom education. As you are aware, schools do not have to meet this condition to be eligible for Queensland government recurrent funding.

While I understand the importance of this funding for your school, unfortunately the Queensland Government is unable to intervene in decisions regarding the provision of non-state school recurrent funding by the Federal Government. Any decision to change eligibility for this funding is the responsibility of the Federal Government.

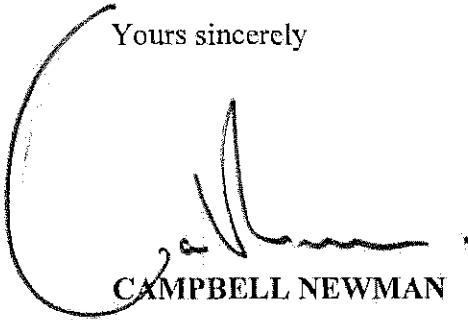
I note that you are concerned about a recent reduction in state government funding to non-state schools and the methodology that is used to calculate rates for new schools.

I understand that Minister Langbroek's letter of 28 November 2012 explained the key reasons for the reduction of recurrent rates for 2013 for all non-state schools, including for new non-state schools. As you know, the Government has had to make some difficult decisions in recent months in order to address the State's serious financial position. All areas of government have had to contribute to the savings task and, in the case of the Department of Education, Training and Employment, savings in funding to the state school sector have also impacted on the level of funding for the non-state sector.

If you have any further questions Ms Christine Rutledge, Manager, Office of Non-State Education would be happy to assist and can be contacted on telephone (07) 3224 5536 or by email at christine.rutledge@dete.qld.gov.au.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely



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28 December 2012

Dear Premier

We are a registered and State funded Independent School of Distance Education that is accredited to provide education for P to 12 students. We have been in operation since the 2nd of February 2012.

This has been an exciting year for our school with many successes, despite a challenged budget and first year of operation expenses. The main reason for this challenge is that we do not currently qualify for Federal funding as we do not come under a day school. This means that we did not get Commonwealth funding for over 175 students in 2012, students whose families contribute taxes towards educational funding.

Please find enclosed a submission that we sent to the Honourable Peter Garrett AM, MP. It is our hope that you will provide support for the submission's request for urgent change and hopefully the Ministers intervention on this matter. It is very important for our 320 enrolments for 2013 to receive some Commonwealth support, be it 13.7% of AGSRC (the lowest rate given to the other Schools of Distance Education). It is hard to believe that any Government would have justification for withholding Commonwealth funds from students of hard working, tax paying citizens who educate their children through a registered and State funded Independent School of Distance Education, all because their school board and management do not come under a day school.

We appreciate that your time is valuable and we are a small minority group, however this is very important for our students and families that reside in your electorate. This is a cause that I have personally given 80 to 100 hours per week to, for the last 10 years of my life. A focus to improving the quality of opportunities, resources and learning outcomes available to families that choose this valid mode of education.

We have included with our submission a copy of our last Newsletter to give you an idea of how hard we work and the success of our school community.

Yours Sincerely

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Principal of Faith Christian School of Distance Education
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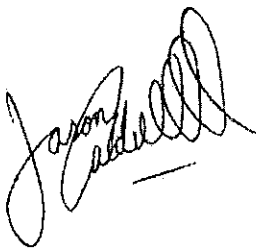
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Dear Premier

Please find attached a copy of the following submission that has been sent to the relevant Minister:

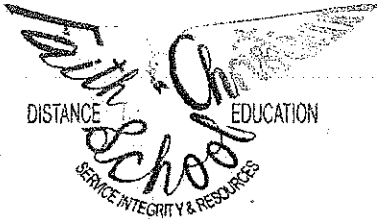
1. A State submission for intervention against our proposed 2013 funding cut that works out to be \$500 less per student than the average per student rate the other Independent Distance Education Schools received for 2012. This equates to an actual funding cut of 23% and a 16% cut from our New Schools rate which was approximately \$220 less than the other Independent Distance Education Providers to start with. Even the 16% cut off the new schools rate puts us at a ranking of 86 out of 480 Independent Schools (low to high) and a per student rate equivalent to Day Schools that have very high fees (10 to 20 times ours) and school income in a very different class. Why should a new Distance Education School be punished twice for a budget cut for simply being a new school?
2. You should have already received a copy of the submission for Commonwealth funding for Faith Christian School of Distance Education, making a case against discrimination for our school community. It suggests that coming under a day school should not be the determining factor for Commonwealth financial recognition. Our students should receive school support from Commonwealth educational funds provided for by our parents taxes to support their students' learning. If you have not received this as yet please contact our office on 07 3299 7992.

Yours Sincerely



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24 December 2012

Dear Honourable John-Paul Langbroek Minister for Education, Training and Employment

We are a registered and state funded school of Distance Education that is accredited to provide education for P to 12 students. We have been in operation since the 2nd of February 2012.

Our first year of operation has been exciting and we have included a copy of our last Newsletter to give you an idea of how hard we work and the success of our school community. Financially we have survived our first year, which was always going to be a challenge as a "new School". We only received the "new Schools Rate" which meant we have received \$220 less per student than the average Independent School of Distance Education. Based off our starting roll of 175, this worked out to be \$38500 less. The new schools rate seems to be designed to ensure that the wealthier schools have higher income in their first year but certainly does not encourage average or lower SES groups to start new schools. We are however, grateful for the support and set budgets accordingly to make good on the service and resource commitments that we made to our students and families.

However, for this coming year with the budget cuts we are to receive \$300+ less per student less than the average rate per student of the other DE Schools. Based off our pre-enrolments of 320 students for 2013 this means we will receive \$96000 less than the average Independent School of Distance Education for the same number of students, This is after the proposed cuts.

The Chart below shows our rates of funding in comparison to other schools of Distance Education. You can see that what we have been allocated is a level of funding due to "averages" that are dramatically less than the other Distance Education Schools. These schools of Distance Education share very similar demographics with us, I know this due to holding previous positions as head of or lead coordinator at three of the other Schools of Distance Education in past years. Please note also that if Faith Christian School DE had received the Average Distance education rate in 2012 instead of the new schools rate, our cut would be from \$2300 down to \$1761.5. This would be a cut of 23%, which is well over double to almost three times the cut in funding that the other Independent Distance Education Schools have received.

Chart Showing Per Student Rates of for State Recurrent Funding for the independent Distance Education Providers

Rank in column 1 found by stacking the actual Recurrent Funding from State for 2013...

Rank	School Code	School Name	2013 Prim	2013 Sec	Ave 2013	2012 Prim	2012 Sec	Ave 2012	Cut Prim	Cut Sec	Ave Cut	% Cut
86	8013	Faith Christian School of DE	1409	2114	1762	1684	2527	2106	275	413	344	16.34
176	6143	Aust. Christian Col. Moreion DE	1488	2233	1861	1649	2474	2062	161	241	201	9.75
323	5696	Riverside Christian Col DE	1628	2443	2036	1787	2681	2234	159	238	199	8.89
338	5695	Groves Christian Col. DE	1655	2483	2069	1862	2794	2328	207	311	259	11.13
345	5698	Hinchinbrook Christian Sch.DE	1660	2491	2076	1867	2801	2334	207	310	259	11.08
371	5697	Jubilee Christian College DE	1695	2543	2119	1919	2879	2399	224	336	280	11.67
191		New School Rate	1515	2273	1894	1684	2527	2106	169	254	212	10.05
Faith CSDE actual cut, had we received the Average Distance Education rate instead of the new schools rate in 2012, would be \$2300 down to \$1761.5 -a difference of \$539 per Std.											539	23.41



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I have been told by the funding department this, 16% cut off the new schools rate or the effectual 23% cut, is due to the fact that being a new school our SRI is apparently not able to be issued until our second year of operation - even though we have the data available. So we have been allocated an average SRI which is an average taken from all schools. It has put us up in a ranking position of 86 out of 483 schools (lowest funding to highest). This puts our school's funding rate between larger schools that charge \$4000 dollars or more per student whereas our students pay approximately \$200 each. Below is a chart showing the funding rates of the schools that we have been averaged to be with:

Rank for Av Per Std. funding Rate	School code	Non-State Schools per Student Funding Rates 2013 (Taken from ED QLD Site and Annual Reports) Ordered (low to high) to compare Fee incomes and funding rates of schools that we have been parallel to in rates of state funding.					
		School Name	Primary Funding	Secondary Funding	Ave rage	Annual fees/std	Total Annual Fee Income
83	5059	St Elizabeth's School	1405	2108	1756	4500	
84	5763	Faith Lutheran College - Redlands	1406	2110	1758	6500	6,929,000 / 1066
85	5571	Hillcrest Christian College	1409	2114	1761	2600	
86	8013	Faith Christian School of Distance Ed	1409	2114	1761	300 Per Family	32,000 / 175
87	5353	Mount Alvernia College	1411	2117	1764	5400	3,996,000 / 740
88	5030	Our Lady of Mount Carmel School	1413	2120	1766	2200	
89	5316	Aquinas College	1413	2120	1766	6000	4,788,000 / 798
90	5768	Good News Lutheran School	1414	2122	1768	5600	

This demonstrates that the schools we are being funded beside have per student fees that are 30 times what our own students pay and approximately 10 times what the other Independent Distance Education students pay.

This we do not believe is fair and it seems obvious that a second year Distance Education School should be receiving the average **Distance Education** SRI ranking. What we have been allocated, is rather an average of all schools, a group that is made up of 99% Day Schools where the fee income of just 6 to 15 students is equal to our total for 300 students.

Distance Education funding cannot be lumped in with day schools on this matter. They are separated out when it suits the Funding Department in regard to SES ranking and given the same low paying SES level when the families, regardless of location, would be single income families. They are also given separate rates when they are part of a day school, all for the obvious reason.

Finally, our rate of funding cut for 2013 **should not** be deducted from our new schools rate which is already significantly lower than the other Schools of Distance Education rates to start with. This is like a double punishment. Why should we suffer a funding cut off the "new schools rate" instead of the rate we should have been funded at for the number of students we have. Our students have similar demographics to those of the other Distance Education service providers and our parents pay the same taxes as the parents of the other Distance Education Schools. Instead the percentage cut should be in line with what the other Distance Education Schools received and off a rate that is an average or similar to what we would have received had we not been a new school.



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This is clear when working out the difference between what we would have received had we not been a new school and our proposed rate. This would be approximately \$539 per student and would mean a funding cut of 23%. To compare our resources and fee incomes to schools that are receiving a 23% cut would be comical and ludicrous. The figures would show that the decrease in funding for schools who are receiving a 23% cut in funding (wealthier schools) could be made up for by increasing their fees by 4 to 6%. For our school to make up for a short fall of what our true funding cut is with extra fees would mean an increase of 250 to 300%.

The other Distance Education Schools with very similar demographics have only incurred cuts of 9 to 11% and were on average \$220 per student better off than us to start with.

Please consider our request for your urgent intervention in this matter, to ensure our students are not discriminated against in receiving \$300+ less than students enrolled within the other Independent Schools of Distance Education.

A new school should not be punished with greater budget cuts than schools of the same nature and demographics.

If you require any additional information please give me a call. I would be happy to meet with yourself or any representative.

Yours Sincerely,



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Dear Mr Caldwell

Thank you for your letter dated 24 December 2012 regarding State recurrent funding for Faith Christian School of Distance Education (FCSDE) for 2013.

Firstly, I extend my congratulations to you, the staff and students at FCSDE on the successful completion of your first year of operation.

In my letter to you dated 28 November 2012, I explained the key reasons for the reduction of recurrent rates for 2013 for all non-state schools. Therefore, this letter will only address the areas of your correspondence that relate to FCSDE's transition from the new schools' rate to a rate more reflective of the school's specific needs profile.

State recurrent rates are comprised of two components – a base component common to all schools and a needs-based component calculated according to the specific needs profile of each school. To fully understand how the calculation of the recurrent rates for FCSDE has changed over the past two years, it is important to recognise the variety of factors that contribute to the allocation of needs-based funding within the recurrent rate for each school.

The socio-economic status score and the School's Resource Index (SRI), which is a measure of a school's income, each constitute 37.5% of the needs-based funding of the recurrent grant. The remaining 25% is comprised of the school's isolation index (5%), and the specific needs of the students enrolled at the school (20%), including the number of students with a disability, students with English as a second language, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students in receipt of boarding fee concessions and students from isolated areas.

As the formula to calculate State recurrent rates is applied consistently to all non-state schools, each school's rate is a unique representation of its specific needs profile, regardless of whether the school is offering distance or classroom education.

New non-state schools are funded in their first year of operation at the new schools per student rate for recurrent funding, as was the case for FCSDE in 2012. The new schools' rate is made up of the common base rate, which is the same for all schools, and the needs component determined for a school with average needs. This rate is allocated to all new schools, regardless of whether the school is offering classroom or distance education.

For non-state schools in their second year of operation, data collected from the school's first year of operation is used to calculate the needs component of recurrent rates. However, no SRI is available at this stage as the school has not been in operation for a long enough

period of time to yield the required data. As an example, the financial data used for the calculation of the SRI component of the 2013 recurrent rates was collected in June 2012 and related to the operations of non-state schools in the 2011 calendar year. For all schools in this position, including FCSDE in 2013, it is standard practice to apply a mid-range default SRI score of 67.5.

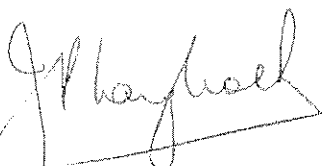
I understand you have spoken with officers from my Department who have explained the methodology used in the calculation of the recurrent rates, and more specifically the various factors that determine the level of needs-based funding, including the SRI.

While I appreciate your disappointment that FCSDE's recurrent rates for 2013 are lower than other non-state schools offering distance education, it is important to note that the SRI is not the only point of difference between schools. Each of these schools has individual school isolation and student need profiles which also contribute to their unique per student recurrent rate.

Although I note your concerns on this matter, I must advise that I do not intend to make any changes to the recurrent rates for any non-state school for 2013.

If you require clarification of this information, you may contact Ms Christine Rutledge, Manager, Office of Non-State Education by email at christine.rutledge@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone 3224 5536.

Yours sincerely



JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

28 November 2012

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Dear Principal

I refer to the recent announcement of the State recurrent rates for non-state schools for 2013.

The Newman Government has had to make some very tough decisions in response to the recent audit report of the State's financial position. The impact on State recurrent funding levels is part of the broader savings measures that the Government has adopted as part of this response.

Despite the current financial circumstances facing the State, this Government was able to deliver an increase in the overall level of general recurrent funding to the non-state school sector in the 2012-13 budget. Unfortunately, this increase has not translated into higher recurrent rates for non-state schools for 2013.

Non-state schools are funded on a calendar year basis, with funding from this financial year used for both the 2012 and 2013 calendar years. In recent years, recurrent rates for most non-state schools increased significantly. The majority of schools experienced increases of between 5% and 15%. I am advised that many non-state schools also chose to raise their fees during these years by an average of up to 7%.

As a result of the growth in recurrent rates for 2012, over half of the 2012-13 recurrent grant budget allocation has already been expended. Consequently, recurrent rates for all but one non-state school have decreased by varying amounts for 2013.

As a result of a decision by the former Government, the percentage of funding allocated to the needs-based component is currently being transitioned from 22.5% to 40% of total available recurrent funds. Until it reaches that level, base rates will remain at the 2008 levels of \$1055 per primary student and \$1583 per secondary student.

During this transition period, any fluctuation in the overall level of recurrent funding will affect the proportion allocated through the needs component. Consequently, any increase or decrease in the level of funding will have the most impact on schools with higher needs. However, it is important to recognise that the implementation of this transition will ultimately bring an increased proportion of the overall recurrent funding pool to schools with higher needs.

Please be assured that the Newman Government is committed to supporting the non-state schooling sector where possible, and will continue to work in collaboration with both non-state sectors for the betterment of all students in Queensland.

Should you require further information, I invite you to contact Ms Christine Rutledge, Manager, Office of Non-State Education, by email at christine.rutledge@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone 3224 5536.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/1192
Document No. DOC/13/28996

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 5 March 2013
Subject: s.73 Member of the Public — wait list for
Orthopaedic Joint Clinic Maryborough

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Premier
Date 21/3/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
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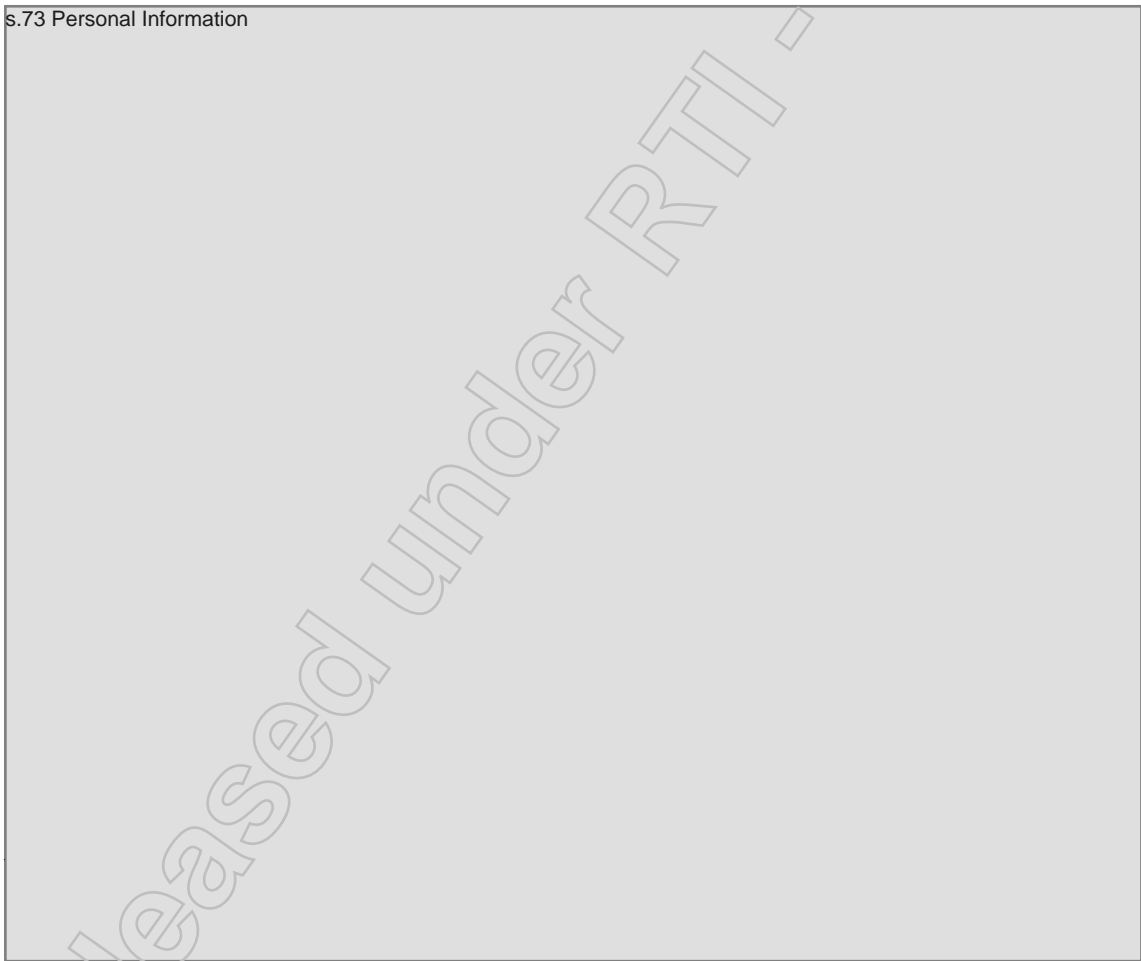
• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] responding to her request that you intervene to expedite her treatment for osteoarthritis (Attachment 1).

• **KEY ISSUES**

s.73 Personal Information



- Given the length of time [redacted] has been waiting for an appointment (not surgery), DPC recommends you refer this matter to the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health for his urgent review.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Skye Downey Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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Telephone: 322 45884

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NEEDED BY: ___ / ___ / 2013

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(within 48hrs)

FROM:

[Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/1201
Document No. DOC/13/15644

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 13 February 2013
Subject: The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc. request for funding 2012-13

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Premier
Date 28/2/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:


- note that I have approved funding of \$4400 (GST inclusive) from the Director-General's Reserve to The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc. (the society)
- sign the correspondence addressed to Ms Sue Cutler, Secretary of the society, advising her of the Queensland Government contribution (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- Correspondence has been received from the society requesting that the Queensland Government continues its support by way of a grant of \$4400 (GST inclusive) for 2012-13 (**Attachment 2**).
- The objective of the society is to give public recognition to acts of bravery by bestowing awards on those who risk their own lives in saving or attempting to save the lives of others.
- Awards are presented annually in each state or territory at ceremonies held at the respective Government Houses.
- Many awards were presented to members of the community in regard to the Queensland Floods in January 2011.
- There are sufficient uncommitted funds available in the Director-General's Reserve to meet this commitment.

• BACKGROUND

- The Queensland Government has contributed \$4400 (GST inclusive) annually to the society since 2004-05. This is comparable to funding provided by other state governments.
- In an honorary capacity, the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO, is a patron of the society.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Belinda Parison
Area: Financial Management
Telephone: x46850
Approvals by Director /ED/ DDG
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Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *FM/DP - TF/13/1201 - DOC/13/15684*

20 FEB 2013

Ms Sue Cutler
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Dear Ms Cutler

Thank you for your letter of 17 January 2013 seeking a financial contribution towards the Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc. (the society) from the Queensland Government.

The Queensland Government appreciates the need to give public recognition to those Queenslanders and fellow Australians who risk their lives to save others. I am, therefore, proud to continue the Government's support of your society through a contribution of \$4400 (GST inclusive) for 2012-13. A representative from my department will be in contact shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your society for its commitment to the recognition of acts of bravery in our community.

Yours sincerely



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General Purpose Expenditure Voucher

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Company Code* 1041	Invoice date* 04.04.2013	Invoice/credit note number* 8	Vendor number* (if known) 6007966
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Section A: Vendor Information

Claimant/vendor name* The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc	GST registered:* No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Address of claimant/vendor* PO Box 18192 EAST MELBOURNE	Claimant/vendor ABN (if applicable) 47160010994

Country AUSTRALIA	State QLD	Postcode 8003
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Remittance text (this will be displayed in the remittance to the vendor)*
Support for the social activities in 2012-13

Claimant (to be signed by employees claiming cost recovery items)

I certify that the amount detailed above is due and payable to me for goods supplied, services rendered or works as indicated on this form.

Is there a fringe benefits tax impact?

No Yes

Please advise your SSP fringe benefits tax unit of this assessment

Return cheque to requestor?

No Yes

Invoice Attached

Signature _____ Date _____

Manual Cheque Required

Section B: General Ledger Information

Invoice Type: Invoice DR Credit Note CR

Payment Terms NOW	Payment Method eft	House Bank CBA	Partner Bank Type
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Line	DR/CR*	GL Account Code*	Amount *	Tax Code *	Profit Centre (4) Cost Centre (7) Internal Order (8) WBS Element *	Description* (this description appears on your financial reports - maximum of 50 characters)
1	DR	540025	4,400.00	PG	4101064	Royal Humane Society 2012-13 contribution
2						
3						
4						
5						
Total			4,400.00	(must equal invoice amount including GST)		

Section C: Certifications

<p>Business unit verification</p> <p>I certify that the necessary checks have been made to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all GL account, WBS Element/ internal order/ cost centre/ profit SAP tax codes are correct; a valid tax invoice is attached where applicable; goods and services are for official purpose and have been received; the invoice has not been previously paid; and the total computed for payment on this form equals the value of the invoice including GST <p>Name Belinda Parison</p> <p>Telephone number 3224 6850</p> <p>Position A/Management Accountant</p> <p>Signature s.73 Signatures</p> <p>Date 08.04.2013</p>	<p>Expenditure Approval</p> <p>I approve this expenditure from the codes shown above and hold the relevant financial delegation.</p> <p><i>Per attached bill</i></p> <p>Name Judy Dudurovic</p> <p>Position Executive Director - Business Services</p> <p>Signature s.73 Signatures</p> <p>Date 08.04.2013</p>
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TAX INVOICE

NAME OF CLAIMANT: The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc
INVOICE NO: 8
POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 18192 **DATE:** 4 April 2013
Collins Street East, Vic 8003

Australian Business Number (ABN): 47 160 010 994

To: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET
PO Box 15185
City East Qld 4002
ABN: 65 959 415 158

Att: Ms Belinda Parison

DATE OF SUPPLY OR PERIOD OF SERVICE	PARTICULARS
2012-13	Grant of \$4,400 to The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Inc for support for the Society activities in 2012-2013.
Grant Amount	\$4000.00
GST	\$ 400.00
Total (including GST)	\$4400.00

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CHIEF OF STAFF

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CONTACT BY PHONE (within 48hrs)

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FROM: _____

POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 22/01/2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

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PO Box 15185
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17 January 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman, MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST Qld 4002

Dear Premier,

On behalf of the President, Mr Ross Campbell and the directors of the Society I wish to request that the Queensland Government support the Society by way of a grant of \$4,400.00 (incl GST), for 2012/2013.

The Royal Humane Society of Australasia was established in 1874 and is devoted to giving public recognition to acts of bravery by making awards to those who risk their own lives to save the lives of others.

For your information I have enclosed our 2012 annual report which describes our activities in detail and includes the 2011/2012 audited financial statements. The directors have now considered over 11,833 applications, a significant milestone, we consider, in our 138 years of community service.

In order to maintain such service the Society relies upon Government support and I trust that you will be able to continue the generous traditional support which we enjoy from the Queensland Government.

Yours sincerely,

s.73 Signatures

Sue Cutler
Secretary

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Giving public recognition since 1874 to acts of bravery by making awards to those who risk their own lives to save or attempt to save the lives of others.

ABN 47 160 010 994

THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

Awards for Bravery



ANNUAL
REPORT
2012

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/2258

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 4 March 2013 *revised 2/13*
Subject: **Allegations of improper selection process at**
Sch3 S.10(1)(a) Prejudice Investigation

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Premier *[Signature]*
Date *29/3/2013*
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] about [redacted] treatment in a closed merit selection process during the restructuring of [redacted] (Attachment 1)
- note the letter of referral, which I have signed, notifying the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) of this matter, in discharge of my statutory duty (Attachment 2).

• KEY ISSUES



[Signature]

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Skye Downey Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/57906

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 April 2013
Subject: One-off late night trading permits and the moratorium on extended trading hours

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Premier 

Date 26 April 2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

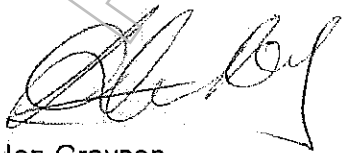
- note the information contained in this brief regarding one-off late night trading permits and the moratorium on extended trading hours
- sign the letter to Mr Justin Wilkins (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- The moratorium on applications for extended late night trading hours means liquor licensees, outside of 10 designated urban areas, can only seek additional late night trading by making an application for one-off trading hours extensions. The *Liquor Act 1992* allows a licensee to apply for up to 12 of these one-off permits, which apply from 12-midnight to 5 am on any particular day, per year.
- The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) may grant the one-off late night trading permits following an assessment of any negative compliance history for the venue and the strength of any police objection. Licensees do not need to prove a need for late night trading, or provide justification for the one-off extensions. Licensees may apply for permits using a manual form available from the OLGR website or use the web-based OLGR Client Portal to initiate an automated process.
- Licensees with extended trading hours in place, when the moratorium was introduced in September 2009, have been allowed to continue to trade during these approved hours. It is not known whether Mr Justin Wilkins' ability to trade after midnight was limited before the moratorium was introduced because he had not identified a need for late night trading, or because a previous application had been rejected by OLGR because of negative compliance issues.

• BACKGROUND

- The moratorium was implemented to limit the adverse affects of late night trading in suburban areas, including drunken violence and noise issues.
- The previous Government extended the moratorium until 31 December 2013 to allow for the completion of an evaluation of the Drink Safe Precinct trials in Fortitude Valley, Surfers Paradise and Townsville. The liquor and gaming red tape reduction discussion paper has also sought feedback on the future of the moratorium.


for Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Paul Newman Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: LJP/PN – TF/13/1239 – DOC/13/19281

29 APR 2013

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Dear Mr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2012 about the moratorium on applications for extended trading hours for licensed premises, which you handed to me during my visit to Mount Isa earlier this year. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate that you are frustrated by the fact that you cannot be granted a further extended trading hours licence for your club. However, I think it is important to understand the reasons for the current moratorium. I also wanted to let you know what the Government plans to do about it.

The moratorium was initially put in place to freeze any changes to late night liquor trading hours, outside of 10 designated areas, for a limited time. This was done to limit the adverse affects of late night trading in suburban areas, including drunken violence and noise issues.

The idea was to limit new and more venues from allowing late night trading, until final decisions were made about how to address alcohol-related violence. Because this was intended as a short-term solution, licensees with extended trading hours licences in place when the moratorium was introduced have been allowed to continue to trade in line with their approved extended hours.

There are no permanent exemptions to the moratorium for those premises located outside these precincts, such as Mount Isa, although the *Liquor Act 1992* does allow for 12 'one-off' trading hours extensions per venue, per year. Each application is assessed on the merits of each case so I can't provide any particular advice to you about whether you might be successful if you decided to apply for one of these one-off extensions.

However, I can give you information about how to apply for the extension. You can access the manual application form from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) website at www.olgr.qld.gov.au and then by clicking on the links: (1) 'Industry' (2) 'Liquor Licensing' (3) 'Liquor permits' (4) 'Extended hours permit' and (5) 'Form 10: Application for one-off extended trading hours'.

An even faster method is to log on through the client portal on the front page of the OLGR website and then click on the link, 'OLGR Client Portal'. If you haven't registered or need new login details, you will need to contact OLGR. You can do this, and get any further information you might need about these 'one-off' extensions, by speaking to Mr Craig Turner, General Manager, Licensing, OLGR, Department of Justice and Attorney-General on telephone (07) 3224 7119.

I know this is not the answer you are looking for, but it is all the law allows for now. The Government has decided that the moratorium will continue until 31 December 2013 to make sure it can properly consider the results of an evaluation of the full, two-year period of the Drink Safe Precinct trials in Fortitude Valley, Surfers Paradise and Townsville.

The interim evaluation of the Drink Safe Precinct trial — based on only 14 months of data from the trial — suggests that there is work to be done to get Queensland's planning and liquor licensing frameworks right, including how to allow local communities to appropriately control the growth in their night time economies.

The interim evaluation noted that the moratorium provides a short-term solution to a proposed growth of late night trade that was thought to be at odds with community wishes. However, it is only a short-term solution. What we need to do is to come up with a longer-term solution to address issues that come with late night trading hours. This longer-term solution will be devised as part of the Government's consideration of the Drink Safe Precinct trial.

At the same time, the Government is also considering the issue of trading hours generally, in the context of other reforms to the liquor and gaming industry. You might be aware that the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice has established an expert panel to advise on what can be done to ease the cost burden and red tape regulation on our pubs and clubs, while also maintaining a high level of integrity and accountability within the industry. The panel includes representatives from the liquor and gaming industry, community organisations and local and State Government.

The Attorney-General intends that every Queenslanders will have the opportunity to provide input into the review. He has released a discussion paper to seek the views of interested Queenslanders and industry representatives on matters related to the regulation of liquor and gaming in our State. The discussion paper canvasses views on standard trading hours for takeaway liquor, whether online liquor sales should be allowed in Queensland, and the status of the moratorium, among a range of other liquor and gaming issues.

The consultation period for the paper closed on 15 March 2013, however, I think it is important for the Attorney-General, as the responsible minister, to know about the concerns you have raised with me. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of providing a copy of your letter to the Attorney-General for his consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me about your concerns.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I do apologise for the delayed response - its taken far too long to come back to you

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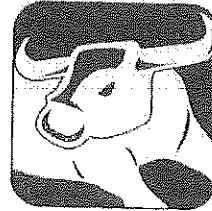
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MOUNT ISA



6 December 2012

The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie
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Dear Minister

Carpentaria Buffalo Club Mount Isa Inc.

I am the manager of the Carpentaria Buffalo club in Mount Isa and am authorized to write this letter on behalf of the club committee. The club has approximately 15,000 members and accordingly represents a large portion of the Mount Isa business and community fraternity. Our club has recently won a number of awards including the following:

- Best Club North Queensland 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007 and 2009
- Best Social Club Queensland 2006, 2008 and 2011
- Best Community Service by a Large Licensed Club Queensland 1995 and 2002
- Best Responsible Gaming Venue Queensland 2001
- Northern Outback Business Awards - 2010 Business of the Year, service Excellence and Corporate citizen Awards. 2011 inducted into the Hall of Fame
- Isa Business Awards - Best Hospitality & Tourism Venue 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2008. Innovation Award 2009, Information & Technology Award 2005 and inducted into the Hall of Fame 2006

We host many of the major functions conducted in Mount Isa and entertain many of the business, religious and community leaders of Mount Isa. Our trading hours are presently set at 10am to 2am Monday to Sunday and we are finding it difficult to provide our members and high profile guests (within the scope of our present trading hours) with the services offered by other licensed premises in



Mount Isa. Our major competitors all have longer trading hours than ours and accordingly at times we find it hard to compete with them. One hour may seem minor, but with lockouts in place in other venues we do see a mass exodus after midnight.

Trading hours of other licensed premises in Mount Isa include the following:

1. Mount Isa Irish association - Friday and Saturday 10am to 3am;
2. Isa Hotel - Monday to Saturday 10am to 3am;
3. Barkly Hotel - Monday to Saturday 10am to 3am;
4. The club of Mount Isa - Monday to Sunday 10am to 3am;
5. Red Earth Hotel - Monday to Sunday 10am to 3am.

In the past we did not see the need to apply for the 3am liquor license. However, as our club is now "the hub" of Mount Isa, the additional trading hours have now become imperative.

We are presently attempting to address the trading hours problem by applying for extended trading hours on a one off basis but under the current *Liquor act 1992 (the Act)* we are only allowed to be approved 12 of these extensions per year. Accordingly it was the intention of the club to apply to the Office of Liquor and Gaming regulation (OLGR) for a permanent extension of trading hours to 3am particularly on Friday and Saturday nights to cater for functions wishing to trade later than 2am as well as our patrons that are being forced to find an alternative venue for the last hours of their night. However we were surprised to be told that we could not make an application for this extension of trading hours, as there is currently in place a moratorium on applying for and having approved an extended trading hours past 12 midnight. We understand that this is in place until 31 December 2013.

Our members feel they are being discriminated against, as we cannot compete on a level playing field with other major competitors. Why is it that premises in many centers including Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns and Townsville are allowed to apply for an extended hours permit past 12 midnight to match their competitors but in Mount Isa we can not? We understand that the previous Labor Government introduced this legislation and we ask that your government now correct this totally unfair anomaly. Our large membership base cannot understand why this legislation is in place and nor can we. It makes no sense that we can obtain one off permits to trade until 3am but cannot apply for those hours on a permanent basis. In addition, we are paying the same license fee for 2am closing as others do for 3am closing and again, in this regard, our members feel discriminated against.

We believe the Act presently has sufficient steps in place for input by the community on extended hours applications to adequately safeguard their interests and which also then allows the proper and fair assessment of the merits of each individual application by officers of OLGR. Accordingly we seek your assistance in having this legislation removed as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Justin Wilkins
Executive Manager
Carpentaria Buffalo Club Mount Isa Inc.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Document No. DOC/13/10757

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 18 February 2013
Subject: **Child Safety Ambassadors — Denise and Bruce Morcombe**

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 17/12/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter at **Attachment 1** to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, requesting that he bring a proposal, for Mr Bruce and Mrs Denise Morcombe to continue delivery of a child safety message in Queensland schools for consideration, in the 2013–14 Budget.

• KEY ISSUES

- Since their son Daniel disappeared in 2003, Mr and Mrs Morcombe have devoted significant time and resources to raising community awareness of child safety issues and educating children on how to stay safe.
- From September 2011 to the end of the 2012 school year, in their role as child safety ambassadors, the Morcombes had visited around 146 schools across Queensland. It is understood that requests for school visits are continuing, indicating that their work has been useful, and there is a continuing need. For this reason, it may be worthwhile considering a proposal to convert the ambassadorial arrangement into a formally funded program through the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE).
- The ambassadorial arrangements approved by the former Government expire on 3 September 2013. On 21 January 2013, Denise Morcombe emailed the Executive Director Law and Justice Policy in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) regarding extending the arrangements for a further two years **Attachment 2**.
- The Morcombes were engaged for two years, for three days per fortnight and funded for four days secretarial support per fortnight with allowances for travel, accommodation and administration costs. Funding was provided to purchase two iPads and associated Telstra plans, as well as a USB modem for a donated lap top. The total annual cost of the package (excluding GST) was \$233 010. **Attachment 3** provides a breakdown of the costs.

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

- The present arrangement is funded on a 50/50 basis, by DPC through the Director-General's Reserve, and DETE. Any proposal for further or continued support should be considered in the context of the State's annual budget planning. Therefore, DPC recommends that Minister Langbroek be requested to liaise with the Morcombes and bring a proposal to the upcoming 2013–14 budget.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Minister *JP*

You may recall that Mr Bruce and Mrs Denise Morcombe currently act as part-time child safety ambassadors for the Queensland Government, to deliver a child safety message in Queensland schools using their son Daniel's story as a key theme. I understand this arrangement is in place for two years from 4 September 2011.

I am told that by the end of the 2012 school year, in their role as child safety ambassadors the Morcombes had visited around 146 schools across Queensland and reached out to a significant number of students and their communities.

You would be aware that the current ambassadorial arrangements are due to expire on 3 September 2013. However, it seems to me that Daniel's story continues to resonate with Queenslanders. That it is a real story told to them directly by Daniel's parents seems to strike a chord with our children. Therefore, I think that there continues to be a very real benefit in the Morcombes continuing in their role as child safety ambassadors beyond September this year. I understand that the Morcombes are continuing to receive requests for visits to Queensland schools to deliver their child safety messages.

For these reasons, it seems worthwhile to consider further arrangements for the Morcombes to continue to deliver of child safety messages in our schools beyond September 2013. Accordingly, I request that you liaise with Mr and Mrs Morcombe, with a view to putting together a funding proposal to extend the existing arrangements, for consideration as part of the 2013-14 budget process.

I look forward to Cabinet Budget Review Committee consideration of the proposal in due course.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Message: DOC/2013/000022492

From: Marilyn Ooi
 To: Marilyn Ooi
 Cc:
 Sent: 12/2/2013 at 12:22 PM
 Received: 12/2/2013 at 12:23 PM
 Subject: FW: Child Safety Ambassadors

From: Denise Morcombe [mailto:S.73 Email Address]
 Sent: Monday, 21 January 2013 8:09 AM
 To: Christine Castley
 Cc: 'Bruce Morcombe'
 Subject: Child Safety Ambassadors

Dear Christine,

Hope you had a lovely weekend, it was very hot up here.

We have our first list of schools starting in February, March from Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast region from schools that we could not fit in late last year that contacted us directly.

The Education Department will be sending an Expression of Interest to all Qld Schools early February, then we can work out our plan of schools for the year.

We are looking at doing as a guide only

May- Gayndah to Munduberra, Monto, Biloela

June- Emerald Longreach, Cloncurry, Hughenden, Pentland, Charters Towers, Townsville

July- Townsville, Homehill, Ayr, Bowen, Airlie Beach, Proserpine

July- Proserpine, Mackay, Moranbah, Rockhampton, Gladstone

August- Gladstone, Tannum Sands, Bundaberg, Childers, Hervey Bay, Maryborough

Also Thursday Island/ Weipa/ Charleville

Closer schools in between.

We have difficulty planning beyond early September (Child Protection Week) because it is at that time that we complete our responsibilities under the current agreement as Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors.

Would you have any suggestions as to how we go about extending it for another 2 year period?

Thanks very much Denise

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. 13/19053

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 February 2013
Subject: Letter from ^{s.73 Member of the Public} expressing concern about the reduction of beds at the Spinal Injury Unit (SIU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH)

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Premier

Date

18/2/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] (Attachment 1)
- sign the letter to the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, requesting advice about SIU services, future capacity and planning (Attachment 2).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 23 January 2013, [redacted] wrote to you (Attachment 3) about his experience as a patient at the SIU. He writes that existing beds (40 beds for all patients across Queensland requiring specialised spinal treatment) are inadequate for demand, resulting in backlogs of patients in regional hospitals. He is also concerned about bed numbers being recently reduced and requests you personally review this issue.
- Queensland Health (QH) advises that normal capacity of the SIU is 40 beds. However, this is inadequate to meet increasing demand due to population growth and demographic change. Patients with acute Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) cannot be admitted within clinically optimal times and are placed on a waiting list.
- On 22 December 2012, bed numbers in the SIU were reduced to 38 as a temporary reduction over the Christmas break. However, the \$9 million cut to the Metro South Hospital and Health Service arising from the Federal Government cuts, has resulted in the two beds remaining closed at this point in time.
- There are currently 4 people with acute SCI waiting to be transferred to the SIU (from the PAH and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital) and 29 patients with serious pressure areas requiring surgery. The four beds normally designated for treating pressure area cases are being used to accommodate acute SCI patients. The waiting list for pressure area surgery is an average of six months with some patients waiting up to 18 months.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health

• BACKGROUND

- The SIU is a statewide, super-specialty, tertiary referral centre for the management of people with SCI. People anywhere in Queensland who suffer significant paralysis or other major neurological loss secondary to SCI are treated in the SIU. It is the only one of its kind in Queensland, and along with the Transitional Rehabilitation Program and the Spinal Outreach Team makes up the Queensland Spinal Cord Injuries Service.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 23 January 2013 about your experience in the Princess Alexandra Hospital's (PAH) Spinal Injury Unit (SIU) and concerns that bed numbers at the unit have been reduced.

I understand that during your time in the SIU you witnessed many cases where people's circumstances were made worse due to a lack of beds. It would appear that increasing demand is outstripping the capacity of the SIU. As you know, the SIU offers a specialised service not available elsewhere in Queensland and you are right — when the SIU is full, this impacts on patients waiting in hospitals around the State. I have received letters from other members of the public with similar experiences.

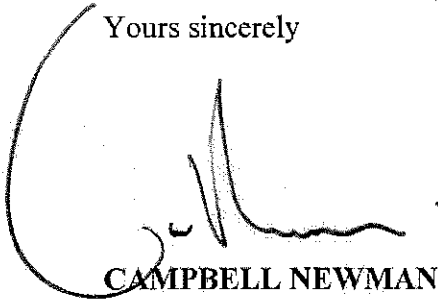
I am personally committed to fixing Queensland's health system and revitalizing frontline services for patients. You may be interested to know that despite the dire circumstances of the State budget, the Queensland Government increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year — an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget and one of the largest health budget increases in the country.

However, the Federal Government's unilateral and sudden decision to cut State health funding by \$342 million, including reductions totalling \$103 million in 2012–13, has resulted in additional financial pressures being placed on Hospital and Health Services Boards who have had to make some very difficult decisions.

One such decision is the one you refer to in your letter where two beds in the SIU, temporarily closed during the Christmas period, have remained closed. Please be assured staff at the PAH are doing all they can to minimise the impact on patients. Nevertheless, the SIU is clearly struggling to keep up with demand and this situation concerns me greatly. Accordingly, I have written to my colleague, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, for his urgent advice about how Queensland Health is planning to address this issue now and into the future.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Minister

I am writing to you about the capacity of the Spinal Injury Unit (SIU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital to cope with increasing demand from spinal injury patients.

I have recently received a letter from a constituent, ^{s.73 Member of the Public} (enclosed), asking that I review the number of beds at the SIU. ^{s.73 Member of the Public} suggests 40 beds are not adequate to meet existing demand and as a consequence, there is a backlog of patients across regional hospitals waiting to be admitted to the SIU. ^{s.73 Member of the Public} is also concerned about a recent decision to close two of these beds. This is not the first piece of correspondence I have received about services at the SIU and I am concerned this is an issue which may require urgent attention from your department as the system manager.

I understand the SIU is a statewide, super-specialty, tertiary referral centre for the management of people with an acute spinal cord injury and that people from all over Queensland are treated in the SIU. Advice given to me is that there has been a steadily increasing demand on the services of the SIU associated with the growing population and that the 40 beds are not sufficient to keep up with this increase. I am aware there are patients waiting in regional hospitals for a place at the SIU and that these waiting periods are affecting their ability to receive specialist clinical and rehabilitation care within optimal timeframes.

While I appreciate there are significant financial constraints facing our Hospital and Health Services Boards with the recent Federal Government cuts to health funding, I am seeking further detailed advice and options about how Queensland Health is proposing to respond to future service demand across the State.

I look forward to your advice about this matter by end April 2013. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, your office should contact Ms Kate Johnson on telephone (07) 3224 2814.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Sharni Sawyer

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2013 8:24 AM
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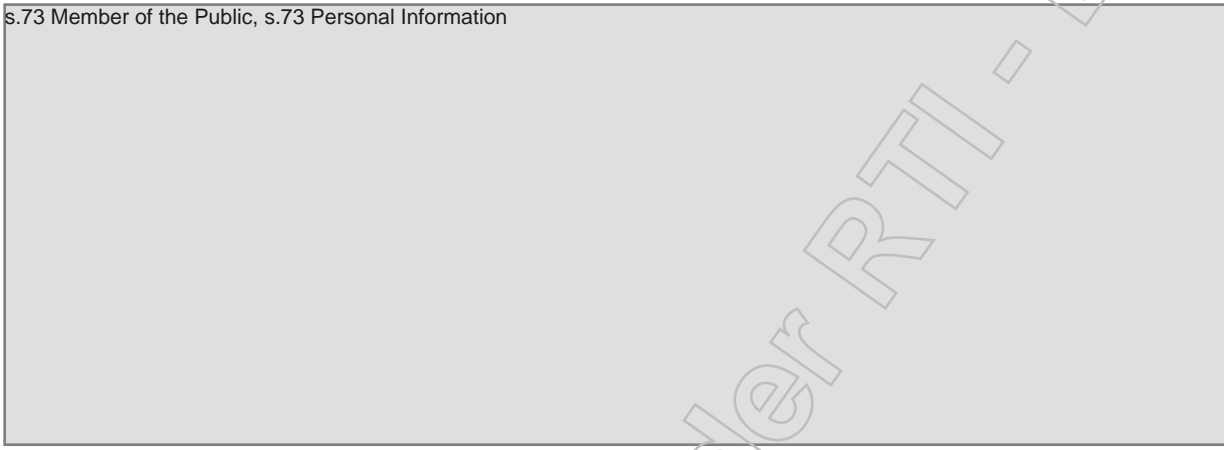
Dear Premier

I believe you have been misinformed on this matter.

Please see attached letter.

Regards

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information



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23 January 2012

Mr Campbell Newman
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
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s.73 Personal Information

Dear Premier

I write to you as a concerned Queensland.

I have watched your Governments performance since the election and realise you have to make tough decisions to reign in the debt that the previous government left as a legacy.

Queensland Health in particular required much attention.

As a patient for most of 2009 I could identify a lot of issues that needed addressing within the department. In particular the large bureaucracy that was being developed.

I spent five months in the PA Spinal unit and witnessed a lot of tragedy for people suffering from spinal injuries, and in particular the lack of beds in the ward. At that time there was 40 beds to cater for the state of Queensland's hospital patients requiring the specialised nursing.

The fact that there was only 40 beds created a backlog in regional hospitals of patients suffering spinal injuries. These patients had to remain in regional hospitals until the PA Spinal Unit had a spare bed so the patient could receive the specialised treatment available only at the Spinal Unit.

The staff in the regional and suburban hospitals did not / and as I understand it still do not have the skill sets to deal with the unique issues that Spinal Injury patients require. From my research there are more than 90 people every year who suffer a spinal injury. So in 2009 Queensland Health could not cater for all these people when only 40 beds were available.

Last week I was advised that Queensland Health, as a cost cutting exercise, has reduced the number of Spinal Injury Unit beds by 10%. This decision could have only been made by a bureaucrat as any doctor would know what sort of "Domino Effect" this will have on the other hospitals in Queensland.

In particular the 54+ beds in regional Queensland required to hold pending Spinal Injury Unit patients will create a further strain on the Queensland Health system. I would urge you to personally review the number of beds available in the Spinal Unit. My suggestion to Queensland Health would be to increase the number of beds available to the Spinal Unit not reduce them!

As a passionate advocate for persons living with spinal cord injury and myself a paraplegic, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you face to face.

Apart from the above issue keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Signature

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 19 February 2013
Subject: Correspondence from Ms Diana Mors of Mount Isa, seeking your support for the Fit for Life program designed to reduce obesity

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

- see below

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Ms Diana Mors (**Attachment 1**).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 23 January 2013, Ms Diana Mors, franchisee of Curves Mount Isa (a women's only fitness and weight loss centre) wrote providing information about the Fit for Life initiative she discussed with you at the Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce breakfast on 17 January 2013 (**Attachment 2**). This information and a request for financial support, were also sent to the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, via the local member, Mr Rob Katter MP, Member for Mount Isa.
- The Fit for Life initiative aims to decrease the level of obesity in Mount Isa (which is greater than for the rest of the State) by supporting patients to undertake a six month gym-based exercise and nutrition program to reduce their Body Mass Index (BMI).
- Ms Mors proposes that a patient's 'motivators' and 'readiness to change' be assessed to identify patients suitable to receive financial support. A person who undertakes the program and sees a reduction in their BMI would have their gym fees rebated.
- Fit for Life intends partnering with key community, health and industry stakeholders, including large employers, Mount Isa Base Hospital, Mount Isa Community Health, local governments, gyms, sporting clubs, and GP Clinics. A study would be conducted of the program to validate the results and financial support sought from Queensland Health (QH) and stakeholders:
- QH has advised the benefit and cost-effectiveness of the initiative is currently unknown and that a significant uptake and ongoing behavioural changes would be required to make a difference to obesity rates in Mount Isa.
- QH is addressing obesity primarily through programs targeting children and the workplace, as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health. Funding for these projects has been fully allocated and the current budgetary situation precludes QH funding programs like the Fit for Life initiative.
- On 14 February 2013, Minister Springborg announced in Parliament, a new public awareness campaign to stem obesity that will cost between \$7.5 million and \$8.5 million over three years, and will include highly graphic television advertisements.
- Minister Springborg met with Mr Katter on 13 February 2013 to discuss the Fit for Life initiative. Your response to Ms Mors indicates that Minister Springborg will be considering the initiative and providing a response.

• **CONSULTATION**

- QH

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)
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This sort of programme should
be outsourced !!*

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Dear Ms Mors

Diana

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2013 about the Fit for Life initiative.

I really appreciated the opportunity to meet with you at the recent Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce breakfast and to speak with a number of people across the Mount Isa area. It's a fascinating place with great spirit and many opportunities for development.

I share your concern about the increasing number of Queenslanders who are overweight or obese and acknowledge this issue is even more problematic in regional and remote areas. I am also disappointed that programs run by the previous government to reduce obesity levels have not worked and that the problem is getting worse.

Innovative programs like Fit for Life can play an important role in helping people set realistic goals for good health and provide the means and incentive to see them through. Initiatives tailored to the needs of a community by its locals are an essential part of tackling everyday problems. I'm also impressed with your idea to collaborate with key community, health and industry partners and to evaluate the pilot program to establish its effectiveness.

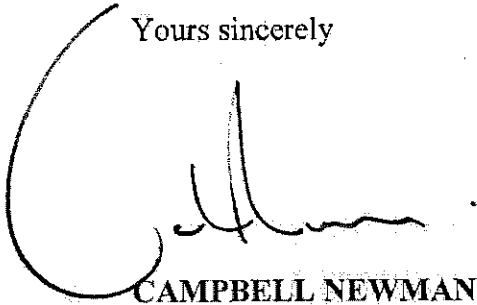
The Government is serious about tackling the growing problem of obesity in our community. On 14 February 2013, my colleague, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health announced a new public awareness campaign in Queensland aimed at shocking people into changing their behaviours using an approach similar to the display of disturbing medical images on cigarette packaging. The campaign will run highly graphic television advertisements, unable to be shown in general viewing timeslots, with the aim of encouraging the 2.2 million overweight or obese Queenslanders into changing their lifestyles.

As advised in your email, Mr Rob Katter MP, Member for Mount Isa, also wrote to Minister Springborg providing information about the Fit for Life program and requesting a meeting with key representatives to confirm the Government's support. I am told Minister Springborg met with Mr Katter on 13 February 2013 to discuss this initiative and is preparing a letter of response, which I am sure will be shared with you at the earliest opportunity.

I always appreciate hearing about innovative ideas from people like you, particularly ideas about how we can improve health outcomes for the general community.

Thank you again for providing me with information about the Fit for Life initiative and I wish you success with your venture.

Yours sincerely



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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
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Subject: Fit for Life - Mt Isa
Attachments: Fit for life initiative (2).docx

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Subject: Fit for Life - Mt Isa
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Premier Newman,

Further to our discussion at the Mt Isa Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Thursday 17th, I am attaching the "Fit for Life" pilot study initiative for your information.

The attachments have been emailed to Minister Springborg from MP Katter's office and as mentioned to you, I would be most pleased if you could familiarise yourself with the proposal and assist in supporting this pilot to turn the monolith of our current "illness" system to a true "Health" system.

Regards,
Diana Mors
Franchisee
Curves Mount Isa

PS: you were right it was about 2000/1 that we first met.

I will forward a copy of the letter to Minister Springborg as it appears I can only add one attachment at a time via this email

'Fit for Life' initiative

Vision

The 'Fit for Life' initiative aims to decrease obesity in Mount Isa by positive reinforcement and support. The vision entails a patient visiting a doctor, if the patients BMI indicates that they are overweight or obese, then they get referred to a 'Fit for Life' representative. After completing 6 months of the exercise and nutrition program, and proven BMI reduction, then the gym membership is rebated.

Burden of disease

In 2007-08 physical reports summarised that a staggering 35.7% of Queenslanders were overweight, and 25.3% were obese (ABS, 2009). Furthermore, in 2011 rates of overweight and obese population were 10-20% higher in regional areas of Queensland compared with cities, and even 30% higher in remote and very remote areas (Queensland Health, 2011). Obesity is expensive, and a major contributor to the burden on healthcare systems. In 2008, the total cost of Obesity to the health care system is estimated at approximately \$391 million. If costs due to productivity and financial losses and cost of lost wellbeing are included, the total cost of obesity in Queensland in 2008 was \$11.614 billion.

More specifically, in Mount Isa, the prevalence of overweight or obese population is self reported at 65.7%; Higher than the rest of Queensland (MHS, 2009-10). Following that, 46.3% report insufficient activity for health benefit.

Not Towards Q2

Unfortunately, the 2020 Towards Q2 target to reduce Queensland obesity levels by one third is not happening. In fact, the contrary is happening. During 2002 and 2011 the prevalence of self reported adult overweight and obesity increased by 1 percentage point per year. If the current upward trends continue, about 65% of Queensland adults (3.7 million) will be overweight or obese by 2020, nearly double the Toward Q2 goal (Queensland Health, 2010).

Funding Motivated Candidates

The key to behavioural change in relation to weight loss is assessing the patient's motivators and readiness to change (NHLBI, accessed 1st Dec, 2012). It is the 'Fit for Life' recommendation that there be a criteria for eligible patients who will receive financial support and therefore, referral to the program, in order to steward resources effectively.

Why Mount Isa

Mt Isa is a high incident area for Overweight and Obese population. Mount Isa is also a remote town, and therefore an ideal catchment to assess the effectiveness of the program without filtering into nearby towns. With a population of approximately 24,000, there is also a large population to work with.

Community coming together to combat obesity

In order to establish the 'fit for life' initiative, we would like to partner with key stakeholders in Mount Isa. It is our intention to collaborate with the large employers, Mount Isa Base Hospital, Mount Isa Community Health, local governments, gyms and sporting clubs, and GP Clinics alike. We would also like to see a study conducted alongside the program to validate the results, and potentially put Mount Isa on the page for innovativeness and healthy living.

Funding

The goal for the 'fit for life' initiative will require financial support. We intend on liaising with the stakeholders as mentioned above to gain financial support also. However, due to the potential savings, we would like to gain Queensland Health's financial support as well. Marks, et. al. (2002) state that if all overweight or obese Australians lost 5kg, there would be a \$44 million saving per year in health care costs associated with Type 2 diabetes and its complications alone. The potential savings for Queensland health are significant, and therefore your partnership would be key.

Where to from here

In order to plan and implement a successful intervention, it would be ideal to develop a task force, and meet with the local stakeholders, as well as health behavioural change specialists.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
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Premier *[Signature]*

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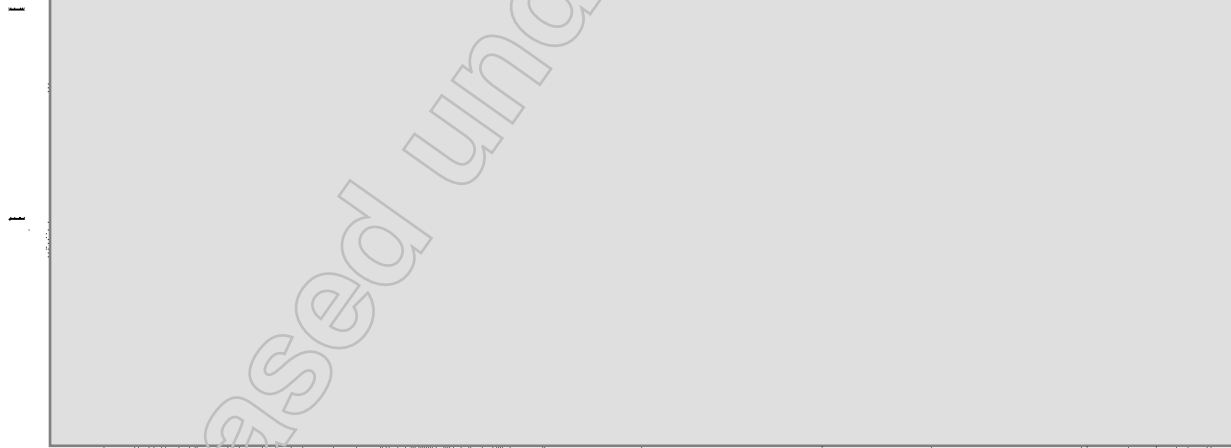
It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister of Australia, advising her of Queensland's nominees as requested (**Attachment 1**).

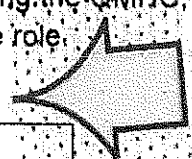
• KEY ISSUES

- On 15 January 2013, Prime Minister Gillard wrote to you (**Attachment 2**) seeking Queensland nominees for two groups to be established as part of COAG's Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform 2012-2022.
- One official from each first Minister's department and one official from each health department is requested for a Working Group on National Mental Health Reform (the Working Group). One official from each jurisdiction, for example, the relevant mental health commissioner or peak body representative, is also requested for an Expert Reference Group (ERG). The ERG will be chaired by the National Mental Health Commissioner and provide expert advice from the mental health sector to inform the work of the Working Group.

CTPI - Personal Information



- The Queensland Mental Health Commissioner will be appointed prior to commencement of the Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC) in April 2013. Interviews are underway this week to fill this position.
- The letter also seeks Queensland's nomination for a state Minister to act as co-chair of the Working Group. Given Queensland's focus in 2013 will be on establishing the QMHC, your response to the Prime Minister does not put forward a nominee for the role.



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Director-General

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Premier of Queensland

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Dear Prime Minister *Julia*,

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2013 seeking Queensland nominees for the Council of Australian Government's Mental Health Working Group and Expert Reference Group (ERG) which are being established as part of the *Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform 2012-2022*.

I am pleased to advise you of the following nominees from Queensland:

CTPI - Personal Information

I understand the Secretariat for the two groups will be within the Department of Health and Ageing. The Queensland contact for the Secretariat's routine business is Ms Sandra Eyre, Director, Social and Health Policy, DPC. Ms Eyre can be contacted on telephone (07) 3247 5252 or by email at sandra.eyre@premiers.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for seeking Queensland's participation in progressing the next stage of the national mental health reform agenda.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



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15 JAN 2013

Dear Premier ^{Campbell}

I am writing to you regarding the decision of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 7 December 2012 to release the *Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform 2012-2022* (the Roadmap) and provide a joint response to the inaugural Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (the Report Card) that would include national indicators and targets for mental health reform.

As outlined in the Roadmap, COAG agreed to establish a Working Group on National Mental Health Reform (the Working Group) and an Expert Reference Group (ERG); and that a successor to the Fourth National Mental Health Plan (the Fourth Plan) be developed to set out how the Roadmap will be implemented in practical terms.

Membership of the Working Group

The Working Group will be co-chaired by the Commonwealth Minister for Mental Health, and a Minister nominated by states and territories. Membership will consist of one official from each first minister's department, and each health department or mental health commission (if appropriate).

To ensure a whole-of-government approach, I propose that a Senior Official representing relevant Standing and Select Councils, along with Working Group on Indigenous Reform (WGIR), be nominated to work with the Working Group. As agreed by COAG, the Prime Minister will also ask relevant Standing and Select Councils to adopt the Roadmap; support the Working Group; and be responsible for implementing relevant aspects.

The ERG

The ERG will be established to provide expert advice from the mental health sector. It will be chaired by the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC), and membership will consist of one nominated representative from each jurisdiction, such as a mental health commissioner; representative of a peak body or advisory group; or

consumer/carer. The ERG will work alongside and provide advice to the Working Group.

The inaugural Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

On 7 December 2012, COAG also discussed the release of the Report Card. As noted in the COAG communique, a response to the Report Card would need to address calls for the development of national indicators and targets for mental health reform.

I have asked the Commonwealth Minister for Mental Health to discuss the potential for reaching a prompt agreement on a high-level response to the Report Card at an early meeting of the Working Group.

However, I propose that the key focus for the Working Group and ERG in 2013 would be firstly to develop national indicators and targets, and then the successor to the Fourth Plan

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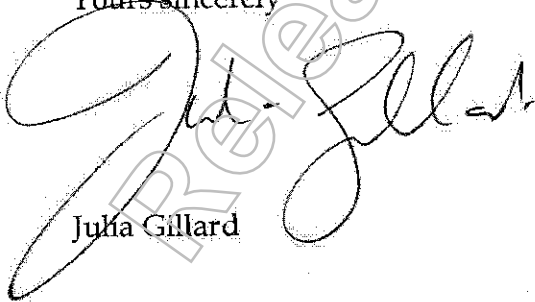
Seeking nominations

At this time, I seek South Australia's suggested nominee for co-chair for the Working Group; two members for the Working Group; and a member for the ERG. I also ask that you nominate a lead representative for South Australia on the Working Group who will ensure input and consultation across relevant portfolios and be the key point of contact for the Secretariat, which will be located in the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

To enable preparations for the first Working Group meeting to be held in February, I ask that you respond on these matters by Wednesday 30 January 2013.

I have written to all other First Ministers in similar terms and copied this letter to the Commonwealth Minister for Mental Health.

Yours sincerely



Julia Gillard

Attachment A: Further information regarding the tasks to be completed by the COAG Working Group on Mental Health Reform and Expert Reference Group

Further information regarding the tasks to be completed by the
COAG Working Group on Mental Health Reform and Expert Reference Group

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Working Group*By mid-2013*

- The Working Group will examine the need for a mental health data-sharing protocol, and provide recommendations to COAG on this matter.
 - As a longer-term initiative the Working Group will assess the value of national mental health data collections.

By end 2013

- Settle which aspects of the Roadmap the Commission will report on in their three-yearly Roadmap progress reports.
- Determine the most appropriate set of national, whole-of-life, outcome-based indicators, and report back to COAG on this matter.
- Develop as many targets against indicators as possible, and where appropriate, for report back to COAG.

By mid-2013

- Develop a successor to the Fourth National Mental Health Plan, for consideration by COAG.

ERG

- The Expert Reference Group will work alongside and assist the Working Group to:
 - examine the need for a mental health data-sharing protocol;
 - assess the value of national mental health data collections;
 - determine the most appropriate set of national, whole-of-life, outcome-based indicators;
 - develop as many targets against indicators as possible; and
 - develop a successor to the Fourth National Mental Health Plan.

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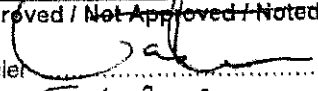
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter at **Attachment 1** approving overseas travel for the Honourable Ian Walker MP, Minister for Science, Information Technology, innovation and the Arts from 14–20 April 2013, as an extension to the previously approved trip to the United States of America (USA) for the Biotechnology Industry Organisation International Convention 2013 (BIO 2013) (**Attachment 2 – TF/13/5441**).

• KEY ISSUES


- The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade, has requested Minister Walker lead the upcoming Queensland Investment Attraction Mission to China for the period 14–20 April 2013 (**Attachment 3**). Minister Walker will be accompanied by his Chief of Staff (CoS), Ms Diane Balke.
- The mission is aimed at promoting investment opportunities into Queensland's tourism attractions, hotels, resorts, and residential and commercial developments. Minister Walker will open investment forums, meet with VIP investors and deliver keynote speeches at investment forums.
- A ministerial led mission will raise the profile of the mission and would convey the continued significance that Queensland places on China, our second largest merchandise trading partner.
- The Minister and his CoS have previously been approved to travel to the USA for BIO 2013 from 20–26 April 2013 with an estimated budget of \$29 000. It is estimated that the addition of this trip to the BIO 2013 trip will increase the overall budget to \$44 000.
- This will bring the total commitments from the overseas travel pool to \$151 200 leaving \$448 300 unallocated for the remainder of the 2012–13 financial years.
- Minister Walker is yet to advise who will be the relieving minister during his absence.
- Minister Walker would be absent during Parliament sitting days 16–18 April 2013.

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Hon Tim Nicholls MP
Member for Clayfield
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

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The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
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Dear Premier

I am writing to seek your approval for the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, the Honourable Ian Walker MP, to lead the upcoming Queensland Investment Attraction Mission to China from 14 – 20 April 2013. This mission will target high net worth individuals, promoting investment opportunities into Queensland's tourism attractions, hotels, resorts and residential and commercial developments. Following this mission Minister Walker will then continue on to fulfil his commitments for BIO2013.

Trade and Investment Queensland, in collaboration with the Tourism Infrastructure Attraction Unit of the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, has focused on targeting business delegates with tourism, residential and commercial development opportunities. Selected delegates will present investment ready proposals at investment seminars, roundtables and networking functions scheduled throughout the mission.

During the mission, Minister Walker will open investment forums, meet with VIP investors and deliver keynote speeches at investment forums and Queensland Government networking receptions. Meetings with senior Chinese Government officials will be targeted, subject to their availability. A Ministerially led mission would raise the profile of the mission, by capitalising on the effectiveness of Ministerial representation in opening doors in China; and attracting the attention of senior government officials and key decision makers.

Trade and Investment Queensland, have confirmed the participation of the Mayor of the Sunshine Coast and the Deputy Mayors of Logan City and Cairns Regional Councils in the mission.

As you are unable to travel to China until later in the year, the Honourable Ian Walker's leadership of this mission would convey the continued significance that Queensland places on China, Queensland's second largest merchandise trading partner. Within Queensland, it would demonstrate how the Queensland government is working in partnership with regional councils to attract investment into key sectors of the Queensland economy.

Should you approve the Minister to lead the mission, he will require leave from Parliament which is sitting that week.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

P.S. The Minister would then proceed to BIO in Chicago as previously approved, in effect one journey.

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Dear Minister

The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade has requested approval for you to lead a Queensland Investment Mission to China from 14 to 20 April 2013.

I am pleased to provide approval for you and your Chief of Staff to travel to China and then continue on to the United States of America for BIO 2013.

I will advise Ministerial Services and State Affairs in my department of my approval.

Please forward your recommendation for the relieving Minister during your absence as soon as it is available.

Should you require any further information regarding the travel, please have your staff contact Mrs Julie Wise, Ministerial Services on telephone (07) 3404 3621.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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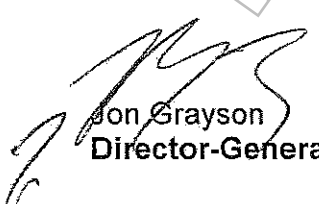
- sign the letter at **Attachment 1** providing in-principle approval, subject to the receipt of a detailed itinerary and budget, for overseas travel for the Honourable Ian Walker MP, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts from 20–26 April 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- Minister Walker has requested approval to travel to the United States to lead the Queensland delegation to the 2013 Biotechnology Industry Organisation (BIO) International Convention. The convention runs from 22–26 April 2013 in Chicago. The draft itinerary is at **Attachment 2**. Minister Walker will be accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Ms Diane Balke.
- BIO is the critical annual event in the Queensland life sciences industry to showcase its research and business capability internationally, and position the State as a competitive global location in life sciences.
- The Premier or a Minister has represented the Queensland Government at the Convention each year since 1998. Queensland's life sciences industry places considerable value in a senior member of the Queensland Government attending this international convention.
- Trade and Investment Queensland has provided comments in support of this mission. The mission would also provide the opportunity to undertake key meetings with other organisations such as Boeing and the Gates Foundation.
- An estimated budget of \$ 29 000 has been given. This trip will bring the total commitments from the overseas travel pool to \$129 800 leaving \$470 200 unallocated for the remainder of the 2012–13 financial year.
- Minister Walker is yet to advise who will be the relieving minister during his absence.

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Dear Minister, *Ian,*

Thank you for your request seeking approval to undertake an official visit to the United States of America (USA) from 20 to 26 April 2013.


I am pleased to provide in-principle approval for you and your Chief of Staff to travel to the USA, subject to the receipt of a detailed budget and itinerary.

I will advise Ministerial Services and State Affairs in my department of my approval.

I look forward to receiving your recommendation for the relieving Minister during your absence.

Should you require any further information regarding the travel, please have your staff contact Mrs Julie Wise, Ministerial Services on telephone (07) 3404 3621.

Yours sincerely


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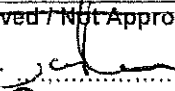
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Minister Ian Walker Proposed Itinerary
20 to 26 April 2013

BIO 2013, CHICAGO, USA	
Saturday April 20	<p>Minister to depart Brisbane 10.30am</p> <p><i>Arrive between 4.30pm to 6.30pm Chicago</i></p>
Sunday April 21	<p>QUT International Collaborations Luncheon <i>Invitation Only</i></p> <p>Queensland Burrill Pan-Asia Life Sciences Meeting- Asia-Pacific Investment Forum</p> <p>Pre reception meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DSM Biologics <p>Queensland VIP Welcome Reception</p>
Monday April 22	<p>Province of Manitoba Business Breakfast Meeting</p> <p>QLD Media Conference</p> <p>Visit Life Sciences Queensland/Australian Pavilion</p> <p>Targeted Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o HealthCare Ventures o Amgen o Takeda <p>Official BIO Welcome event</p>
Tuesday April 23	<p>Meetings/Site Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o University of Chicago Biotechnology Association o Baxter o Chinese Academy of Science (<i>Chinese Delegation to AusBiotech 2013</i>) <p>Keynote Luncheon</p> <p>Australian New Zealand Event – Australian Pavilion</p> <p>Public Officials Event (<i>Minister only</i>)</p> <p>Bio Networking - LSQ Ambassadors, Mr Carl Feldbaum and Hon Peter Beattie (<i>Minister Walker only</i>)</p>
Wednesday April 24	<p>Targeted Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Abbott Laboratories o Meeting with Province of Alberta Government (MOU) <p><i>Minister depart Chicago for Brisbane from midday</i></p>
Thursday April 25	In Transit
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended you note people involved in the recovery efforts of 2013 flooding and ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald are being encouraged to nominate through established recognition programs run across government (rather than establish specific one-off programs).

• KEY ISSUES

- You recently approved a concert tour (Rise and Shine Queensland) to flood affected areas of Queensland (**Attachment C** – TF/13/2704). As part of that brief, Events Coordination indicated they would provide separate advice regarding the public and formal recognition of those involved in recovery efforts across Queensland following the floods and extreme weather conditions of early 2013.
- Following the 2010–11 Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi, a number of recognition mechanisms were established including the Queensland Flood and Cyclone Citation (**Attachment A**) and the Queensland Disaster Heroes Program (**Attachment B**).
- Consistent feedback from departments and agencies involved in the 2010–11 recognition programs was that, while the programs were worthwhile and appropriate, there were issues in ensuring every deserving person was recognised, the process was lengthy and has only recently been completed, and there were substantial costs and resources attached to the programs delivery.
- Further advice was that the initiatives were in response to an extraordinary and particularly devastating series of events.
- The Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety will not be establishing new recognition programs, but they will continue to encourage people to nominate through their standard recognition and medals programs.
- Informally, Rise and Shine Queensland will also serve as an opportunity for flood affected communities to celebrate their efforts and people in a festive environment.

• CONSULTATION

- Protocol Queensland, DPC; Queensland Police Service; and Department of Community Safety.

• BACKGROUND

- You recently approved a concert tour be delivered by your department in collaboration with the Queensland Music Festival (**Attachment C**). The tour provides the opportunity for communities to commemorate and celebrate their flood recovery efforts.
- Information regarding QPS awards is at **Attachment D**.
- Information regarding the National Emergency Medal and Australian Bravery Decorations are at **Attachment E**.

Comments (Premier or DG)



Jon Grayson
Director-General

We understand there were four levels of recognition for those who completed service during the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi - three from the Queensland Government and one from the Brisbane City Council. It is also possible there was other recognition through other local Governments and organisations.

2010-2011 Queensland Flood and Cyclone Citation

- This Citation was issued to employees and volunteers of the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Department of Community Safety (Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and Emergency Management Queensland) who performed duty on at least one shift at any time between 1 December 2010 and 28 February 2011. Duty performed was in direct response to the flood and cyclone events or maintaining core business during this period.
- This was administered by the Department of Community Safety and Queensland Police Service.
- Over 13,000 medals distributed.
- The medals are a one-off issue, concluding by the end of June 2012.

Queensland Disaster Heroes Programme

- 'Medals' were distributed to nominated heroes who have shown outstanding community initiative, bravery, courage, resilience and strength during the 2010-11 floods and/or Cyclone Yasi. Nominations had to be received on an official nomination form and be endorsed by a local councillor, state or federal MP, emergency services or ADF personnel, police officer, public servant or charity worker.
- This was administered by Events Coordination, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Over 4,000 medals distributed.

Whole-of-Government Certificate of Appreciation

- This was sent to all Queensland Government Departments for administration internally. Available for public servants.

Lord Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation

- This was sent to all those who registered as volunteers for the 'Mud Army'. The 'mud army' are those individuals and organisations that assisted with the Brisbane flood clean-up. Over 60,000 certificates were mailed out.

Queensland Disaster Heroes

2011 Queensland Disaster Heroes Program Overview



www.queenslandweek.qld.gov.au

Summary

The 2011 Queensland Week celebrations (Saturday 4 to Monday 13 June) were dedicated to recognising those individuals who demonstrated community initiative, bravery, courage, resilience and strength during the 2010-11 Queensland floods and Tropical Cyclone Yasi.

On 2 March 2011 former Premier, Anna Bligh invited Queenslanders to come forward and nominate those individuals they felt had demonstrated these qualities during the natural disasters. Nominations opened on 2 March 2011 and closed on 1 April 2011.

More than 3500 Queenslanders were nominated and invited to one of ten recognition ceremonies across the state during Queensland Week. Ceremonies were held in the following locations:

- Lockyer Valley (Gatton) – 4 June
- Tully – 5 June
- Townsville (Kirwan) – 5 June
- Rockhampton – 6 June
- Dalby – 7 June
- Emerald – 7 June
- Bundaberg – 8 June
- Toowoomba – 11 June
- Ipswich – 11 June
- Brisbane – 12 June.

Each Queensland Disaster Hero was awarded a special commemorative medal as a keepsake and acknowledgement of their contribution.

Program Objectives

The objectives of the Queensland Disaster Heroes program were to:

- engage the community in a positive manner in the wake of the disasters, to increase long term confidence in the reconstruction effort, and
- inspire the state to celebrate the resilience and strength of Queenslanders during Queensland Week, and build more supportive communities.

Program Description and Key Dates

Ten recognition ceremonies were held across impacted regions over nine days during Queensland Week. Nominees attending the ceremonies were presented with a Queensland Disaster Hero commemorative medal in acknowledgement of their contribution. The Premier and other dignitaries (Governor, Ministers, Federal and State MPs, and Mayors) attended the ceremonies along with many community members, friends and families.

Officers, staff and volunteers of the Queensland emergency services (police, fire, ambulance and State Emergency Services) were also recognised, with the former Premier launching a special flood and cyclone citation badge at the ceremonies. Nominees who were not able to attend the ceremonies were sent their commemorative medal by post after Queensland Week.

Launch and nominations open	2 March 2011
Nominations closed	1 April 2011
Distribution of invitations	6-12 May 2011
RSVPs closed	20 May 2011
Recognition ceremonies	4-13 June 2011

Recognition Ceremonies

Recognition ceremonies consisted of a facilitated registration, presentation of Queensland Disaster Heroes medallion by local dignitaries, formal recognition by the Premier, formal speeches, a plaque presentation to local mayor and performance by local choirs. The ceremonies did not include paid and/or extended performances or family activities and were held at indoor venues.

Each nominated hero received a medallion and was acknowledged prior to and during the recognition ceremony by local dignitaries (i.e. local Mayor/s, state and federal MPs and at times Ministers). Representatives of the Queensland emergency services (police, fire, ambulance and SES volunteers) were presented with a special flood and cyclone citation badge prior to the start of each ceremony by a nominated senior officer, and were also formally recognised by the Premier during the ceremony.

The ceremony format was consistent across the regions:

- Local Mayor to act as MC
- Welcome to Country
- Minute of Silence (to acknowledge those who lost their lives and livelihoods)
- The National Anthem (performed by local choir group or singers)
- Address from a Federal Representative of the Prime Minister of Australia
- Address by the Premier of Queensland
- Acknowledgement of local communities with a plaque presentation
- Acknowledgement of local Queensland Disaster Heroes
- Acknowledgement of local emergency services representatives and announcement of the emergency services citation badge program
- Performance by local choir to scrolling images of disaster heroes
- The ceremony concluded with a 45 minute to 55 minute post function with light refreshments.

Budget

The final budget for delivery of the Queensland Disaster Heroes events was \$272,000.

This cost was funded through the Director-General's reserve (\$200,000 committed) and through the Federal Government (\$200,000 committed), with final costs being equally shared between the two parties.

Sponsorship

Given the short timeframes to establish this program, a sponsorship strategy was not explored. It was also important to ensure the program was clearly identifiable as a Queensland Government initiative given the sensitive circumstances.

A print media partnership was confirmed with News Queensland (The Courier-Mail) to assist with promotion of the initiative given The Courier-Mail's reach and positioning as the state's daily newspaper. The Australian Government agreed to fund 50% of the project budget.

Both sponsors were imperative to the program's success. It was important to have high-level federal support and print media support to encourage nominations and provide an avenue for appropriate recognition for the nominated heroes.

Advertising

An advertising campaign was developed in consultation with Mediacom to encourage nominations during the nomination period (2 March – 1 April). The advertising was supported by house advertising in The Courier-Mail and The Sunday Mail through the established media partnership.

Paid advertising (value \$97,000) included:

- Half page, full colour advertisements in The Courier Mail on Friday 11 March, Saturday 12 March, Saturday 19 March
- Half page, full colour advertisements in The Sunday Mail on Sunday 13 March
- Half page, full colour advertisements in regional dailies (Cairns Post, Townsville Bulletin, Rockhampton Morning Bulletin, Central Queensland News (Emerald), Bundaberg News Mail, Gympie Times, Toowoomba Chronicle, St George Balonne Beacon, Queensland Times (Ipswich), Gatton

Valley Star, and Boonah and Fassifern Guardian week commencing Sunday 6 March (2 placements) and Sunday 20 March (1 placement)

- Quarter page, full colour advertisements in Quest Newspapers (16 paper buy) week commencing Monday 14 March
- Online advertising from 7-23 March on couriermail.com and news.com homepage and Queensland News pages.

A free media strategy was also developed to compliment this advertising and included in-kind advertising, and release of a sound grab of the Premier promoting the program for radio purposes.

House advertising (value \$118,000) included:

- Quarter page, colour/mono advertisement encouraging nominations
- Full page, colour advertisement of nomination form (featured Monday 14 March)
- Quarter page, colour/mono advertisement encouraging nominations – last chance
- Quarter page, colour/mono advertisement promoting the lift out and recognition ceremonies

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There are several QPS awards which can be awarded to QPS members as well as members of the public in acknowledgement of their excellent work or assistance to police during the recent floods.

The local Assistant Commissioner may choose to give an Assistant Commissioner certificate of which there are three types:

1. Assistant Commissioner's Certificate (Operational) – QPS members only;
2. Assistant Commissioner's Certificate (Corporate and Support) – QPS members only; or
3. Assistant Commissioner's Certificate of Appreciation – only given out to non-QPS members e.g, members of the public of other emergency services who assisted police.

An Assistant Commissioner may recommend a higher level award which is initially referred to a State-level Honours and Awards Committee for consideration. The Committee recommends Commissioner-level awards to the Commissioner which mirror the Assistant Commissioner-level awards, however of a higher level:

1. Commissioner's Certificate (Operational) – QPS members only;
2. Commissioner's Certificate (Corporate and Support) – QPS members only; or
3. Commissioner's Certificate of Appreciation – only given out to non-QPS members e.g, members of the public or other emergency services who assisted police.

For incidents involving bravery, an Assistant Commissioner can refer a nomination to the State-level Honours and Awards Committee who will consider precedents and recommend awards to the Commissioner:

1. Commissioner's Certificate of Notable Action – QPS members only;
2. Commissioners Commendation for Bravery (Riband and a Certificate) – QPS members only;
3. Queensland Police Service Valour Award (Medal and Certificate) – QPS members only.

In addition, for brave acts, the Committee would also recommend to the Commissioner QPS members and non-QPS members be considered for external nomination to two organisations, the:

1. Royal Humane Society of Australasia; and
2. Australian Bravery Decorations Council – these awards for a part of the National Honours System.

National Emergency Medal

- The National Emergency Medal was introduced as part of the Australian Honours System in 2011. The Medal was established to recognise service during nationally-significant emergencies within Australia and is administered through Government House in Canberra.
- The National Emergency Medal is awarded to members of identified organisations, or to individuals who provide a minimum duration of service (sustained service); or to persons who provide extraordinary service in response to such emergencies (significant service).
- To date, the following emergencies have been classed as nationally-significant
 - The Victorian bushfires of February 2009
 - The Queensland floods during December 2010 and January 2011 and Cyclone Yasi.
- At this stage, the 2013 Queensland floods have not yet been declared as eligible for the National Emergency Medal but the matter will be considered by the National Advisory Council, Government House, Canberra.

Australian Bravery Decorations

- Australian Bravery Decorations recognise acts of bravery by members of the community. The recipients selflessly put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others. Bravery or courage differ from fortitude in a crisis situation. Bravery is a deliberate choice to go from a place of safety to danger or remain in a perilous position to provide help.
- Australian Bravery Decorations are part of the Honours system administered through Government House in Canberra. They are the highest level awards for bravery in Australia.
- There are four levels of decoration:
 - Cross of Valour (CV)
 - Star of Courage (SC)
 - Bravery Medal (BM)
 - Commendation for Brave Conduct
 - There is also the Group Bravery Citation an award for a group of people involved in a single incident.

- Administered by Brisbane City Council

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

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• RECOMMENDATION

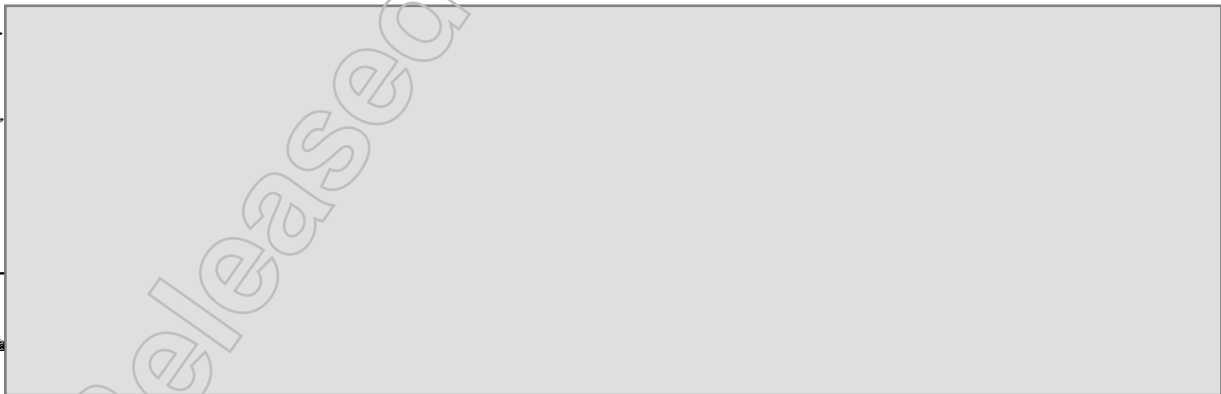
It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Regional Development and Local Government confirming the Government's support for the constitutional amendment recommended by the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government (JSC) provided it does not diminish the State's primary constitutional responsibility for local government (**Attachment 1**)

Sch3 S.7 Legal Professional privilege

• KEY ISSUES

- On 4 March 2013, you wrote to the Prime Minister expressing the Government's support for the holding and timing of a referendum to support appropriate recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution (**Attachment 2**).
- DPC understands that this letter was drafted by your office and uses the constitutional amendment wording proposed in the LGAQ submission to the JSC.
- Minister Albanese is seeking confirmation (**Attachment 3**) of your position on a referendum using the following form of words proposed by the JSC:
the Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State or to any local government body formed by State or Territory legislation on such terms and conditions as the Parliament thinks fit.



• CONSULTATION

- Crown Law and the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 4 April 2013 regarding a referendum on the financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.

As expressed in my letter of 4 March 2013 to the Prime Minister (enclosed for your information), the Queensland Government supports the holding of a referendum at the time of the 2013 federal election to support appropriate recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.

I confirm that this remains the Queensland Government's position.

I note that the actual form of words proposed by the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government to amend section 96 of the Constitution is as follows:

...the Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State or to any local government body formed by State or Territory legislation on such terms and conditions as the Parliament thinks fit.

The proposed wording is supported, provided that it does not diminish the states' primary constitutional responsibility for local government, and that it would only allow the Commonwealth to make direct funding allocations to either a State/Territory Government or to a local government formed by the State.

Yours sincerely

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4 March 2013

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister *Julia*,

I am writing to you to express the Queensland Government's support for the holding of a referendum at the time of the 2013 Federal election, or on a fixed date in 2014, to support appropriate recognition of local government in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Queensland Government's position is consistent with that of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

I have written to you at this time as I understand the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament examining this matter is due to report back to parliament in March 2013, and that the views of State governments may contribute to subsequent decisions of the Commonwealth Parliament in respect of that report and its recommendations.

I understand that the proposed change would be limited to the inclusion of the following words in Section 96 of the Constitution: "parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or local government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory on such terms and conditions as Parliament sees fit", and that such an amendment would only allow the Commonwealth to make direct funding allocations to either a State/Territory Government or to a local government formed by the State.

It is the Queensland Government's view that constitutional recognition that does not diminish the State's primary constitutional responsibility for local government is appropriate given the breadth of interaction over recent decades between the Commonwealth and councils, and the legal uncertainty about funding that has arisen from the decisions of the High Court in the Pape and Williams cases in recent years. In particular, we support clarifying the legalities of direct funding of key local government infrastructure projects such as the Roads to Recovery program as well as major tunnel and rail projects.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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DATE: 6 / 4 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Attached copy of letter to PM 4/3/13. Position remains as per letter to PM!

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Sharni Sawyer

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Hi,
Please find attached some correspondence from Minister Albanese.

Kind regards

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Dear Premier

I am writing to you regarding a referendum on financial recognition of local government at the next federal election (14 September 2013). Following my recent appointment as Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, I am taking the opportunity to seek the final position of state and territory governments on this issue.

As you may be aware, on 21 March 2013, the Federal Government introduced the necessary legislation to keep the option of pursuing a referendum open. However, the timeframes are now very tight, and a decision whether to proceed needs to be made in the very near future. I understand in your letter of 4 March 2013 to the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, you stated your government would support a referendum on financial recognition of local government at the next election.

I would appreciate if you could confirm or advise otherwise whether remains your position on a referendum on financial recognition of local government, using the form of words proposed by the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, at the next federal election. Due to the tight timeframes for the Commonwealth to make a final decision, I am seeking your response by Thursday 11 April 2013.

I look forward to working with you in my new capacity as Minister responsible for the nation's regions and the local government sector. I have copied this letter to the Hon David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY ALBANESE

CC: The Hon David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Review of Counter-Terrorism Legislation**

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Premier

Date 25/4/2013

Date Action Required by: 1/05/2013

RECOMMENDATION

see below

It is recommended that you sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP agreeing that the COAG Review of Counter-Terrorism Legislation (the report) be referred to the Australia–New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee (ANZCTC) to develop a COAG response.

KEY ISSUES

Sch3 S.6(c)(ii) Infringe the Privileges of Parliament



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CONSULTATION

- Law and Justice Policy and Inter-Governmental Relations, DPC.

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Director-General

Police Ministers office need to understand that they should not be agreeing to referral of powers to Cwealth.

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 4 April 2013 about the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Review of Counter-Terrorism Legislation (the report) and the proposed way forward to consider and develop COAG's response to the report.

Sch3 S.6(c)(ii) Infringe the Privileges of Parliament

Thank you for writing to me about the proposed way forward and I look forward to COAG discussing the report's recommendations following the ANZCTC's consideration and advice.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** that members will travel to the Mackay Summit using their existing travel allowance in accordance with the normal rules for travel as outlined in the *Members' Entitlement Handbook* (the handbook)
- **approve** the proposed travel arrangements for nominated constituents and accept the recommendations as outlined by the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie where the Queensland Government will fund their travel to and from Mackay (**Attachment 1**)
- **note** that the project budget has sufficient allocation to cover these costs
- **note** that the Parliamentary Service Travel Office will coordinate all travel arrangements
- **approve** the letter to Mr Laurie accepting the recommendations and proposed model (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- *The Queensland Plan* will be developed through a statewide, facilitated engagement process, starting with a summit in Mackay on 10 May 2013.
- Members of Parliament have been asked to nominate three community representatives to join them at the summit (total 267 delegates). The Parliamentary Service Travel Office will coordinate travel for both the members and the nominated constituents.
- Members will travel to Mackay using their existing travel allowance and no amendment is required for the handbook.
- Many constituents will have to travel significant distances to attend the summit. A large number of constituents from 86 of the 89 electorates (258 delegates) will require air travel; either direct to Mackay or via Brisbane.
- Accommodation will be offered to constituents where it is considered unreasonable to travel from electorates to the summit and return in the same day. Parliamentary Services has developed a model that reflects equitable and fair arrangements for both members and constituents.
- It is anticipated the Mackay travel arrangements will cost approximately \$260 000 for the delegates. These arrangements will set a precedent for the Brisbane summit.
- While there is some potential exposure with regard to airline and hotel cancellation fees, this has been mitigated against in the travel arrangements and confirmation forms that are to be issued to the nominated constituents by the members.
- All Queensland mayors have been invited to attend and will coordinate their own travel arrangements.
- *The Queensland Plan* Project Team in conjunction with the Parliamentary Service Travel

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Office will have discretion to make urgent minor decisions and approvals to ensure the smooth running of these arrangements.

• **CONSULTATION**

- The Clerk of the Parliament; Deputy Chief-of-Staff, your office; Executive Services and Events Coordination, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

• **BACKGROUND**

- You announced the launch of *The Queensland Plan* in Townsville on 26 February 2013.
- A briefing to Members of Parliament was held on 7 March 2013 and a further briefing will be held on 18 April 2013.
- The Clerk of the Parliament wrote to you on 28 March 2013 with proposed travel arrangements.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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**PROPOSED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR
THE QUEENSLAND PLAN
MACKAY SUMMIT**

10 MAY 2013

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Premier has announced that Mackay will host a summit on 10 May 2013 as part of *The Queensland Plan* initiative.

The event will be held in the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Each Member of Parliament will be invited to attend, and each Member will also be invited to bring three (3) of their constituents to the summit.

The Parliamentary Service Travel Office has been asked to coordinate travel arrangements for all Members and their nominated constituents. This will include booking all air flights and (in the case of certain eligible constituents) accommodation, as well as providing compensation for other necessary travel expenses.

While the Travel Office has experience with coordinating travel for Members and Parliamentary/Government staff (including group travel events such as a Regional Sitting of the Parliament) this is the first time the Travel Office has been asked to arrange travel for members of the public.

This document outlines the travel arrangements that will apply to Members and their nominated constituents.

Travel arrangements for Members will be in accordance with the normal rules for travel as outlined in the *Members' Entitlement Handbook*. Section 2 of this document provides more information in relation to this.

Travel arrangements for nominated constituents will be in accordance with special rules prepared specifically for this event. These rules are outlined in section 3 of this document.

While the Travel Office will coordinate travel arrangements, all other aspects to the event will be managed by Priority Projects, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Unless otherwise specified, reference in this document to travel arrangements for "Members" shall include all 89 elected Members of Parliament. Nominated constituents will be referred to as "constituents".

2. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

The Premier has advised that all travel costs associated with travel to/from Mackay will be met from Members' individual Parliamentary travel entitlements. As a result, travel arrangements for Members will generally operate as outlined below.

Unless otherwise stated, all air and rail travel should be booked through the Parliamentary Service Travel Office - contact is (email MackaySummit@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 07 3406 7335 or 07 3406 7302).

Members wishing to conduct additional Parliamentary business prior to or following the Mackay summit can make separate travel claims utilising travel entitlements/allowances provided pursuant to the *Members' Entitlement Handbook*.

2.1 Air travel (where applicable)

Members requiring air travel to attend the Mackay summit should contact Travel Office staff who will make arrangements for them.

All flight costs to/from Mackay will be met by the Parliament and charged against each Member's *General Travel Allocation*.

In the case of regional Members that are entitled to Air Warrants pursuant to section 2.3.1.5 (a) of the *Handbook*, where these Members will be required to travel from their electorate to/from Brisbane to access connecting flights, Members will be required to exchange two (2) warrants to facilitate that connecting air travel. In these cases, the cost of any flights between the electorate and Brisbane will be a charge against the Member's Air Warrant allocation.

2.2 Rail travel

Members may elect to travel between their electorate and Mackay using suitable Queensland Rail services. The cost of rail travel (excluding meals) will be allocated to the Members' *Rail Travel Entitlement* provided pursuant to section 2.3.1.3 of the *Members' Entitlements Handbook*.

2.3 Ground travel

2.3.1 Taxis

All Members may use their *Cabcharge* card as required to meet taxi costs. Such costs will (subject to completion of the standard travel certification requirements outlined in the *Members' Entitlements Handbook*) be met by the Parliament and charged against each Member's *General Travel Allocation*.

2.3.2 Hire cars

All Members may make use of hire cars for the purposes of attending the summit and/or conducting other parliamentary business. Such costs will (subject to completion of the standard travel certification requirements outlined in the *Members' Entitlements Handbook*) be met by the Parliament and charged against each Member's *General Travel Allocation*.

2.3.3 Use of private vehicles

Members may make use of their private vehicles however costs associated with such usage (e.g. fuel) must be met by the Member personally. There will be no "kilometric" allowances paid to Members with the exception of Members travelling between their electorates and Brisbane in lieu of normal commercial air services covered by 2.3.1.5 (a) of the *Handbook* (see also section 2.1 above).

2.4 Accommodation, meals and other incidentals

Where a Member will be absent overnight from their electorate as a result of attending the Mackay summit, the Member must-

- a) organise and meet the cost of all accommodation, meals and other incidental costs; and
- b) make a claim for *Daily Travelling Allowance* (DTA) upon their return from Mackay (such claims should state the category of Parliamentary Business undertaken in category (e) *Attendance at official Government, Parliamentary or Vice-regal functions*).

Members not required to be absent from their electorate overnight to attend the summit (e.g. Members from the Mackay area) will not be provided with any compensation for accommodation, meals and other incidentals.

Note: In accordance with the *Members' Entitlements Handbook*, Members provided with overnight accommodation at Parliament House may not claim DTA for overnight stays in Brisbane as a result of connecting travel to/from Mackay.

2.5 Spouse travel

Arrangements for Spouse travel are as outlined in section 2.3.1.1 of the *Members' Entitlements Handbook*. That is -

Where a Member travels on Parliamentary business and:

- a) *that Member's spouse is formally invited to attend a function with the Member; or*
- b) *the spouse accompanies the Member to a community or Parliamentary function -*

the cost of the spouse's travel may be met from the Member's General Travel Allocation.

I note that at this time, I am unaware of any planned functions/events in Mackay that would meet the spouse travel criteria outlined above.

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSTITUENTS

3.1 Factors influencing the design of the arrangements

As noted earlier, while the Parliamentary Service has experience with coordinating travel for Members and Parliamentary/Government staff this is the first time the Travel Office has been asked to arrange travel for members of the public.

In the case of travel for Members and staff, there are well established governance systems in place that outline-

- what can be provided, when and how; and
- financial accountability controls over the expenditure of public monies (e.g. substantiation and certification requirements).

In the case of travel for members of public, no such governance systems exist and so a model has had to be developed.

In developing a model for providing travel to constituents, a number of factors have been taken into consideration, and these are discussed below:

a) A large number of people will require air travel

- Constituents from 86 of the 89 electorates (258 people) will require air travel to attend. Only 3 electorates (9 people) are considered sufficiently close to the venue in Mackay for those constituents to attend by ground transport without driving excessive distances.

b) A large number of people will need to fly via Brisbane airport

- Of the 86 electorates requiring air travel –
 - constituents from 65 electorates (195 people) will depart from Brisbane Airport on direct flights;
 - a further 7 electorates (21 people) will have to fly via Brisbane first to connect with flights to Mackay; and
 - the remaining 14 electorates (42 people) will fly to Mackay from a regional city (Gladstone/Cairns/Townsville/Rockhampton).
- There are only 3 early morning flights into Mackay on the day.

BRISBANE TO MACKAY ON 10 MAY

Airline	Depart Brisbane	Arrive Mackay	Economy Seat availability (as at 22 March 2013)
Qantas	6.20am	8.00am	115
Virgin Australia	6.25am	8.00am	128
Jetstar	8.00am	9.35am	177

- Only the first two (2) of the above flights will guarantee constituents would reach the venue by start time. Travellers on these flights would need to be at the airport by 5:30am and depending upon the distance between their home and the airport, this may be difficult (e.g. a constituent travelling from Gympie).
- Similar issues will apply on the return journey.

MACKAY TO BRISBANE 10 MAY

Airline	Depart Mackay	Arrive Brisbane	Economy Seat availability (as at 22 March 2013)
Qantas	4.45pm	6.15pm	115
Virgin Australia	5.00pm	6.20pm	128
Jetstar	5.55pm	7.15pm	177
Virgin Australia	7.05pm	8.25pm	98
Jetstar	7.15pm	8.35pm	177

- There are 5 evening flights back to Brisbane on the day, although the first of these may not be a realistic flight option for attendees given the summit closing time of 4:00pm. Travellers on these flights that may have a significant journey from Brisbane back to their home may find this difficult (e.g. a constituent travelling home to Gympie after 6:30pm).
- It is noted that all of the above flight times are scheduled times and do not factor in the potential unreliability of air travel (particularly in/out of Brisbane airport) on the day.

c) **Constituent demographic**

- Many constituents will have to travel significant distances to attend the venue. Some of the constituents may be of an age where traveling long distances in a single day presents difficulties.

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e) **The need to control costs**

- It is expected that keeping direct and indirect costs under control is a priority for Government.
- Travel arrangements have been developed to ensure costs are contained (e.g. economy class travel, restricting ground transport costs) while providing adequate recognition of the travel demands on constituents.

3.2 Roles and responsibilities

It is proposed that the following broad roles and responsibilities be assigned:

Members will-

- a) determine the constituents to travel;
- b) provide the constituents with details of the administrative arrangements (Parliamentary Service will provide each MP with these details to issue to each constituent); and
- c) obtain constituent acceptance of same, and confirm same in writing (via email) to Travel Office.

The Travel Office will-

- a) liaise with constituents;
- b) book all air travel and accommodation where required for the constituent; and
- c) issue an itinerary to both the constituent and the Member via the electorate office.

3.3 Air travel (all electorates excluding Mackay, Mirani and Whitsunday)

Following written advice from Members (in the form of Attachment B) the Travel Office will book all necessary flights to and from Mackay.

All costs will be met by the Parliament.

To minimise travel costs, flights will be economy class only.

The Parliamentary Travel office will not-

- a) make any flight arrangements for any other persons associated with constituents (e.g. spouses, family members etc); or
- b) make bookings that allow for the extension of the constituents stay in Mackay or any other location beyond that determined as necessary by the Travel Office to facilitate direct travel to/from the summit .

3.4 Rail travel

Given the location and the nature of the summit (single day, 10:00am to 4:00pm) rail travel options are not considered viable.

3.5 Accommodation

3.5.1 Constituents that will not be provided with accommodation

Accommodation will not be provided where it is considered reasonable for the constituent to travel from their electorate to the summit and return all in the same day (10 May).

Based on existing flight scheduling and location of electorates, it is suggested that there are 55 electorates (165 constituents) that will not require accommodation.

These electorates fall under three (3) categories –

- a) **Brisbane metropolitan electorates** which have been defined as those approximately within 60 km of the CBD, where it is considered reasonable to travel between the electorate and Brisbane Airport in a single day (approximate travel time of 1 hour each way)

NO ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED BRISBANE METROPOLITAN ELECTORATES 41 electorates/123 constituents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulimba • Albert • Algester • Ashgrove • Aspley • Brisbane central • Bundamba • Capalaba • Chatsworth • Clayfield • Cleveland • Everton • Ferny Grove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenslopes • Inala • Indooroopilly • Ipswich • Ipswich West • Kallangur • Logan • Lytton • Mansfield • Morayfield • Moggill • Mount Coot-tha • Mount Ommaney • Murrumba • Nudgee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Rivers • Pumicestone • Redcliffe • Redlands • Sandgate • Springwood • South Brisbane • Stafford • Stretton • Sunnybank • Waterford • Woodridge • Yeerongpilly

- b) **Mackay region electorates** have been defined as those electorates where all or a portion of the boundary is within 40 km of Mackay.

NO ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED MACKAY REGION ELECTORATES 3 electorates/9 constituents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mackay • Mirani • Whitsunday

- c) **Other regional electorates** are those where suitable commercial flights exist between regional airports and Mackay to allow travel to and from the summit on 10 May-

NO ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED REGIONAL ELECTORATES WHERE SUITABLE FLIGHTS SCHEDULES EXIST 11 electorates/33 constituents			
Electorate	Flight Route	Depart Flight	Return Flight
Barron River	CNS/MKY/CNS	Dep. 6.55am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas via TSV)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 7.30pm (Qantas via TSV)
Burdekin	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)
Cairns	CNS/MKY/CNS	Dep. 6.55am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas via TSV)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 7.30pm (Qantas via TSV)
Cook	CNS/MKY/CNS	Dep. 6.55am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas via TSV)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 7.30pm (Qantas via TSV)
Dalrymple	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)
Hinchinbrook	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)
Keppel	ROK/MKY/ROK	Dep. 8.35am Arr. 9.20am (Qantas)	Dep. 3.55pm Arr. 4.35pm (Qantas)
Mulgrave	CNS/MKY/CNS	Dep. 6.55am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas via TSV)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 7.30pm (Qantas via TSV)
Mundingburra	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)
Thuringowa	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)
Townsville	TSV/MKY/TSV	Dep. 8.10am Arr. 9.00am (Qantas)	Dep. 5.20pm Arr. 6.10pm (Qantas)

- d) Note that the provision of no accommodation for this electorate group assumes that constituents all located within a reasonable distance of the nearest commercial airport. For instance, constituents from the Cook electorate office in far north Queensland may need to travel from Cooktown or other remote locations to Cairns airport. Similarly constituents from Dalrymple may need to travel from Charters Towers or Moranbah to depart from Townsville.

- e) There will need to be some flexibility in respect of accommodation options for constituents from these regional electorates based on individual circumstances.

3.5.2 Constituents that will be provided with accommodation

Accommodation will be offered where it is considered unreasonable to expect constituents to travel from their electorate to the summit and return in the same day (i.e. 10 May).

There are 4 groupings of such electorates.

a) Accommodation Group 1 - Outer Brisbane electorates (1 night's accommodation on 9 May)

Outer Brisbane electorates have been loosely defined as those outside the Brisbane metropolitan electorate category set out in 3.5.1 but within approximately 80 km of Brisbane CBD or the Brisbane Airport. Given the early flight times from Brisbane to Mackay on 10 May and the time they would be required to leave home to meet those flights, it is proposed to provide one night's accommodation on Thursday night, 9 May (either in Brisbane City or Mackay).

It is not proposed to provide a second night's accommodation on the evening of 10 May because while they may be arriving back in Brisbane at 6:20 or 7:15 pm, it is arguable that they can still make it home at a reasonable hour (i.e. before 8:30pm – 9:00pm).

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED - 1 NIGHT (CHOICE OF EITHER BRISBANE OR MACKAY) OUTER BRISBANE ELECTORATES 16 electorates/48 constituents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaudesert • Broadwater • Buderim • Burleigh • Caloundra • Coomera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currumbin • Gaven • Glass house • Kawana • Lockyer • Maroochydore • Mermaid Beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudgeeraba • Southport • Surfers Paradise

b) Accommodation Group 2 – Other SEQ electorates (2 nights accommodation on 9 & 10 May)

Other SEQ electorates have been loosely defined as outside 80kms distance from the Brisbane CBD but still departing from Brisbane Airport as closest air travel departure point. These electorates are sufficient distance from Brisbane Airport to justify overnight accommodation on 9 & 10 May so that travel times and flight scheduling can be reasonably managed.

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED – 2 NIGHTS (CHOICE OF EITHER BRISBANE OR MACKAY) SEQ ELECTORATES 8 electorates/24 constituents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condamine • Gympie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanango • Nicklin • Noosa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toowoomba North • Toowoomba South • Southern Downs

**c) Accommodation Group 3 – Other regional electorates
(2 night's accommodation on 9 & 10 May)**

Other regional electorates (excluding Mackay region) have been defined as electorates where constituents will travel to/from Mackay-

- direct from a regional commercial airport (e.g. Rockhampton to Mackay); or
- via connecting flights through Brisbane or other regional airports(e.g. Roma-Brisbane-Mackay); and
- air travel schedules do not permit constituents to travel to/from Mackay in a single day based on Mackay summit timetable.

Because of travel times and flight scheduling, overnight accommodation on 9 May and 10 May will be required. It is assumed that due to flight schedules from regional airports that all constituents may need overnight accommodation in Mackay prior to the event.

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED – 2 NIGHTS (BRISBANE/MACKAY) REGIONAL ELECTORATES WHERE FLIGHTS SCHEDULES DO NOT ALLOW SAME DAY TRAVEL 10 electorates/30 constituents			
Electorate	Flight Route	Depart Flight (10 May)	Return Flight (10 May)
Bundaberg	BDB/BNE/MKY/BNE/BDB	Dep. 6.45am Arr. 10.40am (Qantas via BNE)	No same day option
Burnett	BDB/BNE/MKY/BNE/BDB	Dep. 6.45am Arr. 10.40am (Qantas via BNE)	No same day option
Gregory	EMD/BNE/MKY/BNE/EMD	No same day option	No same day option
Hervey Bay	BDB/BNE/MKY/BNE/BDB	Dep. 6.45am Arr. 10.40am (Qantas via BNE)	No same day option
Maryborough	BDB/BNE/MKY/BNE/BDB	Dep. 6.45am Arr. 10.40am (Qantas via BNE)	No same day option
Mount Isa	ISA/TSV/MKY/BNE/ISA	No same day option	No same day option
Warrego	ROMA/BNE/MKY/BNE/ROMA or CHV/BNE/MKY/BNE/CHV	No same day option	No same day option
Callide*	ROK/MKY/ROK	Dep. 8.35am Arr. 9.20am (Qantas)	Dep. 3.55pm Arr. 4.35pm (Qantas)
Gladstone*	GLT/MKY/GLT	Dep. 7.45am Arr. 9.20am (Qantas)	Dep. 3.55pm Arr. 5.25pm (Qantas)
Rockhampton*	ROK/MKY/ROK	Dep. 8.35am Arr. 9.20am (Qantas)	Dep. 3.55pm Arr. 4.35pm (Qantas)

- Constituents from these electorates may not require accommodation for 9 May based on flight schedules.

3.5.2.1 Meals/Incidental costs associated with accommodation

It is assumed that constituents requiring accommodation on the evening prior to and/or the evening of the Mackay summit will need to be provided with some form of recompense for meal and incidental costs incurred.

There are effectively 2 options available –

- a) constituents meet any meal and incidental costs privately in the first instance, and then claim actual costs incurred after the event by providing receipts, etc; or
- b) provide constituents with a fixed meal allowance in advance similar to arrangements available to public service employees when travelling.

For administrative efficiency and equity amongst all constituents, option (b) is recommended.

Under the proposed arrangement, constituents will be provided with meal allowances based on the fixed rates applicable to Government employees pursuant to *Directive No. 9/11* issued by the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations.

The total amount of allowance paid will vary according to the number of accommodation nights required as a result of flight scheduling (see below).

	Accommodation Group 1 Section 3.5.2 refers	Accommodation Group 2 Section 3.5.2 refers	Accommodation Group 3 Section 3.5.2 refers
Thursday 9 May			
Breakfast	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lunch	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dinner	\$45.60	\$45.60	\$45.60
Incidental allowance	\$17.30	\$17.30	\$17.30
Friday 10 May 2013			
Breakfast	\$23.65	\$23.65	\$23.65
Lunch	Provided	Provided	Provided
Dinner	N/a	\$45.60	\$45.60
Incidental allowance	N/a	\$17.30	\$17.30
Sat 11 May 2013			
Breakfast	n/a	\$23.65	\$23.65
Total Allowance per constituent	\$86.55	\$173.10	\$173.10

Constituents travelling to/from Mackay in a single day (i.e. those not provided with accommodation) will not be provided with any meal allowances on the basis that it is assumed lunch will be provided at the Mackay summit venue and light refreshments will be provided during flights.

3.5.3 Sourcing hotel accommodation in Mackay

Based on the proposed accommodation arrangements outlined earlier, there may be up to 100 constituents requiring accommodation on the 9th of May, and up to 50 constituents requiring accommodation on the 10th May.

Accommodating these large numbers (not including Members) poses a number of issues -

- a) whether to try and accommodate all constituents in a few larger hotels if available (this offers some logistical benefits and more equity in terms of the standard provided, but may add to ground transport costs if Members are staying at different smaller hotels);
- b) what standard of accommodation should be provided (e.g. the public sector accommodation allowance for Mackay is currently \$153 per night but it may not be possible to accommodate all constituents within this price range – refer below).

As a guide, preliminary scoping of vacancies at several of the larger central Mackay hotels indicates availability and costs to be as follows–

Hotel	Room availability (9 May)	Room rate
Mackay Grande Suites	70	\$215-\$260
Quest Mackay	60	\$170-\$200
Clarion Marina Hotel	15	\$250

The remaining hotels in the Mackay CBD area are generally smaller hotels and motels with limited rooms. Actual availability in these smaller hotels has not yet been examined.

For administrative ease it is proposed that the Parliament House Travel Office book and pay for all hotel accommodation (room rate only) for constituents. Constituents will be responsible for meeting any additional costs charged to the hotel room (e.g. phone, mini-bar, meals) from allowances provided under section 3.5.2.1.



3.6 Ground travel

Constituents will likely require ground travel between-

- their residence and their local airport;
- Mackay airport to the summit venue and return; and
- their local airport back to their residence.

There will also be a limited number of constituents from the Mackay area that may seek to use ground travel between their residence and the venue.

Ground travel would typically include taxis, private vehicles or both.

The cost of providing every individual constituent with compensation for all ground travel would be prohibitive. The cost of taxis alone could easily exceed \$50,000.

There would also be significant administrative costs associated with establishing an accountable/auditable framework for claims/payments to be made. Options would be-

- issuing constituents with cash, or taxi docketts in advance; or
- asking constituents to pay in the first instance and then seek reimbursement from the Parliament in the form of receipts, applications for kilometric allowance and associated certifications.

I propose that consideration be given to the following approach:

3.6.1 Taxis

The Parliament will not meet the cost of any taxi travel. Constituents will be encouraged, wherever possible, to travel with their MP which would allow the sharing of taxis with the MP using their *Cabcharge* Card to meet costs.

There would be some logistical issues for Members in this approach but it would result in significantly lower overall costs and may provide an opportunity for each Member to ensure that their constituent group feels comfortable and relaxed prior to the formal event.

3.6.2 Use of private vehicles

The Parliament will only meet private vehicle costs in the case of a constituent using their vehicle in lieu of eligible air travel. In such circumstances a kilometric allowance (at public service rates) will be paid.

The constituent will be required to make a claim after the travel on an appropriate form.

3.6.3 Commercial airport parking fees

The Parliament will reimburse commercial airport parking fees incurred by constituents upon production of a receipt. The constituent will be required to make a claim after the travel.

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOMINATED CONSTITUENTS
(To be issued by Members to prospective nominated constituents)

In the event the model is approved, travel arrangements provided to constituents will vary from electorate to electorate (e.g. some constituents will be provided with overnight accommodation, others will not).

The Parliamentary Service will provide each Member with forms similar to this but tailored to their electorate circumstances.

INTRODUCTION

The Premier has announced that Mackay will host a summit on 10 May 2013 as part of *The Queensland Plan* initiative. The event will be held in the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm. Each Member of Parliament will be invited to attend, and will also be invited to bring three (3) of their constituents to the summit.

The Parliamentary Service Travel Office has been asked to coordinate travel arrangements for all Members and their nominated constituents. In the case of constituents this will include booking all air flights and accommodation, as well as (in some cases) providing compensation for other necessary travel expenses.

In the event your nomination is confirmed by your Member, the Travel Office will be in contact with you to discuss your specific travel arrangements but the purpose of this document is to provide you with an indication of what those travel arrangements will be.

COSTS THAT WILL BE MET BY THE PARLIAMENT

The Parliament will book and meet the cost of –

- Air travel to Mackay and return (economy class provided)
- Accommodation in either Brisbane or Mackay on the evening of 9 May

In addition the Parliament will provide a small allowance to each constituent in advance to cover meal and incidental costs where an overnight stay is required.

The Parliament will also meet commercial car parking fees incurred by you at Brisbane Airport or regional airports (upon application by you and production of a receipt for the expenditure you incurred)

REPAYMENT OF COSTS IN THE EVENT YOU CANNOT TRAVEL

In the event that you are booked to attend the summit but you do not attend the event due to illness or other reasons, the Clerk of the Parliament may seek reimbursement from you for costs incurred by the Parliament (i.e. airline cancellation fees, accommodation cancellation fees and any meal/incidental allowances paid in advance). The Clerk will give consideration to the circumstances surrounding non-attendance before deciding whether to seek reimbursement.

COSTS THAT WILL NOT BE MET BY THE PARLIAMENT

The Parliament will not meet the cost of-

- any taxis; or
- any private motor vehicle costs (fuel, payment of kilometric allowances etc).

The Parliament will not arrange or meet the costs associated with –

- any flight arrangements for any other persons associated with constituents (e.g. spouses, family members etc); or
- travel bookings that allow for the extension of the constituents stay in Mackay or any other location beyond that determined as necessary by the Travel Office to facilitate direct travel to/from the summit ; or
- personal costs charged to hotel rooms (e.g. phone, minibars, room service meals etc).

ATTACHMENT B

**THE QUEENSLAND PLAN
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CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATED CONSTITUENT DETAILS

TO BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED BY THE MEMBER TO THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE (email MackaySummit@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Members will-

- a) determine the constituents to travel
- b) provide the constituents with details of the administrative arrangements (See Attachment A of this document)
- c) obtain constituent acceptance of same, and confirm same in writing (via email) to Travel Office

The Travel Office will-

- a) liaise with constituents
- b) book all air travel and accommodation where required for the constituent
- c) issue an itinerary to both the constituent and the Member

PART A: CONSTITUENT DETAILS

Name:	
Address:	
Preferred daytime phone contact:	
Preferred emergency phone contact:	
Email (if applicable):	
Other general comments or travel requirements: (e.g. if constituent is a minor, or requires disability assistance etc)	

PART B: CERTIFICATION BY MEMBER

I certify that-

The abovementioned constituent has-

- a) been provided with a copy of the approved Travel Arrangements for Nominated Constituents; and
- b) advised me that they accept the conditions of travel that will apply to them as outlined in those Travel Arrangements

Signed

Member for.....



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: PP/MF - TF/13/7196 - DOC/13/55725

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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2013 regarding the proposed model for the travel arrangements for *The Queensland Plan* Mackay summit.

Thank you for your careful consideration and analysis of the many variables associated with the preparation of travel arrangements for such a vast demographic and your offer for the Parliamentary Service Travel Office to manage all facets for both members and constituents.

I support the proposed model for summit travel arrangements noting that members will use their existing travel allowance as specified in the *Members' Entitlements Handbook* and approve the nominated categories for specifying constituent travel allowances.

I also agree that it is appropriate for the members to play a role in liaising with their nominated constituents regarding travel details to ensure clarity before the Travel Office commences the booking arrangements. I accept that some flexibility will be required in the options for constituents based on individual circumstances and will be guided by your recommendations.

The Queensland Plan Project Team in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet will support your office in coordinating these arrangements. The project team will also facilitate payment of the travel costs incurred by Parliamentary Services as outlined in your proposal.

Thank you again for the action you have taken to facilitate this important initiative so far.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
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Subject: Food business rating scheme –
correspondence from Logan City Council

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 18/2/2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that Queensland Health (QH) continues to work with local governments to develop a state-wide food business rating scheme
- sign the response letter to Logan City Council (LCC) (**Attachment 1**).

See below

• KEY ISSUES

- In September 2009, the then Minister for Health agreed to the development of a state-wide food business rating scheme for Queensland. Amendments to the *Food Act 2006* (the Act) were assented to on 24 November 2011 and provide for the introduction of prescribed requirements for food business rating schemes. These provisions automatically commence on 25 November 2012, however, a one-year extension is possible, subject to Executive Council approval.
- The scheme assesses a food business against specific criteria to provide a rating of its safety and hygiene standards. While introduction of a scheme is voluntary for local governments, there are penalties for introducing a scheme which differs from the scheme prescribed in the Act.
- On 12 September 2012, LCC wrote to you (**Attachment 2**) seeking your representation to QH that the existing council sponsored *Eat Safe Logan* and *Eat Safe Brisbane (Eat Safe)* food business rating schemes be adopted as the prescribed requirements in the Act. LCC also sought deferral of implementation of the proposed changes by 12 months, until 25 November 2013, to allow more time for consultation and completion of the national food rating scheme expected by early- to mid-2013.
- QH advises that on 12 October 2012, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, approved that QH urgently prepare a postponement regulation, to postpone the automatic commencement of the food business rating scheme by one year (to 25 November 2013).
- While QH advised that LCC and other local government members of the food business rating scheme's working group were aware of its proposal to defer the automatic commencement date, QH will be formally advising all local governments that this deferral has now been approved.
- LCC also raised concerns that the Act will require the *Eat Safe* scheme to cease and raised a particular concern that removal of Part B of the *Eat Safe* model checklist would result in an inability for food businesses to prove sustained compliance.
- QH advises that there is no intention to abolish any existing local government rating scheme or to introduce prescribed requirements that result in existing local government models not being able to continue.

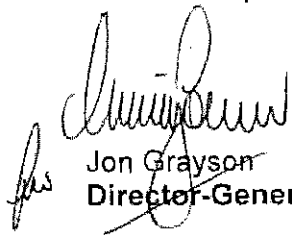
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- QH advises if an existing local government rating scheme does not comply with the prescribed requirements, a notice of proposed disallowance of the existing rating scheme may be given. Minor amendments may be necessary for the *Eat Safe* model to secure compliance but this would be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- QH advises it agrees with and supports many elements of the *Eat Safe* model but, in accordance with Government priorities to reduce regulatory burden, is examining ways to deliver the desired outcomes of the *Eat Safe* model in a less administratively onerous way, suitable for businesses as a state-wide model.
- For example, under Part B of the *Eat Safe* model, in order for a business to achieve a five star rating, it must develop and implement a food safety program or implement documented record keeping across nine separate areas of the business. QH advises the state-wide scheme could deliver the same outcomes as *Eat Safe*, but with less administrative and regulatory burden.
- QH has established a working group to provide advice and assistance in the development of a state-wide rating scheme. This includes representatives from all nominated local governments and also enables a local government perspective to be fed to the national working group.
- QH has not envisaged that any existing rating scheme would be disallowed due to the collaborative approach taken to develop the state-wide rating scheme.
- On 26 September 2012, QH officers met with LCC to discuss their concerns. QH provided LCC with assurance that QH is committed to continuing to work with all local governments to finalise the rating schemes.
- The response letter (**Attachment 1**) advises that Minister Springborg has approved the deferral of the automatic commencement of the scheme's implementation and encourages LCC to continue to liaise with the Food Safety Standards and Regulation team at QH to work through any concerns they have.

• CONSULTATION

- QH provided advice for inclusion in this brief and the response (**Attachment 1**).

for 
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

I am really concerned that QH don't want to listen! This whole project needs to completely re-aligned. It is to only proceed in a collaborative way with local govt at the table designing the scheme.

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Dear Mr Mansfield

Shane

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2012 about the state-wide food business rating scheme that is currently being developed. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate you taking the time to raise your concerns with me. I feel strongly that where local councils have effective food ratings systems in place, these should be supported and not hamstrung by state-based requirements.

You will be aware that since you wrote to me, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, has approved a postponement of the automatic commencement of the food business rating scheme provisions in the *Food Act 2006* by one year, up to 25 November 2013. While I am assured that the intention of the new state-wide approach is not to introduce prescribed requirements that will result in existing local government food business rating schemes being abolished or disallowed, I remain concerned about the impact this may have on existing schemes like *Eat Safe Logan* and *Eat Safe Brisbane*.

To that end, I have forwarded a copy of your letter and my response to Minister Springborg for his further consideration about the very real concerns you have raised, and indeed, whether it is necessary to proceed with the state-wide scheme. Furthermore, as a key stakeholder, it is my expectation that significant consultation will take place with you and other key stakeholders about any proposed changes.

I understand you have been in contact with Ms Tenille Fort, Director, Food Safety Standards and Regulation, Queensland Health, and I would encourage you to keep in contact with Ms Fort on telephone (07) 3328 9310.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely


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Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR THE "EAT SAFE" MODEL (AS PER LOGAN AND BRISBANE CITY COUNCILS) BE ADOPTED FOR THE PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOOD REGULATION

I am writing to you to outline Logan City Council's concern with Queensland Health's proposal to regulate food business rating schemes by way of a regulation under the *Food Act 2006* and to seek your support for the urgent review of this direction.

Specifically Council seeks your representations to Queensland Health requesting that:

- the Eat Safe Logan and Eat Safe Brisbane food business rating schemes be adopted as the prescribed requirements in the legislation and specify Council's concerns with the impending legislation; and
- the implementation of the proposed "Chapter 11 Part 3B Food Business rating schemes" for the *Food Act 2006*, be deferred for a further 12 months (until 25 November 2013) to allow for appropriate consultation and engagement as well as clarify of the National Voluntary Food Business Rating Scheme.

What new laws are being brought in?

There are proposed changes to the *Food Act 2006* that have the potential to abolish the Eat Safe Logan model. On 10 August 2012, the Queensland Health Food Safety Policy and Regulation Unit advised that the new "Chapter 11 Part 3B Food Business rating schemes" will commence on 25 November 2012. "Chapter 11 Part 3B Food business rating schemes" (clause 14) was introduced via the *Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2011* in November 2011. The amendments will enable the introduction of prescribed requirements for a food business rating scheme through a regulation under the *Food Act 2006*. These prescribed requirements will set out the requirements for all Queensland local government food business rating schemes. The current concern that Council has is that Queensland Health have indicated that the Eat Safe model may not be the model adopted by the legislation, and as such, Council may be directed by the Minister to cease conducting Eat Safe Logan as it would not comply with the prescribed requirements in the regulation.

The impending legislation specifies that the Chief Executive of Queensland Health may approve a food business rating scheme, however the Minister may also "disallow" a food business rating scheme that does not comply with the prescribed requirements. This means that from the 25 November 2012 the Minister for Health may 'disallow' Eat Safe Logan and serve Council a disallowance notice which means Council would have to immediately cease conducting the Eat Safe Logan scheme.



It is important the Local and State governments work together with relation to the issue of enforcement, or the relationship between governments will continue to fracture. Council is committed to working collaboratively with the Queensland Health Food Safety Policy and Regulation Unit on both the Food Business Ratings Scheme Steering Committee and the Food Business Ratings Scheme Working Group.

The national working group (Implementation Sub-Committee of the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council) is currently developing a framework for a national voluntary food business rating scheme. It is important to note that this framework is only in the development phase and will not be publicised for consultation for some time. It is envisaged that the national framework will be available some time in 2013. The timeline of the State for introducing the Chapter 11, Part 3B of the *Food Act 2006* is out of sequence with the national framework. This is because the national framework/principles for a National Voluntary Food Business Rating Scheme must be put into place first, before the prescribed requirements can be put into the *Food Regulation 2006* (which is what Eat Safe Logan would be assessed against to determine compliance with the legislation).

Council request that the new legislation be deferred for at least another 12 months (i.e. 25 November 2013) to enable proper evaluation of the Eat Safe model as the approved model (i.e. the approved prescribed criteria).

What is Eat Safe Logan and how does it Work?

Logan City Council and Brisbane City Council operate food business rating schemes (Eat Safe Logan & Eat Safe Brisbane) where food business are inspected and rewarded with a star rating from zero to five stars based on their compliance with food safety and hygiene standards, good management practices and legislation. Businesses that are rated three stars or higher have met the minimum requirements for food safety and are rewarded for the standards with licence fee discounts and promotional material. The model has been designed to encourage food businesses to achieve the highest standards in food safety, hygiene standards and good management practices. Food businesses with ratings of three stars or higher can choose to display their rating on their premises and the ratings are on the Council's respective website.

During 2010 (and in an ongoing capacity), Logan City Council worked collaboratively with Brisbane City Council to implement Eat Safe Logan, which was based on Eat Safe Brisbane. To date both Council's have had positive feedback from the community, food industry representatives and local food businesses regarding the Eat Safe scheme. Council has invested considerable resources in Eat Safe Logan in both the planning and development and as an ongoing commitment to industry, to assist food business in an ongoing capacity. Enclosed is a copy of a Food Safety Checklist which outlines the Eat Safe Logan inspection methodology.

The introduction of Eat Safe Logan has enabled Council to work smarter with fewer resources and focus on the poor performing and non-compliant food businesses. Positive results of the scheme include increasing the amount businesses compliant with the Food Act. Overall 26% of businesses increased their star ratings from 2010/2011 to 2011/2012 and 15% of businesses that were previously non-compliant became compliant by 2011/2012.

In 2011, the population of Queensland was 4,610,000. Brisbane City Council was the largest local government area with a population of 1,089,743 and Logan City Council is the sixth largest local government area with a population of 287,517. Together, these two Councils, which have implemented Eat Safe successfully, account for 30% of Queensland's population and approximately 7,000 of the State's food business licensees.

What Queensland Health have proposed and what don't they like

Queensland Health has proposed a food business rating scheme that uses a standardised checklist template that is based only on compliance with the requirements of the food standards code and the *Food Act 2006*. The Eat Safe checklist (Section A) makes an assessment of food safety requirements as per the *Food Act 2006* and the *Food Safety Standards*.

Council's main concern is that it may lose the 'Part B' section of the Eat Safe inspection checklist (please see attached) as Queensland Health have indicated that they would not adopt the Part B section. Without this portion of the inspection, businesses are unable to prove sustained compliance as documentation forms part of an effective food business management system. Food businesses that incorporate good management practices are rewarded with a higher star rating than just basic compliance. If the Eat Safe model was not adopted, those businesses that go the 'extra mile' and serve their due diligence duties would be classified as another business that meets the legislative requirements. In other words, all 4 and 5 star businesses would effectively become a 3 star business.

It is important to acknowledge that the proposed prescribed requirements and the guiding principles (yet to be agreed on via the Steering Committee) are only *proposed* and it is difficult to predict the exact outcomes of what will actually be placed into the regulation.

How the Queensland Health decision will impact on the Eat safe Logan scheme

The impending legislation specifies that the Chief Executive of Queensland Health may approve a food business rating scheme, however the Minister may also "disallow" a food business rating scheme that does not comply with the prescribed requirements. This means that Logan must maintain their current position on the continuation of the Eat Safe Logan scheme, or from the 25 November 2012 the Minister for Health may 'disallow' Eat Safe Logan and serve Logan City Council a disallowance notice which means Logan would have to immediately cease conducting the Eat Safe Logan scheme.

Logan City Council will be affected financially if the Eat Safe model is not accepted as a suitable food business rating scheme by the Chief Executive of Queensland Health or the Minister for Health.

- Over two years of work with business, industry groups and the community will have been wasted. This includes consultation, education and annual inspections and follow up inspection for approximately 950 food business per year.
- Procedures, processes, forms and educational materials will need to be changed and re-printed.
- iPad electronic inspection forms, an excellent resource for Eat Safe, not only in terms of efficiency and customer service benefits but also because it has increased inspection consistency for officers and communication with customers, were a large financial investment and would need to change to be made to the electronic inspection form will have a large financial implication.
- Resources will also be required for Council to explain the changes to the local food industry, whether this is in the form of workshops, advertising or on-site education during an inspection.
- Amendments will also need to be made, Council's Incentive Licensing Policy and its Review and Re-grade Policy.

Critically also, the local food industry will be impacted as they may need to change on-site practices to comply with any newly imposed prescribed requirements that differ from Eat Safe Logan. Council has been working with the local food industry and key food industry stakeholders since early 2010.

Businesses have now had over 2 years to acclimatise to the Eat Safe Logan scheme and have had the ongoing support via education from Council Officers to implement site practices that will help improve a business' practices to achieve the best possible star rating. For industry to re-adjust to a new system will take time and resources and may result in little faith of the longevity of the new system.

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Your Representations to Queensland Health

Logan City Council is requesting that your government consider the issues raised and seek that the Eat Safe Logan and Eat Safe Brisbane food business rating schemes be adopted as the prescribed requirements in the regulation. Logan City Council further requests that the implementation of the impending "Chapter 11 Part 3B Food Business Rating Schemes" into the Food Act 2006 be deferred for a further 12 months (until November 2013), to allow for appropriate consultation and both industry and local government engagement, as well as clarify the National Voluntary Food Business Rating Scheme Guidelines/Framework.

I sincerely appreciate your valuable time in reviewing Council's submission. I extend my thanks in advance to you in anticipation of your Government's acceptance of Council's proposal.

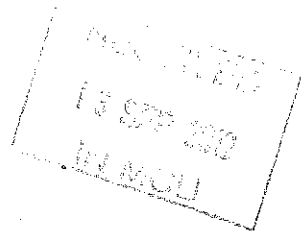
Thank you again for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

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Shane Mansfield
City Standards Manager
(on behalf of Chris Rose, Chief Executive Officer)



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 31 January 2013
Subject: Anonymous report of asbestos cover-up at Tingalpa State School in 2009

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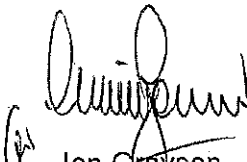
It is recommended that you sign the response to an anonymous correspondent about alleged removal of asbestos from Tingalpa State School during school hours on 6 November 2009 (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- The correspondent emailed you on 21 September 2012 asking that a full investigation be undertaken into alleged inappropriate removal of flooring during renewal works being carried out as part of the former government's *State Schools of Tomorrow* program (Attachment 2). A certificate of analysis from PPK Environment and Infrastructure, dated 30 April 1998, stamped by QBuild, was provided by the correspondent as evidence of the material's composition (Attachment 3).
- The correspondent says he was informed by another person that the flooring was removed and put into the back of an open tray utility on a windy day. He also claims that students, who were visiting from other schools to play interschool sport, had passed within 10 metres of the material when getting off the bus.
- Further, it is stated that s.73 Member of the Public failed to ensure that contractors read the asbestos register and signed a form acknowledging they were aware of its presence; the school should have been shut down after the mistake had been discovered; and parents of all children attending the school on that day should be notified immediately to enable full medical checkups.
- On 14 November 2012, Ms Fiona Crawford, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, wrote to the correspondent to confirm that appropriate procedures had been followed (Attachment 4). The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has provided documentation from Envirohealth Consulting Pty Ltd, which demonstrates that testing was undertaken on 22 and 24 September and 15 October 2009 on vinyl flooring in a number of buildings prior to commencement of refurbishment work (Attachments 5 and 6). DETE has confirmed that concerns were raised by a member of the school about the presence of asbestos in Block I specifically and work was suspended on 6 November 2009 and completed over the weekend of 7 and 8 November 2009.
- Samples of vinyl flooring from Block I tested by Envirohealth Consulting Pty Ltd, on 9 November 2009, and Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd, on 10 November 2009, found no trace of asbestos (Attachment 7), and air monitoring undertaken as an extra precaution during removal also returned negative results. It is unclear how the discrepancy in results occurred. However, the relevant officer in DETE has indicated that very small samples of material are often selected for testing and if asbestos is found in one sample, the flooring for an entire building may, as a precautionary measure, be marked down as containing asbestos regardless of whether different types of flooring materials are present.

• KEY ISSUES

- DETE.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)



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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2012 about the inappropriate removal of asbestos at Tingalpa State School. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I agree that the set of circumstances you have described, involving the disturbance of asbestos at Tingalpa State School in November 2009 are very serious, and I appreciate you bringing the issue to my attention. I understand you have also written to my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, and that his office has provided a response.

I have been told that concerns were raised back in 2009 about the removal of vinyl flooring from the old pre-school building known as Block I at Tingalpa State School. The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has confirmed that, while the certificate from PPK Environment and Infrastructure, dated 30 April 1998, indicated that asbestos was present in the flooring, further testing undertaken by Envirohealth Consulting Pty Ltd, on 9 November 2009, and Parsons Brickerhoff Australia Pty Ltd, on 10 November 2009, found no trace of asbestos in the flooring in Block I. The department has provided me with the Certificate of Analysis from both testing agencies. I have been told that air monitoring undertaken as an extra precaution during removal also returned negative results. I also understand that the school was in communication with the department throughout the process to ensure the asbestos management plan was followed.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, Mr Dave Baxter, Executive Director, Infrastructure Programs and Delivery, DETE, would be happy to assist and can be contacted by email at dave.baxter@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 2826.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Sharni Sawyer

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To: The Premier; ashgrove@parliament.qld.gov.au; greg@4bc.com.au; len prep
Subject: FW: Asbestos cover up
Attachments: asbestos.doc; asbestos.doc 2.pdf

Dear Mr Newman, now that you are the Premier of Qld, I feel you need to look at this event that took place at Tingalpa State School. This incident occurred in November 2009 and no real investigation has been conducted to date. I feel this is a very important issue and hope that you will use all of the available resources to investigate this matter.

If these allegations are true, I hope that the full extent of the law will be applied to all persons known to have been part of this cover up.

The cover up involved the disturbance of asbestos at Tingalpa State School. The incident happened on Friday 06/11/2009, when the school was filled with hundreds of extra students at the school for interschool sport. It occurred during the refurbishment of the school's Performing Arts room formally the Tingalpa State Pre School through the States Schools of Tomorrow program. Vinyl floor covering in the room was ripped up and thrown onto the back of an open tray ute parked in the grounds of the Performing Arts room. My informant remembers this day to be quite windy and many students from the other school's had walked passed within 10 metres of the ute, after getting off the bus to play touch footy at interschool sport.

The school's asbestos register clearly states that this flooring contained asbestos backing and should not have been disturbed during school hours of operation. I have attached a copy of this page of the register for you to look at. I have also attached a copy of the correct way to the reporting of and the procedure to cleaning up the contaminated site.

Before the discovery of the work being done with the asbestos flooring, s.73 Member of the Public should have required that the contractors read the asbestos register and sign a form to acknowledge that they were aware of its presence.

After the mistake had been discovered, [redacted] should have closed off the surrounding area to both foot and vehicular traffic. Due to the flooring being thrown on to the back of the ute, and the windy conditions the whole of the school should have been shut down. All parents of Tingalpa State School students, and parents of all the children playing interschool sport on that day should have received a letter explaining what had taken place. See attachment explaining the Guidelines for Communication to Parents. WPHS Qld should have also been contacted immediately. There is no supporting documents that any of these guidelines had taken place. After the fact the contractors conducted their own independent test which they say came back negative. No copy of these findings were ever given to the school.

Due to [redacted] in ability to act, I believe that all parents whom had a child at the school on this day should be notified immediately, so they can have a full medical check up, and demand that the processes that [redacted] conducted and all persons involved should be fully investigated by the appropriate authorities.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 January 2013
Subject: Correspondence requesting a paperless Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS)

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the response letter to Ms Aurilea Augustine, Secretary, canSpeak Queensland (Attachment 1).

see comments

KEY ISSUES

- On 22 September 2012, Ms Augustine wrote thanking you for increases to patient mileage and accommodation subsidies under the PTSS. She also suggested the need for a paperless application process (Attachment 2).
- From 1 January 2013, in line with the Government's election commitment to increase subsidy rates under the PTSS, mileage increased from 15 cents to 30 cents per kilometre and accommodation increased from \$30 to \$60 per person. These new subsidies are significantly more than that offered in any other state or territory.
- However, the administrative burden associated with the PTSS is a long-standing issue, raised consistently by consumers, health and administrative staff. The PTSS application process has involved multiple-steps requiring input and/or approval from the patient, the referring doctor, specialist doctor and hospital patient travel officers. According to Queensland Health (QH), other Australian jurisdictions have similar application processes with the referring doctor, patient and specialist doctor all required to complete paperwork. Administrative issues were highlighted in a review of the PTSS conducted by QH in 2010 (Attachment 3).
- In terms of a paperless system, QH advised there are a number of barriers to convert to a paperless system, including limitations with current IT systems, the need to provide access to both public and private patients, and the lack of capacity to link general practitioners and private medical specialists to public hospital IT systems.
- QH advises several changes to streamline PTSS processes have recently been made to coincide with the introduction of the new increased subsidy rates, including:
 - o reduction in the previous seven forms down to three forms, including a multi-trip form for patients who require long periods of treatment
 - o removing the need for patients to pay accommodation providers upfront by introducing improved bulk billing processes and transitioning to electronic funds transfer
 - o revision of the PTSS Guideline and templates for Hospital and Health Services (HHS) to support statewide consistency.

ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- To increase the mileage and accommodation subsidies available under the PTSS, revitalising frontline services and reducing red tape.

CONSULTATION

- QH

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Dear Ms Augustine

Thank you for your letter of 22 September 2012 about changes to the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your thanks about the Government delivering on its promise to boost both the mileage and accommodation subsidies offered under the PTSS. As you would be aware, from 1 January 2013, the subsidy for mileage increased from 15 cents to 30 cents per kilometre and the accommodation subsidy from \$30 to \$60 per person.

The new subsidies offered by the Queensland Government are significantly more than that offered in any other state or territory. I am sure you would agree these increases are long overdue and I am proud that Queensland is now leading the nation in promoting the important role that patient travel schemes play in delivering access to services for people, particularly those living in rural and remote areas of the State.

The Government is committed to revitalising frontline health services and reducing red tape wherever possible. I am pleased to advise that to coincide with the introduction of the new increases, Queensland Health has made several changes to streamline its application process, including a multi-trip form for when patients require long periods of treatment and reducing application forms from seven down to three.

I agree with you about all the paperwork involved in the current PTSS application process and I too am keen that the process is more streamlined for staff and patients. I understand at this time, introduction of a paperless system is complex but I have forwarded your letter to my colleague, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, to look further into your suggestion about a paperless system.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me and I wish you and canSpeak Queensland all the best with your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely



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FROM: [Signature] **DATE:** 9, 10 /2012
POLICY ADVISOR

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:
Please provide a briefing on the current claim process and suggestions for how this could be improved.

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(Formerly Cancer Voices Queensland)

PO Box 201
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22 September 2012

Hon C K T Newman MP
Premier
PO Box 15185
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Dear Premier

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Members of *CanSpeak Queensland* (formerly Cancer Voices Queensland) were thrilled to learn that your Government has followed through with your promise to increase the accommodation and travel subsidies under the Patient Travel Subside Scheme.

On behalf of all people affected by cancer in Queensland, we say "Thank you".

We trust that this increase will alleviate the financial burden for many who need to seek treatment away from home. It will also encourage others who may previously have declined treatment because of costs, to pursue lifesaving medical intervention.

You are probably aware of the current weight of paperwork that is involved in the PTSS process – for medical professionals, administrative staff and patients. We ask that measures be pursued to move towards a "paperless process" where possible to further improve the journey for so many.

Sincerely

s.73 Signature

Aurilea Augustine
Secretary

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/26735

Document No. DOC/12/2/1429

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 5 March 2013
Subject: **Differences in payroll tax treatment of wages paid by state and non-state schools**

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign:

- the response to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, advising that you will be requesting the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer of Queensland and Minister for Trade, to consider a review of the current payroll tax arrangements for state schools (**Attachment 1**)
- the letter to the Treasurer seeking a review of current payroll tax arrangements for state schools (**Attachment 2**)

• KEY ISSUES

- On 27 September 2012, Minister Langbroek wrote to you regarding your recent discussions with him about the differences between funding for state and non-state schools (**Attachment 3**). The Minister also wrote to the Treasurer in relation to the Department of Education, Training and Employment's (DETE) liability for Queensland payroll tax. The Treasurer's response is provided at **Attachment 4**.
- Minister Langbroek advises that while Queensland state schools are required to pay payroll tax via DETE to the Office of State Revenue (OSR), it is his understanding that the majority, if not all, non-state schools are exempt from payroll tax under OSR Public Ruling GEN003.3 relating to charitable institutions. Minister Langbroek indicates that DETE's payroll tax liability for state schools for 2011-12 amounted to approximately \$203 million or approximately \$400 per student.
- Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT) has advised that under the *Payroll Tax Act 1971* (the Act), employers with annual Australian wages in excess of \$1.1 million are subject to payroll tax, unless an exemption applies. This includes all state government departments.
- The Act provides exemptions for certain wages paid by charitable institutions, as well as educational institutions for specified purposes. This includes non-tertiary educational institutions (primary and secondary schools, rural training schools, kindergartens/preschools) that are not administered by, or on behalf of, the State. QTT has confirmed that most non-state schools do not pay the payroll tax as a result of the application of these exemptions.
- In addition, advice from QTT is that payroll tax exemptions have been in place for non-state schools since the early 1970s and the OSR Public Ruling referred to in Minister Langbroek's letter was aimed at capturing a broader range of charitable institutions and did not change the arrangements for non-state schools.
- Payroll tax legislation has been substantially harmonised Australia-wide. Other jurisdictions also provide an exemption for wages paid for non-tertiary education not carried on by, or on behalf of, the State. However, the Western Australian exemption is slightly different, only applying to schools and colleges which are not-for-profit organisations. No state provides a general exemption for wages paid by state departments.

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- While it would appear that state schools are being unfairly impacted by the requirement to pay payroll tax, QTT has confirmed that state government funding provided to DETE includes an amount to meet its payroll tax liability. As such, if state schools wages were made exempt from payroll tax, a corresponding reduction to DETE's budget would be made. Similarly, if exemptions for non-state educational institutions were abolished, it is likely that non-state schools would seek compensatory funding from the State or increase student tuition fees.
- QTT has also advanced arguments that maintaining the current arrangements provides for competitive neutrality between state and non-state schools. However, this is clearly not the case given that most non-state schools in Queensland do not currently pay the tax.
- Legislative change would be required to exempt state schools from payroll tax and it is likely that other government funded services currently subject to the tax would also seek exemptions. However, the arrangements do raise questions about the efficiency of internal government funding arrangements which see funding simply re-circulated within Government, particularly when similar private sector entities are specifically exempted from the tax. Accordingly, a letter has been drafted to the Treasurer requesting a review of these arrangements (**Attachment 2**).

• CONSULTATION

- QTT, DETE

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *SHP/RW - TF/12/26735 - DOC/12/230931*
Your reference: *12/321889*

14 MAR 2013

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Dear Minister 

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2012 about the difference in payroll tax treatment for state and non-state schools. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand that you have also written to the Honourable Tim Nichols MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade in relation to this matter and that the Treasurer has provided a response.

It certainly seems anomalous for state schools to be subject to payroll tax while the majority of Queensland's non-government schools are exempt from payment of the tax. Advice from the Treasurer is that payment of payroll tax by state schools is a longstanding arrangement and that payroll tax is applied broadly to Queensland government agencies across the full range of portfolios. In addition, advice from Queensland Treasury and Trade is that payroll tax exemptions have been in place for non-state schools since the early 1970s and that the ruling to which you refer in your letter was aimed at capturing a broader range of charitable institutions and did not change the arrangements for non-state schools.

Further, I understand from the Treasurer that the Department of Education and Training (DETE) is fully funded to meet the costs of paying the tax and that if state schools were to be made exempt, then a compensatory reduction to the DETE's funding would be required. Similarly, if the exemptions for non-state schools were abolished, it is likely they would seek compensatory funding from the State or increase student fees.

However, I agree with you that the current internal payments arrangements for payroll tax, which see funding simply recirculated within Government, would benefit from a review. Accordingly, I have requested that the Treasurer give consideration to the need for a review in particular to determine whether the current application of payroll tax to Queensland government agencies is working as efficiently and effectively as it should be.

Thank you for providing advice in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



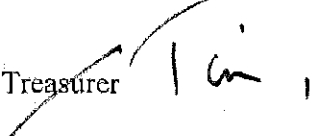
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14 MAR 2013

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Dear Treasurer 

I am writing in regard to the current payroll tax arrangements for state and non-state schools.

This follows a letter I received from the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Employment and Training in September last year advising that, while Queensland state schools are required to pay payroll tax to the Office of State Revenue (OSR), the majority, if not all, non-state schools are exempt from payroll tax. I understand that Minister Langbroek also wrote to you in relation to this matter.

Further, Minister Langbroek advised that the payroll tax liability for state schools for 2011-12 amounted to approximately \$203 million or approximately \$400 per student. I am advised that the Department of Education, Training and Employment is funded to meet the costs of this liability and that there would be significant implications if non-state schools were required to pay payroll tax.

However, I do question the efficiency of internal government funding arrangements, which see funding simply recirculated within government, particularly when similar private sector entities are specifically exempted from the tax.

As such, I am seeking your consideration of a review of these arrangements to determine whether there is a better way of handling these internal payments within government.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

2 OCT 2012
7:00 PM
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Rebekah Naranjo
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

2 / 10 / 2012

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Dear Premier

I refer to our recent discussions regarding the differences between funding for state schools and non-state schools, both Catholic and independent.

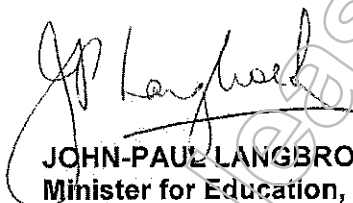
I would like to draw to your attention the matter of Payroll Tax.

Queensland state schools are required to pay Payroll Tax, via the Department of Education, Training and Employment, to the Office of State Revenue (OSR). The Department's payroll tax liability for state schools for 2011-12 amounted to approximately \$203 million or approximately \$400 per student, and this amount was included as part of the Department's appropriation and is included in the cost per student published in the state budget papers and on the *My School* website.

Conversely, it is understood the majority if not all Queensland non-state schools are exempt from the liability for Payroll Tax under OSR Public Ruling GEN003.3 relating to charitable institutions. Detailed financial data is not available to my Department for this sector, however based on the number of staff reported in the ABS 'Schools Australia 2011' publication, payroll tax costs saved by non-state schools due to the OSR ruling may have exceeded \$100 million.

I am more than happy to discuss this matter with you further.

Yours sincerely



JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

Ref: 12/321889



Hon Tim Nicholls MP
Member for Clayfield
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

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29 NOV 2012

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment
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Dear Minister *John-Paul*

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2012 regarding the payroll tax treatment of the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) and non-state schools.

As you are aware, under the *Payroll Tax Act 1971* (the Act), employers with annual Australian wages in excess of the \$1.1 million threshold are subject to payroll tax unless an exemption applies. Exemptions apply to certain wages paid by charitable institutions for specified purposes, including charitable institutions which are non-tertiary educational institutions.

To be eligible for the charitable institution exemption, wages paid by a non-state school must be paid for a qualifying exempt purpose which includes educational purposes and the conduct of a kindergarten.

Non-state schools may also be eligible for a payroll tax exemption under the broader non-tertiary educational institution exemption. The non-tertiary educational institution exemption is available to institutions which provide for the education of students in primary or secondary schools, rural training schools, kindergartens or preschools which are not carried on by, or on behalf of, the State.

A non-state school may, therefore, be eligible for a payroll tax exemption as a registered charitable institution or be eligible for the payroll tax exemption under the broader non-tertiary educational institution exemption.

The Act has never provided a general payroll tax exemption for wages paid by the State and as a result, all State departments are liable for payroll tax. However, the Act has always provided a payroll tax exemption for non-tertiary education not carried on by, or on behalf of, the State.

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Payroll tax legislation Australia-wide has been substantially harmonised, and all states except Western Australia provide an exemption in respect to wages paid for non-tertiary education not carried on by, or on behalf of, the State. The Western Australia exemption applies to schools and colleges which are not-for-profit organisations. No state provides an exemption for wages paid by state departments.

The State Government funding provided to DETE includes an amount to meet its payroll tax liability. Therefore, the current approach ensures competitive neutrality and provides simplicity of administration and the reduction in the regulatory burden for those non-state schools which satisfy the exemption criteria.

If, by legislative amendment, DETE's state school wages were made exempt from payroll tax, a compensatory reduction to the Department's appropriation would be required to ensure there were no budgetary implications at the whole-of-Government level. Similarly, if the exemptions for non-state educational institutions were abolished, it is likely that these institutions would seek compensatory funding from the State or increase tuition fees.

As you have indicated, payroll tax on state school salaries was \$203 million in 2011-12 or approximately \$400 per student and is expected to be a similar amount in 2012-13. Various estimates of per student costs are published, some of which take into account payroll tax and some of which do not. For example, DETE's Service Delivery Statement per student estimates include payroll tax expense, whereas data on the Australian Curriculum and Report Authority's Myschool website does not, allowing for more accurate comparison of costs between schooling sectors.

There are no current plans to amend the payroll tax legislation.

Yours sincerely



Tim Nicholls
Treasurer and Minister for Trade

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/27387

Document No. DOC/12/206539

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 January 2013
Subject: Patient Travel Officer at the Yeppoon Hospital

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 28 / 1 / 2013

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- **note** that since a recent review of administrative processes, Yeppoon Hospital patients are now required to liaise directly with the Travel Office at Rockhampton Hospital about patient travel
- **sign** the response letter to ^{s.73} Member of the Public (Attachment 1).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 3 October 2012, [redacted] wrote to you (Attachment 2) raising concerns about the patient travel officer at Yeppoon Hospital being removed, which meant he had to travel by bus to Rockhampton Hospital causing him considerable pain.
- Queensland Health (QH) advises there has never been a dedicated travel officer position at Yeppoon Hospital. Instead, administrative staff at Yeppoon Hospital have collected patient travel forms for forwarding to the Rockhampton Hospital, where the Travel Office has always been located.
- Following a recent review of Yeppoon Hospital's administration staff and their functions, a decision was made to cease this collection and on-forwarding function. Patients are being offered a number of alternative means of contacting the patient travel officer in Rockhampton, including by post, email, fax, telephone or in person.
- [redacted] met with Rockhampton Travel Office staff [redacted] to discuss his concerns. QH advises that officers explained to him the different ways he can contact the travel office in future, and he indicated he would be happy to scan and email any further correspondence to the Rockhampton Travel Office.
- It is recommended you sign the response letter to [redacted] (Attachment 1) addressing his concerns.

• **CONSULTATION**

- QH

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Premier of Queensland

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21 JAN 2013

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Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2012 about the patient travel office at Yeppoon Hospital. I am always interested in hearing from members of the public about where we need to improve our health services. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I have looked into the concerns you raised about having to travel to Rockhampton hospital in order to deal with a patient travel related issue. I can certainly understand your frustration at having to travel for four hours in a bus for a ten minute meeting.

I am told that changes to patient travel at Yeppoon Hospital occurred following a review of administrative staff functions at the hospital. As a result, all patient travel functions are being dealt with directly by the patient travel office at Rockhampton Hospital. Unfortunately, some decisions are not communicated as well as they should be, and I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Since you wrote to me, I understand you have met with staff from the Rockhampton Travel Office and been advised that you don't have to travel to Rockhampton and that your claims can be sent by email or post. If you have any further concerns, I would encourage you to contact Ms Beverley Currie, Travel Office Manager, Rockhampton Hospital Travel Hub, on telephone (07) 4920 6544.

You also raised the issue about public and private debt. As highlighted in the independent Commission of Audit, the former Government left Queensland with a \$2.8 billion deficit and a debt burden, which is expected to reach \$100 billion by 2018–19 unless action is taken to turn the budget around. While I appreciate that some level of public debt is acceptable, the fact is that Queensland has the highest level of indebtedness in the country and it would have been financially irresponsible for the Government not to take action to reduce that debt.

In order to continue to support those most in need and deliver value for money for taxpayers, difficult decisions have had to be made across a range of service areas, including Queensland Health. Our main priority in health has been reducing unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and making sure that resources flow to the front-line. All health services are expected to cut back on any waste and inefficiency and look at ways of improving the cost effectiveness of services.

Despite the dire circumstances of the State's budget, the Government has increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year, an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget — one of the largest health budget increases in the country.

This extra funding will enable us to employ more doctors and nurses and provide extra services, such as increasing the subsidies paid through the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme. From 1 January 2013, the Government increased the mileage subsidy from 15 cents to 30 cents per kilometre and the accommodation subsidy from \$30 to \$60 per person. The new subsidies offered by the Queensland Government are significantly more than that offered in any other state or territory. I am proud that Queensland is now leading the nation in promoting the important role that patient travel schemes play in delivering access to services for people, particularly those living in rural and remote areas of the State.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter and my response to my colleague the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, so that he is aware of the impact of changes to arrangements at the Yeppoon Hospital and the need for better communication with patients about these changes.

Thank you again for writing to me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

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The Premier,,
Parliament House,
Brisbane.

Dear Sir,

I find it hard to understand the mentality of your government with respect to the needs of old people.

Today, because the Travel Officer has been removed from Yeppoon Hospital, I was forced to go by bus to Rockhampton Hospital to see the Travel Officer there as the matter could not be resolved by mail.

For an year old man with a problem walking, I had to walk 2 blocks to change buses, in considerable pain doing that. All in all I was away from my home for 4 hours to conduct a meeting of 10 minutes with the Rockhampton Travel Officer...

As an economist, when younger. I am aware that there is a big difference between private debt and public dept and that the technique of the present government is not the economically sound way to handle any problem with public debt.

I am sure, like many older people in Yeppoon, the restoration of the hospital travel officer would be appreciated.

I can assure you unless a better attitude to the elderly is showⁿ by this so called government I will never vote LNP again.

Yours in anger.

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73
Signature

[Redacted Signature]

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/7211

Document No. DOC/13/56395

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 11 April 2013
Subject: Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee Report No. 90: Inquiry into the Crime and Misconduct Commission's release and destruction of Fitzgerald Inquiry documents (the PCMC report)

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Premier 

Date 12/4/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts requesting that he give priority to addressing recommendation 24 of the PCMC report, which requires him to report to the Parliament on any instances where public access to detailed metadata was incorrectly provided by the Queensland State Archives (QSA) and the agency involved was unaware (**Attachment 1**)
- sign the letters to all ministers requesting that they ensure their agencies cooperate fully with the QSA in addressing this and other recommendations of the PCMC report (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 5 April 2013, the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee (PCMC) released the report of its inquiry into the Crime and Misconduct Commission's (CMC) release and destruction of Fitzgerald Inquiry documents. The PCMC report contains 24 recommendations, directed variously at the Government, the CMC and the QSA.
- Recommendation 24 requires the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts to report to the Parliament on any instances where public access to detailed metadata was incorrectly provided by the QSA and the agency involved was unaware.
- This recommendation arises as a result of the PCMC's concerns about publicly accessible metadata associated with Fitzgerald Inquiry records, and that there might be wider implications for other agencies arising from the QSA's practice of publishing the metadata of 'closed records' (documents subject to a restricted access period), even though the documents themselves are not publicly available.
- Minister Walker has already directed his department to remove metadata of closed records from the public access register. The QSA will subsequently consult with public authorities to determine whether public access should and can be restored for the metadata of any of these public records.
- While the Government will need to respond to the overall PCMC report and recommendations, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet considers it critical that Minister Walker respond, as soon as possible, to the PCMC request for a report to Parliament on past instances where public access to metadata was incorrectly provided by the QSA. The attached letters request that this matter addressed as a matter of priority.

Comments (Premier or DG)



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Minister *Ian*,

I refer to recommendation 24 of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee's report on its inquiry into the Crime and Misconduct Commission's release and destruction of Fitzgerald Inquiry documents (the PCMC report).

As you know, recommendation 24 requires you to report to the Parliament on any instances where public access to detailed metadata was incorrectly provided by the Queensland State Archives and the agency involved was unaware.

I request that you give priority to addressing recommendation 24 of the PCMC report, including ensuring that the Queensland State Archives undertakes an immediate audit of its public access register and consults with relevant public authorities, to enable you to report to Parliament on this matter as soon as practically possible. I have also written to all other Ministers to bring this recommendation to their attention, and to request that they and their agencies support you in the preparation of this report. I have enclosed a copy of the letter for your information.

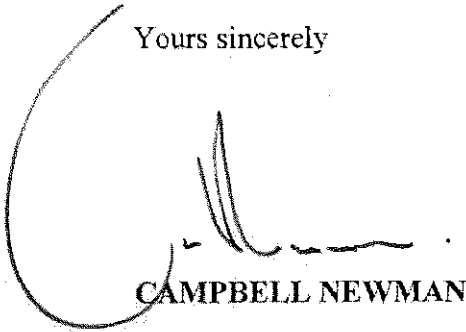
I would be grateful if you could give immediate attention to this request and provide me with advice on the proposed timing of your report to the Parliament as soon as practically possible.

I also note that you have already taken action to address this issue going forward, by writing to the Director-General of your department to direct that the metadata of records, which are subject to a restricted access period, be closed to public access. I understand that the Queensland State Archives will subsequently consult with public authorities to determine whether public access can be re-opened for any public records where the restricted access period does not apply to the metadata for the record.

I further note that there are a number of other recommendations directed at the Queensland State Archives regarding its management of public records which are subject to a restricted access period. Clearly, these matters will be progressed in the context of the broader government response to the PCMC report. In this respect, I stress the importance of ensuring the matters identified in the PCMC report are addressed at a systemic level to ensure that the issues which arose in relation to the Fitzgerald Inquiry documents are not repeated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Subject: Donation of Ministerial Gift

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 26.19.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** the donation by the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier of the David Hart prints to visiting dignitaries.

• KEY ISSUES

- Minister Elmes has received a gift of 15 David Hart prints from Mr David Hart.
- The gift is made up of 8 small prints valued at \$260 and 7 large prints valued at \$400 for a total value of \$4880.
- In accordance with the *Ministerial Handbook*, the gift has been declared and entered in the ministerial gift register. A copy of the gift declaration and valuation is attached (**Attachment 1**).
- The gift will be held by Ministerial Services.
- The gifts were donated for the Minister to present to visiting dignitaries.
- The policy for the disposal of Ministerial Gifts states that all disposals are to be approved by the Premier and provides that the Minister may recommend the donation of a gift (**Attachment 2**).
- Ministerial Services supports the donation of the prints to visiting dignitaries. Furthermore, it is proposed that an upfront approval be given for the donation of all of the prints to visiting dignitaries as opposed to seeking an individual approval on each occasion.
- Ministerial Services will note the gift register for each donation.

• CONSULTATION

- Protocol Queensland

Comments (Premier or DG)

[Empty box for comments]

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Ian Street
Area: Ministerial Services
Telephone: 322 46922

Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
documented in notes in TRIM

MINISTERIAL OFFICES
Declaration of Gifts Received

MINISTER/STAFF

Register Number: 3075

Ministerial Office: ATSI + MA

Name: GLEN ELMES

Date Received: 8 March 2013

Description of Gift: ① DAVID HART PRINTS - SMALL X 8
② DAVID HART PRINTS - LARGE X 7

From whom the Gift was received: DAVID HART

Please provide details of any specific wishes and/or expectations expressed by the donor in relation to this gift? These gifts are to be used to present to visiting dignitaries (as gifts from Old Gov.)

If the gift is valued at under \$350, does the recipient wish to retain the gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If received by staff, does the Minister approve the staff's retention of the gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the recipient wish to display the gift only?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

GERTIFICATION OF MINISTER/STAFF

I certify that the above properly records the receipt of the Gift in accordance with the Ministerial Handbook.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 20/3/13

MINISTERIAL SERVICES:

The retail value of the Gift in country of origin in Australian Dollars \$ A,880.00

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/4/13

Please print on purple paper

*Note: Gifts are for donation to dignitaries from the minister.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM		
Is the Gift of historic or public use or value?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend to retain the gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Director: _____	Date: _____	

TO BE COMPLETED BY MINISTERIAL SERVICES
Date Gift Received:
Date Sent for Valuation:
Name of Valuer:
Date Returned from Valuer:
Gift Location:

COMMENTS:
Small prints = \$260 each x 8 = \$2,080
Large prints = \$400 each x 7 = \$2,800
total combined
= \$4,880.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RETURN OF MINISTERIAL GIFT
I, _____ acknowledge receipt of the following gift returned to me
Office of the _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____



Please quote: PC24/MSB

25 March 2013

Mr Shane Pfeffer
Brisbane Estate Jewellery
26 Burnett Lane
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Pfeffer

Valuation of Ministerial Gifts

Listed below are the articles left with you for the purpose of a valuation price- retail value in the country of origin, quoted in Australian Dollars:

1. Print by David Hart - small	\$ 260 - 00 - AUD
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Yours sincerely

s.73 Signature

Kirsty Thorpe
Support Officer

Shane Pfeffer
Brisbane Estate Jewellery

Executive Building
100 George Street Brisbane
PO Box 15185 City East
Queensland 4002 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3224 2111
Facsimile +61 7 3229 2990
Website www.premiers.qld.gov.au
ABN 65 959 415 158





Please quote: PC24/MSB

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

25 June 2012

Mr Shane Pfeffer
Brisbane Estate Jewellery
217 George Street Brisbane
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Pfeffer

Valuation of Ministerial Gifts

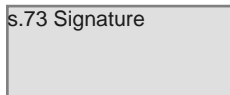
Listed below are the articles left with you for the purpose of a valuation price- retail value in the country of origin, quoted in Australian Dollars:

PRINT.

1. Art Piece by David Hart	\$ 400.00	AUD
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Yours sincerely

s.73 Signature



Kirsty Thorpe
Support Officer



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DISPOSAL OF MINISTERIAL GIFTS

Policy Intent

To dispose of Ministerial gifts in a manner that maintains accountability yet allows consideration of donations recommended by the Minister who received the gift.

Policy

Gifts above the threshold stated in the Queensland Ministerial Handbook are the property of the State and must be disposed of in accordance with this policy and general public sector ethical standards.

All disposals are to be approved by the Premier.

Public entities such as the Queensland Art Gallery and State Museum will continue to have first call to retain any gift deemed to be of historical or cultural significance to the State (eg. important artworks).

General public sector ethical standards require:

- That disposal of gifts be in the public interest and pay due respect to the wishes and expectations of the donor. Disposal by donation to the Minister's Portfolio Agency, a charity, hospital, school, community organization or the like should be considered.
- Disposal of gifts to individuals should not be allowed.
- The disposal should be an arms length transaction from the Minister and be properly documented for audit.
- Conflicts of interest should be avoided. The gift should not ordinarily be donated to a non-public sector organisation that is tendering for government work.
- The disposal should not allow the Minister to gain any direct personal electorate benefit.

Process

The Executive Director, Ministerial Services may initiate the disposal request for the Premier's approval at any time and may recommend donation or sale. This is normally done for gifts that have been with Ministerial Services for at least three years.

A Minister may request the disposal of the Minister's gifts at any time and may recommend donation.

The attached gift disposal recommendation form should be completed if a Minister wishes to make a recommendation for disposal of a gift. The form will assist in informing the Premier of any issue impacting on the donation.

Completed forms should be sent to the Director, Ministerial Services who will forward it to the Premier together with advice on any ethical or accountability issues with the donation.

Once approved by the Premier, the Minister may make the donation or the Director, Ministerial Services (if requested) can donate the gift on the Minister's behalf.

The details of disposal are to be entered in the Ministerial Gifts Register.

DISPOSAL OF MINISTERIAL GIFTS

Gift Number: _____
 Gift Description: _____
 Valuation Wholesale: _____
 Retail: _____

Recipient of Gift:

Details of proposed disposal: (eg. donation of gift to <name> organisation,
 sale and donation of proceeds to <name> organisation).

Is the organisation a:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector body | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charity | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide details) |

Are you in any way connected to the organisation? (eg. director, beneficiary, regular donor). Y / N

If yes, provide details:

Are you (or someone associated with you) likely to obtain personal benefit from the disposal? Y / N

If yes, provide details:

Is there, or is there likely to be any conflict of interest arising from the disposal? Y / N

If yes, provide details:

Have you donated a gift to this organisation before? Y / N

If yes, provide details:

Do you wish to have the gifts returned to you to make the donation?

Y / N

I certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Approved

Premier: _____ Date: _____

For Ministerial Services use:

Ministerial gift register noted:

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/7610
Document No. DOC/13/54177

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 April 2013
Subject: Travel Approval for Overseas Flight Simulator Training for Government Air Wing Pilots — Dubai — April/May 2013

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 23 April 2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that you **sign** the four Queensland Government Overseas Travel Approval forms (**Attachment 1**) for Government Air Wing (GAW) pilots Gavin Turner, John Litzow, John McGhie and Fiona Slack to approve travel to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), during April/May 2013 to undertake flight simulator training.

• KEY ISSUES

- You provided approval for this training activity on 6 February 2013 (**Attachment 2 – TF/13/31411**)
- Bookings have now been obtained with Emirates–CAE Flight Training (ECFT) for the training over two periods in April/May 2013. The itinerary includes one rest day prior to commencement of training. A detailed training itinerary is at **Attachment 3**.
- The bookings with ECFT have been made to include Parliamentary sitting dates, to minimise effects on ministerial travel.
- The availability of a Hawker Jet simulator at the ECFT centre in Dubai reduces the travel time and cost of flight simulator training for GAW pilots as the training is provided as a total package, and takes advantage of the purchasing power of Emirates Airlines.

• CONSULTATION

- Financial Management, Department of the Premier and Cabinet — total estimated cost remains as \$95 600, which is within the existing Government Air Wing budget.
- ECFT, UAE

• BACKGROUND

- To maintain the appropriate level of proficiency for GAW pilots it has been the policy for each pilot to receive initial and recurrent Hawker Jet Flight Simulator training.

Comments (Premier or DG)

[Empty box for comments]


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: John McGhie Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
Area: Government Air Wing documented in notes in TRIM
Telephone: 38989500

OVERSEAS TRAVEL APPROVAL



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 McGhie First Name John

Position Chief Pilot Agency Department of Premier and Cabinet

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

Contact Phone Number 07 38989500 Contact Fax Number 07 38989507

Email john.mcghie@premiers.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?

Aircraft type specific Flight Simulator Training is not available by video conferencing.

2) Itinerary Details

Departure date 27/04/2013 Return date 05/05/2013

Itinerary

Date	Location (country and city)	Activity eg Meeting with X Company
27/04/2013	Brisbane - Dubai	Travel - arrive Dubai 05:30 19/05/2013.
29/04/2013	Rest Day	Preparation for Training
30/04/2013	UAE Dubai	Hawker 850XP Recurrent Flight Simulator training Emirates/CAE Flight Training till 03/05/2013.
04/05/2013	Dubai - Brisbane	Travel - arrive Brisbane 06:40 05/05/2013

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

	Amount (\$AUD rounded)	Funding source details		
		Agency cost	External cost	Combined cost (agency & other)
Airfare	\$Included in	\$	\$	\$

	(other associated) training cost			
Accommodation	\$Included in (other associated) training costs	\$	\$	\$
Other associated costs (meals/car hire/visas etc)	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900
Total Cost	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900

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

Agency employees

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

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.

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The policy, contained in the Queensland Government Air Wing (GAW) Operations Manual, is for GAW pilots to complete such training every 18 - 24 months. All GAW pilots have now reached the 24 month simulator training currency period.

6) What are the consequences of not travelling?

Non completion of the training, as no facility for this training exists in Australia.

Safety of flight implications as pilots loose capabilities to handle unforeseen abnormal and emergency situation.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade and Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Management and Sustainable Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Development, Science and Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Export of Education and Training Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traditional Industries (agriculture, food, mining, manufacturing, transport, tourism, energy, forestry, fisheries) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural and Social Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Growth Sectors, Innovation and Knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Investigations/Inspections, Fact Finding/Data Gathering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

Security risk destinations

8) Have you read and understood the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) travel advisory for the country/ies to which you are travelling? Travel advisories are located at www.smarttraveller.gov.au. Yes No

9) What is the advice by DFAT regarding the level of security risk of the country/ies to which you are travelling?

- 1. Be alert to own security
- 2. Exercise caution.
- 3. High degree of caution.
- 4. Reconsider your need to travel.
- 5. Do not travel.

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

Nil for Dubai

Traveller's confirmation

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

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 s.73 Signature Date 3 14 13.

Approval

Business group approval 10 14 13

Chief Executive's approval _____ Date 1 1

Minister's approval _____ Date 1 1

_____ Date 25 14 1209

Notification of overseas travel

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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
John Litzow	Employee	Pilot, Government Air Wing	DPC	Attend Flight Simulator Training

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Traveller's details

Surname Slack First Name Fiona
 Position Pilot Agency Department of Premier and Cabinet

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

Contact Phone Number 07 38989500 Contact Fax Number 07 38989507

Email john.mcghie@premiers.qld.gov.au

Is this a block approval form? Yes No

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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?

Aircraft type specific Flight Simulator Training is not available by video conferencing.

2) Itinerary Details

Departure date 18/05/2013 Return date 27/05/2013

Itinerary

Date	Location (country and city)	Activity eg Meeting with X Company
18/05/2013	Brisbane - Dubai	Travel - arrive Dubai 05:30 19/05/2013.
20/05/2013	Rest Day	Preparation for Training
21/05/2013	UAE Dubai	Hawker 850XP Recurrent Flight Simulator training Emirates/CAE Flight Training till 25/05/2013.
26/05/2013	Dubai - Brisbane	Travel - arrive Brisbane 06:40 27/05/2013

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

	Amount (\$AUD rounded)	Funding source details		
		Agency cost	External cost	Combined cost (agency & other)
Airfare	\$Included in	\$	\$	\$

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	(other associated) training cost			
Accommodation	\$Included in (other associated) training costs	\$	\$	\$
Other associated costs (meals/car hire/visas etc)	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900
Total Cost	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Tour/Cultural Exchange | <input type="checkbox"/> Signing of contracts/agreements |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver training/Set-up a course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade related/business delegations/commercial activities |
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5) What are the objectives of the travel?

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

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Nil for Dubai

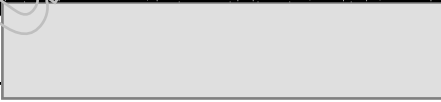
Traveller's confirmation

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Traveller's signature  Date 3 14 2013

Approval

Business group approval  Date 10 4 13

Chief Executive's approval _____ Date 1 1

Minister's approval _____ Date 1 1

 Date 25 4 2013

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Traveller's details

Surname Turner First Name Gavin

Position Pilot Agency Department of Premier and Cabinet

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

Contact Phone Number 07 38989500 Contact Fax Number 07 38989507

Email john.litzow@premiers.qld.gov.au

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Departure date 19/05/2013 Return date 27/05/2013

Itinerary

Date	Location (country and city)	Activity eg Meeting with X Company
19/05/2013	Brisbane - Dubai	Travel - arrive Dubai 05:30 28/04/2013.
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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade and Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Management and Sustainable Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Development, Science and Technology |
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Nil for Dubai

Traveller's confirmation

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Approval

Business group approval [Redacted] Date 10 1 4 113

Chief Executive's approval _____ Date 1 1

Minister's approval _____ Date 1 1

Premier's approval of CEO's Executive's travel [Redacted]  Date 25 1 4 1 2013

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Fiona Slack	Employee	Pilot, Government Air Wing	DPC	Attend Flight Simulator Training

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Traveller's details

Surname Litzow First Name John
 Position Pilot Agency Department of Premier and Cabinet

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

Contact Phone Number 07 38989500 Contact Fax Number 07 38989507

Email john.litzow@premiers.qld.gov.au

Is this a block approval form? Yes No

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Travel details

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

Yes No

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Aircraft type specific Flight Simulator Training is not available by video conferencing.

2) Itinerary Details

Departure date 27/04/2013 Return date 05/05/2013

Itinerary

Date	Location (country and city)	Activity eg Meeting with X Company
27/04/2013	Brisbane - Dubai	Travel - arrive Dubai 05:30 28/04/2013.
29/04/2013 30/04/2013	Res. day. UAE Dubai	Preparation for Training Hawker 850XP Recurrent Flight Simulator training Emirates/CAE Flight Training till 04/05/2013.
05/05/2013	Dubai - Brisbane	Travel - arrive Brisbane 06:40 06/05/2013

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

	Amount (\$AUD rounded)	Funding source details		
		Agency cost	External cost	Combined cost (agency & other)
Airfare	\$Included in	\$	\$	\$

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	(other associated) training cost.			
Accommodation	\$Included in (other associated) training cost.	\$	\$	\$
Other associated costs (meals/car hire/visas etc)	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900
Total Cost	\$23,900	\$23,900	\$	\$23,900

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

Agency employees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Tour/Cultural Exchange | <input type="checkbox"/> Signing of contracts/agreements |
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Safety of flight implications as pilots loose capabilities to handle unforeseen abnormal and emergency situation.

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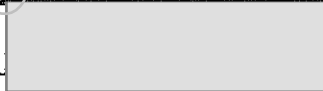


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Business group approval



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Chief Executive's approval

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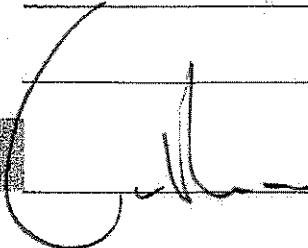
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Minister's approval

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Premier's approval of (100) Executive's travel



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Traveller's details

Surname Champion First Name David

Position Pilot Agency Department of Premier and Cabinet

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

Contact Phone Number 07 38989500 Contact Fax Number 07 38989507

Email david.champion@premiers.qld.gov.au

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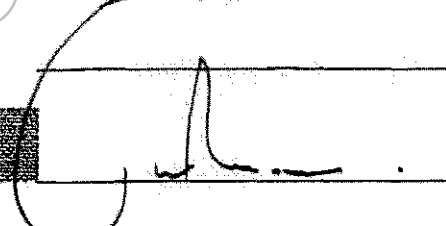
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Traveller's signature s.73 Signature Date 09/05/13

Approval

Business group approval Date 13/5/13

Chief Executive's approval  Date 13/5/13

Minister's approval  Date 1/1

Premier's approval of Chief Executive's travel Date 13/5/13

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31411
Document No. DOC/12/226361

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 29 January 2013
Subject: Overseas Flight Simulator Training for Government Air Wing Pilots – Dubai – early 2013

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / ~~Noted~~
Premier
Date 6.12.2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

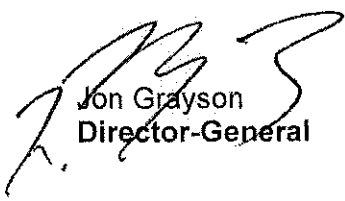
It is recommended that you **approve**, in-principle, that Government Air Wing (GAW) pilots Gavin Turner, John Litzow, John McGhie and Fiona Slack travel (in two separate trips) to the UAE (Dubai) during early 2013 to undertake flight simulator training.

• KEY ISSUES

- This travel is planned to complete overseas flight simulator training for the four GAW Pilots named above. This training is considered essential to undertake emergency and abnormal procedure training that cannot be completed safely in the actual Hawker Jet (850XP) aircraft operated by the GAW.
- While strictly not a legal requirement, it has been a long standing requirement of the GAW Operations Manual for each pilot to receive initial and recurrent (every one–two years) Hawker Jet flight simulator training. This requirement also accords with industry standards and practice.
- It is noted that the GAW is currently under review. However, given this review is not expected to be completed until the end of 2013 at the earliest, it is considered essential that this training be undertaken as soon as possible, to maintain current pilot safety standards.
- There is no suitable Hawker Jet simulator facility available in Australia. The most cost effective simulator training is at the Emirates–CAE Flight Training centre in Dubai. This reduces the travel time and cost of simulator training, compared to that which has previously been undertaken in the United Kingdom (UK) or the United States of America.
- The cost per pilot for the five-day training package is approximately US\$23 600, including training, travel and accommodation. The total cost of the training for four pilots is estimated as A\$94 320. This compares with a previous simulator training exercise in the UK in 2010 for only two pilots of A\$78 273. A breakdown of costs is at **Attachment 1**.
- An earlier brief was provided to the Acting Premier, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, while you were on leave. DPC understands he preferred that you deal with the matter. The brief contains further information requested by your office and is now resubmitted to you for in principle approval.
- Should you provide this in-principle approval, the GAW will book relevant dates of travel which provide for minimal impact on GAW operations and will submit travel forms to you for final approval.

• CONSULTATION

- Financial Management, DPC. As at 21 January 2013, the GAW budget is \$137 000 in surplus, due largely to an increase in income from support flights for Queensland Health's Human Organ Transplant service.
- Emirates–CAE Flight Training, UAE.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: John McGhie
Area: Government Air Wing
Telephone: 38989500
Approvals by Director /ED / DDG documented in notes in TRIM

Name: Gavin Turner

Dated:

Serial	Item	Item Cost	US\$/A\$No	Sub Total	Remarks
1	Air Fares: - Brisbane - Dubai- Brisbane	\$0.00	\$0.95	1	\$0.00 Included in training package
2	Accommodation - Dubai	\$0.00	\$0.95	1	\$0.00 Included in training package
4	Meals per day	\$60.00	\$1.00	7	\$420.00
	Daily Personal Allowance	\$35.00	\$1.00	6	\$210.00
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7	Other Incidentals	\$40.00	\$0.95	1	\$41.91
	Total				\$23,579.91

Name: John Litzow

Serial	Item	Item Cost	US\$/A\$No	Sub Total	Remarks
1	Air Fares: - Brisbane - Dubai- Brisbane	\$0.00	\$0.95	1	\$0.00 Included in training package
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Estimated Total Recurrent Cost - 2 Pilots

\$47,159.81

Exchange Rate used - 27 Nov 12

\$0.95

Estimated Total - four pilots:

\$94,319.63

Release

Travel and Training Costs - Hawker 850 Recurrent Training ECAE Jan 13
 As At: 27-Nov-12

Attachment 1 to:
 PBN - Overseas Flight Simulator Training
 Dated: 27 Nov 12
 Document No:

Name: John McGhie

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Name: Fiona Slack

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**Government Air Wing Flight Simulator Training - Dubai
Travel and Training Itinerary**

**Crew 1 - 30th April to 4th May
(Gavin Turner/John Litzow)**

27 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 - Apr	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May	5 May	6 May
Sat (PM)	Sun (AM)	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun (AM)	Mon (AM)
Travel ex BNE	Travel arr DXB	Rest	GS1	GS2	FFS 1	FFS 2	Checkride	Travel ex DXB	Travel arr BNE

**Crew 2 - 18th May to 27th May
(John McGhie/Fiona Slack)**

18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May r	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May	27 May
Sat (PM)	Sun (AM)	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun (AM)	Mon (AM)
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Key:

- BNE Brisbane
- DXB Dubai
- GS Ground School
- FFS Full Flight Simulator

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Tracking Folder No. TF/13/7761
Document No. DOC/13/60888

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 April 2013
Subject: Official Visit to Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 23.4.2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that you have agreed to travel to PNG 14 to 15 May 2013 (Attachment A – Draft itinerary)
- approve for Mr David Russo, Manager – Projects, to be the protocol officer to accompany and coordinate arrangements on your Official Visit to PNG from 12 to 15 May 2013.

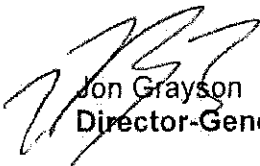
• KEY ISSUES

- It is usual practice for a member of Protocol Queensland to coordinate arrangements and accompany the Premier on Official Overseas Visits, and to act as a key liaison for the Official Party.
- Mr David Russo is an experienced protocol officer who has undertaken these duties for several Premier's trade missions, including your first trade mission to India in 2012.
- Mr Russo has been working with key PNG stakeholders on arrangements for your visit and Queensland–PNG matters for the past six months.
- A separate advance protocol officer is not considered necessary on this occasion.
- Mr Russo will, however, advance to Port Moresby to oversee arrangements for your visit and be in position for your arrival.
- Queensland Police will also send an officer in advance of your visit and it is important to have a protocol officer present, due to the cross-over of logistical matters which impact on security considerations.
- The advance time in PNG has been kept to a minimum, with the proposal involving Mr Russo running the advance in consultation with the Queensland Police from Sunday 12 May 2013.
- The costs associated with the travel will be sourced from the Protocol Queensland budget.

• CONSULTATION

- Trade and Investment Queensland, Queensland Police Service, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Office for the PNG Premier Minister

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: David Russo
Area: Protocol Queensland
Telephone: 322 44822
Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
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Premier's Trade Mission to PNG

14 – 15 May 2013

MISSION OUTLINE

Tuesday 14 May 2013 – Brisbane/Port Moresby

2:00pm	Depart Brisbane for Port Moresby Queensland Government Jet Travel Time: 3 h 30 m
5:30pm	Arrive Port Moresby Met by Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea
5:45pm	PNG briefing provided by Her Excellency, Ms Deborah Stokes Australian High Commissioner to PNG en route to Hotel
6:15pm	Check in / Refresh
6:30pm – 7:45pm [TBC WITH PM'S Office]	Cocktail Reception and Signing of Queensland Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding on Business Cooperation To have the MoU signing at this event provides a public acknowledgement of the Queensland PNG Business relationship. It is an opportunity for industry to see this relationship in action. As the first visit of the Queensland Premier to PNG in 10 years this is an opportunity to reinforce Queensland's position in supporting the development of the PNG economy through our Business Cooperation agenda.
8:00pm – 9:30pm	Private Dinner with Prime Minister of PNG the Honourable Peter O'Neill CMG, MP
Overnight	Hotel TBC

Wednesday 15 May 2013 – PNG/Brisbane

8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast event – BCG event co-hosted with Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce Opportunity for the Premier to Co-host as a guest speaker The speech would highlight a New era in Queensland PNG
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	<p>relationship. Understanding of the pressure of growth in the resources sector, infrastructure needs and training.</p> <p>Queensland is well placed to support this growth. The reinvigorated Business Cooperative group has a mandate to actively work to connect Queensland and PNG in identifying opportunities to work together and develop commercial partnerships that will see the PNG private sector strengthened and more able to meet the demands of the phenomenal growth to come. The BCG will actively set out to identify projects and make connections to build a robust supply chain – from the Village to Market. Relevant government departments in Queensland and PNG are supporting the initiatives.</p>
<p>9:30am – 9:45am [ALTERNATIVE TIME TBC WITH PM'S Office]</p>	<p>Signing of the Queensland Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding on Business Cooperation</p> <p>To have the MoU signing at this event provides a public acknowledgement of the Queensland PNG Business relationship. It is an opportunity for industry to see this relationship in action. As the first visit of the Queensland Premier to PNG in 10 years this is an opportunity to reinforce Queensland's position in supporting the development of the PNG economy through our Business Cooperation agenda.</p>
<p>9:45am – 10:00am</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>10:00am – 10:45am</p>	<p>Meeting with the Board members of the Business Council of Papua New Guinea</p> <p>This meeting is an opportunity to engage in a conversation with a group of key influential business leaders in PNG about business opportunities.</p> <p>The Business Council of Papua New Guinea is the peak body representing the private sector in Papua New Guinea across all sectors, promoting the importance and role of economic growth, freedom and enterprise. Working with government and other associated bodies to frame policy, taking part in debate and supporting initiatives that generate economic growth for the wellbeing of Papua New Guinea and its people. (extract from www.bcpng.org.pg)</p>
<p>10:45am – 11:15am</p>	<p>Travel to PNG parliament Time allowed for traffic delays</p>
<p>11:15am – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Meetings with selected PNG Government Ministers, followed by lunch</p> <p>As a guest of the PNG Government the format would be at their discretion.</p> <p>We suggest requesting meetings with the Ministers most influential in the sectors identified by the BCG which align with key focus areas of the PNG government, where</p>

Queensland also has a strong interest and capability.

Suggested Ministers to meet with:

1. Minister for Finance and leader of government business, James Marape

A key minister, working on reforms and committed to strengthening the private sector. PNG faces enormous challenges in financing the expenditure for development and infrastructure. Although rich in resources, the current shortfall in available funds is a problem. Marape is also working to build capability in the governance and financial management of the government departments. There is a legacy of under investment in systems and skills throughout the public sector.

2. Minister for Petroleum and Energy, William Duma

PNG is rich in oil, LNG and has massive hydro capacity. There is global interest in the development of further Energy project with billions of dollars being put into exploration and production. The Commonwealth Business Council has estimated the project has the potential to bring in \$150 billion by 2044. Current government budget forecasts \$ 715m in the first three to five years, then \$ 1.9 billion annually after that.

3. Minister for Mining, Bryon Chan

A key portfolio which makes a major contribution to PNG's GDP each year. The MRA have stated that 78.6% of PNG's land mass was permitted for mining in some degree as at June 2011. Wafi-Golpu Mine in Morobe Province that is completing the pre-feasibility study, is slated as having the possibility of becoming the largest gold mine in the world.

4. Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, Tommy Tomscoll

The mutual focus of Queensland and PNG on this sector makes this meeting appropriate. The agricultural sector remains at the forefront of the government's agenda. Over 85% of the population live in rural areas, living on semi-subsistence farms. The need to lift productivity is two fold, the development of sustainable small business in the provinces and the growing need to feed the nation and the workforce of the large resource developments.

5. Minister of Transport & Works, Ano Pala

The Transport MoU was signed in Brisbane in November 2012. This is a long standing MoU. TMR have undertaken paid project work through the relationship. A study currently in Milne Bay is about to be completed.

2:00pm	Depart for Airport
2:30pm	Depart PNG for Brisbane Queensland Government Jet Travel Time: 3 h 30 m

6:00pm

Arrive Brisbane

Background

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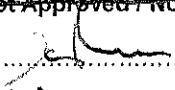
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 April 2013
Subject: Seeking your approval of a submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (the Senate Committee) relating to the Australia Council for the Arts.

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted

Premier: 

Date: 27 April 2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)


• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** the agency submission to the Senate Committee inquiry in relation to the Australia Council Bill 2013 (**Attachment 1**); and
- **sign** the letter to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Acting Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, approving the submission (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 15 April 2013, Minister Langbroek wrote (**Attachment 3**) seeking your approval to make a submission to the Senate Committee inquiry relating to the Australia Council Bill and the Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013. Submissions are due by 17 April 2013.
- The Federal Government reviewed the Australia Council for the Arts (ACA) in late 2011 and delivered a series of recommendations for reform, which will be addressed by amending relevant legislation. On 21 March 2013, the Senate referred the two Bills to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2013.
- The Australia Council Bill 2013 seeks to reform the governance structure of the ACA. The proposed Queensland submission supports the Bill's proposed changes which will maintain the body corporate structure but will:
 - o update the ACA's governance arrangements to introduce a skills-based governing board and require annual corporate planning and reporting and
 - o allow the Federal Arts Minister to appoint the Chair and board members, and give direction on the ACA's performance of its functions under the Act.
- In the proposed submission, Minister Langbroek raises concerns that the proposed functions of the ACA do not reflect current artistic and cultural practice or community expectations, nor do they acknowledge Indigenous Australians (see **Attachment 1**). In addition, concerns are raised about the inequitable distribution of arts funds across Australia and the need for the ACA to address this imbalance.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has no concerns with the proposed submission and recommends that you support the Minister's request for approval.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Ref: AF/2013/802 – ACT13/762

Mr Stephen Palethorpe
Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and
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Email: rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Palethorpe

Thank you for your email of 26 March 2013 regarding an invitation to provide a submission to the *Australia Council Bill 2013* and a related Bill.

The Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts supports the changes to the governance structure of the Australia Council outlined in the Bills.

However, the proposed functions of the Australia Council do not adequately reflect current artistic and cultural practice or communities expectations. In particular, the functions should be enhanced to take into account the following issues:

- The wording entrenches a 'top down' supply driven model based on 'excellence' which is not defined, with no mandate for engendering meaningful community engagement in the arts and culture.
- Promotion of the arts is limited to 'appreciation, knowledge and understanding' which are all passive terms
- The fact that the term 'culture' is not used embeds the sense that the Australia Council's primary role is to fund the elite arts with the absence of any reference to 'community' supporting this perception.
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- It is a missed opportunity for the Australia Council to take on a leadership/champion role engaging different parts of the arts and cultural ecology (including the education, training, health sectors and the community) to develop holistic strategies and advocacy tools.

- There is no acknowledgement of telling all stories including those from diverse backgrounds, regional Australia, people with disabilities and other marginalised Australians.
- A lack of acknowledgement that current artistic and cultural practice blurs the lines between artists and audiences and professional artists and enthusiastic amateurs.
- There are no references to the changes in organisational structures and delivery of work resulting from digitalisation.

Significantly, the Bill contains no acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians and their culture and its importance to Australia's identity.

Of particular concern to the department is a missed opportunity to address entrenched inequality in arts funding. In recent years, Queensland artists and arts organisations have received approximately 10 per cent of Australia Council funding even though Queensland represents 20 per cent of the Australian population. A requirement for the Australia Council to take into account the distribution of funds equitably across Australia in its decision making would address this imbalance and would serve as an acknowledgement that all Australians are entitled to quality arts experiences wherever they live.

The addition of functions that encourage participation in arts and cultural activities as well as providing resources, services and facilities to enable Australians to pursue and achieve excellence in arts and culture would enhance the role of the Australia Council.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, you may contact Ms Linda Dreghorn, Grant Support Officer, Arts Queensland, Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts by email at linda.dreghorn@arts.qld.gov.au or on telephone 07 3234 1092.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP

Acting Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts



Premier of Queensland

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26 APR 2013

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
Acting Minister for Science, Information Technology,
Innovation and the Arts
GPO Box 5078
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Minister 

Thank you for your letter of 15 April 2013 seeking my urgent approval to provide a submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in relation to the Australia Council Bill 2013 and the Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013.

I note that you have no concerns with the proposed changes to the governance arrangements of the Australia Council for the Arts (ACA) but that the submission does raise concerns about the proposed functions of the ACA and the need to ensure more equitable distribution of funding by the ACA.

I agree that it is inequitable that Queensland only receives about 10 per cent of available funding from the ACA when we make up 20 per cent of the country's population. This is an issue that clearly needs further attention.

I appreciate your interest in this inquiry and am happy to support your submission to the Senate Committee.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Hon. Ian Walker MP
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Dear Premier *Camp*

I am seeking your urgent approval to provide an agency submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in relation to the *Australia Council Bill 2013* and a related Bill.

The proposed submission is attached for your consideration and approval.

Please note that the Committee has advised that the submission should be provided by Wednesday 17 April 2013.

Pending your approval, I will be forwarding this submission on behalf of the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, you can contact Mr Evan Hill, Deputy Director-General, Arts Queensland, Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts by email at evan.hill@arts.qld.gov.au or on telephone 07 3224 4488.

Yours sincerely

J. Langbroek
 The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP
 Acting Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts

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Kathryn Janiczak

From: Ann Maree Potts <AnnMaree.Potts@arts.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 March 2013 3:34 PM
To: Kathryn Janiczak
Subject: Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee: Australia Council Bill and related Bill 2013- invitation to provide a submission

Hi Kathryn

Email below addressed to DG was forwarded to our Reception email address.

Could you please arrange for the email to be registered and attention to DG for noting and action as required.

Thanks

Ann Maree
Ann Maree Potts
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THE SENATE
RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Mr Phillip Reed
Director-General
Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (QLD)
GPO Box 1436
Brisbane QLD 4001

Via email: reception@arts.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Reed

Inquiry into the Australia Council Bill 2013 and a related bill

I am writing to inform you that on 21 March 2013 the Senate referred the Australia Council Bill 2013 and the Australia Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2013.

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 19 March 2013
Subject: Advertising and communication approval processes — departments

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Premier

Date 26/3/2013

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- approve the processes for endorsement of departmental advertising and communication projects (**Attachment 1**)
- approve the Terms of Reference (**Attachment 2**) for the proposed Government Advertising and Communication Committee (GACC)
- if approved, sign the letters to all ministers (**Attachment 3**)
- if approved, note that I have approved the use of my electronic signature on letters to the directors-general (**Attachment 4**)
- note the a proposed new approval process for non-campaign advertising will be discussed at the inaugural GACC meeting.

• KEY ISSUES

- Your office has requested that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) oversee departmental advertising and major communication activities.

Establishment of GACC

- It is proposed that GACC be established to ensure.
 - o good governance, with campaigns aligning to government priorities, targeted messaging and responsive to the diverse needs of the public
 - o effective strategies that are evidence based and offer value for money
 - o advertising adheres to the Queensland Government Advertising Code of Conduct and other relevant communication policies
 - o evaluation and final expenditure is reviewed following the campaign (as recommended by the Queensland Auditor-General's office)
 - o overall departmental master media expenditure is monitored.
- The GACC will include me (as Chair), my Deputy Director-General (Governance), Executive Director State Services and Director, Communication Services. The GACC will also include a representative from your office.
- Advertising and communication to be considered by GACC includes:
 - o communication or advertising activity with media placement spend over \$50 000 (noting that activity cannot be broken into segments to go under this threshold)
 - o television and/or cinema advertising, including community service announcements
 - o communication on significant projects, programs and initiatives
 - o major community engagement activities
 - o statewide direct mail and/or inserts
 - o full-page advertising in major metropolitan newspapers
 - o major recruitment activity (over \$50 000 media placement spend —note that activity cannot be broken into segments to go under this threshold)
- It is proposed that the GACC meets monthly to discuss campaigns and monitor expenditure. Out-of-session allowance would be made for communication or advertising campaigns that require urgent approval. The Chair has the ability to sign-off any decisions for urgent communication or delegate sign-off as and if required.
- GACC will also endorse a whole-of-Government six-monthly and annual advertising and communication plan.

Non-campaign advertising

- It is proposed that the inaugural GACC meeting consider changes to non-campaign approval processes. Non-campaign advertising is generally one-off informational advertisements, such as recruitment, tenders and public notices.
- This proposed change (to be implemented from July 2013) would allow departments to approve non-campaign advertising beyond the Queensland Government Smart Jobs website for recruitment and the Queensland Government Chief Procurement Office's e-tendering website for tenders.
- This is a significant shift from the current process where departments are forwarding non-campaign advertising requests (excluding those with a legislative requirement) to my department for consideration.
- If agreed, departmental directors-general would determine the delegation levels for consideration of non-campaign advertising within their department. Recruitment campaigns with media placement spend over \$50 000 will require review by GACC.
- For example, in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, once approval has been granted to fill a position, I have delegated responsibility for the advertising of job vacancies to directors (for levels up to AO8; PO6 and TO6) and executive directors (for SO roles). This is subject to the provisions of the *Recruitment and Selection Directive*.
- I am responsible for approving advertising of SES roles. My deputy directors-general have approval to utilise specified or targeted advertising processes.
- Even if officers have delegation to approve this advertising, I have asked them to use their judgement regarding whether a matter should be referred further up the chain of command for consideration and/or approval.
- Delegates will be responsible for ensuring cost-effective strategies to communicate with their target audience and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) will provide guidelines around non-campaign advertising.
- Between now and July, DPC will retain a reviewing role, allowing agencies time to ensure their internal approval processes are robust enough to manage this process. The effectiveness of this approval process will be considered prior to any removal of DPC review.

Implementation of the new GACC approval processes

- If you agree, the processes for GACC would be communicated to ministers (**Attachment 3**), directors-general (**Attachment 4**) and departmental heads of communication.
- Resources are available within Communication Services, noting that some tasks may need to be re-prioritised from time to time.

• BACKGROUND

- DPC has previously been the lead agency for approving major departmental communication campaigns. Major campaigns were those campaigns with television/cinema advertising, media spend over \$100 000 and recruitment campaigns over \$50 000 media spend, and/or state-wide direct-mail and inserts.

• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

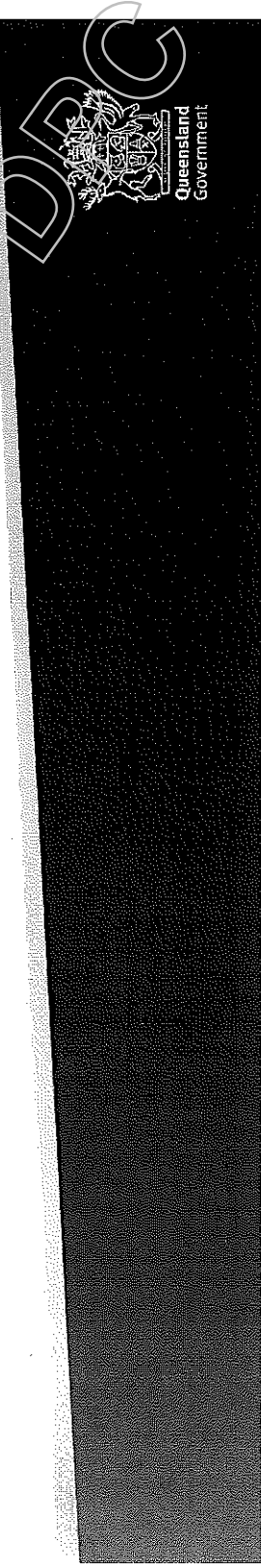
- In March 2012, you committed to reducing expenditure on advertising, travel and consultancies by 20 per cent. As previously advised (**Attachment 4 – TF/13/10223**), spending by core government departments in July–December 2012 was \$4.17 million, a 76 per cent decrease compared to the same period last year (\$17.04 million).

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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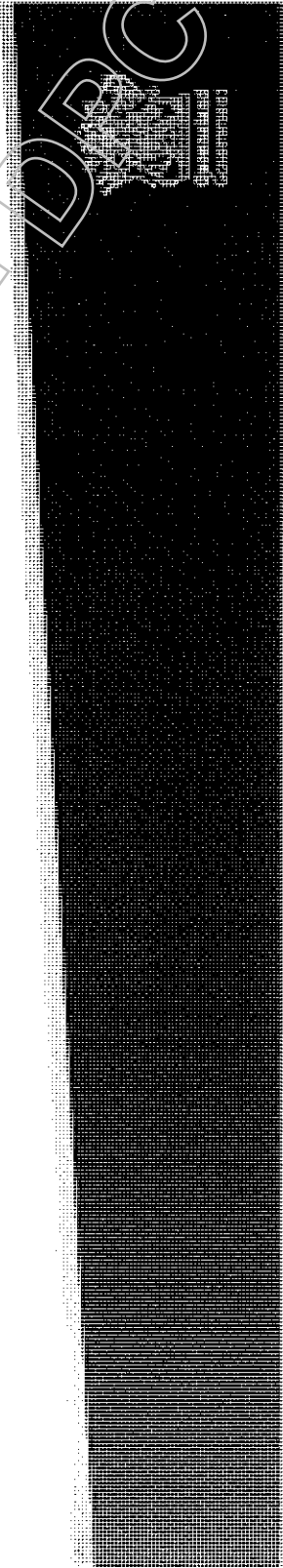


Purpose of approval processes

- allow the government to identify synergies
- ensure good governance, with campaigns aligning to government priorities, targeted messaging and responsive to the diverse needs of the public
- ensure advertising adheres to the Queensland Government Advertising *Code of Conduct* and other relevant communication policies
- review evaluation and final expenditure following the campaign
- monitor departmental master media expenditure
- ensure a consistent brand image is presented to the public.

Responsibilities - GACC

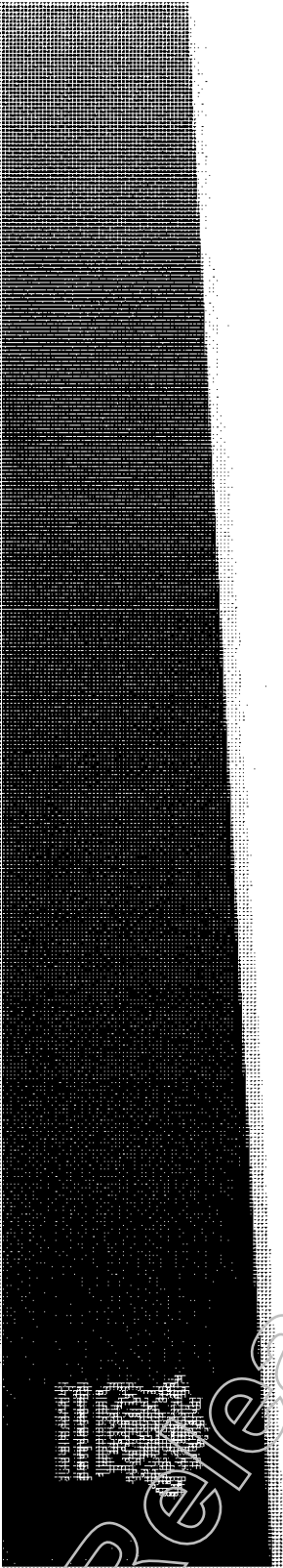
- Coordinate whole-of-government departmental advertising and major communication activities (eg. statewide or significant programs and messages)
- Approve all advertising (including recruitment) with a media placement spend over \$50,000
- Review communication materials that:
 - Are sensitive or controversial
 - Are statewide (such as direct mail and inserts)
 - Include television and cinema (including community service announcements)
- Consider the linkages between campaigns and government priorities
- Consider potential risks and challenges of the advertising proceeding or not proceeding
- Review evaluation and budget details of advertising submissions



Composition - GACC

- **Chair:** Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Deputy Director-General, Governance
- Executive Director, State Services
- Director, Communication Services
- Representative from the Premier's Office

The Committee will be supported by a Secretariat within Communication Services.



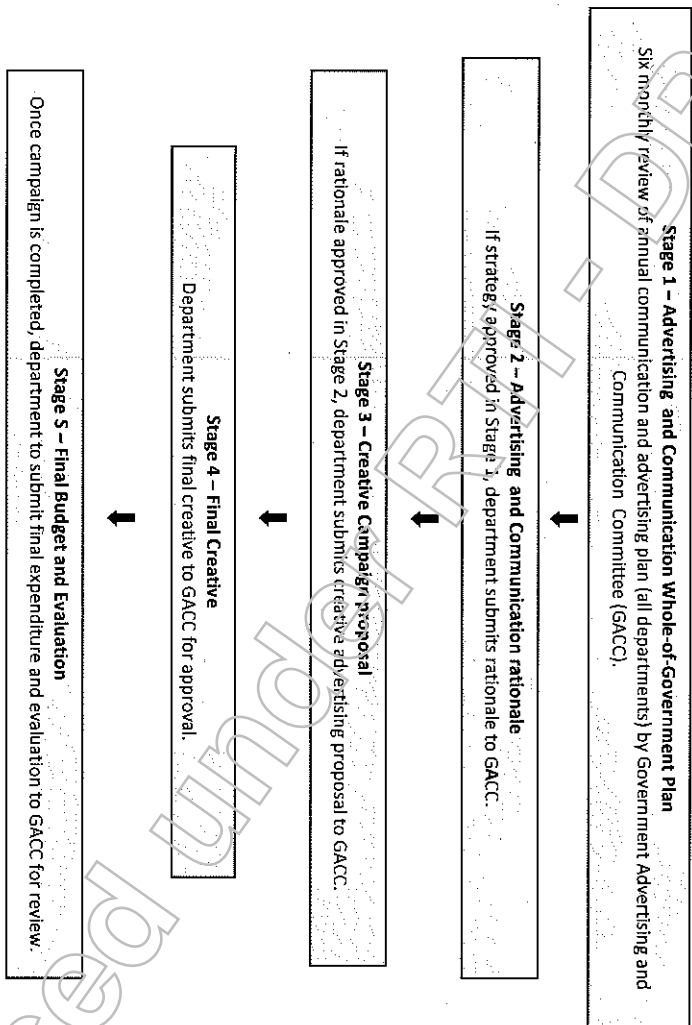
Steps in the process

The process will be broken down into the following stages:

- Stage 1 – six monthly review of whole-of-govt advertising plan
- Stage 2 – rationale for individual campaigns and communication
- Stage 3 – creative proposal
- Stage 4 – final creative approval
- Stage 5 – submission of final budget and evaluation

Approval Flowchart

Whole-of-Government Advertising and Communication approval process



Terms of Reference Government Advertising and Communication Committee (GACC)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide guidance as to the operation and responsibilities of the Government Advertising and Communication Committee (GACC) established to oversee departmental advertising and major communication.

2. Composition of the GACC

- 2.1 The GACC will comprise:
- Chair: Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
 - Deputy Director-General (Governance), Department of the Premier and Cabinet
 - Executive Director State Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
 - Director, Communication Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
 - Representative - Office of the Premier
- 2.2 Where relevant, the GACC can consult with other experts within the department (for example relevant Policy Executive Director) and/or the departmental expert.
- 2.3 Secretariat support will be provided by officers within Communication Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

3. Functions of the GACC

- 3.1 The role of the GACC is to manage a whole-of-government communication and advertising plan and make decisions about the appropriateness of individual departmental campaigns and communication activity.
- 3.2 Activity to be reviewed includes:
- Communication or advertising activity with media placement spend over \$50,000 (noting that activity cannot be broken into segments to go under the threshold)
 - Television and/or cinema advertising, including community service announcements.
 - Communication on significant projects, programs and initiatives
 - Major community engagement activities
 - Statewide direct mail and/or inserts
 - Full-page advertising in major metropolitan newspapers
 - Major recruitment activity (over \$50,000 media placement spend).

4. Objectives of the GACC

- 4.1 Objectives of the GACC are to:

- ensure major activities are aligned with the government's strategic priorities
- consider linkages between campaigns and government priorities / identify communication synergies
- ensure consistent brand and messages are presented to the public
- identify risks/challenges in communication proceeding/not proceeding
- coordinate whole-of-government departmental advertising and major communication activity (eg. statewide or significant messages)
- review communication of a sensitive/controversial nature
- monitor departmental media buying expenditure
- consider potential risks/challenges of the advertising proceeding or not proceeding.
- manage and approve the whole of Government advertising plan and make decisions on individual campaign and non-campaign advertising submissions
- review final creative, evaluation and budget details of advertising submissions.

5. Activity not requiring review by GACC

5.1 It is not in the scope of GACC to review all one-off communications. For example, the GACC would not review (unless part of a major communication and/or advertising initiative outlined in Clause 3.2).

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| • Books | • Brochures/newsletters/flyers |
| • Community consultation report | • CDs/DVDs/promotional videos |
| • Event materials and displays | • Information kits |
| • Guides | • Mobile applications strategies |
| • Online documents (all promotional materials not published in any other format) | • Promotional items eg postcards, merchandise |
| • Posters | • Publications |

5.2 Departments can liaise with the GACC secretariat to query what communication should be referred to the GACC.

6. GACC approval stages

6.1 GACC approval for campaigns and major communication will involve several stages, including:

Stage 1 – annual advertising plan

- Review and maintain a whole-of-government advertising plan (to be provided by departments on a six-monthly basis).
- Consider linkages between proposed campaigns and Government priorities/objectives
- Consider risks, timing and overall budget for planned advertising
- Consider coordination/consultation with departments/miscellaneous bodies (where necessary, agree the lead agency for each campaign and also identify those agencies that will play a supporting role, including the nature of and mechanisms for that support)
- Monitor media placement advertising expenditure.

Stage 2 - rationale

- Reviews the annual plan and departmental campaign concepts (timing, campaign objective/message, target audience, media mix, budget)
- Considers potential risks/challenges to the campaign
- Ensures adherence to the Queensland Government Advertising Code of Conduct.

Stage 3 – creative campaign development

This stage will ensure that:

- there is an effective strategic approach
- the approach is consistent with any research undertaken
- appropriate consultation has occurred
- measurable objectives are determined
- the timing and media mix are appropriate
- the creative execution will achieve objectives and adheres to government policies and guidelines including corporate identity, online common user experience, etc.
- advertisements contain authorisation statements
- the campaign is cost-effective
- it has been considered in view of other whole-of-government communication initiatives.

Stage 4 – review of final creative material

- ensure it does not defer from original proposal
- adheres to Government procedures and policies.

Stage 5 - evaluation and expenditure report

- departments must provide the GACC (within three months of the campaign's end) with:
 - a report outlining the final evaluation of the campaign, and
 - the final budget (in comparison to the original budget submitted to the GACC)

6.2 For some campaigns, departmental officers may be asked to personally attend meetings at Stages Two and/or Three.

6.3 A flowchart is attached to this Terms of Reference.

7. Frequency of meetings

7.1 Meetings of the GACC will be scheduled monthly, and on an as needed basis for urgent campaigns.

7.2 GACC approvals can be provided via both meeting decisions and email correspondence. The GACC chair will confirm final approval in writing to the GACC secretariat if a decision is made via email discussion.

8. Provision of approvals

8.1 In relation to six-monthly and annual plans, departments will be provided with advice within two weeks after

the GACC meeting.

9. Role of departments

- 9.1 Before any materials are submitted to GACC, approval must be sought from the relevant director-general and minister.

10. Timing of approvals

- 10.1 Campaign activity has five stages in the approval process. Departments should allow eight weeks for approval of an advertising campaign or major communication engagement submission.

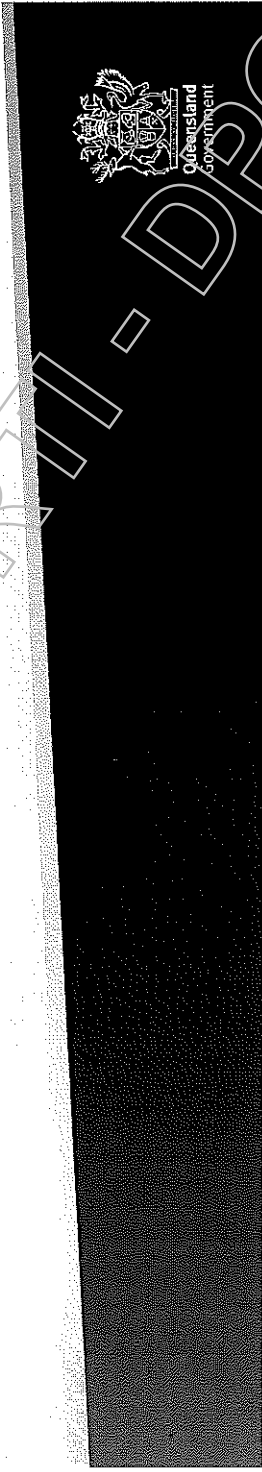
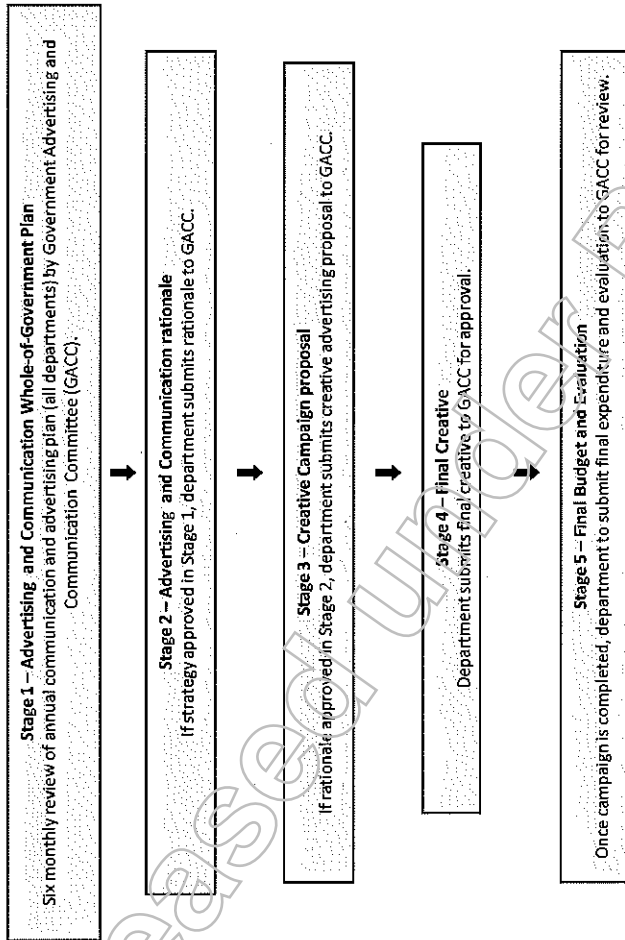
11. Out of session campaigns

- 11.1 Allowance will be made for communication or advertising campaigns that require urgent approval. The Chair has the ability to sign-off any decisions for urgent communication. However, the Chair can also delegate sign-off, as and if required, to other members of the GACC.

12. Agenda and minutes

- 12.1 Secretariat support for the GACC will be supplied by Communication Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
- 12.2 The Secretariat will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the agenda and papers to the GACC members.
- 12.3 GACC members may propose items for inclusion on the agenda through the Chair.
- 12.4 The Secretariat for the GACC will prepare and distribute minutes within five working days of the meeting.

Approval Flowchart Whole-of-Government Advertising and Communication approval process



PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/22002

Document No. DOC/12/172512

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 January 2013
Subject: Response to concerns about an offender leaving Australia when on bail for assault

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Premier

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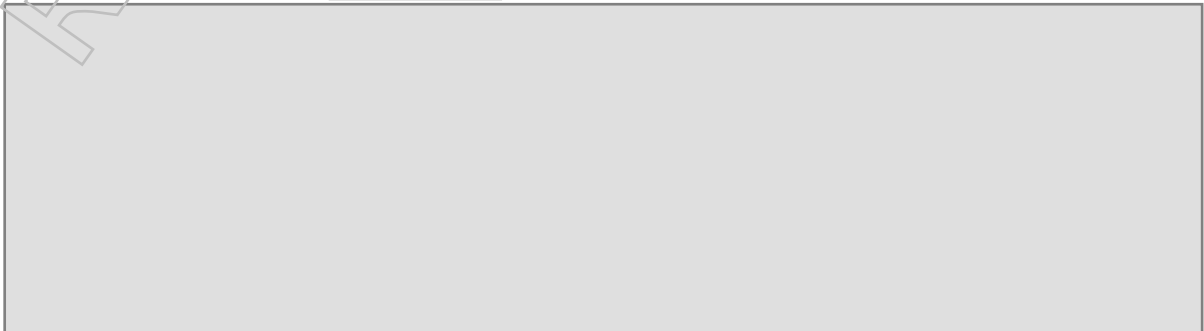
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the letter (**Attachment 1**) to [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public following consideration of the strictly confidential information in this brief about the conduct of criminal proceedings against the person who assaulted [redacted].

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] originally wrote to you on 14 August 2012 (**Attachment 4**) raising concerns that the person who assaulted [redacted] while he was on bail after being charged with assaulting [redacted].
- The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has provided confidential information about this matter. [redacted]
- The response, therefore, provides information that is in the public domain. The response also advises her that the QPS have decided that extradition is not warranted in this case, but that she can ask for this decision to be reviewed by the Police Commissioner. Measures are currently in place to ensure that if this person returns to Queensland, police can take action against him.
- **Attachment 2** sets out the detailed information about the prosecution of [redacted] the person alleged to have assaulted [redacted] and the decision not to extradite [redacted].
- On 17 December 2012, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety wrote to you (**Attachment 3**) about the QPS investigation into this matter and provided further details about the decision not to extradite the offender.
- [redacted] who was living and working in Brisbane. In brief, bail was not opposed when [redacted] was arrested, as he was not considered a risk of absconding. [redacted] appeared in court and was released on court ordered bail conditions to surrender his passport to the court within 24 hours.
- Prior to surrendering his passport and shortly after leaving court, [redacted] left Australia. A warrant has been issued for his arrest should he return to Australia and his name placed on a watch list with the Australian Customs and Border Service. The current whereabouts of [redacted] is unknown.



Action Officer: Kyla Hayden Approvals by Director / ED / DDG documented
Area: Law and Justice Policy in notes in TRIM

- While final bail conditions are issued by a court, the QPS has ensured that all prosecutors request the immediate surrender of passports for all foreign nationals charged with serious offences when submitting to the court during bail applications.
- The QPS is also examining procedures concerning the timing of Passenger, Analysis Clearance and Evaluation alerts to the Australian Customs Service to determine if any improvements can be made.
- The investigating QPS officer has been in contact with [redacted] on numerous occasions providing assistance with [redacted] application for compensation with Victims Assist Queensland (VAQ).
- VAQ has advised it is currently finalising [redacted] application for compensation. A VAQ assessor has confirmed it would appear from the information provided to date by [redacted] is eligible to receive a grant of assistance.
- VAQ has advised there have been various delays in processing [redacted] application due to incorrect lodgement of forms and statutory declarations. On 10 January 2013, a VAQ assessor requested further information from [redacted] to assist with quantifying his compensation claim. VAQ has advised that once this information is provided, they will be able to finalise [redacted] application.

Comments (*Premier or DG*)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/22532
Document No. DOC/12/176308

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 24 January 2013
Subject: The Queensland Children's Hospital research facility

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Premier
Date 21/2/2013
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- note the advice on progress with the development of the Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) research facility
- sign the letter to Mr Ian McDonald, Principal, St Laurence's College (**Attachment 1**)

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 20 August 2012, Mr McDonald wrote to you raising concerns about constructing the QCH research facility in the current fiscal climate (**Attachment 2**). He also notes that the research facility will only be half occupied upon completion.
- The QCH research facility, also known as the Academic and Research Facility (ARF), has a capital budget of \$134.5 million. This includes \$79.6 million for construction, \$15 million each (total of \$45 million) from the University of Queensland (UQ), Queensland University of Technology (QUT), and the Translational Research Institute (TRI), for research space, \$7.4 million for pathology services and \$2.5 million for future proofing (additional space can be added if required).
- Despite the universities being direct funding partners, it is understood that UQ had previously raised concerns about the need to proceed with the research facility. However, this position has not been formally conveyed to the Government.
- If construction of the facility was to be delayed or cancelled, there are a number of issues for consideration:

1) Work already progressed on the facility

- The QCH research facility construction tender process took place between August 2012 and October 2012. Five tender proposals were received, with the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, approving the awarding of the main works contract to Abigroup.
- Initial bulk earthworks on the site were complete on 14 December 2012 and construction work commenced on 14 January 2013.

2) Contractual Obligations

- Queensland Health (QH) has entered into binding agreements with UQ, QUT and TRI for the lease of floor space within the building. The following withdrawal clauses are included in the contract (1) partners can only withdraw from the contract if the construction contract is not entered into by 5.00pm, 30 June 2013, or if QH does not meet its obligations in terms of managing variations to the contract or if the building has not been completed by 31 December 2015, and (2) if not completed by 31 December 2015, QH must refund any part of the commitment fee paid to-date, as well as, 11.4 per cent of any compensation received by QH from the contractor if this were to eventuate.

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3) Other functions of the site

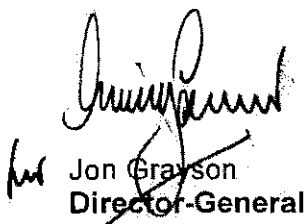
- The research facility includes space for pathology services which has been a key factor in advancing the need for the facility to open in-line with the QCH opening in 2014. It also includes space for medical records storage.
- Currently, pathology services at the Royal Children's Hospital are provided by the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, while Mater Pathology provides services for the Mater Children's Hospital. These services will cease and all pathology services will be provided out of the QCH research facility by the public pathology provider
- It is not clear whether pathology and medical records storage space could be located elsewhere or whether other options have been explored, including outsourcing of pathology services.

• **CONSULTATION**

- QH.

• **BACKGROUND**

- Based on the pre-tender estimate, the QCH research facility will cost \$5328 per square metre to construct. This does not include design, work undertaken to date, furniture, fittings and equipment, professional fees and authorities, contingency or client costs (such as legal, project management etc).
- No additional recurrent state funding has been allocated for the ARF. The building was approved to be self-funded by university and other research partner contributions, with state funding being redirected from the existing QH budget for the recurrent costs associated with the pathology services component.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)



Premier of Queensland

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- 5 FEB 2013

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Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2012 about the Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) Research Facility. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I share your concerns about the Government proceeding with projects and programs not considered to be a priority in the current fiscally constrained environment. As you would be aware, we have made some tough decisions about government spending across a range of projects and services in order to restore the State's budget position.

As you know, the QCH research facility has been designed to provide the critical mass necessary for contemporary children's research in Queensland. It will bring together existing children's health research from the Mater and Royal Children's Hospitals and other research entities and is being jointly funded by the Government in partnership with the University of Queensland, the Queensland University of Technology, and the Translational Research Institute.

In relation to your query about occupancy, I am told the floors tenanted by Queensland Health at the QCH research facility will be fully occupied when opened. Additional space has been factored in to 'future proof' the facility and to allow for additional space for expansion of the research facilities to be occupied by our university partners.

The facility will also house pathology and storage services for the new QCH. On this basis, there is an imperative that the facility be completed in line with the opening of the QCH in December 2014. As you would be aware, construction work has recently commenced on the site and it is expected that the facility will be finished as per the planned completion date. Please be assured, the Government will be working with its funding partners and other interested parties to ensure the facility is fully utilised. Again, thank you for raising your concerns with me.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

*I appreciate you
raising this - on balance
I feel we do need to
proceed.*



ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

A Catholic College for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition

20 August 2012

Hon Campbell Newman
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185,
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Dear Mr Newman,

Re: Queensland Children's Hospital Research Facility

The QCH Research Facility proposed for South Brisbane and now out to tender has been a contentious addition to the hospital infrastructure.

I am surprised in a time of inevitable cut backs in staff and projects this research facility proceeds unscathed.

To be constructing a research facility which will only be half occupied upon completion astounds me.

No sensible person would criticise the long term value of such a facility in our impressive medical research corridor. But the timing seems most inopportune.

I draw your attention to this anomaly and wish you well in the challenging task before you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

s.73 Signature

Ian McDonald
Principal

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/23030
Document No. DOC/13/1806

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 15 January 2013
Subject: Update on issues with Eatons Hill Village
Development by the Comiskey Group

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Premier
Date 11.12.2013
Date Action Required by:
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that the Comiskey Group (CG) lost its Court Appeal against the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) requirements relating to the development's traffic generation
- note that subsequent discussions have resulted in an in-principle agreement being reached between CG and DTMR on the basis of a reduced development proceeding, subject to the new development application's traffic generation modelling results being acceptable
- sign the letter of response (**Attachment 1**) to Mr Rob Comiskey, Director, CG.

KEY ISSUES

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)
Premier - I called Mr Comiskey. Attitudes seem to have improved and all on track. I have invited him to call me if it gets off the track.

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PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

24/08 / 2012

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/24814
Document No. DOC/13/5081

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 January 2013
Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public regarding driver testing

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Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 21/1/13
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
Requested by: <i>(if appropriate)</i>

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **note** the information provided, and **sign** the letter to [Redacted] (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- [Redacted] has written to you suggesting that driving instructors be allowed to conduct driving tests (Attachment 2).
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) currently uses DTMR driving examiners for driver testing for car and heavy vehicle class licences (with the exception of the multi-combination licence class).
- There are currently 110 driving examiners across 50 DTMR customer service centres, 28 of which are employed on a casual basis. Many of the examiners are also trained customer service officers meaning that they can be deployed to different roles depending on the business needs of the day.
- Authorised Queensland Police Officers may also conduct driving tests. This occurs at around 25 Queensland Government Agent Program offices and Police Stations situated across rural and remote areas of Queensland.
- Driving examiners follow the Q-SAFE Driving Examiner Policy and Procedures Manual. Q-SAFE is Queensland's current practical driving test, designed to evaluate a learner's ability to drive safely and correctly in a variety of driving situations.

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet believes that DTMR should review current service delivery methods in this area, and investigate [Redacted]'s suggestions as part of this process.

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Premier of Queensland

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22 JAN 2013

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 10 September 2012 about Queensland's current driving examiner arrangements. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Government does not have a monopoly on good ideas and welcomes suggestions from the public on how to make things better. I appreciate you taking the time to share your idea of allowing driving instructors to conduct driving tests.

Please let me start by answering some of the queries you had. There are currently 110 driving examiners across 50 Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) customer service centres, 28 of which are employed on a casual basis. I understand that many of these examiners are also trained customer service officers meaning that they can be deployed to different roles depending on the business needs of the day.

Authorised Queensland Police Officers may also conduct driving tests. This occurs at around 25 Queensland Government Agent Program offices and Police Stations situated across rural and remote areas of Queensland.

As I am sure you are aware, an independent review of Q-SAFE has been undertaken to ensure the policy being followed by driving examiners is appropriate for current and future generations of Queensland novice drivers. The formal part of the review has been completed, culminating in a report which this government will consider shortly.

However, this review did not specifically consider the current service delivery model or any alternative models, which could provide efficiencies and better value for money. This Government is committed to revitalising front-line services across government, and I believe your idea is certainly worthy of some serious consideration.

I am very keen to see your idea explored in more detail before a submission is brought to Cabinet, and have requested my Cabinet Colleague, the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, to ensure that this occurs. I have also requested that you be consulted as part of this review.

Thank you again for taking the time to bring your thoughts to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

7/12/24814

DEPARTMENT FOR RESPONSE

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NO FURTHER ACTION

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

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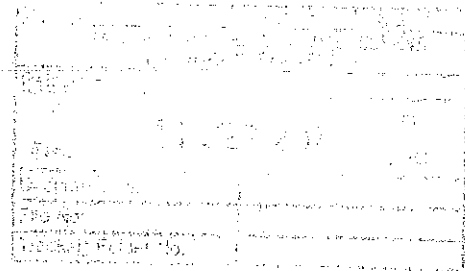
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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 12 / 9 / 2012

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Rt Honourable Campbell Newman,
Premier of Queensland
Level 15, Executive Bldg.
100 George Street
Brisbane 4000.



10th September 2012

Dear Premier,

By way of introduction, my name is s.73 Member of the Public and I am a driving instructor of many years standing. I have also served in the military, and in the merchant navy.

I compliment you on your struggle to rein in the accrued debt bequeathed to Queensland by the previous government, and your strength and focus in the matter.

Several weeks ago, I enquired of the Transport Dept as to the number of driving test centres in Queensland, and the number of driving examiners, and what proportion of their numbers were on casual contracts. They were unable to give me this data, but I surmise that there must be several hundred.

The fact of the matter, is that driving instructors as a body are required to hold a Certificate IV qualification in training and assessment. An identical if not higher qualification than Driving Examiners.

Currently the Queensland Government is remunerating to the tune of millions of dollars a year, both permanent and casual driving examiners, for a task that driving examiners could perform.

If allowed to conduct driving tests, instructors could save the expense to the Queensland Government of; salaries, holiday pay, leave loading, sick pay, superannuation, and cost of uniforms-- a staggering amount, which the test booking fee only subsidises to a point.

Furthermore it is conceivable that without driving examiners, some test centres could be replaced by more centralised customer service venues and result in reduced cost for site rental, power, maintenance, rates etc.

Because of the number of driving instructors, this proposal would not adversely effect the provision of "front line services" offered by QT in the area of driver assessment. The test booking fee would still stand, but test waiting times would be reduced, the issue of driving licences would still be the province of the counter staff in the customer service centres, only the actual assessment liability would change. Such a change would result in massive savings in costs.

Driving instructors are at present licenced yearly, and practise on payment of the licence fee and successful vehicle inspection. For the purpose of assessing learner drivers they could also pay a registration fee to Queensland Government.

Outside sourcing of testing is not a new concept, as you will be aware it is in progress with Q-Ride, where other non Government agencies are conducting assessments for motor cyclists. In this time where prudent decisions, although not painless are necessary and self evident, perhaps you may give some thought to this proposal.

Your comments would be of great interest.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

s.73 Personal Information

[Redacted name]

Cc The Hon Scott Emerson
Minister for Main Roads and Transport.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/27665

Document No. DOC/13/1968

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 10 January 2013
Subject: Flying Fox roost near Amaroo Retirement Village in Gatton


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Premier
Date 20/1/2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Councillor Steve Jones, Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) at **Attachment 1**.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 3 February 2012, the LVRC lodged a damage mitigation permit (DMP) to *perform passive ... measures (vegetation clearing) to manage and disperse the Gatton Flying Fox colony* located in the vicinity of the Amaroo Retirement Village.
- On 2 April 2012, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) granted a DMP to manage, but not disperse, the colony. The DMP is valid to 2 April 2015.
- DEHP did not approve dispersal because evidence provided by LVRC indicated that the most likely alternative roost sites would pose equal or greater nuisance problems.
- On 9 October 2012, Councillor Jones wrote to you expressing disappointment that the LVRC has not been authorised to disperse the Gatton flying fox roost (**Attachment 2**).
- On 8 January 2013, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) contacted LVRC for an update and was advised that:
 - o action has been taken under the DMP to clear trees. This has created a separation zone between the colony and adjacent buildings — including the retirement village
 - o the colony has reduced in size and LVRC has not received further complaints from neighbours
 - o other roosts have established near Laidley and Helidon.
- The decision to grant the DMP was made in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. As an administrative decision, it is subject to judicial review and any instruction to a delegated officer to make a different decision could render that decision invalid if challenged.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet considers that while any further DMP application must be determined on its merits, a more strategic and long term approach is required to address flying fox roost issues across the Shire. For example, the Charters Towers Regional Council is actively establishing an alternative roost site in conjunction with management of the Lissner Park colony. Minister Powell should be asked to have DEHP work with LVRC on a long-term strategy.


 Jon Grayson
 Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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21 JAN 2013

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Dear Councillor

Steve

Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2012 about the flying fox colony at Gatton. I apologise for the delay in responding. I am advised that my department has since been in contact with council officers regarding this matter.

I can certainly appreciate your frustration regarding the presence of the roost which, I understand, is one of several in the Shire. I have asked the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and his department to work constructively with your council on an approach to flying fox issues, including the control of roosts in urban areas.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

(If) this matter is not dealt with properly in the next month or so please give me a call)

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9 October 2012

The Premier of Queensland
 Hon Campbell Newman MP
 PO Box 15185
 CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier Newman

GATTON FLYING FOX COLONY UNRESOLVED

I am writing to you to advise of Lockyer Valley Regional Council's strong disappointment with how Council has been allowed to deal with a flying fox colony in Gatton by the Queensland State Government.

The issue of this colony has been ongoing for a number of years, with much correspondence between our Council and the Queensland Government, including the recent issuing of a permit which Council expected would allow for the removal of the colony.

As it turns out this was not the case and our Council was only allowed to remove trees near the colony and not those where the colony actually roost.

There are a number of serious issues with the location of the colony including the proximity to an aged care home, a child care centre, residential homes and a lucerne farm which can no longer sell their product to horse owners.

The colony is also roosting in trees located in Tenthill Creek, which is obviously crown land. The location of the colony in the creek poses major drinking water safety issues with Tenthill Creek running into Lockyer Creek which runs into the Brisbane River and ultimately ends up as part of Brisbane's drinking water supply.


Quite frankly many of the residents I have had personal contact with are fed up with the amount of time it has taken and bureaucratic red tape Council has had to go through to attempt to have the colony moved.

I extend an invitation for you to personally come to Gatton and see first hand the impact this colony is having on people's lives.

I urge your office to contact mine as soon as practical to organise a suitable time for this visit. My office number is (07) 5462 0300.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely



Cr Steve Jones
MAYOR

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/27730

Document No. DOC/13/28803

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 22 April 2013

Subject: [Redacted]

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the updated brief in response to your queries
- sign the response to Mr Tony Lee, Director, Mission Beach Harbour Pty Ltd (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- In response to your question about why the Cassowary Coast Maritime Facilities Demand Study report has not been publicly released, the Director-General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning approved its release on 22 February 2013. A copy was provided to Mr Lee on 20 March 2013.
- It should be noted that the delay in returning this briefing note to you was a result of time taken to facilitate the release of the Cassowary Coast Maritime Facilities Demand Study report to Mr Lee and receiving an approved response to Mr Lee from the Deputy Premier's office.
- Regarding your question about Maritime Development Areas (MDA), as you might be aware, the Honourable Andrew Cripps Minister MP, Minister for natural Resources and Mines committed to reinstating the MDA at Mission Beach prior to the 2012 election.
- In October 2012, the Draft Coastal Protection State Planning Regulatory Provision (SPRP) was introduced. Part 2 relates to areas of high ecological significance and refers to MDAs.
- The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning has advised that the intention of the single State Planning Policy (SPP) is to remove reference to the MDA concept and there will no longer be the need for reinstatement of the MDA as committed by Minister Cripps prior to the 2012 election.
- Marinas are proposed to be captured under the definition of coastal dependent development in the SPP [Redacted]
[Redacted] The draft SPP was released for public comment, on 12 April 2013, and has the intention of streamlining planning and development processes. [Redacted]

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- A response to Mr Lee is attached for your signature (**Attachment 1**).

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Graham Marshall
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Your reference: TL:DB:008

Mr Tony Lee
Director
Mission Beach Harbour Pty Ltd
35 Reid Road
Wongaling
VIA MISSION BEACH QLD 4852

Dear Mr Lee

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2012 [REDACTED]
CTPI - Commercial I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, because you were disappointed that the Cassowary Coast Maritime Facilities Demand Forecasting Study (the study) has never been released, I raised your concerns with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

I have been told that you met with officers from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) at a stakeholder briefing session on 15 March 2013 and that a copy of the *Mission Beach Safe Boating Infrastructure — Workshop Report* was given to you at that meeting. I understand that DSDIP officers met with you again on 20 March 2013 to discuss your particular matter and provided you with a copy of the study at that meeting. I hope that you were glad to be able to review the report's findings.

B/C The Honourable the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

B/C The Honourable the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines.

B/C The Honourable the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games.

**By direction. For your information.
Copy of inwards correspondence is attached.**

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Development of maritime infrastructure to improve boating conditions for recreational and commercial vessels has long been identified as a priority for the region. This Government recognises tourism as one of the four economic pillars for Queensland and has already taken the first steps to get Queensland back to Australia's number one tourist destination.

The Government is also strongly committed to facilitating development by reducing the regulatory red tape that is a burden on developers and our economy. Regulation of coastal development is one area where the Government has already taken action by suspending the complex Queensland Coastal Plan and replacing it in the short term with the Draft Coastal Protection State Planning Regulatory Provision (DCPSRP), which commenced in October 2012. This has already lightened the regulatory burden on developers in the coastal zone, while ensuring important environmental values remain protected.

In mid-2013, the Government will replace all state planning policies with a single policy document that will make it much simpler for developers and councils to meet state planning interest requirements. The single State Planning Policy (SPP) will continue to support coastal dependent development, including marinas, in optimal locations on the coast. It will also replace the DCPSRP.

The draft SPP was released for public comment on 12 April 2013 and a copy of the document can be found online at www.dsdp.qld.gov.au by clicking on the links (1) 'Infrastructure and planning' and (2) 'State Planning Policy'. Submissions on the draft SPP can be made up until 12 June 2013.

With the suspension of the SPP 3/11 Coastal Protection, there are no longer any specific planning and development assessment provisions associated with the existing Maritime Development Area mapping. The DCPSRP only makes reference to existing Maritime Development Area mapping and, once the single SPP commences, the concept of Maritime Development Areas will be completely removed as a consideration under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

In addition to considering the relevant state planning instrument, you may be required to address federal requirements. As you will be aware, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park applies to the Mission Beach area and, under the Federal Government's zoning plan, development of any significant scale is not currently supported. I would encourage you to discuss this issue with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

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Preparations are continuing for the engagement of a specialist maritime consultant to undertake the planning and design phase of the project. In the meantime, I would encourage you to continue your contact with the department. The appropriate officer is Mr Stuart Pickering, Deputy Director-General, Major Projects Office who can be contacted on telephone (07) 3247 3055 or by email at Stuart.Pickering@dndip.qld.gov.au.

I see that you have also written to my Cabinet colleagues, or their departments, about a [REDACTED] and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and my response to the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games for their information.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/28596

Document No. DOC/13/6511

To: **The Premier**
Date: 30 January 2013
Subject: **Correspondence from [redacted] which has highlighted specific systemic problems with the current TRAILS system**

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier *[Signature]*

Date 6/12/2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you note the information below and sign the letter (Attachment 1) to s.73 Member of the Public concerning her son's driving licence:

• KEY ISSUES

- On 22 October 2012, s.73 Member of the Public wrote to you concerning the loss of her son's licence (Attachment 2).
- The circumstances surrounding the case of [redacted] came about as a consequence of deficiencies with the current TRAILS system.
- [redacted] was suspended from driving having accumulated a number of demerit points while serving a good driver behaviour (GDB) period.
- Licence suspensions are triggered where two or more demerit points are accrued during a GDB period.
- Only one suspension notice is permitted during a GDB period, and can only be issued once an alleged offence is finalised (for example, through payment of a penalty notice, determination through the Court system, or when a ticket is referred to the SPER).
- Suspension notices are issued automatically through TRAILS, and a suspension period begins 28 days after the date of the notice. The suspension period is set at double the original period which was determined prior to serving the GDB period.
- A person is permitted to continue driving during this period of due process.
- Problems arise with the TRAILS system where further offences are committed prior to a suspension period taking effect. In these cases additional notices are issued by TRAILS which has the effect of extending the suspension period.
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) advise that this is what occurred in [redacted] case.
- DTMR estimates that there are around 400 to 600 people affected by this 'glitch' in the TRAILS system each year.
- DTMR advise that the cost to reprogram TRAILS to address this issue is estimated at between \$1 million and \$3 million. DTMR is proposing to seek CBRC approval shortly for funding. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has advised DTMR that additional funding is unlikely, and that they should prioritise the issue within their existing budget allocation.

• CONSULTATION

- DTMR

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear s.73 Member of the Public


Thank you for your email of 22 October 2012 about your son, s.73 Member of the Public and his Queensland drivers licence. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) that the concerns you raised have been resolved with the withdrawal of the *Notice of Accumulation of Demerit Points during a Good Driving Behaviour Period* issued to s.73 M together with the associated suspension period. I also understand that the Queensland Police Service withdrew the Notice of Appeal it issued, and that s.73 Member of the Public licence record has been amended.

I believe that an officer from DTMR contacted s.73 Member of the Public advising of this outcome on 24 October 2012, and a follow-up letter was sent shortly thereafter.

I appreciate you bringing this unfortunate incident to my attention, and regret any stress caused to you and your son as a consequence.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

23 Oct 2012
Date Received in LOS
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REFER TO MINISTER

QUICK EMAIL RESPONSE

REFER TO MP

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CONTACT BY PHONE (within 48hrs)

FROM: [Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 22/10 /2012

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APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

Sharni Sawyer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 22 October 2012 4:34 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: [REDACTED]

This email is to advise you of a problem within the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

My son, [REDACTED] s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information [REDACTED] On or about the 28th September 2012 [REDACTED] received a letter from Queensland Transport advising that Late Night Restriction Driving Period would begin for him on 4th October 2012, being 6 months from the date of disqualification by the Magistrate.

[REDACTED] was advised that he was driving whilst disqualified. [REDACTED] in his [REDACTED] apprenticeship in [REDACTED] He has taken all steps to ensure that he keeps his licence and now, because of a computer or clerical error by the Department of Transport he is to appear before the Cleveland Magistrates Court again on the 12th November 2012.

[REDACTED] has done his 6 months without his licence. He has done the right thing. Whenever I call to speak to Department of Transport I get advised that because of Privacy they cannot speak to me but I can fill in a form and pay \$19.50 and get information regarding [REDACTED] driving history.

This is of no help to us with respect to [REDACTED] licence and the fact that Queensland Transport have somehow stuffed up dates in their computer.

It would be very much appreciated if someone could possibly take the time to help my son and myself get this sorted so he is back on the road when he is supposed to be.

The Queensland Police need to be informed that this is not [REDACTED] fault and that he is now able to drive as per the letter from Queensland Transport dated 20th September 2012, advising that he was now on Night Time Restricted Licence from 4th October 2012.

An URGENT reply and help to my email would be greatly appreciated. I have been extremely stressed over this matter having been called by my son at 8.30pm at night to drive from [REDACTED] to pick him up from the side of the road in the rain and finding out that he has to go to Court because of the fault of a computer system.

The only Licence Suspension [REDACTED] has ever received is the one which he has now served from the 4th April 2012 to 4th October 2012.

PLEASE ENSURE I RECEIVE A REPLY AND I AM SICK TO DEATH OF BEING TOLD TO FILL OUT A FORM AND PAY A FEE.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/29070
Document No. DOC/12/207289

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 19 March 2013
Subject: Production of a whole-of-Government promotional newsletter

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Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 26/3/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: (if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- Needs to be endorsed by Cabinet

- approve a 12-month trial of a whole-of-Government statewide promotional newsletter to be distributed to Queenslanders at a cost of approximately \$4 300 000 per annum to be funded by ongoing savings in mainstream media advertising.

KEY ISSUES

- The recent 'freeze' on all non-essential advertising has resulted in a 76 per cent decrease in advertising expenditure year-on-year (July to December). As previously advised (Attachment 7 - TF/12/32250), spending by core government departments in July-December 2012 was \$4.17 million, compared to \$17.04 million in the same period the previous year.
- Communication Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), has conducted an investigation into using some of these savings to deliver a statewide monthly promotional newsletter — similar to Brisbane City Council's (BCC) *Living in Brisbane* newsletter — to promote Queensland Government information.
- The whole-of-Government newsletter would promote government campaign events, initiatives and projects to replace a percentage of mainstream media advertising across the sector.
- A four-page, full-colour newsletter can be produced for nine different regions with both statewide and region-specific content in each version (see Attachment 1). The newsletters will be distributed as unaddressed mail 10 months per year, commencing in May 2013 with the launch of *The Queensland Plan* community engagement activities.
- The newsletter will be one tactic within a broader whole-of-Government communication strategy currently underway. Communication Services is investigating the possibility of rolling other government publications into this newsletter, including the Community Cabinet round up.
- More information about the editorial, design, production and approval processes is at Attachment 2.
- Strict approval deadlines must be met to ensure timely monthly delivery. There will be an eight week production turnaround that will impact the timeliness of stories and prevent the inclusion of time sensitive or emergent content. Further details on the production schedule are at Attachment 3.
- Communication Services will coordinate newsletter messages and source content from departments, as well as provide editorial oversight and manage production and distribution.
- Communication Services is not currently resourced to coordinate such a whole-of-Government newsletter. New temporary staff resources have been included in the annual production costs found at Attachment 4. This would temporarily increase the Communication Services establishment from 22 FTEs to 25 FTEs (excluding the Media Reporting Services trial unit).
- Temporary staff will be appointed for the trial period only, during which time a review of Communication Services will take place to determine if this work can be absorbed by ceasing or de-scoping other work.
- The newsletter trial will be funded via an annual contribution from each department, calculated as either a proportion of their total budget or via a levy. As departments do not pool advertising funds in a single account, and funding is often connected to individual program budgets, the proposed model at Attachment 4 is considered the most appropriate method to fund the trial. It is envisaged the trial's evaluation process would identify any future funding model.

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

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- It is recommended quarterly research be conducted during the trial to support content selection and demonstrate effectiveness. Quarterly research would incur an additional fee of approximately \$120 000 during the trial period. This has been included in the current costing.
- Individual department financial contributions will not determine the amount of newsletter content allocated to each portfolio and this may be an objection raised by departments. Editorial content would be approved by your office and would focus on the government's strategic priorities, as well as relevant local activities and events.
- If approved, I would advise all directors-general of the required funding contribution and request contact details for each department's nominated newsletter contributor.

• CONSULTATION

- Deputy Chief-of-Staff, your office; Strategic Management Accounting, DPC; Print Management Unit, Department of Housing and Public Works; Corporate Communication, BCC

• BACKGROUND

- Minimal campaign advertising has taken place since the government directive limiting all such activity was introduced in mid-2012. Departments have streamlined communication and advertising activities with a more targeted approach aimed at key stakeholders.
- This approach would continue with DPC reviewing all major communication and advertising activity as part of the new approval processes currently in development.
- A draft layout is at **Attachment 5** indicating the proposed volume of content and images.
- Consultation with BCC regarding the *Living in Brisbane* newsletter identified key information including production model, content collation, resourcing and evaluation. Information is detailed in **Attachment 6**.

Comments (Premier or DG)



Jon Grayson
Director-General

**STAGE TWO
CAMPAIGN Rationale**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

CONTACT DETAILS	
Department	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Contact officer	Email address: Natalie.Delamont@premiers.qld.gov.au
	Phone: 322 45628
DEADLINE – Turn around for approval of requests is <u>5 business days</u>. Please advise if your request is URGENT.	
Deadline date	10 am 20 May
Approval required by	XXXXX

DETAILS OF CAMPAIGN	
Campaign title	My Queensland Community Newsletter
Type of campaign	YES Whole-of-Government statewide mail out
	YES Direct mail to every Queensland household Will be have an online presence at www.qld.gov.au
	NO Other, please specify:
Objective/s of campaign	The aim of this campaign is to 1) promote government campaign events, initiatives and projects 2) replace a percentage of mainstream media advertising across government.
Does the campaign adhere to the Advertising Code of Conduct?	Yes Refer to The Advertising Code of Conduct at http://premiers.govnet.qld.gov.au
Key issues	Has research confirmed the need for this campaign? Yes, consultation with Brisbane City Council (BCC) regarding the <i>Living in Brisbane</i> newsletter identified key detailed information including production model, content collation, resourcing and evaluation. Quarterly research will also be conducted to support content selection and demonstrate effectiveness.
	Has the campaign run previously? If so, has it been evaluated and does the evaluation show the need for a rerun? No
Communication approach	Target audience: All Queensland residents
	Media selection (television, online, radio, press etc):

**STAGE TWO
CAMPAIGN Rationale**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

	online
Proposed timing	The promotional newsletter will have an online presence.
Funding	Total proposed budget: \$4 300 000 Research: \$120 000 (during the 1 year trial period) Funding source: An annual contribution from each department, calculated as either a proportion of their total budget or via a levy.
Are you using existing creative materials?	No. The concept has been created specifically for the promotional newsletter.
Considerations/risks of the advertising proceeding or not proceeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of awareness of Queensland government campaign events, initiatives and projects • Will continue to contribute to savings in non-essential mainstream media advertising by providing an alternative cheaper platform to promote these events. • The newsletter will be produced for nine different regions giving Queenslanders the unique opportunity to view region-specific content on government initiatives that affect them.

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

This request must be signed by your Director-General prior to emailing to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Director-General Signature:
Date:

Please email this form to:	GACC@premiers.qld.gov.au
Further information:	Ph: 3227 7840

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Attachment 2

Design, content, production and delivery processes and independent approval process

Design

- The newsletter will be a four page, full colour, quarto-size folded to DL print job, printed on 110gsm 'Publishers offset' paper, an Australian made and environmental friendly stock.
- A quarto sized publication is slightly smaller than A4, saving approximately nine per cent of the cost of producing an A4 newsletter.
- Please note **Attachment 5** is an indicative size and layout only.
- It is proposed that the newsletter include approximately 8-10 stories per month, as well as photos.
- The layout of the newsletter would be a standard shell including either two pages of statewide and two pages of region-targeted content, or one page of regional content if there was insufficient material to fill several pages.
- Commencing in May 2013—to coincide with the launch of the Queensland Plan community engagement activities—nine versions would be produced each month based on regional areas: 1) South East Queensland, 2) Darling Downs, 3) South West Queensland, 4) Wide Bay Burnett, 5) Fitzroy/Central Queensland, 6) North and Central West Queensland, 7) Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday, 8) North Queensland, and 9) Far North Queensland (please see Queensland map at **Attachment 1**).

Content

- Content will encompass current statewide government initiatives, events, awards, projects and education campaigns; and relevant regional content. It will also include a calendar of events/important dates section.
- DPC will work from a future content list that will be informed by departments' annual advertising plans, and will also receive story ideas and content via a whole-of-government mailbox contributed to by a network of communication/media officers.
- Departments will have the option of submitting an advertisement instead of editorial, to more effectively promote a well-known campaign (for example, storm season, road safety awareness, sun smart campaigns).
- The Community Cabinet round up will be absorbed into the statewide newsletter.

Production

- Communication Services will design nine versions of the newsletter each month following receipt of final content and photos.

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- Printing and distribution will be outsourced to trusted suppliers using standard procurement processes.

Delivery

- The distributor will work with Australia Post to deliver to 95–97 per cent of Queensland households, including remote regions and islands. Using Australia Post as sole distributor will guarantee a higher percentage but will also significantly increase the cost.
- The newsletter will be a 'separate insertion'—not bundled with household or junk mail.
- There will be an eight week production timeline from DPC seeking initial approval of the story list through to delivery of that month's newsletter to Queensland households (see **Attachment 3** for further information).

Independent approval process

- The newsletter will receive an independent review before it goes to print to ensure the content is appropriate and is not political in nature.
- The newsletter will need to be approved by the Executive Director, State Services, Deputy Director-General, Governance and Director-General. These senior officers are all responsible for ensuring that the publication is free of political content.
- Newsletter copy will be submitted to the Director-General in week five of the production cycle, giving him three working days to approve and return to Communication Services. The newsletter will have already been proofed and approved by DPC and your office. This review is only to check content appropriateness.
- The Queensland Audit Office has previously undertaken a review of advertising within DPC, reviewing compliance with advertising approvals processes and guidelines.
- The Auditor-General has the power to conduct an audit or review of any administrative activity undertaken by the public sector in any way considered appropriate, and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised.

Attachment 4 - newsletter costs, funding model summary and departmental funding contributions

Costs summary

- Total cost for the production of the newsletter would be approximately \$4,300,000 for the 12-month trial. This cost includes:
 - the design, printing and distribution component at a cost (on average) of \$3.5 million per year
 - salary costs for 1 x A07 editor, 1 x A05 graphic designer and 1 x A05 content writer at \$76,100 for the 2012-13 financial year (April-June 2013) and \$260,000 for the 2013-14 financial year (July 2013 to January 2014).
 - staff support and administrative costs totalling \$75,700 for the 2012-13 financial year and \$263,800 for the 2013-14 financial year
 - quarterly market research at an estimated cost of \$120,000.

Funding model summary

- Departments' financial contributions total \$4,300,884 for this newsletter.
- One option is to base department contribution on a proportion of their total allocated annual budget (.012 per cent) on an ongoing basis.
- For example, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry total budget for 2012-13 is \$286,318,000 so they would be contributing \$43,276 for the 12-month trial (including \$9,365 to cover the two newsletters printed in the 2012-13 financial year).
- The calculations are based on the 2012-13 Services Delivery Statement, Controlled Income Statements, Service revenue figures.
- Another option is for departments' annual contributions to be funded via a levy.

Cost breakdown

Cost of Function	2012-13 (Start 04/02/13 - 30/6/13)	2013-14 (1/7/13 - 31/1/14)	Total
Salaries (A07, 2xA05)	76,100	260,000	336,100
Staff Support Costs			
Stationary	1,000	7,300	8,300
Postage (generic)	300	1,000	1,300
Telephones	1,500	5,200	6,700
Photocopying (generic)	800	2,500	3,300
Building Services	13,500	46,400	59,900
ICT/Corporate Support Processing	14,700	50,300	65,000
Other	900	900	1,800
Total Staff Support Costs	32,700	113,600	146,300
Other Administrative Expenses	43,000	150,200	193,200
Estimate for quarterly market research		120,000	120,000
Estimate to Design Print & Distribute News Letter	778,952	2,726,332	3,505,284
Total Estimated Cost	930,752	3,370,132	4,300,884

Indicative departmental contributions – appropriation of total budget

Allocation by Department	Total Allocated	2013-14		Total Contribution for 12 month trial
	Appropriation 2012-13* \$'000	2012-13 1/04/13	(1/7/13 -30/04/13)	
Premier & Cabinet	105,502	3,451	12,495	15,946
Treasury & Trade	228,527	7,475	27,066	34,541
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	64,198	2,100	7,603	9,703
Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	286,318	9,365	33,910	43,276
Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services	2,526,735	82,648	299,257	381,904
Community Safety	1,306,360	42,730	154,720	197,450
Education & Training	7,662,502	250,635	907,517	1,158,152
Energy & Water	156,486	5,119	18,534	23,652
Environment & Heritage Protection	188,589	6,169	22,336	28,504
Housing & Public Works	485,417	15,878	57,491	73,369
Justice and Attorney General	519,945	17,007	61,580	78,587
Local Government	223,432	7,398	26,462	33,771
National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing	284,532	9,307	33,699	43,006
Natural Resources & Mines	379,971	12,429	45,002	57,431
Queensland Health	7,792,873	254,899	922,957	1,177,856
Queensland Police Service	1,902,352	62,225	225,307	287,532
Science, Information Technology, Innovation & Arts	371,999	12,168	44,058	56,226
State Development, Infrastructure & Planning	370,409	12,116	43,870	55,986
Tourism, Major Events & Small Business	51,220	1,675	6,066	7,742
Transport and Main Roads	3,547,919	116,050	420,202	536,251
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Attachment 6

Brisbane City Council consultation

The following advice was provided by the Corporate Communication Unit in Brisbane City Council regarding production of the *Living in Brisbane* newsletter.

Newsletter specifications

- It is coordinated and designed in-house
- It is eight pages and there are four regional versions
- It is printed locally and Australia Post distributes it*
- It is distributed via unaddressed mail to all Brisbane households
- There is a six week production timeline
- No external advertising is allowed
- It is available online but has low visitation

* Please note that Australia Post is the most reliable distribution method, however it is significantly more expensive for Brisbane to regional/remote Queensland distribution. Council's investigation has identified that for Brisbane to Brisbane, Australia Post remains cost-competitive. The briefing note costing includes distribution by both Salmat and Australia Post to reduce costs.

Content

- All content is prepared and coordinated by the Corporate Communication Unit – stories are produced from divisional contributions and media statements
- A reasonable amount of editing takes place for all editions
- The Lord Mayor's Office approves all four versions of each edition
- The content is conversational and directly focuses on community issues
- It is recommended content is kept local and research has identified what stories people are interested in such as what services are available and what events are on, rather than what the government has done on a,b,c

Design and production

- Each edition follows a standard, pre-approved template
- One graphic designer produces all four versions of each edition
- Newsletter is full colour and a bright design to attract readership
- Council investigated outsourcing the design component – they identified it would cost approximately \$6000 per edition and opted to maintain it in-house

Evaluation and research

- Specific newsletter research is conducted quarterly (Brand Tracker) and it is not incorporated with other Council research surveys
- The surveys are conducted via phone and the results influence newsletter content
- Other measurement tools include numbers of calls to the call centre and numbers of calls directly to specific program areas mentioned in articles
- The research results provide evidence of readership cut through which has demonstrated success of the medium versus other promotional formats such as print advertising

Budget

- The Corporate Communication Unit receives a direct annual allocation for the newsletter and associated market research

Resourcing

- There is one editor, five story contributors (five media officers from the Council's media unit who draft stories alongside their normal media responsibilities) and one graphic designer

- The editor is extremely busy coordinating four versions, and it was recommended sub-editors be considered to manage nine versions
- They have reduced costs by producing 10 not 12 editions per year and changing paper stocks but advise it is difficult to find further savings (supplier costs may increase above CPI)

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/29898

Document No. DOC/12/225761

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 March 2013
Subject: Response to correspondence from [redacted] requesting disability funding to be reinstated for her [redacted] following the family's move to Jindalee

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier [Signature]

Date 13/3/2013

Date Action Required by: [redacted]

Requested by: [redacted] (if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter of response to [redacted], which reiterates the advice provided by the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, that funding for in-home respite care has been reinstated for [redacted] (Attachment 1).

KEY ISSUES

- On 6 November 2012, [redacted] wrote to you seeking re-instatement of funding support for her [redacted] and any other financial assistance that may be available (Attachment 2).

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Document No. DOC/12/224711

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 4 February 2013
Subject: Letter from the Minister for Education, Training and Employment in relation to concerns regarding recurrent funding and the withdrawal of advisory visiting teacher (AVT) services for non-state schools

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Date *20/2/2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response (**Attachment 1**) to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, noting his letter of 14 November 2012 (**Attachment 2**) about actions to help address concerns from the non-government schooling sector about recurrent funding and withdrawal of AVT services.

• KEY ISSUES

Recurrent funding for non-state schools

- Total recurrent funding for non-state schools is directly linked to the amount of funding provided by the State Government to operate the state schooling system through the 'basket nexus' model. This calculates the average recurrent cost per weighted state school student based on the 'basket' of DETE's state schooling related costs (currently 21.26%).
- In 2012-13, the total basket nexus payment to non-government schools is \$517.888M, a small increase on the 2011-12 payment of \$516.045M. While this represents a small increase on a financial year basis, DETE funds the non-state school sector on a calendar year basis, with payments to non-state schools set generally in October for the next school year, based on assumptions about the likely size of the basket and enrolment growth in the following financial year.
- This methodology caused no issues while funding for state schooling was growing and sometimes created capacity to provide schools with 'top up' payments (depending on enrolments) towards the end of a financial year to help meet special needs.
- However, as a result of the very small level of growth compared to previous years, over half of the 2012-13 recurrent grant budget allocations needed for 2013 have already been expended. This has led to a decrease in the 2013 recurrent rates for all but one non-state school, by varying amounts ranging from 2 to 29 per cent.
- It is also relevant to note that recurrent rates consist of two components: a base rate common to all non-state schools and a needs component based on the specific needs profile of each school. As a result of a decision by the former Government, the percentage of funding allocated to needs-based component is currently being transitioned from 22.5% to 40% of total available recurrent funds. During this transition period, any fluctuation in the overall level of recurrent funding will affect the proportion allocated through the needs component and, therefore, will have the most impact on schools with higher needs.
- To help smooth this volatility, DETE has been negotiating with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) and Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) and is proposing a redistribution of funds that would have been allocated in 2013-14 budget for Semester 1, 2014, to be used in Semester 2, 2013.
- On 14 December 2012 the Minister wrote to QCEC and ISQ to confirm support for the approach, and advise that any money brought forward to supplement the 2013 rates will be

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distributed on the needs component only (**Attachment 3**). The quantum will depend on a number of factors, including the 2013–14 State Budget allocation and 2013 enrolments.

- DPC is not opposed to DETE investigating options to smooth the cash flow to non-state schools over the next few years, particularly to avoid large impacts on individual schools. Queensland Treasury and Trade has advised that the amount moved could be as much as \$20M based on current enrolment projections and that the movement can be accommodated within the current financial year projections for DETE.

AVT Service

- The AVT service, which provides specialist advice to schools for students with hearing, vision and physical impairment, has previously been made available to non-state schools in recognition of the fact that the number of specialists in these areas was previously quite low.
- Given that non-state schools now have a much greater capacity to recruit or train specialist staff or access professional services themselves, and in the current fiscal environment, DETE has indicated that it is no longer reasonable to provide AVT resources on top of the direct funding already provided for students with disabilities in non-state schools.
- Government funding for students with disabilities in the non-state sector for 2012–13 is \$34.6 M. Students are also able to access dual enrolment between the state and non-state sector to ensure that their needs are met.
- The Minister has advised that the three schooling sectors are working together to develop a transition plan for 2013 to ensure that non-state schools are able to provide appropriate services to their students next year. In his letter of 14 December 2013 to Catholic and Independent school sectors, Minister Langbroek confirmed that DETE will continue to provide AVT support during 2013 to allow sectors time to build their capacity to support these students (**Attachment 3**).

• CONSULTATION

- QTT

• BACKGROUND

- Based on the latest available data, Queensland Government recurrent funding for non-state schools in Queensland per FTE student was 10.8 per cent above the national average (Source: ROGS 2012 – Financial Year 2008–9).
- In 2012–13, DETE is required to deliver recurrent savings of 3 per cent of estimated employee expenses, equivalent to around \$132 million.
- The New South Wales Government recently announced that it will cut education funding by \$1.7 billion (including 1800 jobs), equating to around 3 per cent of funding across all schooling sectors. Funding to Catholic and independent schools to come into effect from 1 July 2013 will be capped at the current budget level (per capita) and is expected to save the NSW Government \$116 million over four years.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Minister 

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2012 about issues raised by the non-state schooling sector regarding the level of recurrent funding from the State Government and advisory visiting teacher (AVT) services for non-state schools.

I note that your department has been negotiating with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) and Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) about options to help smooth the impact of reduced growth funding and is proposing a redistribution of funds from Semester 1, 2014 to Semester 2, 2013. I am aware that you wrote to non-state sectors in December 2012 to confirm support for the approach. I also understand that the quantum provided will depend on a number of factors, including the 2013-14 State Budget allocation and 2013 enrolments.

On the issue of AVT services, I understand that your department is working with the non-state schooling bodies to develop a transition plan for schools affected by the withdrawal of these services. I understand that this will include investigation of the state sector's capacity to provide professional development on a fee for service basis in the areas of hearing impairment, physical impairment, vision impairment and adaptive technologies, to help build capacity within the non-state sector. I have since been advised that your recent letter of 14 December 2012 to QCEC and ISQ confirmed that the Department of Education, Training and Employment will continue to provide AVT support during 2013 to allow the sectors time to build their capacity to support these students.

I am keen to ensure that students are not being adversely affected by the changes and would appreciate being kept up to date on further developments.

Thank you for writing to me about this important issue.

Yours sincerely



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Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
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Dear Premier

I refer to a number of issues recently raised with you by the non-State schooling sector in relation to recurrent funding provided by the State Government and the provision of advisory visiting teacher (AVT) services for non-state schools.

In relation to recurrent funding provided in each financial year to the non-state school sector, the total quantum of funding is directly linked to the amount of funding provided by the State Government to operate the state schooling system. Therefore, recent savings realised by the Department of Education, Training and Employment has impacted on the total level of recurrent funding provided to the non-state sector. Nevertheless, as you know, the 2012–13 State Budget was able to deliver a slight increase (0.4%), in the overall level of funding to the non-state sector.

Non-state schools are funded on a calendar year basis, with funding from this financial year used for both the 2012 and 2013 calendar years. As a result of the growth in recurrent rates for 2012, over half of the 2012–13 recurrent grant budget allocations have already been expended. This has resulted in a decrease in the 2013 recurrent rates for all but one non-state school, by varying amounts ranging from 2 to 29%.

The recurrent rates consist of two components, a base rate common to all non-state schools and a needs-based component based on the specific needs profile of each school.

As a result of a decision by the former Government, the percentage of funding allocated to the needs-based component is currently being transitioned from 22.5% to 40% of total available recurrent funds. Until it reaches that level, base rates will remain at the 2008 levels of \$1055 per primary student and \$1583 per secondary student.

During this transition period, any fluctuation in the overall level of recurrent funding will affect the proportion allocated through the needs component. Consequently, any increase or decrease in the level of funding will have the most impact on schools with higher needs.

Prior to the State budget, my Department and Queensland Treasury undertook rigorous analysis of the impact on 2013 recurrent rates on non-state schools. I fully appreciate the implications that this will have for Catholic and Independent schools in Queensland.

My Department is currently in discussions with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and Independent Schools Queensland to consider ways to 'smooth' the cashflow over the next few years in order to provide more certainty for schools. One option also being considered is the provision of a supplementary payment to non-state schools in the latter part of 2013, within the existing 2013–14 budget allocation. However, the amount will depend on the 2013–14 budget and 2013 enrolments at non-state schools.

In regard to the provision of AVT services, all Queensland schools are required to adhere to the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.

In support of the Government's commitment to providing all Queensland students with access to a quality education, including students with a disability, the State school AVT service has been providing specialist advice to non-state schools on support for students with hearing, physical and/or vision impairment, at no cost.

Given the financial circumstances we have inherited, my Department has reviewed all services to recognise efficiencies that will assist in achieving a solid foundation for Queensland's long term economic prosperity.

Following this review, my Department identified that the provision of AVT support by the state schooling sector to non-state school students in the areas of hearing impairment (HI), physical impairment (PI) and vision impairment (VI) would no longer be available from 2013.

However, the targeted State Government funding for students with disabilities in the non-state sector will continue, with \$34.6 million to be provided in 2012-13, as well as students being able to access dual enrolment between the non-state and state sector.

The three schooling sectors are working together to develop a transition plan for 2013 to ensure that non-state schools are able to provide appropriate services to their students next year. This will include the investigation of the State sectors capacity to provide professional development, on a fee for service basis, in the areas of HI, VI and PI and adaptive technologies to help build the skills of non-state schooling staff.

I can assure you that my Department will continue to work with the non-state schooling sectors to ensure that appropriate services are provided for all Queensland students.

Should your officers wish to discuss these matters in more detail, I invite them to contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Fiona Crawford, on telephone 3237 1000.

Yours sincerely



JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
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Dear Mr Byrne *Mike,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 16, 17 and 25 October 2012 and 29 November 2012 regarding the decision to cease funding for advisory visiting teacher (AVT) services for non-state school students in Queensland Catholic schools with low incidence disabilities, that is, students with hearing impairment (HI), physical impairment (PI) and/or vision impairment (VI). I am aware that you have also held recent discussions with my Department regarding State recurrent funding for non-state schools.

In relation to AVT services, as discussed, my Department will provide AVT support to the Catholic and Independent sectors during a transition period in 2013 while both sectors build their capacity to support these students. Thank you for recently acknowledging these arrangements.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Ms Margaret Pethiyagoda, Assistant Director-General, Education Queensland, on telephone 3237 1625 or by email at margaret.pethiyagoda@dete.qld.gov.au.

With regard to 2013 State recurrent funding for non-state schools, I fully appreciate the implications the reduction in State recurrent funding will have for Catholic and Independent schools in Queensland. Officers from my Department have been working with both non-state sectors to consider options to alleviate this impact. I understand a number of alternatives have been considered, including the option to bring forward an amount of funding from 2014 to try and 'smooth out' the cashflow for the 2013-14 financial year.

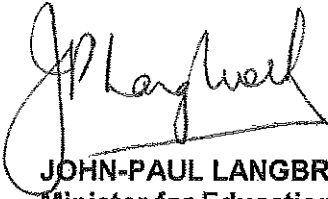
In principle, I support the redistribution of the funds from Semester 1, 2014 to Semester 2, 2013. I am unable to specify the actual amount at this time, as it will depend on a number of factors including the 2013-14 State Budget allocation and 2013 enrolments at non-state schools. The payment would be provided as a one-off supplementary payment in the latter part of 2013, and would be over and above the amount allocated through the 2013 recurrent rates.

As you know, the reduction in 2013 recurrent rates for schools with higher needs has been greater relative to schools with lower needs. Any money brought forward to supplement the 2013 rates will be distributed to schools based on the needs component only. This will mean that schools which have been most impacted by the 2013 rate reductions will benefit most from this supplementary payment.

If you would like further information in relation to this matter, I invite you to contact Ms Christine Rutledge, Manager, Office of Non-State Education, on telephone 3237 0199 or by email at christine.rutledge@dete.qld.gov.au.

The State Government remains committed to supporting the non-state schooling sectors, and I look forward to continued collaboration with both sectors for the betterment of school education in Queensland.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 January 2013
Subject: Council of Australian Governments (COAG)
National Partnership Agreement on
Homelessness (NPAH).

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 14.1.13
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the response to Ms Karyn Walsh, Coordinator, Micah Projects Inc. (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 14 November 2012, the Honourable Brendan O'Connor MP, Federal Minister for Small Business, Housing and Homelessness, gave a speech to the National Press Club (**Attachment 2**), which sought to explain the eight per cent increase in the rate of homelessness following the release of 2011 Census data.
- Of pertinence, Minister O'Connor called on states and territories to clarify 'where they are spending taxpayer dollars', and to demonstrate that funded services are in fact delivering on outcomes under the NPAH — due to expire 30 June 2013.
- On 15 November 2012 following Minister O'Connor's comments, Ms Walsh wrote to provide evidence of Micah's success in achieving outcomes under NPAH through the Street to Home, HomeStay and Brisbane Common Ground initiatives (**Attachment 3**).

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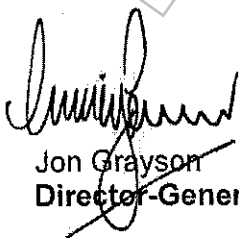
- The Federal Government has indicated it will be insisting on (1) more specific tenancy advice and support being included as part of the interim agreement, and (2) matched funding in 2013-14. Otherwise, little is known regarding the Federal Government's intentions longer term.
- Separately on 23 October 2012, Ms Walsh wrote to you seeking a meeting to discuss the organisation's *50 Lives 50 Homes Campaign* (refer **Attachment 6** – TF/12/28575). Your response (**Attachment 1**) answers both pieces of correspondence from Ms Walsh.

• CONSULTATION

- Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

• BACKGROUND

- Ms Walsh is a longstanding advocate for outcomes-based rather than outputs-based reporting (see previous correspondence from you at **Attachment 5**).


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Dear Ms Walsh

Karyn.

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2012 requesting a meeting with me to discuss the *50 Lives 50 Homes* campaign and your email of 15 November 2012 about Micah Projects Inc achievements under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Assisting Queensland's homeless, or people at risk of homelessness, is a high priority issue for the Government and we are currently rethinking our approach to tackling this growing social problem.

You may be interested to know that I have recently asked the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, who has responsibility for homelessness issues, to work with the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, to consider the most practical mechanisms for engaging across the sector and developing options that best address this problem in Queensland. I am confident that as part of this exercise, campaigns such as *50 Lives 50 Homes* and strategies to improve data collection will be explored.

Unfortunately, my schedule prevents me from meeting with you at this time. However, I have forwarded a copy of your letter and email to Minister Davis and Minister Mander for their consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Minister O'Connor
National Press Club Address
Canberra
14 November 2012

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and pay my respect to their elders past and present.

I would also like to acknowledge Laurie Wilson, President of the National Press Club.

It is some 23 years – a generation – since the release of the Burdekin Report on youth homelessness.

And the stories within spoke of a silent national tragedy. These stories had nothing in common with the jubilant optimism of the previous year's Bicentenary.

The stories of loss of dignity and of young lives wasted and destroyed simply could not be ignored. To do so would be shameful.

And yet, for 19 years, successive Government responses failed to grasp Burdekin's central message: that we can't simply support people in homelessness but must instead support people **through** homelessness.

When this Labor government was elected there were too many Australians homeless: enough Australians to fill the MCG lacking that most basic of needs – a stable roof over their heads.

Burdekin's challenge could not be ignored – in this, one of the world's richest countries – for yet another generation.

We saw that there was still too little recognition that we needed to focus on preventing homelessness in the first place, or that we could address homelessness through early and targeted intervention or through programs that would break the debilitating and often self-perpetuating cycle of homelessness.

These critical aims require complex and integrated policy responses.

But above all, they require partnerships.

No single Government and no single agency could solve this problem. My central message today is a simple one: without long term, cooperative partnerships between Governments, the not-for-profit and the corporate sector, we will fail in our policy response to homelessness.

From homelessness flows alienation from family, from the community, and from the economy. From homelessness flows a lack of education and employment, ill health, and lack of security.

That lack of opportunity tears at our social fabric and ripples out to affect us all.

But Labor recognised we needed to do more than just put a roof over people's heads. We needed to help people through the problems that led to them being homeless in the first place. Better still, we needed to prevent homelessness happening at all.

Our response was to make reducing homelessness a national priority. In 2008 we set out our plan in a White Paper on Homelessness called 'The Road Home'.

When we looked at homelessness we saw its many faces.

We saw the rough sleepers.

We saw a woman and her young child running into the night to escape a beating.

We saw an abused teenager.

We saw the family whose rental accommodation had run out and who had nowhere to go.

And we saw a number of often inter-related causes of homelessness: family breakdown, mental illness, substance abuse, gambling addiction or more simply, but no less stressful, nowhere you can afford to live.

Too often we saw inter-generational disadvantage.

Too often we saw a traumatic, life-changing event from which very few of us in this country are immune.

Above all, we saw a compelling need to embark upon long-term partnerships with the States, and the community and private sector.

We knew in 2008 that this would be a long journey that went beyond the brief timeframe of an election cycle.

We knew there was no simple fix.

But above all, we knew that unless we worked together in long term, collaborative partnerships, we would struggle to complete the journey.

We set targets that were ambitious and we don't shy away from that. We committed to halve the rate of homelessness in Australia by 2020 and to provide supported accommodation to all rough sleepers who seek it.

This week's release of homelessness figures by the Australian Bureau of Statistics paints a complex picture. The figures illustrate both our achievements to date and the challenges we face into the future.

The headline figure, showing an increase in the rate of homelessness of 8% is disappointing, but a more in-depth analysis reveals some promising signs.

The rate of people sleeping rough has fallen by 13.5%. This is encouraging, particularly as the data relates to only the first two years of the Government's intensified policy response.

Across the spectrum of homelessness issues, sleeping rough has the most debilitating health, social and educational outcomes. It is perhaps the hardest issue to address. These people are truly our most vulnerable citizens. I am proud that we are making real progress in addressing one of the core concerns outlined by the White Paper.

The number of people in supported accommodation has risen by 23%. This demonstrates that there is greater access to this important transitional accommodation.

Clearly, our provision of services here is responding better to the needs of people struggling to maintain secure and stable housing. By accessing support services while in accommodation, we are giving people a chance to break out of the cycle of homelessness.

The rate of Indigenous homelessness has fallen by 14.5%. That is by no means eliminating the outcomes gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, but it is closing the gap and I am happy we are moving in the right direction.

And remember, this data reflects what the position was fourteen months ago. It has improved since then.

The biggest increase in homelessness came from people – some 41,000 – living in severely overcrowded conditions. This group of people represent 40% of Australia's current homeless population.

It's not good to be living in severely over-crowded accommodation but I think we can all agree – generally it's a whole lot better than sleeping on the streets.

Ensuring access to affordable housing may be the greatest help we can provide to people in this situation and the Government's commitment to the provision of affordable housing is unprecedented in recent times. We know that being without a home is not just the result of too few houses, but supply of social housing is an important part of the jigsaw.

Nobody can get back on their feet and stay there without safe and appropriate housing. We've invested \$6 billion dollars in social housing. We have built 21,000 new social housing homes and refurbished another 80,000. I am proud as Minister to say that 10,000 people who might otherwise be homeless are now living in these homes.

That is 10,000 lives. That is 10,000 stories of recovery, opportunity and promise.

Further, nearly 11,000 homes have also been built under the National Rental Affordability Scheme, with another 40,000 to come. These homes are available to rent by people on low and moderate incomes at 20% below the market rent.

Since 2008, the Labor Government has made a direct financial contribution to one in every twenty homes built across this country.

This is part of a \$20 billion dollar Federal investment in housing and homelessness services since coming to office. Seen in its totality, this is a nation-building and nation-changing investment.

These figures demonstrate the Federal Government's fundamental commitment to providing a platform for people where they, their families and their children, can resume a meaningful place in civil society.

This investment also reflects the Government's commitment to expanding the opportunities to Australians on low and modest incomes to access affordable housing through the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

And it reflects the Government's understanding of the relationship between housing and homelessness.

But the White Paper also acknowledged that our shared journey was about so much more than housing.

If we were going to achieve real transformative change, we needed to focus on prevention; early intervention and a strong, timely and integrated service response when people need help, as well as programs that seek to break people out of the cycle of homelessness.

The White Paper also made it clear we need more information to develop evidence based policy responses. ABS estimates are important, but we will also use more dynamic and timely data collected by the Institute of Health and Welfare from specialist homelessness services.

The Gillard Government is also funding the National Homelessness Research Agenda to better understand why people are becoming homeless in the first place, and how successful they are in moving out of it.

We are working to piece together the puzzle through research, service delivery evaluation and policy development. Let me give you just one example.

Journeys Home is assessing income support recipients who are homeless, at risk of, or vulnerable to homelessness. Early findings suggest that many respondents churn in and out of homelessness over their lifetime and are often in unstable housing situations.

Many of these people experience homelessness at an early age and that is an indicator of persistent homelessness. The most common reason for first becoming homeless was family breakdown or conflict.

That means that responses to and prevention of domestic and family violence should continue to be an important focus of our work. As everyone here knows, intervening early can prevent homelessness.

Early intervention and effective services are core to our approach but they must be based on coherent, evidence-based policy. This is why our need to engage with the States about lessons learnt is so important.

We can't do this by ourselves.

We need clarity about what the States are doing with the Commonwealth taxpayers' contribution to homelessness and housing.

We need to know whether the services they're investing in are delivering, whether the reforms they're undertaking are working.

And we need to be sure that the States are not resiling from their commitments.

That is a reasonable and objective foundation for any cooperative relationship.

And yet, in response to my request to State colleagues for such information, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia have refused, taking cover behind the black letter of their agreements with the Commonwealth. However, the request cannot be unreasonable – South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory have indicated that they're more than happy to provide the information requested.

Let's be clear on one thing: there's not much point in the Federal Government putting money in if it leads to the States taking money out. So in future I want to inject more accountability and transparency into all our Commonwealth-State agreements.

The public is owed an explanation of where the States are spending taxpayer dollars.

We need open and transparent partnerships with the State and Territory Governments. We need to work with businesses and with all the organisations that work to prevent people becoming homeless, that support the homeless in finding accommodation and that provide housing to the homeless.

I wish I could have come today to say that the spirit of cooperation underpinning our partnerships with the States on housing and homelessness remained undiminished. There are however some worrying roadblocks ahead.

To be frank, we are seeing a succession of State Governments appearing to step back gradually from that cooperation.

The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) illustrates the two sides of this story. It is both a testament to what we can achieve when we are united and shows the difficulties ahead when we are divided.

The Homelessness Partnership represented another unprecedented funding commitment of \$1.1 billion over four and a half years. It has meant hundreds of new or expanded services were delivered across the nation. And it is in addition to any spending on homelessness services as part of the \$1.3 billion a year the Commonwealth provides to the States for affordable housing.

As part of the partnership, more than 500 “supported accommodation” homes have been built under the *A Place to Call Home* Initiative with another 100 on the way.

As part of this program, people receive permanent housing as well as tenancy and other support services for twelve months to help them address their underlying issues that led to their homelessness. They are also supported to reintegrate with the broader community.

As Minister I have had the privilege of speaking with many of the people whose lives have been transformed by this partnership with the States.

To those State Governments that choose not to provide the information requested, I say simply this: look at the people whose lives are improved when we genuinely work together.

Today I challenge us all not to betray those who are trusting us to act in their interests.

The groundbreaking achievement of the Homelessness Partnership is that it has broadened our policy response. It does not just target one group, say, rough sleepers. It targets people – especially women and children – who are escaping violence.

It targets young people who may be exiting care or institutions as well as indigenous Australians.

It seeks to prevent homelessness and failing that, to intervene early and decisively.

Two examples of a cooperative policy approach in the last few years are those of Common Ground and Foyer.

The Common Ground model originated in New York and has substantially reduced street homelessness. It has helped countless people achieve stable, long-term accommodation in the city.

There are now 11 Common Ground facilities across Australia, seven of which have been funded by the Government. The transformative thing about this model is that it helps people to change their lifestyles as a whole.

These facilities are more than just a roof over the heads of our most vulnerable Australians. They support clients back into employment, education and the community.

Women like Suzie. She became homeless at 22 when she fled her violent husband. She lived on the street in cardboard boxes and in rooming houses that offered little safety.

Suzie found hope in the Elizabeth Street Common Ground in Melbourne.

She says - and this goes to the core of why we are all here today –*Today everything is different. I'm somebody. I am a human being. Today I have a hope that I'm able to try and that I'm able to do things and I have never had that before.*

This hope that Suzie speaks of is the result of co-operation between six parties: the Australian and Victorian Governments, Yarra Community Housing, The Victorian Property Fund, HomeGround Services and Grocon.

It's an inspiring example of the White Paper and the National Partnership bringing Government, business and the community together to break the cycle of homelessness. It's good news and it's a quiet and largely unrecognised win.

Another innovative model through the Homelessness Partnership is the Foyer. The Federal Government assists in funding eight Foyers across Australia.

Foyers integrate supported accommodation with education, training and employment opportunities for young people. The philosophy here is simple. Find the strengths of the young person and provide pathways which address issues around homelessness.

Education leads to jobs, and a steady job is a big step in maintaining stable accommodation. The imperative of education and dignified employment are narratives as old as the Labor movement. They are our core values.

A simple example: the Ladder St Vincent Foyer project in South Australia brings in MasterChef runner up Callum Hann to give residents some cooking lessons as part of its living program. Fifteen kids are so inspired that they enrol in the local TAFE to complete certificates in Hospitality.

That's not a reality television show. That's just the hard graft of achieving long term, transformational change through meaningful partnerships. Foyers are a great example of the importance of early intervention in any coordinated response to Australia's homeless challenge.

I'm convinced that the overwhelming proportion of Australians would wish to cut homelessness by 50% by 2020. Let us engage with each other about the means to get us there but let us maintain the spirit of cooperation that underlined our partnership on homelessness and the policy successes to date.

I say to the Federal Opposition that there is sufficient evidence of improvement in the lives of our most vulnerable for them to come on board. This area of public policy should be bipartisan. To use the lives of our most fragile citizens to play political football would be breathtaking in its calculated cynicism.

When we cooperate we can achieve great things and I'm concerned that we may be cooperating less.

The Victorian and Queensland Governments have recently cut tenancy advice services. These services are not a luxury. Keeping people in the private rental market is one way to prevent homelessness. That's why those services are in the agreement. Any government that does not understand how these services prevent homelessness simply does not get it.

So important are these services that I felt compelled to step in to provide emergency funding to keep the Queensland services operating until June next year.

The Gillard Government will ensure tenancy services are included in future Commonwealth-State agreements; and firewalled against the short-sighted "save the pennies throw away the pounds" decision-making that has undermined our efforts to reduce homelessness.

So, where does this leave us in this, the final year of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness? Almost five years on, the Federal Government remains just as committed to the goals and targets in the White Paper.

I am pleased to announce today the Commonwealth's intention to approach the States and Territories to negotiate a new Homelessness Partnership based on matched funding and framed by the core principles of prevention, early intervention and breaking the cycle of homelessness. The Agreement should improve transparency and ensure we can measure the effectiveness of Government action.

To provide certainty during these negotiations for the tireless and compassionate workers in this sector, and, most importantly, for their clients, we commit today to providing our half of the funding for next financial year while we finalise a longer term agreement.

I call upon the States and Territories to immediately match funding for the next financial year and to sit down and negotiate a longer term compact to be resolved next year.

This interim agreement won't just roll over the current agreement.

I will be insisting on more specific tenancy advice and support being included. Jurisdictions should not be able to claim they are meeting the core output of tenancy services while in fact, cutting those services. That can never be the foundation to a coordinated and collaborative approach.

We need to do more than sustaining the effort so far; we need to refocus our partnerships based on what we have learnt to date.

To this end, I will be asking my State and Territory colleagues for better information. It is only through sharing information that we can arrive at a truly evidence-based policy framework. I will be requesting all jurisdictions to provide evaluations on the successes and failings of the current agreement.

In a tight fiscal environment, this must form the basis of any partnership into the future.

I understand that these negotiations will be tough. They should be robust. I look forward to working with the States and Territories and the sector to build on what we have learnt to date. There must not be just a "new agreement" – there must be a better partnership.

The cost of inaction to us all is too great. The cost of more people churning through emergency departments, correctional and mental health facilities and other social services far outweighs the costs associated with prevention, early intervention, and breaking the cycle measures.

The provision of timely and appropriate care and assistance to people who are vulnerable to homelessness is the only way of managing people *through* homelessness and not merely *in* homelessness.

So let me return to my central theme: the essence of meaningful partnerships. We differ fundamentally with the Coalition here – we do not dismiss tackling homelessness as simply a State Government responsibility. We have been there working with the States over the last five years.

We see the next period of discussion and negotiation as a great opportunity to build on a national, regional and local response – to Brian Burdekin's challenge issued to us all a generation ago. This is not the time for negativity as a default position.

We have had two decades of economic growth and our mission, as outlined in the White Paper is clear: *'Homelessness is everyone's responsibility.'* *Ending homelessness requires sustained long-term effort from all levels of government, business, the not-for-profit sector, and the community.*

It would be more than a policy failure, it would be a betrayal of our most vulnerable citizens for all parties not to embark upon the coming negotiations in good faith, and in the spirit of collaborative partnerships.

We have travelled too far down *The Road Home* to falter now.

PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Please include previous correspondence in the brief

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

Sharni Sawyer

From: Karyn Walsh
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2012 1:44 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Concern with recent media relating to lack of QLD evidence re National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness
Attachments: Outcomes Achieved NPAH Micah Projects.pdf; QLD Success Stories from Micah Projects.pdf; 50 Lives 50 Homes Campaign Update Micah Projects Oct 2012.pdf

Dear Premier

Micah Projects is greatly concerned with recent media reports indicating that Federal Minister Brendan O'Connor is stating that there is a lack of evidence of outcomes under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness coming from Queensland.

I am writing to provide you with this evidence and am confident that evidence of outcomes achieved would also be available from other organisations across Queensland.

Micah Projects is a community organisation that supports vulnerable individuals and families living in Brisbane. In 2011-12, we supported 2884 adults and 1319 children.

We receive funding from the Queensland Government to deliver a range of services, including three services under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness – Street to Home, HomeStay and Brisbane Common Ground.

This week's ABS data points to Queensland as a success story, with:

- a substantial decrease in the rate of rough sleepers (3.7 per 10,000 population in 2010, down from 5.2 per 10,000 in 2006)
- a 22% reduction in people sleeping rough (1, 524 in 2010, down from 2,026 in 2006)
- the second smallest increase (5%) in overall homelessness of the States and Territories, and well below the 17% national average

These achievements have been made in the face of a number of challenges for Queensland households:

- The Queensland unemployment rate is higher than the national average (6.2% seasonally adjusted, compared to Australian figure of 5.4% (ABS 2012)).
- Queensland rents continue to increase faster than the Consumer Price Index (RTA, 2012) and more than one in 10 Australian households will experience housing stress this year (National Shelter, 2012)

As a Brisbane organisation, Micah Projects has seen strong results achieved at the local service level against the objectives of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. At Micah Projects alone, we have seen 138 people housed from rough sleeping, 146 people move in to Common Ground supportive housing and 232 adults and 190 children prevented from experiencing homelessness.

We attach for your information:

1. Micah Projects outcomes achieved against NPAH Objectives
2. Success stories from three services funded under the NPAH
3. An update on the local 50 Lives 50 Homes campaign.

We are confident that other organisations could provide similar information as evidence of their success.

Sincerely

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OUTCOMES ACHIEVED 2011-12 MICAH PROJECTS HOMELESSNESS TO HOME SERVICES

In the last 12 months, the Homelessness Teams at Micah Projects have supported 2,940 people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, 820 of whom were children. Micah Projects is committed to ending homelessness in Brisbane.

OUTCOMES MEASURED AGAINST THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

Fewer people will become homeless, and fewer of these will sleep rough

- 49.7% reduction in the number of people sleeping rough (433 support periods)
- Overall 11.57% decrease in the number of people experiencing primary, secondary and tertiary homelessness (185 support periods)

Fewer people will become homeless more than once

- 82% of those supported did not experience a subsequent episode of rough sleeping in the last month of their support (2533 support periods)

People will maintain or improve connections with their families and communities, and maintain or improve their education, training or employment participation

- 19.5% increase in the number of people employed (22 support periods)
- 18.4% increase in the number of adults and children in education and training (51 support periods)

People at risk or experiencing homelessness will be supported by quality services, with improved access to sustainable housing

- 52% of all people supported were housed in secure and sustainable housing at the end of the support period (1,690 support period)



PERFORMANCE KEY STRATEGIES AGAINST WHITE PAPER OBJECTIVES

A. PREVENT AND INTERVENE EARLY TO STOP PEOPLE BECOMING HOMELESS AND ALSO LESSEN THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS.

- **Preventing homelessness:** 241 adults and 181 children supported through HomeStay homelessness early intervention service. 86% still housed in sustainable housing at the end of support.
- **Intervening early with families:** 66 adults and 156 children who are homeless received a rapid-rehousing response through Family Crisis Service. 76% housed in secure and sustainable housing at the end of support.

B. BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS- SERVICES THAT CAN HELP PEOPLE GET BACK ON THEIR FEET, FIND STABLE ACCOMMODATION AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT.

- **Housing First:** The Street to Home service supported 157 adults and 10 children sleeping rough. 29% had experienced chronic homelessness. At the end of support, 50% were living in secure and sustainable housing. 3 people had accessed employment and another 3 were in training.
- **Finding stable accommodation:** 1608 adults and 524 children received a brief assessment and referral service when experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. 7% were chronically homeless. 46% were living in secure and sustainable housing at the end of support. 85 were employed and 165 were in school, education or training at the end of support.
- **Breaking the cycle:** The Supportive Housing team supported 48 adults who had experienced chronic homelessness to sustain their housing. 66% were in secure and sustainable housing at the end of support.

C. A BETTER CONNECTED SERVICE SYSTEM IS A KEY TO ACHIEVING LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS.

- **Co-located services:** The Brisbane Homelessness Service Centre has 5 services and 12 visiting services, with Micah Projects the lead agency. Homelessness and housing support are available 41 hrs a week. Health, wellbeing, employment, legal and financial services provide 21.5 hrs of support every week.
- **Healthcare Collaborations:** Mater Clinic Nurses work alongside Street to Home workers to provide coordinated healthcare and housing support outside of business hours to people sleeping rough and marginally housed (funded through Medicare Local). A Mater Outreach Nurse is based full-time at Brisbane Homelessness Service Centre, providing drop-in and outreach nursing care 40 hours per week during business hours. On 24 May, Micah Projects lead a National Homelessness Healthcare Roundtable with 80 people attending from health, community, justice and housing sectors.
- **Court to Home:** A collaboration between the Homeless Persons Court Diversion Program and Micah Projects intervenes early to prevent homelessness and reoffending.
- **Service Coordination:** Micah Projects is the lead agency for the Rough Sleepers Service Coordination Group. This brings together housing and support agencies to rapidly house and support chronically homeless people in Brisbane. 62 people have been housed this year.



Local stories of success

Micah Projects and other local organisations have achieved significant outcomes through services funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. The focus on assertive outreach, prioritising housing as a first response and support to keep people housed has made a big difference to reducing rough sleeping in Brisbane.

Street to Home

Street to Home is an assertive outreach team supporting people sleeping rough to access and sustain long-term housing. Street to Home delivers housing support for rough sleepers 7 days per week, from 6am-2am.

In the previous two years 188 people have been housed from rough sleeping

- 97% are still housed a year later
- half of those housed are receiving ongoing support to stay housed
- 41% of those supported are Indigenous

Street to Home costs only \$11, 115 per person supported from the streets in to housing.

The team has also leveraged funding from external sources including:

- 50 Lives 50 Homes project: \$40,000 funding from the Mater Foundation (2010)
- Homeless to Home Healthcare: Medicare Local Project \$215,455 (2011-12)
- 50 Companies 50 Homes (Housing Set Ups): \$103,699 funded by private donations and Micah Projects (2011-12)

Robert's Story



"Gambling cost me my missus and kids. That's a big loss in your life, bigger loss than your money. I ended up on the streets three years ago. I couldn't pay my rent. I slept alone in parks, like Picnic Island down at Southbank. Noel (a worker from Street to Home) found me in Dutton Park Cemetery when they were looking out for homeless people to help. He said they could get me a place. What's important is staying dry and feeling safe. I couldn't possibly have foreseen this flat. It's way out of anybody's imagination. Being in this flat helps no end. I've been here 12 months now and am 100% certain of staying. When I leave it will be feet first. When you're on the street the future don't look good, but here there's a bit of hope. That in itself helps me" Robert (*story and photo provided with permission, excerpt from Creating Homes, Lives Changing, 2012*)

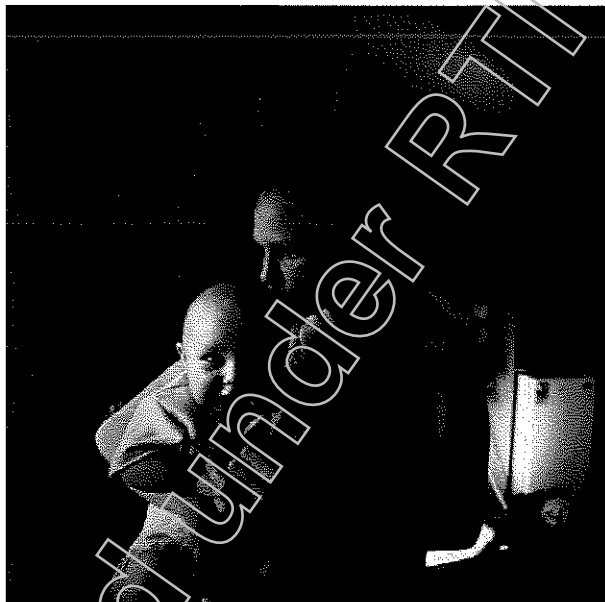


Homestay Support

Homestay is a service that intervenes early to stop people from becoming homeless. In the last two years, 191 households have been supported to stay housed.

- This number includes 232 adults and 190 children who were at imminent risk of entering the homelessness system.
- 86% of all people supported stayed in secure and sustainable housing.
- This intervention only costs \$7,343 per household.

Sandra's story



Sandra and her 18 month old son were referred to HomeStay after she fell behind in her rent. She had been living in her unit for five years but court costs relating to the custody of her son lead to rent arrears of \$2,500.

"Thankfully, at this point my team was able to support Sandra to explain her situation to a real estate agent, and negotiate a repayment plan. We then worked with Sandra to access financial assistance from local community organisations to pay off some of the debt upfront and then worked with her to establish a family budget that would enable her to pay her rent and keep paying off her debt. A short intervention from us has prevented a mother and a very young child from entering the homelessness system" Alison, Homestay Team Leader (Sandra's name changed, photo used with permission by Patrick Hamilton of a family supported by Micah Projects)

Brisbane Common ground – Supportive Housing Team

Common Ground has delivered 146 units of long-term housing and support to people who have been sleeping rough or who are living on low incomes. Brisbane Common Ground was officially opened by the Queensland Government in August 2012. With substantial investment delivered through Nation Building Economic Stimulus, and development managed by the Queensland Government, the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness provides the essential support tenants need to stay housed.

- Since August 2012, 146 people have been housed, including 73 who were chronically homeless
- The team has provided establishment and transitional support into housing for 60 individuals

Brisbane Common Ground costs \$14,261 per chronically homeless person supported to break the cycle of homelessness.

Stephen's Story



"Mum died when I was 10, which was really hard on all of us. I lost my job cause I was drinking. I started drinking at 22 when I first went picking and never turned back, unfortunately. All the pickers drank. After losing my job I was on the streets for 4-5 months, mostly in the Botanical Gardens. Then I got a house with my brother but he stabbed me a few months back. I was very lucky to live. I called Micah from hospital and they got me a boarding house but I hated it there. I got back on the streets and as soon as Micah found me they started giving me regular visits. They told me about Common Ground months ago. When the building was ready I did an interview and I was in. They said I can stay here as long as I like which is a big relief. I started cooking for myself straight away. Plus it's secure. My brother can't just waltz in and try and attack me. If I want to see a Micah worker I can but there's no real need for it at the moment. They'll always be there. I'm doing a day at a time at the moment. I'm enjoying this place and I've got some thinking to do. Helps that I've got a balcony and a mad view of the city from the 11th floor". (story and photo provided with permission, excerpt from *Creating Homes, Lives Changing*, 2012)



A campaign to house and support Brisbane's most vulnerable homeless people

50 Lives 50 Homes Campaign Update: 188 People Housed

In June 2010 Micah Projects undertook Registry Week to create a baseline register of people homeless on the streets of Brisbane. The register was created from a survey which captures the necessary information to match housing allocation, healthcare and support services to end their homelessness.

The Vulnerability Index (VI) survey tool simply identifies individuals as vulnerable or not vulnerable.* The register is an ongoing tool to identify the most vulnerable people at any point in time on the street. Prioritising people still requires practice knowledge, relationships and flexibility as well as appropriate matching of housing allocation and services.

Baseline Vulnerability Index Register	June 2010
People identified as vulnerable and homeless	118
People identified as homeless	113
Total number of people surveyed on the register	231

Since the baseline register was created we have continued to survey new people who present on the street. In June 2010 we had a pool of 118 registered people who were identified as vulnerable, but as of October 2012 we now have 503 registered people identified as vulnerable. The growth in numbers and other factors can change the identification of the most vulnerable, requiring adaptability in how people are prioritised.

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*The Vulnerability Index is based on research which shows certain medical conditions place a homeless individual at a higher risk of mortality if they remain on the streets. Vulnerability is determined by the prevalence of one or more of these conditions and length of homelessness.



Current Vulnerability Index Register (inclusive of Baseline Register)	June 2010 - Oct 2012
People identified as vulnerable and homeless	339
People identified as homeless	164
Total number of people registered	503

Vulnerability status of people housed from the register

People housed	Vulnerable and Homeless	Not Vulnerable and Homeless	Total
Baseline register as at June 2010	42	21	63
Subsequent Vulnerability Index participants since June 2010	41	84	125
Total number of people housed from the Current Register	83	105	188

Of the total number of people on the register 188 have been housed and are sustaining their tenancy.

Overall summary

231 people were surveyed in Registry Week and since then a further 272 people were subsequently surveyed over the last 29 months bringing the total to 503. The number of people who are identified as vulnerable and homeless has grown from 118 to 339. Some of these people had situations or opportunities that changed their priority to be higher than the initial 50 people from Registry Week.

Outcomes of the campaign to date	Total
Baseline register as at June 2010	231
Subsequent Vulnerability Index participants since June 2010	272
Total number of people on the Current Register	503
Minus the people housed	-188
People still to house	315
Reduction of registered rough sleepers in 29 months	37%

(Continued on page 3.)

50 Lives 50 Homes Baseline Priority List

We can and do continue to track the initial 50 identified in registry week as a high priority, whilst also housing people from the total pool of 503 people. So the pool was always greater than fifty and the prioritisation changes as people present. As at 31 October 2012, we have now housed 188 people.

First 50 prioritised in June 2010

Vulnerability Index: 50 most vulnerable prioritised	June 2010 - Oct 2012
People housed	33
People temporarily housed	3
People moved from Brisbane or unable to be located	10
People sleeping rough and referred to Coordination meeting	4
People sleeping rough/couch surfing for further follow up	6
Total	50

As other individuals have been surveyed with the Vulnerability Index and presented at case coordination meetings (between the Department of Communities Housing and Homelessness Services, Queensland Police, Brisbane City Council, QHHOT team and Micah Projects), we have continued to work through the list to match housing, healthcare and support services for and with people. Every person supported by the Micah Projects Street to Home service is on the register of people surveyed with the Vulnerability Index and are being housed and supported through this process.

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People supported by Street to Home Team	October 2012
People supported in permanent housing	178
People supported who are rough sleeping	29
Total as at 31 October 2012	207



188 People Housed

Micah Projects hopes that the current process of meeting weekly for case coordination will continue to enable planning around housing allocation, healthcare and support. This will allow partners to reach the targets of reduction of rough sleeping that Queensland is responsible for through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. Without this process 188 people would not be housed. We acknowledge the commitment and effort of all stakeholders and participants in the process.

50 Lives 50 Homes would not have been possible without our partnership with Mater Health Services and the generosity of the Mater Foundation as well as almost 100 volunteers. Micah Projects acknowledges the Department of Communities, Housing and Homelessness Services for partnering with us in establishing a dedicated housing allocation process that matches people from the Vulnerability Index Register to appropriate, permanent housing.

Campaign partners assisting us to successfully house and support people include:

- 4Walls
- 50 Lives 50 Homes volunteers and donors
- Christian Brothers (donation of \$10 000)
- Common Ground Queensland Ltd
- Homeless Health Outreach Team (HHOT)
- Mater Health Services
- St Vincent de Paul Housing Services.

Housing Providers	Number of people housed	Percentage
Public Housing	79	42%
Community Housing	39	21%
Private Rental	11	6%
Common Ground Queensland	59	31%
Total	188	100%

Future milestones

Micah Projects will continue to work through the registry by housing and supporting people, and coordinating services to assist all those on the register. We look forward to the challenges this will bring as we journey with people out of homelessness.

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Dear Minister

I am writing in relation to a proposal I received from Professor John McAuliffe AM, Chair, Board of Directors, Brisbane Housing Company (BHC) seeking to establish a Premier's Council for the Homeless in Queensland. I have also received correspondence on this matter from the former Minister for Housing and Public Works, Dr Bruce Flegg, and I enclose a copy of my response to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, for your information.

Given the approaching expiry of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, I believe it is timely for Government to consider options to alleviate homelessness in Queensland, including by way of meaningful engagement with the sector.

Although the Government has already embarked on significant reforms in the area of social housing, we are yet to clearly articulate a vision for addressing homelessness which brings together all parts of the service system and builds broader community support for addressing this growing social problem.

Accordingly, I ask that you, as the Minister with portfolio responsibility for homelessness, lead the development of advice to Cabinet outlining options to address homelessness in Queensland. We need a regional approach, as well as a state-wide approach, and the submission should set out options to maximise outcomes for homeless people including the development of state and regional plans.

We also need strategies to engage with the community more broadly and build a collective resolve to address the problem of homelessness. I am particularly keen to expand partnerships with community based groups and local governments to develop new and innovative responses that can achieve lasting results. As such, the submission should include advice on opportunities to partner and engage with non-government organisations, including through a specialist advisory council similar to that proposed by the BHC.



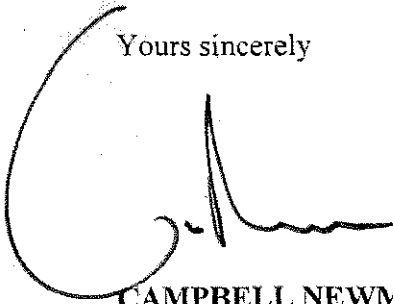
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As this issue is closely connected to the Government's social housing reform agenda, I ask that you develop the submission in close collaboration with Minister Mander. I understand that the former Minister, Dr Bruce Flegg, had already commenced discussions with you on a proposed model to tackle homelessness. I would like to request that Cabinet consider this issue prior to the expiration of the NPAH, before April 2013, to facilitate an orderly transition to any agreed new arrangements. I expect that examination of this issue would also include opportunities to partner and engage with the non-government sector and have responded to Professor John McAuliffe AM, BHC along these lines and enclose a copy of that response for your information.

Finally, I have also forwarded you a copy of Professor John McAuliffe AM, Chair, Brisbane Housing Company's terms of reference for your consideration.

I look forward to working with you and Minister Mander on the development of a new homelessness strategy.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Dear Ms Walsh

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2012 about the work of Micah Projects Inc. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was pleased to hear that your organisation supports this Government's agenda for social justice and, in particular, our commitment to address the chronic under supply of social housing and to alleviating homelessness in Queensland.

I was sorry to hear that the achievements you have made through participation in the *National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness* (NPAH) have not been reported on in more favourable terms. However, I would encourage you to bring your suggestions regarding long term data collection and outcomes-based reporting (particularly as they relate to the NPAH) to the attention of the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Minister Davis and also to the Honourable Dr Bruce Flegg MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, given the firm connections of homelessness with social housing supply, for their information and direct reply to you.

I expect that Minister Flegg and Minister Davis will have a strong interest in the housing and homelessness initiatives you note in your email, which have been trialled successfully in other jurisdictions and that may be of benefit to Queensland.

Lastly, please accept my apologies, but due to my heavy work schedule, I am unable to visit one of your services at this time.

Again, thank you for writing to me on this issue and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/30707

Document No. DOC/12/231081

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 7 January 2013

Subject: Concerns advocated by s.73 Member of the Public on behalf of [redacted] regarding her future funding and living arrangements and Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) advice.

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted

Premier

Date 20.1.13

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter at Attachment 1 to [redacted]
- note the confidential briefing concerning [redacted] future support and living arrangements that, for privacy reasons and to ensure the information remains current, are not detailed in your response to [redacted]

s.73 Personal Information

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Action Officer: Kathrin Jensen
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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 24 January 2013
Subject: Update on progress of disability equipment submission and changes to the disability parking permit regime

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Premier
Date 16/2/2013
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- note that the submission relating to the cost of, and access to, disability equipment is currently proposed for consideration on 25 March 2013
- note that information provided about the recent changes to the disability parking permits that are being implemented by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
- sign the letters to s.73 Member of the Public (Attachment 1) and to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Attachment 2).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 19 November 2012, [redacted] emailed you regarding changes to disability parking permits and the high cost of disability aids and equipment (Attachment 3).

Update on progress of disability aids and equipment submission

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet




- As an interim measure, to enable information to be provided more quickly, **Attachment 2** seeks urgent advice from the Attorney-General on the legal issues involved and what options are available to the Government, from a fair trading perspective, to improve affordability of these supports. Note that the forthcoming submission will also address these issues.
- Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) officers have confirmed preliminary legal advice can be provided to the Premier earlier than for the submission.

Changes to disability parking permits

- DTMR has advised that the Queensland issued Australian disability parking permit has changed from polypropylene to 150gsm paper.
- This change is as a result of a Queensland initiated post-implementation review of the introduction of polypropylene permits under the Australian Disability Parking Scheme (ADPS), which was implemented in March 2011.
- Under the ADPS, the Federal Government gifted specialised printers to each jurisdiction to enable the polypropylene permits to be printed.
- The review found that the polypropylene permits were expensive to produce, were not durable in Queensland's climate and the printers that were gifted by the Federal Government were unreliable and costly to maintain.
- In response, Queensland will temporarily issue disability parking permits on 150gsm paper until a more reliable and economically sustainable longer-term permit option is developed. The permit is still supplied with a plastic sleeve and suction cap.
- The new permit retains the vast majority of the security features of the polypropylene permit to prevent fraud and assist with enforcement. These features include a multi-coloured background, two-tone hologram and a rectangular hologram to ensure that fraudulent permits that are altered or photocopied are easier to detect.
- The federally-funded printer is currently not functioning. However, DTMR advises that at this stage, no decision has been made about its future.

▪ **CONSULTATION**

- DCCSDS, DTMR and DJAG – Liquor, Gaming and Fair Trading.
- DPC – Social and Health Policy confirmed the approach, regarding obtaining interim advice from the Attorney-General on the above fair trading issues, with your office in late December 2012, provided these issues were also addressed in the submission.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 19 November 2012 about the cost of medical aids and equipment for people with a disability, and disability parking permits. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can confirm that the Queensland issued Australian disability parking permit has changed from polypropylene to 150gsm paper. The permit is still supplied with a plastic sleeve and suction cap and retains the vast majority of the security features of the polypropylene permit that ensures the permit cannot be altered or photocopied.

The fact is that the polypropylene permits suffered from ongoing production and durability problems where the permit would peel off and fade in Queensland's climate. To not look at improvements would actually be a bigger insult to people with a disability who need the permit scheme, compared with pushing on with a permit that we know is problematic. Please be assured that the move to a paper based permit is temporary while other longer-term permit options are being considered.

The Queensland Government's intentions with respect to disability parking are quite clear — we want to make sure that people with a disability who need to park in dedicated parking spaces have access to a permit system that is durable. We aren't reducing entitlements or the support that we provide to people with a disability, and we will ensure that people in the community who rely on the disability parking permit scheme have access to a permit that continues to support their active participation in society.

I note the issues raised in your email about the higher costs of disability aids and equipment in Australia than overseas. Unfortunately, the costs in Australia are often higher as there are fewer manufacturers of aids and equipment in Australia. The majority of aids and equipment are purchased from overseas either fully assembled, or as components which are then assembled by distributors and retailers in Australia. Transporting the equipment to Australia and adding extra steps to the supply chain increase the end cost of an item, particularly where items require customisation or people need to be trained how to use them. When a purchase is made online from an overseas company, they eliminate a number of steps in the process and only pay one lot of freight costs.

Another major reason for the difference in cost is that items purchased in Australia are required to meet a certain quality standard and to be covered by a warranty in the event of any defects. However, this does not necessarily apply to items purchased via the internet. This means that if the equipment breaks or is faulty, there is a significant risk that the client might not be able to get the item fixed or the cost of repairs covered.

Nonetheless, I share your concerns about the high cost of disability aids and equipment and I can assure you that the Government is looking at this issue seriously. To ensure he is aware of your concerns, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, as the minister with responsibility for trading issues. I have also asked Minister Bleijie to investigate the issues raised and provide me with advice on how the affordability of these supports can be improved. Once this advice has been received, I will write to you again with further information on this issue.

I have also provided a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, for her information.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention, I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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(The cost of disability aids is a matter I was already pursuing)



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Dear Attorney-General *Jarrod*

I am writing to you about the higher cost of disability aids and equipment in Australia than overseas.

I recently received the enclosed correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public regarding the difficulties that people with a disability face in accessing aids and equipment at an affordable price in Australia. This correspondence echoes concerns I have heard from many people with a disability about the significantly lower cost of purchasing supports online from overseas companies, rather than domestically.

As you know, I want all Queenslanders with a disability and their families to have access to the support they need. I am, therefore, interested in exploring what can be done to improve the affordability of aids and equipment. I understand much of the current cost differential between locally purchased products and those available online from overseas relates to quality, warranty, and trading requirements imposed on Australian suppliers.

As you would be aware, on 20 August 2012, following consideration of the *Strengthening Front-Line Disability Services in Queensland* submission (Decision No. 189), Cabinet requested that you, in conjunction with the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, and the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, prepare a further Cabinet submission on disability aids and equipment. The submission, which is currently scheduled for consideration on 25 March 2013, is being led by Minister Davis and will address issues around the costs and access to aids and equipment, with a view to improving affordability and identify solutions to address fair trading issues.

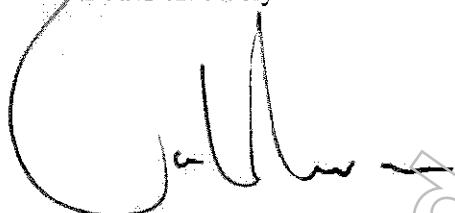
I am aware that, currently, the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, does not support direct online purchasing of *specialist* disability aids and equipment due to the difficulty, if not inability, to enforce consumer protection rights. I'm told that purchasing directly from overseas companies can result in problems enforcing warranties, returning faulty goods, and ensuring products meet Australian standards in the first instance.

To enable me to respond to the enclosed correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public I would appreciate you investigating the issues she has raised, and providing me with urgent advice on options for addressing the relevant fair trading issues, by close of business on Friday 15 February 2013. I understand that officers from Policy Division within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet have been in touch with Ms Linda Woo, Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Policy, Liquor, Gaming and Fair Trading, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, who has confirmed that this advice is able to be provided urgently. In the event that these are national issues that are only able to be resolved by successfully lobbying the Federal Government for assistance, I would also appreciate your advice as to the best forum through which to broach these issues. This advice should also be incorporated in the upcoming Cabinet submission.

For your information, I have also enclosed a copy of my response to [REDACTED] and to ensure they are aware of my request to you, copies of this correspondence have been provided to Minister Springborg and Minister Davis, as co-signatories to the forthcoming aids and equipment submission.

Again, thank you for assistance with this matter. I look forward to receiving your advice as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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FROM: JA DATE: 21/11/2012
POLICY ADVISOR

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:
Please provide a PRN on where the joint cab sub is up to on this issue.

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 19 November 2012 3:49 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: disability equipment

Importance: High



Comment:

Mr Newman,

Every time I open my email theres something more about how you want to take thing that have taken so very long for people with a disability to get, the lattes being the disability parking displays you want to change them back to cardboard displays, you know this is going to go back to people that have not got a disability to copy them and use them,as it is now most of the time I have to be dropped of down the road from were I want to go and this not just in Mackay.

I thought you may like to take a look at the suppliers and companies of everything to do with disability and incontinences stuff, I get most of my incontinences meds from the US because they are so much cheaper then here, a latex leg bay here \$95 to \$150, US \$36 , I have a partly MASS funded wheelchair that cost all up \$4200 for it MASS funded \$3600 me the rest the some wheelchair in the US \$1200 and about \$200 to ship it to my front door. I think that anything that is labeled disability they hike the prices up because they know the government funds most of the money. this is so wrong.

Regards

s.73 Member of the Public

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Document No. DOC/13/21499

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 15 February 2013
Subject: Response to request from [redacted] and
s.73 Member of the Public for additional Department
of Communities, Child Safety and Disability
Services (DCCSDS) support for [redacted]

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Premier
Date 26.12.2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

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- DCCSDS.

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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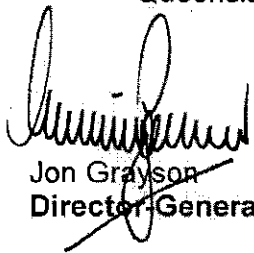
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- During the discussion the officer provided s.73 Member of the Public with information regarding other assistance available from DPWH, including RentConnect, bond loans and the National Rental Affordability Scheme.
- DPWH are not able to advise when an offer for housing will be made due to high ongoing demand from people with urgent needs and the specific requirements of location and housing type. DPWH advise people to explore alternative social or private rental housing options while waiting for their offer to be made.
- In your response to [redacted] you provide a contact details for an officer at the Inala Housing Service Centre and at the PAH.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health, Department of Public Works Housing


Jon Grayson
Director General

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POLICY ADVISOR

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Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31336
Document No. DOC/12/004111

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 January 2013
Subject: Suggestion from [Redacted] s.73 Personal Information regarding charging of school fees for children of 457 visa holders

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted
Premier [Signature]
Date 20.1.2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(If appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (Attachment 1) to [Redacted] confirming advice from the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, that while the Queensland Government is not proposing to change existing arrangements for 457 visa holders, fees for education are subject to change and it is possible that his suggestion may be considered in the future.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 21 June 2012 [Redacted] emailed you suggesting that 457 business employees be charged school fees for their school-aged dependents to help reduce costs to the State (Attachment 2). His email was referred to Minister Langbroek for his consideration and direct reply.
- On 22 November 2012, the Minister wrote to [Redacted] advising that the non-charging of fees for particular visas is often linked to a wider agenda to attract skilled employees from particular industries to Queensland (Attachment 3).
- 457 business employees residing in Australia are in Queensland specifically to work and are also required to pay tax. Accordingly, the dependents of 457 visa holders are treated as domestic students in recognition of their parents' tax contribution.
- On 26 November 2012, [Redacted] copied you in to an email to Minister Langbroek, requesting advice as to when he could expect a response (Attachment 4). DETE confirmed that the response from the Minister, dated 22 November 2012, had been sent.
- New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) are the only jurisdictions which levy government school fees for dependents of 457 visa holders. NSW charges \$4500-\$5500 per child annually and ACT charges \$9320-\$13 900 per child annually.

• CONSULTATION

- DETE

• BACKGROUND

- The 457 visa allows a business to employ someone from outside Australia in a skilled job in Australia, where they cannot recruit an appropriately skilled worker domestically. Employees are sponsored by an employer to fill a specific nominated position for up to four years.

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Renee Woodhouse Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
Area: Social and Health Policy documented in notes in TRIM
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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2012 about the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, not responding to your cost saving suggestions of charging schools fees for 457 visa holders. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I am told that Minister Langbroek has now provided a response in relation to your original email. As Minister Langbroek has said, the 457 visa allows businesses to employ skilled workers from outside Australia in circumstances where they cannot find an appropriately skilled Australian citizen or permanent resident to fill the position listed on the Consolidated Sponsored Occupations List.

Unlike visitors on study visas, 457 business employees residing in Australia are in Queensland specifically to work and are also required to pay tax. Accordingly, the school aged dependents of 457 visa holders are treated as domestic students in recognition of their parents' tax contribution. In addition, access to schooling provides an incentive for overseas employees for industries in which Queensland is experiencing a skills shortage.

I was interested to read that both New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory charge fees for dependents of 457 visa holders. While the Department of Education, Training and Employment is not proposing to change the existing arrangements at this stage, fees for education are often subject to change and it is possible that your suggestion may be considered at some stage in the future. In the meantime, please be assured that the Government will continue to look at all potential cost saving measures to get our State's finances back in the black.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this issue further, Ms Joanne House, Executive Director, Department of Education and Training International, would be happy to assist and can be contacted by email at joanne.house@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3237 0850.

Again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

22 NOV 2012

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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your emails dated 21 June and 26 September 2012 to the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, regarding charging of school fees for 457 visa holders. The Premier has referred your emails to me for consideration.

The charging or non-charging of fees for particular visas is often linked to a wider agenda, such as the need to attract employees skilled in particular areas to the State of Queensland.

The 457 visa allows a business to employ someone from outside Australia in a skilled job in Australia. These employees are sponsored by an employer to fill a specific nominated position for up to four years. They have skills, qualifications, experience and an employment background that matches the requirements of the position.

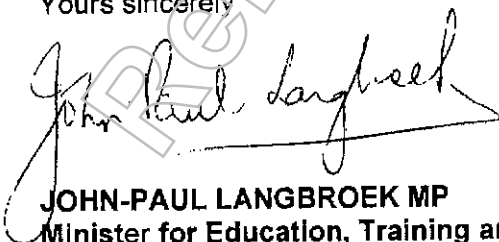
A business can only sponsor a skilled worker if they cannot find an appropriately skilled Australian citizen or permanent resident to fill a skilled position listed in the Consolidated Sponsored Occupations List. Unlike visitors on study visas, 457 business employees residing in Australia under these visa conditions are in Queensland specifically to work and are also subject to the payment of tax.

Further, school-aged dependants of holders of visa subclass 457 (Business Long Stay) are not required to pay dependant student fees while studying in Queensland Government schools. They are treated as domestic students in recognition of their parents' tax contribution while they reside in Queensland.

Different states reflect different needs and agendas, and the charging of fees is often subject to change. For this reason, it is possible that your suggestion may be implemented at some point in the future.

Should you need further information on this matter I invite you to contact Ms Joanne House, Executive Director, Department of Education and Training International, by email at joanne.house@det.qld.gov.au or by telephone on 3237 0850.

Yours sincerely


JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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FROM:

JA
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

29/11 /2012

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Sharni Sawyer

From: s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2012 1:30 PM
To: education@ministerial.qld.gov.au; The Premier
Attachments: File0001.PDF

Dear Mr. Langbroek.

Can I please get an indication as to when I can expect a reply to the attached correspondence.

Regards

[Redacted]

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Office of the Premier

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15 OCT 2012

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73
Personal Information

Dear

Thank you for your correspondence forwarding your cost saving suggestion of charging school fees for 457 visa holders. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

This matter has been referred to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment for consideration and direct reply to you.

Please be assured that Minister Langbroek will give your suggestion his full consideration.

Again, thank you for contacting the Premier.

Yours sincerely

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. DOC/12/237643

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 January 2013
Subject: Senate resolution regarding enactment of legislation that expressly purges convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct

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Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 19/1/2013
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to Senator the Honourable John Hogg, President of the Senate, thanking him for forwarding the resolution and noting that any decision to expressly purge convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct in Queensland would need to be considered and approved by Cabinet (**Attachment 1**).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 26 November 2012, Senator Hogg wrote to you to advise you of the text of a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 November 2012, which calls on all Australian states and territories to enact legislation that expressly purges convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct (**Attachment 2**).
- In Queensland, consensual sodomy between adult persons was decriminalised in 1991. Queensland's Criminal Code sets a minimum age of 16 years for consent to all sexual activity, except anal intercourse which is 18 years.
- Queensland also has in place a spent conviction scheme which allows people who have a criminal conviction recorded against them not to disclose the conviction in certain circumstances. An eligible conviction (a non-custodial sentence or imprisonment of 30 months or less) becomes 'spent' after a rehabilitation period has 'expired' (10 years from conviction of an adult on indictment, or five years for a summary or juvenile conviction).
- In Queensland, sex offences are not treated any differently from other offences and they become spent in the same way, once the qualifying period of good behaviour has been completed. Further information about the age of consent in other jurisdictions, Queensland's spent conviction scheme, and uniform model legislation in relation to spent convictions is at **Attachment 3**.
- The Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) has advised that a number of issues arise in relation to the Senate's resolution. These include whether the State could be liable for compensation for wrongful imprisonment, the interplay between the notions of 'expunge', 'purge', 'pardon' and 'quashing' of convictions, and the number of persons in Queensland who could potentially seek a purge of convictions.
- In the limited time available, DJAG has been unable to give detailed consideration to these issues. An analysis of the approach taken in the United Kingdom (which has recently enacted legislation to expunge historic convictions for homosexual acts which were imposed prior to the decriminalisation of homosexuality in the UK) would also need to be undertaken.

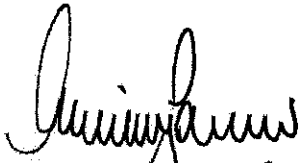
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- Ultimately, any proposal to enact legislation in Queensland that expressly purges convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct would need to be considered and approved by Cabinet.
- There is no requirement to respond to the resolution. A resolution is simply a statement of the Senate's opinion which does not direct that any action be taken in relation to the matter which is the subject of the resolution (for example, a resolution expressing concern about a situation in a foreign country).
- As a matter of courtesy, a letter to Senator Hogg has been drafted for your signature (**Attachment 1**), that does not indicate whether Queensland will act on the resolution (or even consider the matter). It merely states that if the Queensland Cabinet did decide to act on the resolution, that the Queensland Government would notify the Senate.

• **CONSULTATION**

- Department of Justice and Attorney-General.


Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Senator Hogg

John

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2012 calling on all Australian states and territories to enact legislation that expressly purges convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct.

The Queensland Government notes that any decision to expressly purge convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct in Queensland would need to be considered and approved by Cabinet. We would certainly notify you in the event Queensland makes such a decision.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely


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FROM: *M. Naranjo* POLICY ADVISOR DATE: 29/11/2012

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CANBERRA

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

26 NOV 2012

Dear Premier

I transmit to you the text of a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 November 2012. The resolution is as follows:

That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) homosexual acts were decriminalised in Victoria in 1981 but that convictions prior to that date can still appear on a Victorian person's police record, and
- (ii) that the United Kingdom (UK) recently enacted legislation to expunge historic convictions for homosexual acts which were imposed prior to the decriminalisation of homosexuality in the UK; and

(b) calls on all Australian states and territories to enact legislation that expressly purges convictions imposed on people prior to the decriminalisation of homosexual conduct.

The terms of this resolution have also been forwarded to all state and territory Premiers and Chief Ministers. In accordance with the usual practice any response that you provide may be tabled in the Senate for the information of senators.

Yours sincerely

John Hogg

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 January 2013
Subject: Car parking — TheTownsville Hospital

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• RECOMMENDATION

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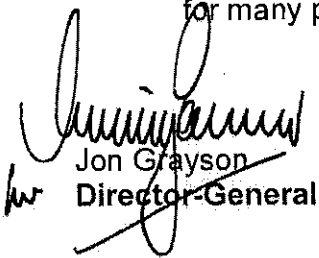
- note the decision of the Townsville Hospital and Health Board (the THH board) to introduce paid car parking at The Townsville Hospital from March 2013
- sign the response to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 27 November 2012, [redacted] emailed you (Attachment 2) expressing concern about the introduction of parking fees at Queensland's public hospitals. [redacted] outside Townsville.
- Townsville Hospital and Health Service (THHS) recently announced the introduction of paid parking for all patients and visitors at The Townsville Hospital, commencing in March 2013. Queensland Health advises the decision to introduce paid parking was made by the THH board. The Townsville Hospital is one of the last in Queensland to have paid carparking introduced and its introduction will support the revenue generation for the THHS.
- Carparking will cost \$3.00 for the first hour and \$2.00 for each subsequent hour (to a maximum of \$15.00 per day). This is comparable to other regional hospitals which range from \$2.00 an hour and maximum of \$5.00 a day (Cairns Hospital) to \$3.80 an hour and maximum of \$11.00 a day (Nambour Hospital). Parking charges at Metropolitan hospitals are significantly higher.
- Consideration has been given to pensioners and other patients who need to attend the hospital daily or for prolonged procedures (for example, patients receiving renal dialysis, chemotherapy and radiation treatment), will be charged a concession rate capped at \$5.00 per day.

• BACKGROUND

- Car parking at The Townsville Hospital has not kept up with growth in services since its opening in 2001. Construction activity from the current hospital redevelopment (not scheduled for completion until June 2014) has further increased pressure on available parking.
- The decision to introduce paid parking was informed by a study completed by the hospital's traffic engineers, Sinclair Knight Mertz (SKM), which considered traffic flow and how to maximise efficiencies of the carpark. The SKM report also found that nearly half of the people using the car park parked for one or two hours only, meaning for many people the cost would be limited to \$5.00.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)



Premier of Queensland

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 November 2012 about the introduction of paid parking at Queensland's public hospitals. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly let me say thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me. This Government recognises and appreciates the cost of living pressures facing everyday Queenslanders, particularly our senior citizens.

I looked into the situation with carparking at our public hospitals. Because you live near Townsville, I am assuming you are referring to the recent announcement by the Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS) to introduce paid parking for the first time at The Townsville Hospital. You may not be aware but many hospitals across the state have for a long time charged parking fees for patients and visitors. In fact, Townsville will be one of the last Queensland hospitals to have paid parking introduced.

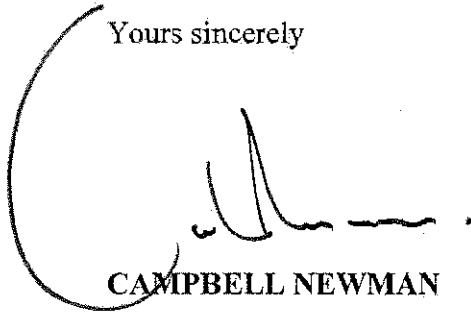
I am told the decision by the Townsville HHS Board to introduce paid parking was carefully considered, taking into account the current and future car parking needs of the hospital and to minimise impacts on patients and visitors. I understand that special consideration has been given to people on pensions and also to those patients needing ongoing treatment, such as chemotherapy, and who are often at the hospital. In these cases, a concession rate of \$5.00 a day will apply. The general costs will be \$3.00 for the first hour and \$2.00 for each subsequent hour, up to a maximum of \$15.00 per day. I am told these costs are similar to other regional hospitals and quite a lot lower than parking fees at our major metropolitan hospitals.

I am sympathetic to the concerns of the community. However, the Federal Government has recently made a unilateral decision to cut state health funding by \$342 million, including a reduction of \$63.3 million in 2012-13. This decision has placed additional financial pressures on hospital and health services and constrained their capacity to employ additional staff.

I am told that any revenue raised from the introduction of paid parking will be put back into the health service for the benefit of the community.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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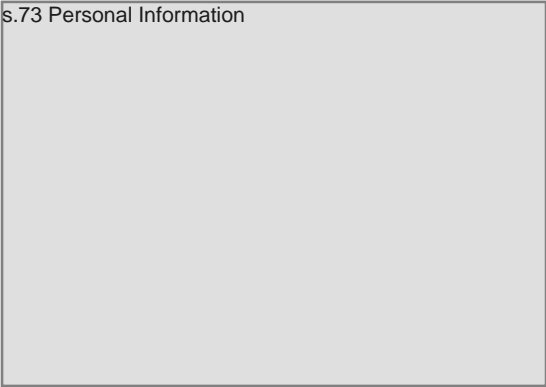


Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Tuesday, 27 November 2012 7:52 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Paid parking at hospitals

Importance: High

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Comment:

I've been a liberal voter for 47 years. I'm now astounded with the information received by me through the media, that you have introduced paid parking at our general hospitals. The only reason that we use parking at our hospitals, is because we need to go there and it's mainly our senior citizens that have to use this service. When we get to a certain age we don't al make the money that politicians do but then again Mr Newman we should all be politicians like you then we wouldn't have to worry. God help you if you ever get old and you need this service ,from a bewildered Liberal voter

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31710

Document No. DOC/13/16123

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 February 2013
Subject: Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2013

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Premier 

Date 8.../2.../2013

Date Action Required by: .../.../.....

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** the use of the Queensland Government Coat of Arms
- **sign** the letter to Mr Ross Martin SC advising your support for the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC) and authorisation to use the Queensland Government Coat of Arms (**Attachment A**).

• KEY ISSUES

- As noted in the *Emblems of Queensland Act 2005*, the Queensland Government Coat of Arms may not be distributed to external organisations without your approval.
- The APSACC attracts national and international delegates to develop skills and share knowledge in responding to corruption and misconduct.
- It is recommended the Queensland Government provide in-kind support to the conference by providing the Queensland Government Coat of Arms as requested and also offering a letter of support from you for their website and/or program.
- The New South Wales and Western Australian State Governments have agreed to supply their state government emblems for reproduction on the conference website and associated materials.

• CONSULTATION

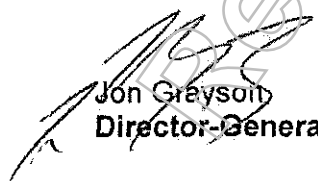
- Communication Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

• BACKGROUND

- The APSACC will be held in Sydney from 26 to 28 November 2013 and attracts over 500 delegates from Australia and overseas.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
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Dear Mr Martin *Ross*

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2012 about the 2013 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I congratulate Crime and Misconduct Commission Queensland on the success of the conference to date. It is commendable that the conference's reputation has grown from strength to strength in developing our skills to respond to corruption and misconduct.

I would be pleased to provide in-kind support for the conference providing both a letter of support and authorisation to use the Queensland Government Coat of Arms on the conference website and associated promotional materials.

Please contact Communication Services in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet by email at corporate.id@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 6125 to confirm if you would like a letter of support and to organise receipt of the appropriate Coat of Arms artwork.

I wish you all the very best for a successful conference.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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28 November 2012

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier

RE: Support for the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference

I write seeking your endorsement of the 2013 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSACC) and approval for the Queensland Government State emblem to be reproduced on the Conference website and promotional material.

The APSACC is a biennial event jointly organised and hosted by Australia's leading anti-corruption agencies; the Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission, the Western Australian Corruption and Crime Commission and the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption. The location of the conference alternates between Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. The 2013 APSACC will be held in Sydney from 26 to 28 November.

The APSACC provides delegates with knowledge, skills and attributes to effectively identify, consider and respond to corruption and misconduct risks. Delegates include executive members and managers from public and private sector organisations from Australia and overseas. Since the 2007 inaugural event, the conference has established a strong reputation and has consistently attracted over 500 delegates from Australia and overseas.

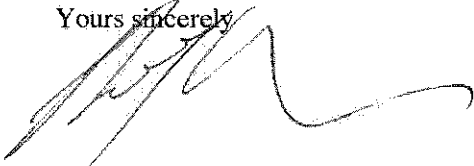
In previous years, the Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australian State Governments have financially supported the APSACC. Given the now strong branding of the APSACC, this financial support is no longer required. Your continued endorsement of the conference remains important and I request that you continue to support the conference by providing in-kind support. Consent to reproduce the State Government emblem on the Conference website and associated materials would promote the Queensland Government's support for the aims of the Conference and encourage delegate attendance. The New South Wales and Western Australian State Governments have agreed to this proposal.

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I am available by telephone 07 3360 6203 to discuss matters regarding the Commission. Should your staff require more information on APSACC 2013 they may contact Dr Rebecca Denning, Director Applied Research and Evaluation by email Rebecca.Denning@cmc.qld.gov.au or telephone 3360 6033.

Yours sincerely



ROSS MARTIN SC
Chairperson

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31644

Document No.

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 January 2013
Subject: Proposed plans for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services at the new Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH)

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Premier

Date

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [Redacted] s.73 Member of the Public suggesting he meet with your advisor, Ms Kate Johnson, and the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, to discuss his concerns about the new QCH's MRI capacity (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 28 November, [Redacted] emailing seeking a meeting with you to discuss the proposed plans for the equipment purchase and functionality of the MRI department at the new QCH (**Attachment 2**).
- [Redacted] He asserts the proposed equipment acquisition will lower the new hospital's capacity to service sick children in Queensland below the levels currently provided [Redacted] and the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH).
- Queensland Health (QH) advises that it is planned to expand the number of MRI machines available from the current two MRIs (one at the Royal Children's Hospital and one at the Mater Children's Hospital which is shared between adults and children) to four MRIs at the new QCH. This would effectively double the existing capacity to provide MRI services to children accessing acute hospital services in Queensland.
- However, before these two additional machines can be put in place, the Australian Government needs to provide approval, as the machines are licensed in both the public and private sector. While Queensland Health has projected the need for an additional two machines, the Australian Government will undertake its own modelling and verification of future need before it grants licensing approval.
- [Redacted] The limited information in [Redacted] letter makes it difficult to identify the basis of his concerns. However, he may be concerned about the timing of the potential acquisition of the two new planned machines.
- The response letter (**Attachment 1**) suggests he meet with your policy advisor, Ms Kate Johnson, to find out more about his concerns and that he also discuss the matter directly with Minister Springborg (**Attachment 1**).

• CONSULTATION

- QH

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Chief of Staff	YES	NO
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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

29 / 11 / 2012

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31962
Document No. DOC/12/241109

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 January 2013
Subject: Proposed transfer of regulatory responsibility
for the *Security Providers Act 1993*

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Premier *[Signature]*
Date *10/1/13*
Date Action Required by:
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety, giving in-principle support for the proposed transfer of regulatory responsibility for the *Security Providers Act 1993* (the Act) and requesting information once a detailed proposal has been agreed.

• **KEY ISSUES**

- While the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has performed satisfactorily as primary regulator of the security industry, the transfer of regulatory responsibility to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) is worth considering for a number of reasons:
 - Arguably, security providers are more a matter of public safety (bouncers) and property protection (locksmiths, etc) than consumer protection.
 - QPS already has existing functions in the area. For example, under the Act, police (in addition to OFT compliance officers) are empowered as investigators for after-hours compliance work — addressing complaints about bouncers — and police train for this function. QPS also has a role in probity checking (criminal history and finger prints) and the power to issue on the spot fines for offences against the Act.
 - Federally, security providers sit under the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management not the Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs and regulatory responsibility for security providers rests with the police departments in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.
 - The potential, as reported recently in the media, for outlaw motor cycle gang activity in the security providers and locksmiths sectors of the industry.
- The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, has indicated a willingness to consider the proposed transfer of responsibility.
- Ultimately, OFT and QPS will need to agree to the extent of the transfer of responsibilities, resources and the maintenance of databases. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet understands that the licensing function (approximately 20 people at a rough estimate) is the most significant dedicated resource. There are no dedicated resources for policy and compliance work, which is done by the agency's general policy and compliance units.

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director General

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Dear Minister Dempsey

Thank you for your letter to the Premier of 30 November 2012, about a proposal to transfer responsibility for the *Security Providers Act 1993* (the Act) from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) to the Queensland Police Service (QPS). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note your advice that the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has administered the legislation since 1994, although the QPS also has a significant role in the regime in terms of applicant suitability — criminal history checking, finger printing and 'associate' checking. I also understand police can issue on the spot infringement notices for offences under the Act.

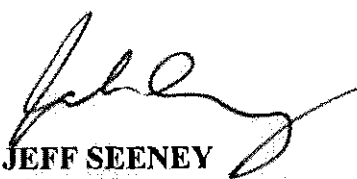
I am mindful of your advice that the private security industry is growing and the range of roles performed by security providers may be expanding into areas traditionally performed by state police. I further note that there are models in other states where police departments have regulatory responsibility for the private security industry.

In view of the willingness of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, to consider the proposed transfer of responsibility, I have no objection to you working further with him and DJAG to develop a detailed proposal outlining the nature and extent of the responsibilities to be transferred, agreement on the transfer of resources, and a transition plan.

Once you have reached agreement with the Attorney-General, the Premier would be happy to consider a more specific proposal for approval (jointly signed by you and the Attorney-General) for the proposed transfer.

Thank you for raising this important matter with the Premier.

Yours sincerely


JEFF SEENEY
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FROM: J de Winter
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 5 / 12 / 2012

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Dear Premier

I write seeking your views on a proposal to transfer administrative responsibility for the *Security Providers Act 1993* (the Act) to the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The Act is currently administered by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) within the portfolio of the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.

I have raised the matter with the Attorney-General who has indicated that he is amenable to progressing the proposal, if you are of a similar view.

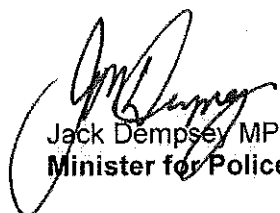
While the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), within DJAG, is Queensland's primary security industry regulator, the QPS is a significant stakeholder in the regulatory regime. For example, the QPS undertakes criminal history, finger printing and 'close associate' checking on security licence applicants. As part of its weapons licensing role the QPS also processes weapons licensing applications for people wishing to provide armed security services.

The OFT has administered security providers legislation since its inception in 1994, and I agree with the Attorney-General's assessment that OFT has done an excellent job in a challenging area of public policy. However, the private security industry is continuing to grow and the range of roles performed by security providers is expanding into those traditionally undertaken by State police.

I note that regulatory responsibility for the private security industry sits with the police departments in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia, allowing police in those jurisdictions to foster the nexus between public and private policing, closely scrutinise the performance and conduct of industry participants, and monitor trends and developments within the industry.

Subject to your views, the Commissioner of Police has agreed to establish an interdepartmental working group, comprising representation from QPS, DJAG and central agencies, to ascertain the viability and benefits of the change.

Yours faithfully


Jack Dempsey MP
Minister for Police and Community Safety

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 21 January 2013
Subject: Ecotourism in far north Queensland

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier *[Signature]*

Date *23/1/2013*

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that you sign the letter to *see below* s.73 Member of the Public (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 3 December 2012, [redacted] wrote to you expressing concerns in relation to the strategies to 'redirect tourism away from the Daintree Rainforest' (Attachment 2).
- Examples of these strategies provided by [redacted] are (1) the Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway on Wooroonooran National Park (west of Innisfail), and (2) the new Mossman Gorge Centre near Daintree National Park (south of the Daintree River).
- [redacted] have long held the view that since the declaration of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, both the Australian and the Queensland Governments have poorly managed ecotourism in the Daintree area, to the detriment of their business. Their complaints are that:
 - o the publicly-funded visitor facilities provided in Daintree National Park put privately-owned businesses at a competitive disadvantage
 - o most ecotourism activities in the Daintree are conducted by Cairns and Port Douglas based tour operators, which contribute little to the local community
 - o previous Australian and State Government strategies, to promote the development of ecotourism activities in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area near Innisfail, have been at the expense of the Daintree area.
- Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) has advised that [redacted] believe their area of the rainforest is the 'true' ancient rainforest and should be promoted by the Government in preference to other regions. They do no self-funded marketing.
- Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) has been granted \$875 000 funding for tourism promotion, and planned activity includes major domestic and international campaigns for the region including the Daintree
- In addition, in April 2013 TEQ is commencing a six-month period of major marketing and brand activity for the Tropical North Queensland region, with a plan to focus on the domestic market.

• BACKGROUND

[redacted]

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Policy adviser to contact David Kempton & read out letter prior to its release

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Premier of Queensland

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Thank you for your email of 3 December 2012 with attached letters supporting the change in the Queensland Government's direction for ecotourism in north Queensland.

The tourism industry is a key pillar of the Queensland economy and this Government is committed to the development of a successful and high quality ecotourism industry. As you may be aware, ecotourism was one of the themes addressed at the DestinationQ conference held in Cairns in June 2012. One of the actions from the conference is the development of an Ecotourism Plan to direct and guide the growth of ecotourism experiences, which will soon be released for public consultation.

The decision to offer commercial management rights for the Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway signals the Government's direction for change. As you rightly point out, running a tourism venture of this kind is not a business that government should be in.

The Daintree rainforest is one of our most valuable natural attractions and I acknowledge the important role that enterprises such as [redacted] play in showcasing this iconic destination.

You may be aware that Tourism Tropical North Queensland has been granted \$875 000 funding for tourism promotion and is planning major domestic and international tourism campaigns for the North Queensland area. In April, Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) will also be commencing a major marketing and brand activity for the Tropical North Queensland region, including the Daintree, focusing on the domestic market.

TEQ works in close partnership with the north Queensland local and regional tourism offices and I encourage you to maintain contact with these organisations.

I appreciate your commitment to nurture and grow ecotourism in the Daintree and your support for the new directions that have followed DestinationQ.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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FROM: Johanna de Winter
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 5 / 12 / 2012

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/31939
Document No. DOC/12/233272

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 January 2013
Subject: Tender process for the outside of school hours care at Windsor State School

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

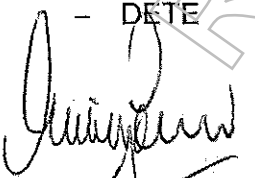
- sign the letter (Attachment 1) to s.73 Member of the Public [redacted] advising that while the tender process for the outside of school hours care (OSHC) at Windsor State School (WSS) was implemented in accordance with Government procurement guidelines, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, has made a commitment to review aspects of the procedures governing OSHC tender processes.

KEY ISSUES

- On 3 December 2012, [redacted] et al wrote to you (Attachment 2) asserting that the tender process for the OSHC at WSS was not carried out appropriately, resulting in the existing service provider (Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc) being unsuccessful, and that the future service will be of a lower quality. [redacted] requested a formal review of the tender process to be undertaken.
- Ms Kate Davies, Executive Officer to the Premier, has spoken directly with [redacted] and reported that she was also concerned that the incoming provider has not returned phone calls from parents of children with special needs, who are seeking to establish care plans prior to vacation care starting.
- A number of letters and emails have also been sent to the Minister Langbroek about to this matter. Minister Langbroek's response is provided at Attachment 3.
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has advised the tender process was conducted according to the State Procurement Policy and DETE's Procurement Policy and Procedures (Attachment 4). An independent review of the tender and evaluation process for WSS OSHC concluded there was no apparent procedural discrepancy or other error which would render the tendering process invalid.
- [redacted] and others recently met with Minister Langbroek. The Minister agreed to ask DETE to review aspects of OSHC tender processes, including consideration of enhanced community consultation and representation at appropriate stages of the tender process, and publish key documents, including the original Invitation to Offer and the evaluation plan criteria and weightings, which are now available on the WSS website.

CONSULTATION

- DETE


Jon Grayson
Director General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2012 about the outcome of the competitive tender process for the delivery of outside school hours care (OSHC) at Windsor State School (WSS). I apologise for the delay in responding, however I know Ms Kate Davies, my Executive Officer, has been keeping in contact on my behalf since you brought the issue to my attention.

I understand you have also written to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, in relation to this matter and that the Minister has provided a response.

I appreciate you raising your concerns about the recent tender process and outcome. It is apparent that many families have developed a relationship of trust with the Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc, having operated at WSS over many years. However, I would like to assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that a high quality service continues at the school.

You asked for some specific advice about what has happened with the WSS and the tender process. The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care policy enables schools to enter into a service agreement with an approved provider for up to five years. Accordingly and in line with the State Procurement Policy and DETE's own procurement policies and procedures, it is appropriate for DETE to use a competitive tender process at the end of a service agreement period.

As part of this procurement process, an evaluation committee consisting of the Deputy Principal, Business Services Manager and the President of the Parents and Citizens' Committee (P&C) was formed. I am told that WSS provided information to the parent community through the school newsletter about the competitive tendering process approximately four weeks before the tender was issued and that users of the service interested in being involved in assessment of offers were able to contact the P&C and school management with their views. I understand that in most OSHC evaluations, a P&C nominee represents the interests of the school parent group and service users.

As you may be aware, DETE's OSHC and Vacation Care policy enables an unsuccessful tenderer to request a review of a decision. I understand that an independent review of the tender and evaluation process for WSS OSHC found there was no apparent procedural discrepancy or other error in the tender process.

I also know Minister Langbroek along with local member, Mr Robert Cavalluci MP, attended a forum at the school specifically with the broader parent and carer groups to discuss concerns. While I was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, Ms Davies was able to be there to get a full appreciation of the issues.

I understand key issues raised included some aspects of the competitive tender process, quality of OSHC for children with special needs, and an overall concern for future tender processes and the impact on the school community.

Since this meeting I am advised that Minister Langbroek has agreed to ask DETE to review aspects of the procedures governing the OSHC tender process. I understand the scope of this review will include consideration of enhanced community consultation and representation at appropriate stages of the tender process. The Minister also agreed to publish key documents, including the original Invitation to Offer and the evaluation plan criteria and weightings. These documents are available on the school's website at www.windsorss.eq.edu.au/ and by clicking on the following links: (1) facilities (2) out of school hours care.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, Ms Anne Starr, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Procurement Branch, DETE, would be happy to assist and can be contacted by email at anne.starr@dete.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3247 4050.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S CORRESPONDENCE

77/12/31939

DEPARTMENT FOR RESPONSE

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DIRECTOR OF POLICY



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NEEDED BY: 10/12/2012

CONTACT BY PHONE



(within 48hrs)

FROM:

[Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

3/12/2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Please note Kate Davie has spoken

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s.73 Member of the Public

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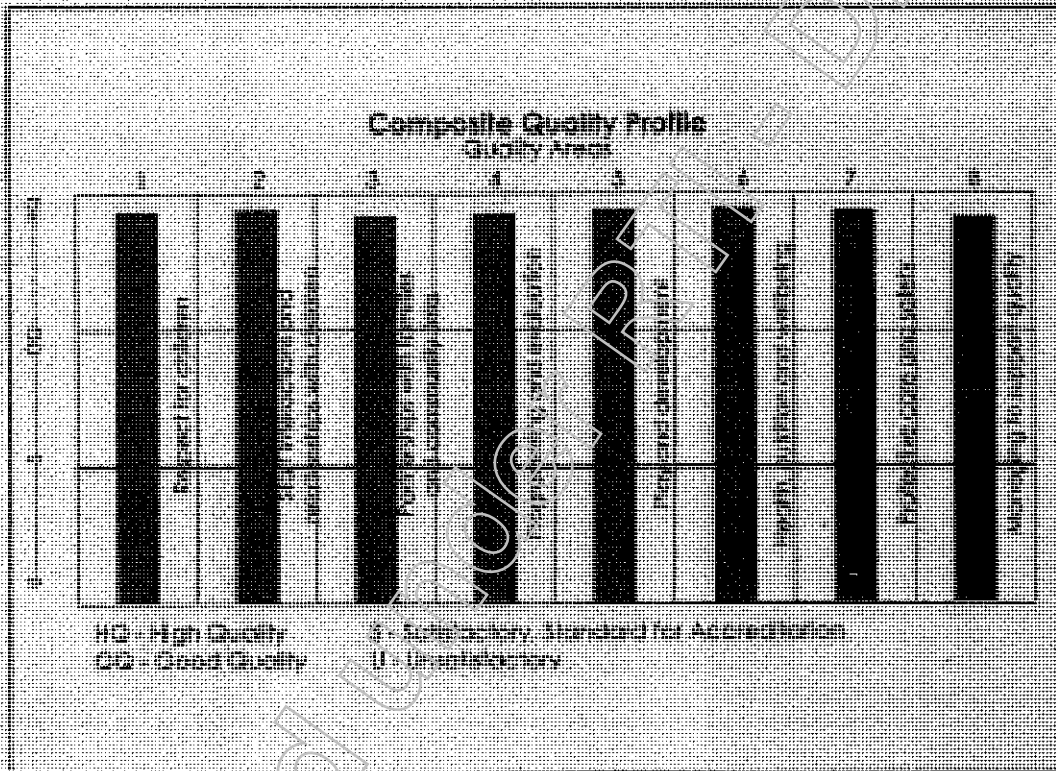
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Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc
 Herts St
 WINDSOR QLD 4030

Accreditation Decision: August 2008

NCAC Ref: NC2344

Unit No: VC4353



Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc is Accredited

June McLoughlin
 Chairperson
 National Childcare Accreditation Council
 20 August 2008

You have recently been listed as a signatory on a petition received in my office on 10 December 2012 regarding the outcome of the competitive tender process for the delivery of outside school hours care (OSHC) at Windsor State School (SS).

My Department is committed to providing high quality, integrated education services for Queensland children, and recognises that OSHC provides opportunities for parents to work, undertake study and take part in community life, while their children play and learn in safe surroundings.

I acknowledge that Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc. has contributed in assisting families at Windsor SS over many years. In regard to the concerns you have raised about the tender process, I can provide further information about the policies and procedures under which my Department and Government tendering activities are conducted.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care policy provides for schools to engage an approved service provider and enter into an agreement for up to five years. In accordance with the State Procurement Policy and DETE's procurement policies and procedures, service provision opportunities are normally tested in a competitive market process.

Windsor SS provided information to the parent community regarding the competitive tendering process through the school newsletter approximately four weeks before the tender was issued. Clients of the service were able to contact the P&C or school management about this process. In most OSHC evaluations a Parents and Citizens' Committee (P&C) nominee represents the interests of the school parent group and service end users.

In the case of the evaluation committee convened for Windsor SS OSHC, the committee comprised of the Deputy Principal, Business Services Manager and the President of the P&C.

My Department is committed to ensuring that due process is followed, and as part of its Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care policy, an unsuccessful tenderer may request a review of a decision. This policy is also available online at <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Outside-School-Hours-Care-and-Vacation-Care.aspx>.

An independent review of the tender and evaluation process for Windsor SS Outside School Hours Care has been undertaken and feedback has been provided to offerors who sought such feedback. The review has concluded that there is no procedural discrepancy or other error which would render the tendering process invalid.

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I recently met with members of the Windsor school community regarding this issue and undertook to request that the department review aspects of the procedures governing these OSHC tender processes. The scope of this review will include consideration of enhanced community consultation and representation at appropriate stages of the tender process.

As part of my undertaking I also agreed to make available to the community key documents being the original Invitation to Offer and the evaluation plan criteria and weightings. These documents are available through the school website online at <https://windsorss.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Outofschoolhours/Pages/Outofschoolhours.aspx>

I once again recognise your commitment to supporting quality outside school hours care for the students at Windsor SS and I hope that the information I have outlined provides further clarification for you regarding the tender process for this service.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Ms Anne Starr, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Procurement Branch on telephone 3247 4050 or by email at anne.starr@det.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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Outline of events in 2012

- 2 August – The Principal of Windsor State School (SS) contacted the Corporate Procurement Branch (CPB) for advice in respect of competitive tendering for OSHC services.
- 8 August - CPB met with Windsor SS representatives regarding the competitive tendering process.
- 15 August – The Windsor SS newsletter advised the parent community of the impending competitive tender and nominated evaluation committee members by position and name.
- 30 August – the Principal, Deputy Principal, Business Services Manager and Parents and Citizens' Association President signed Acknowledgement of Obligations forms (including declaration of conflict of interest)
- 13 September – The Invitation to Offer was released to market via Government's eTender website
- 20 September - Site visits conducted at Windsor SS
- 11 October – Tenders closed
- 15 October – The Tender screening report prepared by CPB was provided to the evaluation committee so that offers could be accessed.
- 2 November – Helping Hands Network (HHN) was the shortlisted offer and was invited to attend a meeting with the Evaluation Committee to answer clarification questions
- 9 November – The evaluation report was prepared and signed by the evaluation committee, and approved by Principal.
- 16 November – HHN was advised that the evaluation of offers had progressed to the point that DETE wished to negotiate a licence to use Education Queensland premises for conduct of services.
- 16 November – Windsor School Age Care Centre Inc (WSACC) was advised that it had been unsuccessful (note letter dated 15 November 2012 but was transmitted via an email dated 16 November)
- 19 November – WSACC responded to unsuccessful letter with a range of questions and statements, requesting that a meeting be conducted
- 19 November to 4 December inclusive – a number of emails and telephone calls were forwarded from parents to the CPB. These were responded to.
- 23 November – official media interest commenced; requests for information from Channel 7 and News.com responded to via Community Engagement and Partnerships
- 27 November – meeting convened with WSACC, school evaluation committee representatives and CPB. Formal complaint concerning procurement process was lodged.
- Complaint (which identified specific perceived issues and requested a review of the tendering and evaluation process) was investigated by the Executive Director, Corporate Procurement Branch, who found there was no basis for rejection or standing-aside of the evaluation process.
- 4 December – response to official complaint was provided to WSACC
- 4 December – renewed media interest with requests from News.com

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/32073
Document No. DOC/12/240455

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 January 2013
Subject: The Secondary Triage and Referral (STAR) system and seeking its inclusion in the Police and Emergency Services Review (the review).

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier *[Signature]*
Date 10.1.13
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign:

- the letter of response to the Honourable Mike Ahern AO, Chairman, Family Care Medical Services (FCMS) (**Attachment 1**)
- the letter to the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety, recommending an investigation of STAR as part of the review (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 30 November 2012, Mr Ahern wrote to you about FCMS and its potential role in diverting low-acuity patients away from emergency departments (**Attachment 3**).
- Mr Ahern asserts that referrals to FCMS through STAR are not occurring and considers the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is frustrating further attempts to properly implement STAR, as FCMS has approached QAS and made representations about STAR a number of times. Mr Ahern proposes the newly announced review be tasked with specifically investigating STAR and that FCMS and other medical deputising providers could make submissions to support the review.
- The review, led by former Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Mick Keelty AO APM, was announced on 29 November 2012 by Minister Dempsey. It will investigate the operational and response capabilities of the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety (DCS) comprising Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, QAS, Emergency Management Queensland, and Queensland Corrective Services. Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the review are at **Attachment 4**.
- STAR is a paramedic-led telephone consultation and referral service run by QAS. It was implemented in 2009 as a demand management strategy, following recommendations of the 2007 QAS Audit Report, and aims to identify triple zero callers who may not require an ambulance response and to divert them to alternative services (for example, visit to a GP, chemist, or by calling 13HEALTH).
- Based on information provided by DCS, it is not clear whether STAR is operating as originally conceived and it is also unclear how referrals to alternate providers are made, if at all. DCS advises that a recent QAS evaluation showed STAR is an effective patient safety tool. However, the number of cases not requiring an ambulance response was quite low and alternative treatment and transportation strategies for low-acuity patients are still considered necessary to efficiently manage operational resources.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) view is that further examination of STAR, clinical triaging, and diversions to alternate referral systems is warranted, relevant, and within scope of the review's ToRs, and supports Mr Ahern's proposal. DPC also considers the review presents a timely opportunity to undertake an *independent* examination of the efficacy of STAR.

• CONSULTATION

- QAS, DCS; Law and Justice Policy, DPC.

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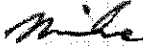
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10 JAN 2013

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Dear Mr Ahern

Thank you for your letter to the Premier of 30 November 2012 about the Secondary Triage and Referral (STAR) system in Queensland. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can understand your concerns about the pressure placed on the Queensland Ambulance Service and our hospital emergency departments due to the growing demand for these services. I agree we need effective demand management strategies in place in order to address this issue.

As you are aware, the Queensland Government has appointed former Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Mr Mick Keelty AO APM, to conduct the Police and Emergency Services Review (the review) to investigate the operational and response capabilities of these services. I note your suggestion for STAR to be included within the review and agree that a review of STAR is appropriate given this Government's focus on revitalising front-line services and ensuring resources are effectively targeted. Further, having considered the Terms of Reference for the review, I believe they are sufficiently broad to accommodate an investigation into the efficacy of STAR.

Accordingly, I have written to my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety, recommending that an examination of STAR be included in the review. To ensure he is aware of the specific issues you have raised, I have also taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Minister Dempsey for his information.

Again, thank you for raising this important matter with the Premier.

Yours sincerely



JEFF SEENEY
ACTING PREMIER



Premier of Queensland

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10 JAN 2013

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Dear ~~Minister~~ Dempsey

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence to the Premier from the Honourable Mike Ahern AO, former Premier of Queensland, about the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Secondary Triage and Referral (STAR) system. A copy of my response is also enclosed for your benefit.

In his letter, Mr Ahern requests that a review of STAR be undertaken as part of the recently announced Police and Emergency Services Review (the review). It is my understanding that STAR was introduced in 2009 in response to the recommendations of the 2007 QAS Audit Report.

Given this Government's focus on revitalising front-line services and ensuring resources are effectively targeted, I support Mr Ahern's request that STAR be further reviewed and have replied to him with this advice. Further, having considered the Terms of Reference for the review, I believe they are sufficiently broad to accommodate an investigation into the efficacy of STAR.

Accordingly, I ask that you refer this issue to Mr Mick Keelty AO APM, as lead of the review for further investigation. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely



JEFF SEENEY
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FROM: Johanna de Winter
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 5 / 12 / 2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Brief on merit of suggestion please

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30 November 2012

The Hon. Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier

Campbell

I'd like to commend your government on its recent announcement of a major review into Queensland's police and emergency services. As a former Premier myself I truly understand how his review has great potential to improve to our emergency services to the benefit of all Queenslanders.

Of the roles I now hold, one is as Chair of Family Care Medical Services, which has operated for nearly 40 years and is Australia's leading medical deputising service. We provide after-hours doctor house calls and are the only provider of this service in South East Queensland.

In light of the emergency services review, there is one way in which Queensland Ambulance Service could operate more efficiently by working in partnership with medical deputising services like ours. I'm writing to outline our contacts with you government thus far, and to provide a recommendation.

Medical deputising services, such as Family Care, provide after-hours General Practitioner house calls when day-time General Practices are normally closed. Our service is ideal for patients who require non-emergency, after-hours care.

Patients can be referred to us from the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) through the "STAR" (Secondary Triage And Referral) system. It is always the patient's choice whether they would like to receive an ambulance or whether they want to be referred.

The referral process is as follows:

- A patient calls Triple Zero (000) outside business hours.
- If the patient's ailment is minor, the operator may inform the caller that they can either wait for an ambulance, or that they can opt to have a GP visit them in their home. (During business hours the operator can suggest that the patient visit a local General Practitioner.)
- If the patient chooses, the case is referred to a doctor's house call service.

Medical deputising services therefore reduce the number of people with non-urgent ailments requiring an ambulance and divert low-acuity patients away from emergency departments. Importantly, we believe this system also provides a better service to patients.

Additionally, when patients are attended to by a doctor this is Federally-funded, taking some financial burden off Queensland's health system.

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You may be aware that under the previous government we participated in the development and roll-out of the STAR system. It has been our experience however, that referrals to us from Triple Zero simply are not occurring. This is putting undue pressure on QAS and hospital emergency departments.

Two recent high-profile examples highlight that this "failure to refer" is causing the State Government problems:

1. On 16 October this year, Queensland media reported widely on a Brisbane woman who faced court over allegations she called Triple Zero more than 300 times. It is alleged that the woman faked ailments in order to use ambulances as taxis to get to the hospital to pick up her medication.

In this instance, the STAR referral system would have identified the woman quickly and offered to provide her with appropriate care which did not involve an ambulance being sent to pick her up on hundreds of occasions - such as access to her medication through a General Practitioner. This case has reportedly cost QAS / tax payers over \$1 million.

2. Premier, we are aware that a constituent created a derogatory Facebook page targeted at you. It appears that the man's grievance was that he felt an ambulance took too long to pick up his wife. It is our understanding however, that the case was of low urgency. Again, this would have been identified if the STAR system was working appropriately.

Family Care Medical Services has discussed the issues surrounding the STAR system with quite a number of your Ministers and their advisors. Soon after the change of government, the Health Minister visited our national office in Spring Hill. Since this meeting, we have discussed STAR with ministerial advisors in Treasury, Health, Community Safety, as well as your office. We have also met with the Metro South and Metro North HHSs.

For the most part, we have received very positive feedback from those we have met with. We have proposed a trial to "switch on" certain aspects of the STAR system to finally get it up-and-running properly. Most of the Government representatives we have met with have been amenable to this trial, but we understand there has been substantial push-back to the proposal from the QAS.

Queensland Ambulance Service's opposition appears to be centered on a fear that efficiencies in the ambulance system would lead to job reductions. Because the QAS has frustrated the process of us moving forward with a trial of STAR, we are now suggesting another option.

Premier, I would like to recommend to yourself and Minister Dempsey that the review into Queensland's emergency services includes specific investigation of the STAR referral system. Family Care Medical Services, along with other organisations I know who provide diversion services, would be happy to provide information or submissions to assist the review.

We encourage any review to be open, as well as independent from Queensland Ambulance Service who would understandably be conflicted in their evaluation. We would like to see due consideration given to both the issues and benefits associated with demand diversion systems, such as STAR.

If you wish to discuss this matter with myself or our CEO, Stuart Tait, then please give us a call.

I am grateful for your time and we will follow-up with your office soon.

Yours sincerely



Mike Ahern AO
Chairman
Family Care Medical Services

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Police and Emergency Services Review Project

Terms of Reference:

The Review will assess management and operational services of QPS and DCS and make recommendations on:

- The alignment of the portfolio priorities with those of the Queensland Government (<http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/government/policies-priorities.aspx>)
- The efficacy of current operational structures including cross agency co-ordination and prioritisation of operational, training and corporate service delivery
- The efficiency & effectiveness of capital infrastructure procurement and associated resourcing including governance, transparency and sustainability
- The appropriateness of current policy & legislation including but not limited to:
 - a) *Police Service Administration Act 1990*
 - b) *Fire and Rescue Services Act 1990*
 - c) *Disaster Management Act 2003*
 - d) *Corrective Services Act 2006*
 - e) *Ambulance Services Act*
- The effectiveness of current engagement strategies across portfolio agencies of the rural fire services and community volunteer groups

The Review will seek to identify opportunities and recommend improvements on:

- Improving the efficiency, quality and accessibility to frontline services through benchmark comparisons with national and international jurisdictions
- Ensuring frontline services for local communities are protected and improved and emergency awareness education provided.
- Elimination of duplication and waste in portfolio activities including the elimination of incompatible and policies and systems
- The timeliness and appropriateness of action and response by portfolio agencies
- Any other matter as deemed necessary by the Minister.

Timeframe and Reporting

The Review's recommendations are to be made by way of an interim report to the Minister for Police and Community Safety by March 2013 and then a final report by mid-2013.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 11 January 2013
Subject: Inquiry into the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012

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Premier
Date 26.1.2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

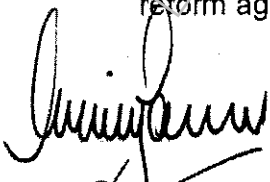
It is recommended that you **sign** the submission to the inquiry into the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012 (the Bill) at **Attachment 1**.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 4 December 2012, the Committee Secretary of the Commonwealth Environment and Communications Legislation Committee invited you to provide a submission to the inquiry into the Bill (see **Attachment 2**).
- The Bill introduced by Senator Larissa Waters, prevents the Federal Government from handing responsibility for approving proposed actions that significantly impact matters protected by the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) to a state or territory.
- The Bill would remove provisions from the EPBC that provide for bilateral agreements between the Federal Government and a state for environmental approvals and Federal accreditation of state processes or management arrangements.
- The Bill does not amend provisions of the EPBC relevant to strategic assessments and would not affect the Great Barrier Reef Coastal Zone Strategic Assessment currently being progressed.
- At the Business Advisory Forum meeting on 6 December 2012, the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, indicated that the Federal Government is no longer willing to progress negotiation of bilateral agreements for environmental approvals. You have written to the Prime Minister seeking confirmation of this position (**Attachment 3** – TF/12/32243).

• BACKGROUND

- In April 2012, COAG agreed to fast-track the development of bilateral arrangements for accreditation of state assessment and approval processes.
- On 18 October 2012, you wrote to The Honourable Tony Burke MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, to formally seek approval to commence the process to establish a bilateral agreement for environmental approvals under the EPBC as part of the COAG environmental reform agenda.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** an amendment to the *Ministerial Handbook* (the handbook) requiring all ministers to publish extracts of their diaries regarding portfolio related meetings with external parties/registered lobbyists, on a monthly basis from February for the month of January 2013 (**Attachment 1**), in the format agreed to by the Integrity Commissioner (**Attachment 2**)
- **approve** that, upon the commencement of the Lobbyists Code of Conduct amendments, scheduled to be finalised by the Integrity Commissioner in March 2013, ministerial offices no longer be required to maintain registers of contact with lobbyists
- **approve** the interim *Guideline—Role of Lobbyists and Registers of Contact with Lobbyists* (the guideline) (**Attachment 3**) to be used by ministerial offices and departments pending transfer of responsibility to lobbyists to record contact with government representatives
- **sign** the letters to all ministers (**Attachment 4**) requesting they ensure the requirements of the interim guideline is adhered to and advising of new handbook requirements to publish their diary extracts
- **note** that I have approved the use of my electronic signature on a letter to all directors-general to bring the new requirements to the attention of government departments (**Attachment 5**)
- **approve** an amendment to the *Opposition Handbook* requiring the Leader of the Opposition to table monthly diary extracts in Parliament (**Attachment 6**) and **sign** the letter to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, advising her of this change (**Attachment 7**).

• KEY ISSUES

Publication of the Ministers' Diaries

- Consistent with your public commitment, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) proposes that ministers be required to publish extracts of their diaries monthly from the end of February 2013 (for the January entries). Advice has been received from the Queensland Police Service that they would be concerned about release of any information that indicated a particular pattern to your diary movements. Release of an extract, as opposed to a full diary, should reduce the risk of this occurring.
- To give force and permanency to this requirement, DPC recommends that the handbook be amended as per the attached draft text (**Attachment 1**).
- On 11 January 2013, the then Acting Premier, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, wrote to the Integrity Commissioner seeking his view on the best format for diaries to be published (**Attachment 8**). In his response dated 15 January 2013 (**Attachment 9**), the Integrity Commissioner suggested certain changes to the publication format and in subsequent discussions with DPC, he agreed to the format reflected at **Attachment 2**.
- It is proposed that the DPC Right to Information (RTI) and Privacy Unit review each diary extract to ensure compliance with RTI/privacy principles and DPC will work with ministerial offices to implement a process for this to occur.
- The proposal to require the Opposition Leader to table her diary extract, as discussed below, arguably applies a higher accountability standard than the online publication of ministerial diary information and may, therefore, attract some adverse media commentary. Given that, you may wish to consider applying the same tabling requirement to ministers.

Registers of Contact with Lobbyists (Contact Registers)

- Amendments to the *Integrity Act 2009* (the Act), contained in the *Right to Information and Integrity*

(*Openness and Transparency*) Amendment Bill 2012, provide that lobbyists will be required to report to the Integrity Commissioner on their lobbying activity under the *Lobbyists' Code of Conduct* (the code).

- DPC understands that upon commencement of the code amendments, you will no longer require ministerial offices to maintain contact registers. Instead, recording of meetings with lobbyists will be captured by ministerial diary extracts to be published from February 2013.
- The Integrity Commissioner has advised that the code amendments will not be operational until March 2013. In the meantime, ministerial offices and departments should be reminded that until these amendments commence, contact registers must be maintained.
- It is, therefore, proposed that you write to ministers reminding them of this and attaching the interim guideline, which has been developed in conjunction with the Integrity Commissioner, to provide clarity around maintaining contact registers (**Attachments 4 and 5**).
- On 25 January 2013, a meeting was held between the Integrity Commissioner, your Acting Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, your Director, Policy, and senior departmental staff to discuss operational aspects of the new policy. During this meeting, the Integrity Commissioner advised that upon commencement of the new lobbyists code requirements, he will no longer request information from ministers regarding their contact with lobbyists.
- Consequently, ministerial offices will no longer be required to maintain contact registers after the code is amended to require lobbyists to report to him on their lobbying activities. Instead, the Integrity Commissioner will have reference to published ministerial diary extracts and any other records of meetings held with lobbyists that he may request. It should be noted that the ministerial diary extracts will not include details of meetings between ministerial staff and lobbyists.
- Further investigation of options for departments is needed as currently they have no alternative to the contact registers from which to source information for the Integrity Commissioner.

The Leader of the Opposition's diary

- Given it is proposed to shift the onus on to lobbyists to record contact, DPC understands that the Opposition will not be asked to maintain contact registers, but that you wish to require the Leader of the Opposition to table in Parliament a monthly extract of her diary.
- In the absence of legislation, this could be initiated via amendment to the *Opposition Handbook*. However, the Leader may choose to ignore this *Opposition Handbook* requirement.
- It should be noted that the *Opposition Handbook's* purpose is to provide direction on financial procedures and processes, as opposed to mandating general policy requirements upon the Opposition. It is also usual practice to seek the Leader's agreement to any *Opposition Handbook* changes. But on the basis that you wish this requirement to occur, attached is draft text for an amendment to the *Opposition Handbook* (**Attachment 6**) and a letter to the Leader, Ms Palaszczuk, advising her of this change (**Attachment 7**).

• PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- On 19 November 2012, you announced that your diary and register of contact with lobbyists would be posted online at www.thepremier.qld.gov.au every month, with all ministers following suit in early-2013.

• CONSULTATION

- The Integrity Commissioner, Ministerial Services and Law and Justice Policy, DPC.

Comments (*Premier or DG*)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

NEW PROVISION FOR THE MINISTERIAL HANDBOOK

3.11 Ministerial Diaries

Ministers are required to proactively disclose on a monthly basis portfolio related meetings with external parties listed in their diaries. Material which would not be disclosed under RTI and privacy legislation is not to be released.

Ministerial Diaries are public records under the *Public Records Act 2002* and as such should be retained and managed in accordance with the Retention & Disposal Schedule at section 2.5 of this Handbook.

See 2.5 Ministerial Records

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Guideline – Role of Lobbyists and Registers of Contact with Lobbyists

Purpose of this Guideline

Recent amendments to the *Integrity Act 2009* (the Act) provide that the *Lobbyists' Code of Conduct* (the Lobbyists Code) may specify that lobbyists report to the Integrity Commissioner on their lobbying activity. Under this new requirement, it is intended that lobbyists will be required to keep Registers of Contact with Government Representatives and provide that information on a regular basis to the Integrity Commissioner.

The purpose of this Guideline is to provide interim guidance to Queensland Government Ministerial office staff and departmental officers on the role of third party lobbyists, and the obligations on Ministerial office and departmental staff when contacted by a third party lobbyist, prior to the commencement of the new Lobbyists Code and the requirement for lobbyists to keep Registers of Contact with Government Representatives.

It provides guidance on what to do when approached by a lobbyist and when it is necessary to record such contact in a Register of Contact with Lobbyists.

Attached to this Guideline is a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which provide further guidance on definitions and various scenarios.

The Lobbying Framework in Queensland

Lobbyists have a legitimate role in the democratic process of Government, by assisting to communicate the views of their clients on matters of public interest to the Government. As such, there is no barrier to meeting with properly registered lobbyists. However, the public expects and good government requires that lobbying activities be undertaken ethically and transparently.

The Act supports this framework and requires that all persons seeking to engage in third party lobbying must be registered on the Register of Lobbyists (maintained by the Queensland Integrity Commissioner) and that Government representatives only meet with registered lobbyists.

A lobbyist is an entity (e.g. person or company) that carries out lobbying activity for a third party client (refer to the FAQs for definitions of third party client and lobbying activity).

The Lobbyists Code sets out standards of conduct for lobbyists regarding ethical conduct and transparency, including obligations placed on lobbyists in making contact with Government representatives.

The Lobbyists Code and the Register of Lobbyists are available on the Integrity Commissioner's website at www.integrity.qld.gov.au.



It is also current Government policy to record contact with lobbyists in a Register of Contact with Lobbyists. This Register is different from the Register of Lobbyists administered by the Integrity Commissioner.

Pending amendments to the Lobbyists Code and the introduction of new requirement for lobbyists to keep Registers of Contact with Government Representatives, Registers of Contact with Lobbyists are to be kept as an administrative tool by both Queensland Government departments and Ministerial offices as a means of recording 'lobbying activity'.

This information can be accessed by the Integrity Commissioner to gauge the effectiveness of the lobbying provisions, and provide information in an annual report regarding the extent of lobbying activity in Queensland.

Engagement with Lobbyists

The Lobbyists Code requires lobbyists making an initial contact with a Government representative to:

- inform the Government representative that they are listed on the register
- identify the third party client they are representing
- outline the nature of the third party's issue
- give the reasons for the approach, and
- advise whether they are a former senior Government representative and the details of their former Government employment.

Under the Code, it is clearly the lobbyists' responsibility to supply the required information. However, the Act states that a Government representative must not knowingly meet with an entity (e.g. person or company) that is not a registered lobbyist if the entity intends to carry out a lobbying activity for a third party client.

Therefore, it is considered prudent for Government representatives to check that the details provided are correct by checking the Register of Lobbyists at www.integrity.qld.gov.au to confirm the person and the client in question are listed.

If a person/company seeking to carry out lobbying activity is not a registered lobbyist, the Government representative must decline to have further contact with them. The Act states that Government representatives are also required to give the entity's details to the Integrity Commissioner.

What needs to be recorded in the Register of Contact with Lobbyists

Generally, there are two forms of approach by lobbyists to Government representatives:

- when a lobbyist is seeking to influence State or local government decision-making. This is referred to as "lobbying activity" and must be recorded in the register, and



- other types of contact such as general inquiries, requests for information, requests to set up a meeting etc – this type of contact is generally not “lobbying activity” and does not need to be recorded in the register. However, departments and Ministerial offices are still required to create and maintain accurate records in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Records Act 2002*.

Accordingly, it is not necessary to record every contact with a lobbyist in this register, only contact which amounts to “lobbying activity” within the meaning of the Act. That is, only contact/engagement which involves an effort to influence Government decision-making needs to be recorded (refer to FAQs for further information).

In summary, for something to be recorded in the register there must be:

- contact/engagement with a third party lobbyist who is representing a client, and
- the substantive purpose of the contact is to influence State or local government decision-making.

Former Senior Government/Opposition Representatives

Under the Act, a former senior Government or Opposition representative, within two years of leaving their position, is not allowed to lobby for a third party on any matter with which they had official dealings in the two years before leaving public office/public sector employment.

In contacting a current Government representative, the former Government representative is required under the Lobbyists Code to advise whether they are a former senior Government representative and the details of their former Government employment. The same is expected of former Opposition representatives.

The Act and Code place a clear emphasis on lobbyists to ensure that they disclose the correct information to Government representatives. However, it is considered prudent for Government representatives to check whether any lobbyist seeking to meet with them is a former senior Government representative, as the Act also states that Government representatives are not to knowingly permit a former senior Government/Opposition representative of less than two years standing to carry out related lobbying activity for a third party client.

A Government policy (*Post Separation Employment Policy*) which includes lobbying restrictions is available on the Public Service Commission website at www.psc.qld.gov.au.

Procedures for recording ‘lobbying activity’

The Register of Contact with Lobbyists should be completed by the Government representative who has been the subject of the ‘lobbying contact’:

- in relation to a meeting or teleconference, the Government representative coordinating or hosting the contact, and
- in relation to an email or letter, the Government representative sending the email or signing the letter.



To assist in recording contact, the attached template register has been developed in response to a 2009 report of the Crime and Misconduct Commission which recommended that a procedure be introduced to record contacts with lobbyists.

The template register includes drop down menus to describe the method of contact, purpose of contact and the outcome from a Government perspective. This may be used by Government departments and Ministerial offices as a basis to record information.

For ease of reference, collation of data into a central register for each department or Ministerial office on a monthly basis is recommended. The purpose of maintaining the Register of Contact with Lobbyists is to ensure that there is a clear, central and easily accessible record of contact between lobbyists and government representatives. This is to ensure that there can be no suggestion of improper influence by lobbyists over government decisions.

Public disclosure of information

The Act allows details on the register to be provided to the Integrity Commissioner to assist in assessing the extent of contact between lobbyists and government representatives. This includes disclosure of individual's names or other information which could identify individuals under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. However, in disclosing the information in the register to other parties, care needs to be taken not to disclose personal information or information that will jeopardise commercial negotiations or transactions.

If necessary, an extract of relevant columns from the register may be provided, namely:

- date of contact
- method of contact
- purpose of contact, and
- outcome from contact.

Record Keeping

Registers of Contact with Lobbyists are public records under the *Public Records Act 2002*, and as such can only be disposed of with the authorisation of the State Archivist or if there is some other legal authority, justification or excuse. The registers should also be accurately completed and maintained by a nominated officer/staff member within the department or ministerial office.

Under the State Archivist's "General Retention and Disposal Schedule", Registers of Contact with Lobbyists are classified as temporary records and must be kept for a minimum of 10 years.

Further Information

For further information, refer to the FAQs attached to these Guidelines or discuss with your Supervisor/Chief of Staff. You can also visit the Integrity Commissioner's website at www.integrity.qld.gov.au.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have a Register of Contact with Lobbyists?

In 2009, the CMC recommended that the then Department of Infrastructure and Planning introduce a procedure to record contact with lobbyists and other “interested parties”, following an investigation into allegations about representations by a lobbyist on decisions to include land at Palmwoods within the urban footprint of the South East Queensland Regional Plan (see <http://www.cmc.qld.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/media-releases-july-2009-june-2010/media-release-10.11.2009-cmc-report-into-2009-qld-regional-plan-and-land-at-palmwoods>).

Subsequently, the Registers of Contact with Lobbyists were established, initially for use by all Government departments and later by Ministerial offices.

The Registers do not have any statutory basis under the *Integrity Act 2009* (the Act), as they were introduced as an administrative requirement in accordance with Government policy.

Who is a lobbyist?

The Act defines a lobbyist as an entity (e.g. person or company) that carries out a lobbying activity for a third party client or whose employees or contractors carry out a lobbying activity for a third party client. Lobbyists are required to be registered by the Integrity Commissioner on the Register of Lobbyists.

Who is not a lobbyist?

The Act identifies a number of persons and entities that are not considered a lobbyist:

- non-profit entities
- entities established to represent the interests of their members
- members of trade delegations visiting Queensland
- entities that carry out incidental lobbying activities, and
- entities carrying out a lobbying activity only for the purpose of representing the entity's own interests (i.e. first person or “in-house” lobbyists).

Examples of the above include a charity, a church, a club, a union and a society that represents its own members.

What are Incidental Lobbying Activities?

These activities are when an entity (e.g. person or company) carries on a business primarily intended to undertake a technical or professional occupation in which lobbying activities are occasional only and incidental to the provision of the technical/professional occupation.

Examples include a lawyer, an engineer, an architect or an accountant. These people/organisations are not lobbyists under the Act where they are delivering professional or technical services specific to their own profession.

What is a third party client?

The Act states that a 'third party client' is an entity that has engaged a lobbyist for a fee or other reward that is agreed before the lobbying services are provided.

The term 'client' clearly implies a relationship of a professional adviser and client in the normal meaning of the term, and would not extend to casual or social contacts – e.g. being introduced by a 'friend of a friend'.

Who is a Government representative?

Each of the following people is a Government representative:

- the Premier or another Minister
- an Assistant Minister
- a councillor
- a public sector officer
- a Ministerial staff member
- an Assistant Minister staff member.

Who is a former senior Government representative?

A person is a former senior Government representative if the person was:

- the Premier or another Minister
- a Parliamentary Secretary or Assistant Minister
- a councillor
- a public sector officer employed as a chief executive, senior executive or senior executive equivalent
- a Ministerial staff member, or
- a Parliamentary Secretary or Assistant Minister staff member

Who is a former Opposition representative?

A person is a former Opposition representative if the person was:

- the Leader of the Opposition
- the Deputy Leader of the Opposition
- a staff member in the office of the Leader of the Opposition

What is lobbying activity?

The Act defines 'lobbying activity' as contact with a Government representative or an Opposition representative in an effort to influence State, local government or Opposition decision-making.

Examples of types of decision-making processes that might be influenced are provided in the Act, and include making/amending legislation, awarding Government contracts/grants or developing/amending Government policies or programs.

Certain contact is not considered lobbying activity under the Act, including incidental meetings beyond the control of a Government representative.

The Act provides the following example of an incidental meeting: "A Minister speaks at a conference and has an unscheduled discussion with a lobbyist who is a conference participant".

Other contact that is not considered lobbying activity under the Act includes:

- contact with a committee of the Legislative Assembly or a local government
- contact with a member of the Legislative Assembly, or a councillor, in his or her capacity as a local representative on a constituency matter
- contact in response to a call for submissions
- petitions or contact of a grassroots campaign nature in an attempt to influence a Government policy or decision
- contact in response to a request for tender
- statements made in a public forum
- responses to requests by Government representatives for information
- contact only for the purpose of making a statutory application or contact on non-business issues (for example, issues not relating to a client of the lobbyist or the lobbyists' sector).

Preliminary contact such as setting up a meeting would not amount to lobbying activity, nor would requests by a lobbyist for information that is in the public domain.

What defines contact?

The Act defines 'contact' as telephone, email and written mail contact, as well as face to face meetings.

What if a lobbyist approaches me as a Government representative at an informal gathering?

It is recognised that lobbyists and Government representatives working in the same location and/or in the same field may frequently find themselves attending the same functions and having 'incidental meetings'.



As stated above, an 'incidental meeting' is not considered lobbying activity under the Act, including incidental meetings beyond the control of a Government representative.

For example, a Minister may be speaking at a conference and either they, or a member of their staff, has an unscheduled discussion with a lobbyist who is a conference participant.

This would not usually amount to lobbying and therefore would not be required to be entered in the Register of Contact with Lobbyists. However, lobbyists may nevertheless wish to use the incidental meeting to lobby a Government representative. If the conversation strays into this area, the lobbyist must still comply with the Act – i.e. they must confirm that they and their client are on the register and advise the nature of the matter they want to raise on behalf of their client.

Government representatives can participate in lobbying activity with lobbyists about their clients' affairs in these circumstances but they should ensure that the relevant Register of Contact with Lobbyists is updated with the details of the contact.

But even if the lobbyist and their client are correctly registered, it remains a decision for the Government representative as to whether or not they will permit a lobbyist to lobby them on the particular issue. Correct registration does not give a lobbyist the right to lobby a Government representative at any time and place.

Government representatives who do not wish to participate in lobbying activity in these circumstances have the right to request that the lobbyist make an appointment to have the conversation in a more formal, meeting setting.

What if I have a friend who is a lobbyist and we speak on the phone or go for a coffee – does this need to be recorded?

There is no restriction on meeting with a friend who is a lobbyist in a personal capacity. These discussions are not lobbying and do not need to be recorded in the Register of Contact with Lobbyists. However, care should be taken to ensure that the conversation does not stray into an area where your friend is making representations on behalf of a third party client which could reasonably be considered to be an attempt to influence Government decision making. If it does, then an entry should be made in the register regarding the conversation.

Do I have to record all contact with lobbyists in the Register of Contact with Lobbyists?

No. You are only required to include in the register contact which amounts to 'lobbying activity' as defined under the Act.

Other types of contact – such as general inquiries, requests for information, requests to set up a meeting – is not considered an attempt to influence decision-making (i.e. 'lobbying activity') and does not need to be recorded in the register.



Do I have to record in the Register of Contact with Lobbyists contact with a person or company engaging in third party lobbying who is not registered on the Integrity Commissioner's Register of Lobbyists?

No. You are only required to include in the register contact which amounts to 'lobbying activity' as defined under the Act.

However, you should ensure that you have made a separate record of the unregistered contact (i.e. in a file note) and report the details to the Integrity Commissioner (as required by the Act) at the earliest opportunity. You should also advise the Integrity Commissioner of the contact and the name of the person who contacted you.

Is a request for publicly available information a lobbying activity?

A simple request for information that is available to all members of the public would not amount to a lobbying activity, which is defined in the Act to mean a communication in an effort to influence a Government decision.

However, this situation may change and lobbying activity may be entered into if the lobbyist seeks advice or opinion on that publicly available information. For example, a lobbyist may seek advice or opinion from a Government department in relation to a prospective course of action by a third party client.

How do I report a breach of the Code?

All breaches of the Act should be reported to the Integrity Commissioner at:

Queensland Integrity Commissioner
PO Box 15290
CITY EAST QLD 4002

OR

integrity.commissioner@qld.gov.au

The Integrity Commissioner will consider any statement reporting an alleged breach of the code.

If it is considered that a breach has occurred and it is sufficiently serious to warrant that an action be taken, the Integrity Commissioner will advise the individual concerned of the reasons why it is proposed he/she be removed from the Register of Lobbyists or otherwise disciplined, and give the lobbyists an opportunity to respond.

The Integrity Commissioner will take any response into consideration before making a decision.



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3.9 Official Diaries

The Leader is required to table in Parliament on a monthly basis information in relation to official opposition related meetings with external parties listed in the Leader's diary, including as a minimum, the date of the meeting, name of the organisation/person and the purpose of the meeting. Consideration should be given to the Information Privacy Principles contained within the *Information Privacy Act 2009* in determining what material is to be published.

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Dear Ms Palaszczuk

On 19 November 2012, I announced that my diary would be posted online every month, with all ministers to follow suit in early 2013, as part of the Government's on-going commitment to openness and accountability.

I have now written to all ministers advising them that I have approved an amendment to the *Ministerial Handbook*, which requires all ministers to publish portfolio-related meetings with external parties, which would include meetings with registered lobbyists, listed in their diaries (information exempt under RTI and privacy legislation is not to be released). This requirement will take effect from the end of February 2013 for extracts of ministerial diaries for January 2013.

In the interests of openness and accountability in relation to the expenditure of public funds and the political process, I consider that you, as Leader of the Opposition, should provide extracts of your diary containing similar information to that proposed for Ministers.

I have, therefore, attached a copy of an amendment I propose to make to the *Opposition Handbook*, requiring the tabling in Parliament, on a monthly basis, of information in relation to official Opposition-related meetings with external parties listed in the diary of the Leader of the Opposition.

Please note that the format for displaying the diary information has been determined following consultation with the Integrity Commissioner. A proposed template is also attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Premier

Date 21/2/2015

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to Mrs Kuan Hai-Chun, President of Strong Grass International Co Ltd, about the company's plans to invest in Queensland's CTPI - Commercial (Attachment 1).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 13 July 2012, [redacted] contacted Mr Craig Evans, Deputy Director-General, DPC.
- [redacted] raised the prospect of a large scale [redacted] project in Queensland and requested that a letter of welcome from you or the Treasurer be sent to Mrs Hai-Chun to help progress the project further.
- While details regarding the project are limited at this stage, it is understood the project will be [redacted].
- The project would be carried out by a consortium led by Mrs Hai-Chun's Taiwanese company, Strong Grass International Co Ltd. [redacted] would be a member of the consortium. [redacted].
- On 31 July 2012, you provided a broad and non-committal letter of support for Strong Grass International Co Ltd's efforts to invest in [redacted] (Attachment 2).
- On 8 December 2012, Mrs Hai-Chun responded (Attachment 3). The letter was also copied to the Coordinator General and the Deputy Premier.
- Through the letter, Mrs Hai-Chun requests that Mr Barry Broe, Coordinator-General, provide the minutes from a meeting with [redacted] to the Japanese Ambassador in Sydney. It is assumed this refers to [redacted], a member of the consortium.
- The letter also references a deadline that would need to be extended, however, it is unclear exactly what this deadline is.
- The Coordinator General's Office had not heard of this project until receiving a copy of the 8 December letter.

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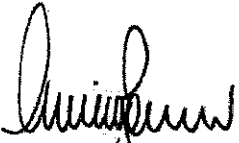
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- To gain further information, the Coordinator General's Office contacted CTPI - Commercial [redacted] shortly after receiving the letter. [redacted] informed the Office that the request made in the letter is no longer needed to be fulfilled and the request should not be carried out.
- The Coordinator General's Office then emailed Mr Lee Hai-Chi, a representative of Strong Grass, to inform them of this discussion.
- It is understood no additional response from Strong Grass has been received.
- It is recommended you sign the letter to Mrs Kuan Hai-Chun (**Attachment 1**), thanking her for her letter (**Attachment 3**), and seeking additional information about the project.

• CONSULTATION

- DSDIP


hr Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Mrs Hai-Chun

Thank you for your letter of 8 December 2012 co-signed by Mr Yeh Erh-Chin about Strong Grass International Company Limited investing in Queensland.

As I said when I previously wrote to you, we are committed to encouraging investment in Queensland. CTPI - Commercial

I do note that, in your letter, you ask us to assist in sending the minutes from your meeting with business partners. However, I understand that, after receiving a copy of your letter, the Coordinator-General's office contacted your colleague in Australia, [redacted] who informed government officers that this action was no longer necessary. I have been told your representative, Mr Lee Hao-Chi has since been emailed by a member of the Coordinator-General's office, informing him of this discussion.

I am interested in learning more about the proposed project and would like to hear further information as the project progresses. I would also encourage you to keep the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development and Trade updated about the project. He can be contacted by email at DeputyPremier@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Thanks again for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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31 JUL 2012

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Dear Mrs Kuan

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for your company, Strong Grass International Co Ltd, in its endeavours to invest in Queensland. CTPI - Commercial

Queensland is rich in resources and a prosperous, well-managed resources sector is critical to the economic wellbeing and future of our State as one of the four pillars of our State's economy, along with tourism, agriculture and construction.

Queensland has a long history of cooperation and investment with Japan [REDACTED]

We are committed to delivering a Can Do business environment and we are setting an agenda to reclaim our past economic strength and prosperity. Under this commitment, we will work to reduce red tape and regulation, deliver better infrastructure and better planning, lower the cost of living and ensure skills and training are the means to a job and not an end in themselves.

Specifically, my Government has committed to cutting red tape and regulation by 20 per cent, and to ensure there is a change in the culture of government from one that promotes red tape to one that actively reduces red tape. As an example, we are committed to cutting the number of pages of regulation in force in Queensland by 20 per cent.

My Government is also committed to seeing Queensland's resources and energy sector grow and develop to the benefit of investors and Queenslanders alike. We want to see the resources and energy sector grow in a way that complements the economic future of other industry sectors and finds the appropriate balance between growing our economy, protecting the livelihoods of the owners of land on which mining occurs, and conserving our environment.



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An investment of the size and scope that is proposed is very welcome in Queensland. I look forward to a strong and productive relationship between Strong Grass International and the Queensland Government. I would appreciate you keeping the government informed of the progress of your project. I have copied this letter to the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, so that he can be aware of your proposal.

For specific assistance regarding the facilitation of your project with the Queensland Government, may I invite you or a representative of your company to contact the Coordinator-General, Mr Barry Broe, by email at barry.broe@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au or on telephone (61-7) 3225 1802.

The Coordinator-General has wide-ranging powers to plan, deliver and coordinate large-scale infrastructure projects, while ensuring their environmental impacts are properly managed. These projects, in turn, promote economic and social development in Queensland.

I wish you all the very best for your company's endeavours. I look forward to hearing updates on the progress of bringing this opportunity to Queensland.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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FROM: *Paul Leven*
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 14/12 2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Can someone please do some digging around to see if this is in any way legitimate? What does OSDIP know about this.

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

Strong Grass International Co., Ltd.

2F No. 47, Sec. 1, Zhongshan N. Rd., Taipei City 104, Taiwan

Date: 8th December 2012

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Dear Premier,

Re: CTPI - Commercial

First at all, I would have our best thanks for your reply letter of 31st July 2012, in which we are fully understanding of Queensland Government is taking more endeavors for a better prosperity of Queensland State and we are also pleasure your invitation to invest in Queensland

Attached please find our meeting minutes of the proposed investment project on August 22, 2012, which shown our investment plan

s.73 Signature

s.73 Signature

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CTPI - Commercial

Thanks again for your kindly assistance and supporting, which will be much helpful for our further investing actions in the proposed energy development project thereby.

s.73 Signature

Mrs. Kuan Hai-Chün

President of Strong Grass International Co., Ltd.

s.73 Signature

Mr. Yeh Erh-Chin

Founder of Strong Grass International Co., Ltd.

Contact representative of Strong Grass International Co., Ltd.:

c.c.

1. Mr. Jeff Seeney MP,
Deputy Premier & Minister for State Department, Infrastructure & Planning.
2. Mr. Barry Broe
Coordinator-General of Queensland Government.
e-mail: barry.broe@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

Attachments:

1. Meeting Minutes of the proposed investment project on August 22, 2012
2. The Financing Investment Agreement signed on March 26, 2012.
3. The reply letter from the Premier of Queensland on July 31, 2012.

s.73 Signature

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4. Certification documents:

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/12/235185

To: Acting Director-General
Date: 2 January 2013
Subject: Re-establishment of the Working Group –
Repatriation of Ancestral Remains, Burial
Goods and Secret and Sacred Objects
(working group)

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Addressee

Date

[Signature]
7.1.13

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letters to the relevant directors-general informing them of the re-establishment of the working group (**Attachment 1**) and note the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) (**Attachment 2**)

• KEY ISSUES

- On 5 December 2012, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) convened a meeting with Queensland Museum (QM), Arts Queensland (AQ) and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) to discuss the future role of the working group to progress repatriation of ancestral remains and cultural artefacts (the working group was originally convened in January 2012 but had not met since prior to the election).
- It was agreed there is a future role for the working group to support greater efforts around repatriation of cultural remains. The working group will:
 - develop and co-ordinate implementation of state-wide repatriation policies and guidelines
 - facilitate and support the QM in its role in implementing the repatriation process
 - develop and co-ordinate reviews and evaluations of the repatriation program
 - provide advice to Government in relation to the progress of repatriations in Queensland
 - develop relevant budget bids as required.
- Draft ToR (**Attachment 2**) have been developed in consultation with relevant agencies and will be finalised at the first meeting of the working group in February 2013. The Chair of the working group will be decided at the first meeting. DPC view is this should be AQ or DATSIMA.

• CONSULTATION

- AQ, DATSIMA, QM

• BACKGROUND

- The QM is the central keeping place for ancestral remains, holding about 350 remains. About 200 remains are also held by Queensland Health. QM receives \$100 000 from the Federal Government to implement a repatriation program and works with indigenous communities to progress repatriation.
- The Premier has recently endorsed an additional \$20 000 to the QM to match QM and Federal Government contributions for the repatriation of Kamilaroi ancestral remains, to be drawn from the DPC Director-General Reserve.

Comments

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Craig Evans
Deputy Director-General

Action Officer: Keryn Fox
Area: SHP

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Department of the
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Ms Debbie Best
Director-General
Department of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs
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Dear Ms Best *Debbie*

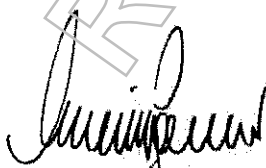
I am writing to you about re-convening of the Working Group – Repatriation of Ancestral Remains, Burial Goods and Secret and Sacred Objects (the working group).

The Queensland Government recognises the importance and cultural significance of the repatriation of Indigenous ancestral remains, and secret sacred objects particularly, in helping promote healing and reconciliation. Accordingly, the Government wants to adopt a holistic approach which involves the relevant government agencies to provide practical assistance to Indigenous communities in the repatriation of ancestral remains and cultural artefacts.

It is proposed the working group be reconvened to progress this significant work and to co-ordinate and implement state-wide repatriation policies and guidelines. The working group will also facilitate and support the Queensland Museum in its role in implementing the repatriation process. A proposed Terms of Reference is attached. Membership of the working group will include the Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Museum, and senior officers from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Multicultural Affairs, the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

I would be grateful if you could nominate a senior officer from your department for the working group and forward their details to Ms Keryn Fox, Acting Director, Social and Health Policy, by email at keryn.fox@premiers.qld.gov.au. It is important this work proceed as soon as possible and the first meeting will be scheduled for February 2013.

Yours sincerely



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Department of the
Premier and Cabinet

Mr Andrew Chesterman
Director-General
Department of Environment and
Heritage Protection
GPO Box 2454
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Dear Mr Chesterman *Andrew*

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Department of the
Premier and Cabinet

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Dear Mr Reed

Philip

I am writing to you about re-convening of the Working Group – Repatriation of Ancestral Remains, Burial Goods and Secret and Sacred Objects (the working group).

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Draft Terms of Reference

Working Group – Repatriation of Ancestral Remains Burial Goods and Secret and Sacred Objects

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The Government wants to adopt a holistic approach which involves the relevant government agencies to provide practical assistance to indigenous communities in the repatriation of ancestral remains and cultural artefacts.

Accordingly, it is proposed that a Working Group on the Repatriation of Ancestral Remains Burial Goods and Secret and Sacred Objects (Working Group) be formed to focus and enhance efforts in identifying remains and artefacts that can be returned to their community of origin.

The Working Group will:

- Develop and co-ordinate implementation of state-wide repatriation policies and guidelines;
- Facilitate and support the QM in its role in implementing the repatriation process;
- Develop and co-ordinate reviews and evaluations of the repatriation program;
- Consult with key Indigenous stakeholders as appropriate;
- Provide advice to Government in relation to the progress of repatriations in Queensland; and
- Develop relevant budget bids as required.

The Working Group will need to consider and address the following barriers:

- A lack of suitable keeping places and restricted access to country;
- Intersections with land, environment and other cultural heritage issues;
- Community capacity to prepare for and undertake repatriation activities; and
- Limited support for ongoing provenance research

Membership:

- Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Museum (Chair)
- Senior Officers to be nominated from the following agencies:
 - Department of the Premier and Cabinet
 - Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Multicultural Affairs
 - Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts.
 - Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

Other agencies may be invited to attend at the discretion of the Chair.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 19 March 2013
Subject: Live kidney transplants in Queensland

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Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 25/3/2013
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
Requested by: (if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to ^{s.73 Member of the} Public informing that Queensland Health (QH) does perform non-directed altruistic live kidney donations, on a case-by-case basis (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] emailed you on 8 January 2013 about his [redacted] who needs a kidney transplant. [redacted] suggests there is an available donor but because she is not a family member or a close friend, this is not allowed in Queensland. He also says that Queensland is the only State in Australia that will not allow these donors (Attachment 2).
- QH advises that [redacted] had a kidney transplant in [redacted] which is beginning to fail. Queensland Transplant Services, Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) has not yet received a referral from her nephrologist and understand she is not yet clinically ready for transplantation. It is understood some preliminary investigations have commenced about the suitability of the potential donor. However, a full transplant assessment for [redacted] will not progress until she is in renal failure and at that time, it is possible the potential donor will be assessed further.
- In Australia, live kidney donations can be either 'directed altruistic' where there is a genetic or genuine emotional relationship between donor and transplant recipient (family/partner) or 'non-directed altruistic', where there is no such relationship.
- Policy, legislation and clinical guidelines regarding organ donation and transplantation vary across and within states and the decision to undertake directed or non-directed altruistic transplantations is at the discretion of transplantation services.
- In Queensland, there is no legislative impediment to performing non-directed altruistic donations and transplantations. In 2009, QH issued a policy directive on *Non-Directed Altruistic Living Kidney Donation*, which stated that QH does not undertake non-directed altruistic live kidney donations (Attachment 3). However, QH advises this policy has been rescinded as it is redundant and does not reflect current practice and a revision of the policy should be completed by late 2013.
- PAH Transplant Services has confirmed that all patients wishing to donate altruistically will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Assessment of suitability of altruistic living donors and transplantation is a rigorous process, including extensive medical and psychological testing, and takes approximately six months.
- Patients who wish to donate that do not have a recipient in mind may be considered but will go through the same rigorous assessment process. If determined to be suitable, they would be placed on to the registry for the Australian Paired Kidney Exchange Program and their donation could proceed confidentially.

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- In relation to access to theatre space, PAH Transplant Services, has advised there were initial difficulties in 2008, however, this is no longer the case. Delays can sometimes occur due to logistical issues in negotiating a team of transplant surgeons, but there is no across the board practice or policy limiting theatre access for these procedures.

• **CONSULTATION**

- Queensland Health

• **BACKGROUND**

- In Queensland, organ transplantation is performed at the PAH (kidney and liver) and the Prince Charles Hospital (heart and lung). The PAH is involved in more than 110 kidney transplants per year, more than any other unit in the southern hemisphere. Since 2008, 627 kidney transplants have been performed in Queensland.
- Queensland Transport removed the field permitting Queenslanders to indicate their wish to donate organs from their driver license in 2005. At that time, to reduce duplication, all registered donor data was transferred to the new Australian Organ Donor Register, a voluntary national register for people to record their decision about becoming an organ and/or tissue donor for transplantation after death.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2013 about your [REDACTED] need for a kidney transplant. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was sorry to read about your [REDACTED] health problems and, as a parent, I can understand that you would like to do all you can to support her through this time.

As you would appreciate, there are privacy provisions under the *Hospitals and Health Board Act 2011 (Qld)* that prevent me from providing any specific information about your [REDACTED] medical issues without her consent.

However, I did seek urgent advice about the issue you raised regarding Queensland being out of step with organ donation and transplantation practices in other states and territories. I am pleased to advise you that live kidney donation and transplantation (where the donor and recipient are not genetically or emotionally related) can now be undertaken in Queensland.

Each patient is treated on a case-by-case basis and transplants can only take place after a rigorous assessment process, including extensive medical and psychological testing. In a number of these cases, the potential donor is not suitable for a variety of clinical and psychological reasons. I would encourage your daughter to contact her treating physician or the Renal Transplant Coordinator at the Princess Alexandra Hospital on telephone (07) 3176 7769 to further explore all available options and find out more about the current donation program at the hospital.

In relation to your comment about driver license information, you may not be aware that Queensland Transport removed the field permitting Queenslanders to indicate their wish to donate organs from their license in 2005. This was because the Federal Government introduced the new Australian Organ Donor Register and, to reduce duplication, Queenslanders were encouraged to record their decision on this voluntary national register. All existing registered donor data at Queensland Transport was transferred to Australian Organ Donor Register at that time.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that Queensland is working with other states and territories and the Federal Government to implement nine key measures to implement a nationally coordinated approach to organ and tissue donation in Australia. More information about the national program and the nine key measures to increase rates of organ and tissue donation and transplantation is available on the Donate Life website at www.donatelife.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Again - my sincere apology for the unacceptable delay in responding to your email.

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CONTACT BY PHONE

(within 48hrs)

FROM:

[Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE:

10 / 1 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

please prepare a PBN on live kidney transplants including numbers undertaken in the last 5 years and any barriers. Please include any policies that relate to

s.73 Member of the Public

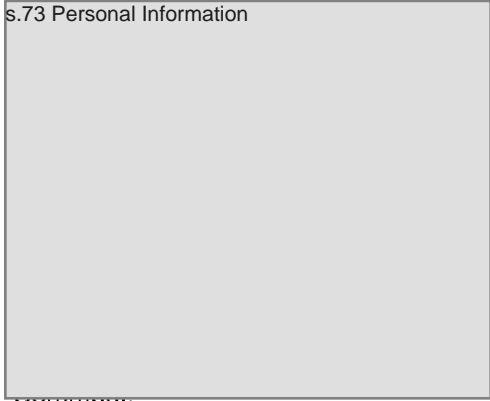
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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2013 5:14 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: my daughter

Importance: High

s.73 Personal Information



Comments:

Hi mr premier my [redacted] yrs old and needs a kidney transplant, We have a lovely 33 yr old donor the problem is unless you are family or a close friend the transplant team at the pa hospital is not allowed to do it, This is the only state in aus that wont do it So why are we so back wood thy do we put donor on our licence.can you help us [redacted]

s.73
Member of
the Public

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Policy Directive

Non-Directed Altruistic Living Kidney Donation

Document Number	TBC
Publication date	TBC
Functional Sub group	Clinical and Patient Services – Human Tissue Clinical and Patient Services - Surgical
Summary	<p>This policy outlines the policy position of Queensland Health in relation to non-directed ('good Samaritan') living kidney donations for transplantation in Queensland public hospitals. It includes a review of the ethical and logistical considerations for this procedure.</p> <p>This directive does not apply to directed living kidney donation or where non-directed living kidney donation occurs as a result of a medically necessitated nephrectomy (eg due to a tumour).</p>
Author Branch	Clinical Policy Unit, Policy Branch; in collaboration with the Renal Transplant Unit, Princess Alexandra Hospital.
Branch contact	Jason Currie 323 54299
Endorsed by	Donation and Transplantation Clinical Network Integrated Policy and Planning Committee
Applies to	All Queensland Health public hospitals
Audience	All
Distributed to	TBC
Review date	30 April 2011
File No.	TBC
Previous reference	N/A
Status	Active

This Policy Directive may be varied, withdrawn or replaced at any time. Compliance with this policy directive is **mandatory** for Queensland Health employees.

Title: Non-directed altruistic living kidney donation for transplantation

Policy Statement:

Queensland Health does not undertake non-directed altruistic living renal transplantation and does not undertake the work-up of such patients for other jurisdictions.

This does not apply to directed living kidney donations, either where the donor is genetically related or emotionally related (through a genuine close relationship) or where non-directed living kidney donation occurs as a result of a medically necessitated nephrectomy (eg due to a tumour).

Strategic Objectives:

To ensure that Queensland Health facilities and individuals do not undertake non-directed altruistic living renal transplantation and do not undertake the work-up of such patients for other jurisdictions.

Implementation:

This Policy Directive will be implemented by the Renal Transplant Unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital Health Service District. The Queensland Health Donation and Transplantation Clinical Network will continue to provide expert advice on this issue to ensure consistently with good medical practice.

Governing principles

This Policy Directive applies only to non-directed altruistic living kidney donors, also known as the 'good Samaritan' or 'altruistic stranger' donor.

It is considered that the rate of unsuccessful donors, due to the inability to accurately determine true motivation, and the smaller medical risk to the donor than can be accepted for non-directed altruistic donation does not warrant this program being established at this time.

Transplantations using genetically or emotionally related donors are routinely conducted by Queensland Health and should continue. Also, this Policy Directive does not restrict non-directed living kidney donation occurs as a result of a medically necessitated nephrectomy (eg due to a tumour).

Ethical Considerations

Overall, non-directed altruistic living kidney donation for transplantation is considered ethically acceptable in Australia and overseas provided appropriate donor assessment and education is undertaken.

Risks of Surgery vs Benefits to the Donor

There is no 'right' to be a kidney donor and a public health organisation has the discretion not to accept a willing donor if it is not considered to be in the donors or the recipients best interests.

With non-directed, altruistic donation the direct benefits to the recipient (improved quality of life) are not observed by the donor if appropriate confidentiality is maintained. The only benefit derived is the strong sense of having done something very generous to help another (anonymous) person to experience a better life. Opinion varies as to whether this level of benefit justifies the medical risk involved in major surgery.

Title: Non-directed altruistic living kidney donation for transplantation

Anonymity

An essential aspect of organ donation for transplantation in Australia, other than directed kidney donation for genetically or emotionally related donors, is the concept of anonymity. It would be difficult to ensure anonymity in these procedures given their rarity, public and media interest and the logistical requirements for performing simultaneous donation and transplantation procedures. While not precluding this type of donation, the logistical challenges pose significant resourcing requirements that could be better utilised for other renal transplantation procedures.

Donor Assessment

The assessment for all living donors is intensive, comprehensive and time consuming. It includes medical, psychological and social assessments. It is expected that the rate of unsuccessful candidates would be significantly higher for living non-directed altruistic donation, than for living directed donation.

Medical

A lower level of risk must be established for altruistic, non-directed donors than for live-related donors, given the lack of any close relationship with the recipient. This would increase the likelihood of a potential donor being deemed unsuitable.

The physical assessment may identify minor or relative contraindications to donation. The acceptability of a donor who has any relative contraindications (e.g. obesity, family history of diabetes, mild hypertension) depends on the person's capacity to understand the risks, the closeness of their relationship with the recipient and the urgency of the recipients needs).

Psychological/Social

The primary reason for donation should be altruism and a donor's expectations from the procedure should be realistic. It is potentially quite difficult to ascertain the true intentions of a non-directed altruistic living kidney donor and it is likely that any assessment process will both accept unsuitable donors and reject suitable donors.

There is no information available about the risk of psychological harm to vulnerable potential living non-directed donors, who might be rejected as unsuitable. There is a substantial risk that some of them will feel angry, insulted or inadequate. Some donors come forward in the hope that renal donation gives them a chance to make up for perceived problems they have had in the past and to be rejected (at least in their eyes) may further accentuate feelings of inadequacy and make some of their problems worse.

Responsible Business Area

The Queensland Health Donation and Transplantation Clinical Network will continue to provide expert advice on this issue to ensure consistently with good medical practice.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 March 2013
Subject: Correspondence regarding the Monte Carlo Caravan Park

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Premier

Date 13/3/2013

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the response to the Honourable Kevin Rudd MP, Federal Member for Griffith (**Attachment 1**) about the Queensland Government's plans for the Monte Carlo Caravan Park (MCCP).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 24 January 2013, Mr Rudd wrote to you about remarks you allegedly made regarding the MCCP on 23 January 2013 (**Attachment 2**). Mr Rudd claims you stated you were unaware of the residents' proposal to purchase the MCCP despite claims that this advice was delivered to both Ministers of Housing on three occasions (14 September 2012, 20 November 2012, and 28 December 2012).
- Mr Rudd also advises that he personally met with residents of MCCP on 13 August, and raised the matter with the former Minister for Housing, Dr Bruce Flegg MP, on 29 August 2012, put forward a Private Member's Motion on 20 September 2012 and delivered a Parliamentary statement on 29 November 2012. Mr Rudd made a subsequent visit to the MCCP on 21 January 2013.
- The Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) has advised that the resident association submitted two proposals for the future ownership and management of MCCP. The second proposal was resubmitted again on 28 December 2013.
- The first proposal was received in September 2012 and the former Minister for Housing and Public Works responded to that proposal by writing to Mr Aaron Dillaway MP, Member for Bulimba (who had submitted the proposal on behalf of the resident association). Mr Dillaway was advised that the decision not to accept the proposal was on the basis that a lease was proposed, which did not fit the Government's intention to sell MCCP. It was also noted that there were concerns regarding the resident association's capacity to adequately deal with the risks and legal obligations involved in raising the necessary finance and managing MCCP.
- In early December 2012, the resident association forwarded a second proposal which provided additional information in relation to a proposed legal structure (not-for-profit company limited by guarantee) with the provision for external expertise on the company board, cash flow projections and a commitment to increase revenue by raising tariffs. DHPW is currently developing a formal response to the second proposal. This same proposal was subsequently forwarded to you and other members of Parliament on 28 December 2012.
- On 22 January 2013, the Government announced a revised approach to the sale of MCCP, which featured an expression of interest process targeted to a select group of not-for-profit housing providers, stipulating that the property must remain in long-term use as a caravan park for existing residents (meaning that existing residents are able to continue living there indefinitely). In exchange for ownership of MCCP, the successful proponent may build new social housing or complete the purchase on deferred terms.

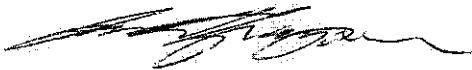
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- In his letter, Mr Rudd poses five questions:
 - 1) What's the definition of a long-term resident?
 - 2) Will current rental agreements remain in place?
 - 3) What will be the condition of sale of the site?
 - 4) How will the residents' security of tenure be guaranteed into the future?
 - 5) Will the residents receive a response from yourself or the Minister regarding their proposal to purchase the Park?
- Answers to these questions are provided at **Attachment 3**.
- However, it is recommended that your letter (**Attachment 1**) not provide this level of detail. Instead, your response advises Mr Rudd that the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works has been and will continue to consult directly with residents about the Government's plans for the caravan park.

• **CONSULTATION**

- DHPW



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Mr ~~Rudd~~ *Kevin*,

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2013 about the Monte Carlo Caravan Park (MCCP) located at 1189 Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate you raising this matter with me and am more than happy to clarify the Government's plans for the MCCP.

The Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, has recently made announcements about the long-term future of the MCCP which will see the MCCP continue to operate as it does now on the site at Cannon Hill.

The Government is in the process of seeking expressions of interest from a range of respected not-for-profit housing providers to run the MCCP, including groups like Churches of Christ Care and the Brisbane Housing Company. A mandatory condition is that the new operator must ensure that the property remains in long-term use as a caravan park and that existing residents will continue to be provided for.

The successful housing provider will also be able to build additional mobile home accommodation provided this does not interfere with the existing caravan park. This should assist in increasing the supply of affordable housing for Queenslanders in need.

Minister Mander has advised residents of the Government's plans and the news has been positively received. Minister Mander's department will continue to liaise with the residents to ensure a smooth transition to the new operator.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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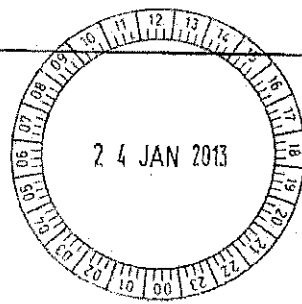
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ATTENTION:	The Hon Campbell Newman MP
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FROM:	Office of Kevin Rudd MP
DATE:	24 January, 2013
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MESSAGE:	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Please find attached a letter from Mr Rudd addressed to Mr Newman.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Katrina</p>



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Kevin Rudd

Federal Member for Griffith

Standing up for the Southside

24 January, 2013

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier
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Dear Mr Newman

I write with reference to your remarks delivered on Tuesday, 23 January regarding the Monte Carlo Caravan Park located at 1189 Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill and continuing uncertainty for the residents caused by the way this matter has been handled. I specifically note your comment where you suggested that you were not aware of the residents' proposal to purchase the Park.

I am advised that the Monte Carlo Residents Association Inc. has delivered their proposal to purchase the Park to both of your housing Ministers on three separate occasions. I understand that the initial proposal was hand delivered on 14 September, a second proposal sent on 20 November and a third sent via registered post to both yourself and all Queensland Members of Parliament including Ministers on 28 December, 2012. Despite undertaking considerable work on this proposal they have not received a formal response nor been included in the tender process announced on 21 January.

It would appear that your housing Ministers have not kept you advised of the progress of this matter.

Furthermore, I acknowledge your comments regarding my personal involvement with the residents of the Monte Carlo Caravan Park. Contrary to your statements, I actually met with residents of the Park on Monday, 13 August. I raised this matter with your former housing Minister, Dr Bruce Flegg on Thursday, 29 August, put forward a Private Members Motion on Thursday, 20 September and delivered a Parliamentary Statement regarding the matter on Thursday, 29 November.

As you are aware, I also visited Monte Carlo Caravan Park again on Monday, 21 January, just prior to your current Minister for Housing's announcement.

I understand from most recent discussions with residents that they are seeking clarification in relation to the Minister's announcement and have requested responses to the following -

The electorate of Griffith includes the suburbs of Balmoral, Bulimba, Buranda, Camp Hill, Carina, Carina Heights, Coorparoo, Dutton Park, East Brisbane, Greenslopes, Hawthorne, Highgate Hill, Hill End, Holland Park, Kangaroo Point, Morningside, Norman Park, Seven Hills, South Brisbane, Stones Corner, West End, Woolloongabba and parts of Annerley, Cannon Hill, Ekibin, Holland Park West, Mount Gravatt East, Murarie, Tarragindi and Wellers Hill.
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1. What is the definition of a long-term resident?
2. Will current rental agreements remain in place?
3. What will be the condition of sale of the site?
4. How will the residents' security of tenure be guaranteed into the future?
5. Will the residents receive a response from yourself or your minister regarding their proposal to purchase the Park?

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Federal Member for Griffith

CC: Residents of the Monte Carlo Caravan Park

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Information provided by the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) to answer Mr Rudd's Questions.

1) *What is the definition of a long-term resident?*

The important definition is that of 'current' resident. Tenants have been advised that if they were living at the Monte Carlo Caravan Park (MCCP) up to, and including 31 January 2013, they will be considered 'current' tenants.

2) *Will current rental agreements remain in place?*

DHPW has advised residents that a special restriction will be put in place that will protect the tenure of 'current' residents indefinitely following the sale and transfer of the land. This will mean that residents would not be at risk of having to leave the MCCP provided they comply with the terms of their residency.

3) *What will be the condition of sale of the site?*

The MCCP will be sold as an operating caravan park. DHPW is preparing legal documentation to: 1) secure the long term use of the site as a caravan park, 2) include sale conditions which will provide protection to the tenure of 'current' residents, and 3) outline terms for payment for the caravan park which may include an exchange for new social housing.

4) *How will the residents' security of tenure be guaranteed into the future?*

The MCCP will continue to operate as a caravan park long-term, and this will be secured via a registered covenant on the property title when the property transfers out of Government ownership. As advised in question 2, a special restriction will be put in place that will protect the tenure of 'current' residents indefinitely following the sale and transfer of the land.

5) *Will the residents receive a response from yourself or the Minister regarding their proposal to purchase the Park?*

The resident association has submitted two proposals for the future ownership and management of MCCP. The first proposal was received in September 2012 and the former Minister for Housing and Public Works responded to that proposal by writing to the local member Mr Aaron Dillaway, who presented the proposal on behalf of the resident association. Mr Dillaway was advised that the decision not to accept the first proposal was on the basis that a lease was proposed, which did not fit the government's intention to sell MCCP. Also it was noted that there were concerns regarding the resident association's capacity to adequately deal with the risks and legal obligations involved in raising the necessary finance and managing MCCP.

The resident association forwarded a second proposal which was received in early



December 2012. A formal response to the resident association is currently being developed. The second proposal provides additional information in relation to a proposed legal structure (not-for-profit company limited by guarantee), provision for external expertise on the company board, provision of cash flow projections and a commitment to increase revenue by raising tariffs. Since the second proposal was received, on 22 January 2013, Government has announced a revised approach to the sale of MCCP, featuring an expression of interest process targeted to a select group of not-for-profit housing providers, stipulating that the property must remain in long-term use as a caravan park for existing residents. In exchange for ownership of MCCP, the successful proponent may build new social housing or complete the purchase on deferred terms.

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Rockhampton aged care facilities and
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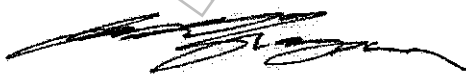
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to s.73 Member of the Public about the future of aged care facilities in Rockhampton and the Blackwater Hospital (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- s.73 Member of the Public emailed you on 25 January 2013 (**Attachment 2**) about the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Board's proposal to sell two nursing homes in Rockhampton and the privatisation of the Blackwater Hospital.
- Queensland Health advises that there are no plans to privatise the Blackwater Hospital, nor has this been discussed or developed as an option for the facility.
- In relation to nursing homes, the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service (HHS) conducted an Expression of Interest (EOI) for an alternative Aged Care provider (closed on 27 February 2013) to operate its existing 200 aged care places across the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre (NRNC) and Eventide Home (EH).
- Like a number of other HHS, the Central Queensland HHS intends to withdraw from the provision of aged care. However, it is not intending to close down the existing facilities in Rockhampton, but is instead opting to outsource the operation of these facilities to a non-government provider.
- The proposal is supported on the basis that Queensland is one of the last remaining states to be in the direct provision of aged care services and that spare capacity exists in the non-government sector. The option of outsourcing the operation of the facilities rather than closure is also likely to attract less criticism from the community.
- If the Central Queensland HHS fails to secure an operator for the facilities, it will reconsider its options for the provision of aged care. A number of aged care agencies have expressed an interest in leasing the site and managing the nursing home. The successful operator will need to meet the contracts of existing residents.
- Staff, residents and the community have been notified of the plan.
- Affected staff have been asked to nominate for voluntary redundancies. The extent of voluntary redundancies will be determined by staffing requirements of the successful operator.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2013 about media coverage relating to the sale of aged care facilities in Rockhampton and the privatisation of the Blackwater Hospital. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, let me say at the outset that continuing to provide core public hospital services is a priority for this Government. I can reassure you, that despite comments you heard in the media, there are no plans to privatise the Blackwater Hospital.

In relation to residential aged care facilities, like you, a number of people have questioned the decision by some Hospital and Health Service (HHS) boards to progressively discontinue residential aged care services. What many people don't know is that Queensland is one of the last remaining states to still run residential aged care services. Aged care is the responsibility of the Federal Government and the vast majority of residential aged care services — around 95 per cent — in Queensland are already provided by non-government services, including non-government and religious groups. These organisations specialise in providing aged care and have capacity to care for more residents.

I am told the Central Queensland HHS is currently seeking an alternative aged care provider to operate its 200 aged care places across the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre and Eventide Home. Importantly, this means that the facilities themselves will not be closing and residents will not have to move. The only change for residents is that the service will be operated by a non-government provider.

Non-government providers are subject to the same standards and monitoring arrangements as state government operated services and, as such, the standard of care and accommodation will be comparable to that provided by the State. I am also assured the Central Queensland HHS will ensure that any change in management of these facilities will be undertaken so as to minimise disruption to residents and families.

You also raise the issue about HHS boards and control. Devolving control to boards, so they have the flexibility to make local decisions to better manage their resources and meet the needs of their local community, is an important reform for this Government. However, I can assure you that boards are answerable to the Minister for Health and that the Government has clear expectations that boards will be held accountable for the performance of their services and how well they meet community needs.

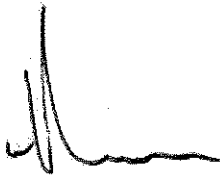


I have a personal commitment to fixing the health system. Despite the dire circumstances of the State Budget, the Queensland Government increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year – an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget and one of the largest health budget increases in the country.

In addition to this, the Government has just released the *Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland* (blueprint) which sets out the Government's plan to rebuild Queensland Health (QH) and the State's healthcare system. We want a health system which all Queenslanders can be proud of, delivers the best possible health services for the community and places the patient fairly and squarely at the centre. I encourage you to view the document on the QH website at www.health.qld.gov.au and then click on 'blueprint' to keep up to date with the changes that are being made.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier (Ministerial)
Sent: Thursday, 24 January 2013 9:54 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: FW: sale of nursing homes

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Friday, 25 January 2013 3:43 AM
To: Health
Cc: Premier
Subject: sale of nursing homes

Dear sir,

I saw on the local news that the health board chairman spoke that they are selling two QLD health public nursing homes

In Rockhampton QLD. It seems that they are getting their own back for the Premier stopping the closure of Moura Hospital.

It was also stated that Blackwater public Hospital was going to be made Private by the same Board.

Who appointed the Board as the person talking on the news does not like being beaten by the people, but he is still having a top heavy management at the Rockhampton Base Hospital at the expense of other Hospitals.

It seems that you have no control over these boards.

s.73 Member of the Public

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Date: 26 February 2013
Subject: Complaints in relation to [redacted] CTPI - Commercial
by several property investors owning
properties in [redacted] Queensland

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Premier [Signature]
Date 7/3/2012
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public (Attachment 1)
- note there are five other investors who have written to you concerning the same issue, and that subsequent responses to letters will be provided to you in the near future.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 24 January 2013, [redacted] wrote to you indicating he has bought three investment properties in [redacted] over the last four years, two of which were leased to [redacted] for three year terms. [redacted] reports that [redacted] is making excessive claims for property repairs and maintenance, with the objective of breaking the leases (Attachment 2).
- You have also received letters from a further five investors experiencing similar issues with [redacted]
- The Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) advises that [redacted] has leased about [redacted] properties (for their employees) with three-year fixed terms in the [redacted] region, paying weekly rents of up to \$3200. In relation to about 12 of these properties, [redacted] has recently obtained building inspection reports listing many health and safety issues, and consequently issued the lessors with Notices to Remedy Breach under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* (the Act), giving seven days to rectify the issues.
- The lessors are disputing the notices on the grounds that the repairs are unnecessary or excessive, and claim that [redacted] are only providing these notices for the purpose of breaking their leases. The Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) has advised that it is unable to comment on any perceptions held by the lessors about the cause of the actions of [redacted] stating that this will need to be decided through the legal system.
- In late 2012, the RTA handled similar disputes relating to 20 [redacted] properties leased by [redacted]. The RTA provided advice to the lessors on the options available to them. This included the lessor claiming back the rental bonds (approximately \$10 000 each) and seeking compensation through the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) for claims up to \$25 000, or through the Magistrates Court if over \$25 000.
- Under the Act, neither the RTA nor the Minister for Housing and Public Works, the Honourable Tim Mander MP, can intervene to vary notice periods or to enforce contracts. However, the RTA is conducting a targeted review of the Act, for the purpose of ensuring that the Act's provisions remain relevant to the residential property sector. A discussion paper was released in November 2012 and a report will be provided to Minister Mander in 2013. The RTA has extended the timeframe for feedback to the review to 29 March 2013 so that the suggestions of [redacted] property investors such as [redacted], can be taken into account.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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- Your response to ^{s.73} [redacted] Member of the Public provides the contact details of a senior officer at the RTA who can assist him and encourages him to make a submission to the review.

• CONSULTATION

- DHPW

• BACKGROUND

- Six property investors owning [redacted] properties have written to you concerned that ^{CTPI - Commercial} [redacted] is making excessive claims for property repairs and maintenance, with the objective of breaking three year fixed term agreements.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2013 about your rental properties in [REDACTED] and the dispute with your lessee, [REDACTED] CTPI - Commercial. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The frustrations you are currently experiencing are shared by a number of other landlords in [REDACTED] who have written to me about their tenancy agreements with [REDACTED]. I appreciate everyone's concerns and understand the difficulties property investors face when a fixed term tenancy agreement does not continue for the agreed period.

I have been told that a senior officer of the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) is now assisting you with these matters and discussing the options that are available to landlords who find themselves in this situation.

I have also been told that you have been notified that the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* is currently being reviewed. Staff from the RTA are contacting landlords and property managers in the [REDACTED] area asking for suggested changes to the Act based on their experience. If you have any suggestions to improve the processes for dealing with breaches of tenancy agreements and for resolving tenancy disputes, please email them to the RTA at review@rta.qld.gov.au by 29 March 2013.

I trust that this matter will be able to be resolved satisfactorily for all parties concerned. If you require any further assistance, please feel free to contact Ms Mandi Lewis, Acting Team Leader, Dispute Resolution Services, Residential Tenancies Authority on telephone (07) 3046 5517.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 15 April 2013
Subject: Knives in schools

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Premier: 

Date: 17/4/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that the *Weapons Act 1990* (the Act) prohibits the possession of knives in schools even if it is for genuine religious purposes
- sign the letter to the Sikh Council of Australia (the council) (**Attachment 1**) in response to their concerns that the Weapons Act discriminates against baptised Sikhs by preventing them from working in or visiting schools (**Attachment 2**).

KEY ISSUES

- **Current position under the Act:** Section 51 of the Act outlaws the physical possession of a knife in a public place without reasonable excuse. A knife is defined as a thing with a sharpened point or blade, capable of being held in one or both hands and capable of being used to threaten or wound anyone when so held.
- The possession of a knife for genuine religious purposes is specified in the Act as amounting to a reasonable excuse, except in schools.
- The excuse of possessing a weapon for 'genuine religious purposes' was introduced by the previous government in a 2011 Bill (the 2011 Bill) which came into force on 2 January 2012. The amendment was directly aimed at the carriage of kirpans in public by members of the Sikh religion.
- Prior to the amendments, possession of a knife for a genuine religious purpose in public or in a school could have amounted to a reasonable excuse under the Act depending upon the circumstances of the case.
- Despite the potential interference with religious freedom, the new 'religious purposes' excuse was specifically not extended to schools given the paramount importance of the safety and welfare of Queensland's school children. Statistical evidence included in the explanatory notes to the 2011 Bill cited 82 knife related offences (including one homicide) in Education Queensland premises between 2009 and 2010.
- **Later amendments to the Act:** This Government has not considered amendments to the offence of possession of a knife. The Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety has reconfirmed the existing policy underpinning section 51 of the Act and has indicated there is no intention to change the position.
- **Department of Education Training and Employment (DETE):** DETE advise that despite the 2011 amendments, the wearing of a kirpan in a school may not always be considered illegal as a kirpan with a dull point or blade may not fit within the legal definition of a knife. DETE further advises that there is no policy about the wearing of kirpans in schools and accordingly any report of a person wearing a kirpan will need to be treated on a case-by-case basis.

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- The DETE position was reported in a recent media article.
- **Sikh Council of Australia – Discrimination:** The council is concerned that the amendments discriminate against baptised Sikhs by preventing them from working in or visiting schools.
- This view is shared by the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland (the commission), who in its submission to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee during consideration of the 2011 Bill, submitted that the amendments would discriminate against Sikhs unless they compromised their religion. The commission further considered that the statistical evidence of knife offences was not persuasive enough to justify overriding the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* given that there was no indication that any of the offences involved kirpans and all the offences in question occurred when the possession of a knife in a school was already illegal.

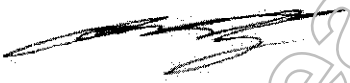
- **Sikh Council of Australia – Consultation on the Bill:**

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- The council is also concerned that the Scrutiny Committee did not seek to clarify the issue of age requirements for baptism, leaving the Scrutiny Committee under the impression that Sikh children may have been carrying kirpans to school.
- In a submission the council made to the Scrutiny Committee in May 2011 it had argued for the right of baptised Sikh students to wear kirpans in schools. The council now clarifies that school aged children cannot be baptised and, therefore, cannot carry kirpans.

• **CONSULTATION**

- QPS, DETE.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Premier of Queensland

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Dear Mr Jagdev

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2013 about Sikhs being able to carry Kirpans for genuine religious purposes in schools. I apologise for the delay in responding to you; however, I really wanted to have a good look at the situation before I finalised my response to you.

As you would be aware, the amendments to the *Weapons Act 1990* (the Weapons Act) contained in the Weapons Amendment Bill 2011 (the Bill) dealing with the possession of knives in public places and schools took effect in January 2012. This means that it is now clear that baptised Sikhs are excused from compliance with the general law banning the possession of knives in public places and may carry Kirpans as part of their compliance with their religious beliefs. This specific exception does not, however, extend to the possession of Kirpans in schools.

I appreciate that you are concerned about the potential impact this law may have on baptised Sikhs in Queensland's schools, particularly those Sikhs employed or seeking employment as teachers.

The Department of Education Training and Employment (DETE) does not have a policy that expressly forbids the wearing of Kirpans in schools. If it is a ceremonial blade with a dull point or blade it may not always be regarded as a knife under the Weapons Act. Any report of a person wearing a Kirpan will, therefore, be treated on a case-by-case basis. For weapons that carry the risk of harm to others, all people in Queensland's schools - students and teachers alike - are required to abide by the law.

I have been advised by DETE that, if a Sikh employed in a Queensland school was found to be in possession of a Kirpan that could be considered to be a knife in breach of the Weapons Act, then the matter would be referred to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for investigation. The incident would also need to be reported to the Department's Ethical Standards Unit to consider what action should be taken against the person. Again, any decisions about the employee would be made on a case-by-case basis.

The Government has an obligation to do everything it can to make our schools safe. This means that sometimes restrictions need to be placed on rights and freedoms that are enjoyed in the broader community. I know that you feel the current law unfairly discriminates against Sikhs. Please let me assure you that the Government does not want to make it difficult for anybody to follow their religious beliefs and will, wherever possible, protect the right to religious expression. However, the rights of children to be safe and feel safe in their schools must always come first. The law about weapons in schools, therefore, applies to everybody, regardless of race, religion and culture and there can be no exceptions. The safety of our children must be our highest priority.

There is, therefore, no current plan to amend the legislation, given that under the current policies the Kirpan is not expressly banned and there is room to take into account the individual circumstances of a case and, in particular, any intention of causing harm to others.

I can see that you have very strong views on this issue and I have taken the opportunity to provide a copy of your letter to the Honourable John Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment and the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety so they can be aware of your ongoing concerns.

You have also expressed your dissatisfaction about the fact that the council was not consulted in relation to the Bill. Consultation on the amendments was undertaken by the QPS on behalf of the previous Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, who was responsible for the legislation. I am unable to comment any further on the issue of consultation during the Bill as this was the responsibility of the previous Government. I do, however, note that the previous Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services released an exposure draft of the Bill containing these amendments between August and September 2010 for public consultation. More than 2500 online comments and submissions were received at the time.

I note that you have also raised concerns about a failing on the part of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (the committee) to consult with you about your submission to them on the Bill. I can assure you that the committee did examine the impact of the amendments on the right to freedom of belief and religion and as a result requested that the former Government provide further information about the amendment.

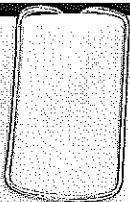
Finally, let me thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I am always keen to hear from interested bodies or groups with their views on Queensland's laws and the impact they are having on Queenslanders.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



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Thursday, 24 January 2013

Hon. Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland,
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Hon. Premier,

Ref:- Queensland Weapons Amendment Bill 2011

Sikh Council of Australia, (Sikh Council) is the peak representative body of the Sikhs and most of the Sikh Gurudwaras and Organisations are its members. It represents over 72 thousand Sikhs throughout Australia and is concerned about the Queensland Weapons Amendment Bill 2011 in particular Section 51 S 3A & 3B, Possession of a knife in a public place or in a school. The Bill has created more problems for the baptised Sikhs in Queensland than it has resolved as it has debarred the baptised Sikhs from seeking employment in any educational institution.

In its submission to the "Scrutiny of Legislation Committee" the Sikh Council had requested, giving reasons, that the "reasonable excuse" in Section 51 of the Weapons Act 1990 should also be extended to the physical possession of the knife (Kirpan) by the baptised Sikhs in schools as well. The Scrutiny of Legislation Committee did not take an objective approach to the issue Sikh Council had raised and not being aware of the religious significance of Kirpan to a baptized Sikh failed to foresee the implications of the Bill by not extending the possession of kirpan (knife) a reasonable excuse for religious purpose, by baptised Sikh teachers and ancillary staff in schools.

The Scrutiny of Legislation Committee should have consulted the Sikh Council, the peak representative body of the Sikhs in Australia, on such an important issue but did not seek any further consultation, elaboration or clarification. Instead in consultation with a local stand alone family society called "Sikh Nishkam Society" which is not even a member of the Sikh Council, allowed the amendment to proceed. Had the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee been aware of the age at which a person can be baptised, it would have extended the possession of kirpan (knife) a reasonable excuse for religious purpose, by baptised Sikh teachers and ancillary staff in schools.

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At what age can a person be baptised?

On page 34 sub para (d) of the Code of Sikh conduct and Conventions, it clearly states that the person to be baptised should not be of very young age; he or she should have attained a plausible degree of discretion. He or she should be of mature age, and Sikh Council confirmed it in its radio interview, on the issue of possession of knife (kirpan) by the school going children, that the school children should not be baptised and hence cannot wear a kirpan to school.

There is no justification in the argument to say that it is safe for a baptised Sikh teacher to have Kirpan on him/her in public but not in school. Had the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee any reason for not giving consideration to the submission made by Sikh Council, it should have asked for further clarification of the issue. The Sikh Council would have clarified the situation regarding the age at which a person should be baptised, which the said Nishkam Society doesn't know that under the *Code of Sikh Conduct and Conventions*, the children cannot be baptised and hence cannot carry kirpan to school and therefore they are not a security risk to other school children.

In a multiethnic, multicultural and multi faith society such as Australia, government of any persuasion cannot afford to deny or withhold the religious requirements of a community any longer. Amendment 3B states:-

“However, it is not a reasonable excuse to physically possess a knife in a school for genuine religious purposes.”

Although the Queensland government recognises that it is a reasonable excuse, for a baptised Sikh to possess a kirpan at all times irrespective of the time and place, to comply with his/her religious requirements, yet it is a paradoxical assertion by the Queensland government to argue that to wear the kirpan in a school is not a “reasonable excuse” for a baptised Sikh teacher to comply with his/her religious requirements.

Reading between the lines Amendment 3B has raised a number of questions and concerns and the implications are that, legally, a baptised Sikh,:-

- cannot teach in any school.
- cannot enter any school premises to attend any school function or attend parents and teacher's Association meetings.
- cannot meet the teacher to discuss his/her child's progress report or talk with the school Principal.
- cannot attend a sports carnival to watch his/her child taking part in any event or attend prize giving or child's graduation ceremony.
- cannot be an employee of any school or work as a private delivery person to deliver goods to schools.
- tradesman cannot work in any school even in an emergency situation.

Over and above all these implications Sikh Council views with concern as to what the Queensland government will do with the existing baptised Sikhs employed in the schools?.

- Terminate their services,
- Make them redundant
- To keep their jobs ask them to recant their religious requirements/obligations.

An obvious deduction or a corollary to the Amendment 3B of the Queensland Weapons Amendment Bill 2011 is that hence-forth no baptised Sikh will be eligible to seek employment in the school environments which is a violation of his/her right to practice his/her religion.

In view of these implications of the amendment 3B the Sikh Council, on 21st December 2011, wrote to the then Premier of Queensland Hon . Anna Bligh (see the attached letter) to clarify the above points raised by the Sikh Council to allay fear and confusion the Amendment 3B of the Queensland Weapons Amendment Bill 2011 had caused amongst the Sikh community. The Sikh Council did not receive satisfactory reply.

Hon. Premier these are drastic discriminatory measures the Queensland government has legislated against only one ethnic community, the Sikhs. In a democratic country laws should be equally applicable to all its citizens irrespective of their colour, creed ethnicity or religious persuasion. Sikh Council feels that the amendment of Sub Section 3B of Section 51 of the Queensland Weapons Amendment Bill 2011, as it stands, is an unlawful discrimination and is directed only against the Sikhs, on the basis of the compliance of their religion requirements and that too, only in Queensland; as none of the other States have passed any such Law. Sikhs are being unfairly treated and are not getting a fair go. Sikh Council has received numerous complaints, from its members, about the ramifications of this Bill, which in the light of the above implications need to be revisited and assessed to make necessary amendments so that the baptised Sikhs have the same employment opportunities and rights as other citizens and are not being disadvantaged in any way. Sikh Council will be most willing to discuss the issue further and provide further clarifications on the subject if required to resolve the issue.

Sikh Council feels that the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee was misinformed about the age at which a person can be baptised and had erred in **not** recommending, that to physically possess a knife (Kirpan) by a baptised Sikh teacher in a school for genuine religious purposes is a reasonable excuse, and thereby according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act the Bill has discriminated against the baptised Sikhs. This error needs to be corrected and Sikh Council solicits your immediate action on the issue, to allay the fear which has sent panic waves not only in Queensland but in the whole Sikh community in Australia.

Hon Premier, I on behalf of the Sikh community in Australia approach you to do justice to the Sikhs by amending the Bill so that the baptised Sikhs are not being discriminated against and have an equal employment opportunity in all private and public sectors.

Yours sincerely,

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 22 March 2013
Subject: Request from Flipside Circus to extend their social circus program to schools in the Logan area to address racial tensions

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to Ms Deb Wilks, CEO Flipside Circus (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 24 January 2013, Ms Wilks wrote to you requesting support for the Flipside Circus to work with schools in the Logan area, to help address racial tensions among students as recently documented in the media (**Attachment 2**). Flipside Circus has been running 'social circus' programs at Inala State School and Watson Road State School over the past three years.
- On 21 January 2013, *The Courier Mail* and *Brisbane Times* published articles which included statements that you would ask the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment to address concerns that racial tensions were evident in Logan schools.
- On 22 January 2013, Minister Langbroek responded (in the media) stating that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) was working on a plan that fitted within the general behaviour management plan for schools. Minister Langbroek also attended the Logan community summit convened by the Mayor of Logan, Councillor Pam Parker, held 19-20 February 2013.
- While DETE advises that the principals at Logan have not reported any increased racial tensions in the schools themselves, DETE has been working to implement a proactive response to address any potential flow-on effects into schools. Details about the response are outlined in **Attachment 3**.
- In terms of the offer to introduce Flipside Circus work into Logan schools, DETE advises that it is up to individual schools to select additional programs which best suit their needs. While the response suggests that Ms Wilks may like to (i) contact Logan schools directly and (ii) consider applying for funding from the Gambling Community Benefit fund to support the circus's operations, Minister Langbroek will also meet with her directly to discuss how the program could be best utilised across the school system.

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Dear Ms Wilks

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2013 about your proposal to offer Flipside Circus programs to students in Logan schools to help address racial tensions in the area. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on the fantastic work that Flipside Circus has been doing at Inala and Watson Road State Schools. It is clearly a highly creative and engaging program that has the potential to deliver a range of benefits to individual students and school communities.

You will be pleased to know that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has implemented a number of specific measures to help schools in Logan address any underlying racial tensions. These are in addition to the standard behaviour management programs and include:

- whole-of-school and classroom communication from the first day back at school about the importance of school values and rules, and respect for other students
- close discussions with school staff with Pacifica and Indigenous connections, as well as community elders
- increased supervision and vigilance on school grounds and at school gates before and after school
- liaison with the Queensland Police Service about assisting with additional presence in and around schools, at the start and finish of a school day, particularly during the first week of school.

In addition, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment attended the community summit organised by the Logan Mayor, Councillor Pam Parker that was held on 19 and 20 February 2013.

I understand that DETE does not generally endorse specific programs or resources, as it is the schools that make decisions about accessing additional programs, which meet the needs of their students. With this in mind, you might like to contact schools directly to gauge their interest in Flipside Circus. A list of Queensland schools and their contact details can be accessed online by visiting the website at www.education.qld.gov.au and then clicking on the links: 1) 'Directories' and 2) 'Schools directory'.

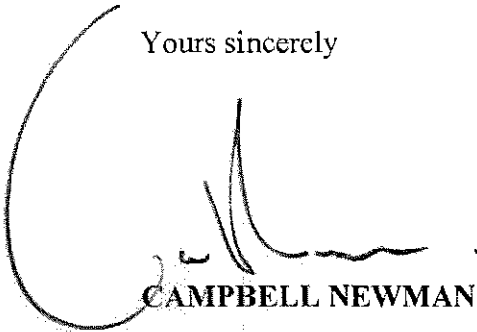
Because the Flipside Circus program has real merit, I have also asked Minister Langbroek to meet with you to discuss how the program could be best utilised across the school system. Please contact Ms Lisa Pennisi, Executive Assistant on telephone (07) 3237 1000 to arrange a suitable time to meet with Minister Langbroek.

If you have not already done so, you may also like to consider applying for some grant funding available through the Queensland Government's Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation. The Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund (JCCBF) offers one-off grants of up to \$150 000 to not-for profit community groups. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund also provides one-off grant funding of up to \$35 000 to community groups in Queensland.

For further information about the JCCBF, please visit www.olgr.qld.gov.au and then click on the links: 1) 'Grants' and 2) 'Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund/Gambling Community Benefit Fund'. To read the funding guidelines and eligibility requirements, please click on 'Funding Guidelines'.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me and I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I am very sorry that this matter has not been dealt with in a timely manner - the delay is unacceptable. My wife Lisa extends her fondest regards!

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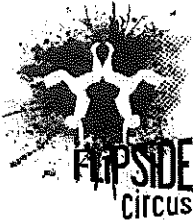
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Dear Mr Premier,

As you are aware there has been much unrest in the Logan area of Brisbane due to what appears to be racial tensions between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the Pacific Island communities.

I read in Brisbane Times online that you would be asking the Education Minister for "a response that can be implemented so when kids are coming back to schools there will be something done about it."

For the past three years Flipside Circus has been running social circus programs at Inala State School and Watson Road State School in response to the schools seeking alternative ways to assist students to build better relationships with each other, their teachers and the wider community.

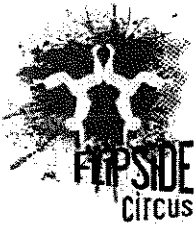
Watson Road SS. have an Indigenous population of 17% and 44% of students have a language other than English. Inala SS. has a 14% Indigenous population and 68% LOTE. Flipside Circus works with a diverse group of these students.

Last week I met with Mr Darren Ball, principal of Watson Road SS. who outlined some of the issues he would like our circus program to address in 2013. The issues are 'respect' and 'to concentrate on the acceptance of difference in cultures, wearing of veils, religious beliefs etc'. Within the school there have been high levels of racial bullying and teachers are spending a lot of time attending to behavioural and race issues rather than teaching.

Through the involvement of Flipside Circus Mr Ball is convinced the circus program is making an enormous difference to his school environment even describing the children who have participated as taking on 'rock star status' within the school. The show performance (made up of children from over five different nations) offered the school community a chance to see the 'trouble makers' in a completely different light. The kids were engaged, happy and had to touch, stand on, rely on and trust their fellow students to make the show happen.

Mr Premier, there is much evidence to confirm that approaching social issues with arts practise such as circus has an immediate impact on the group and encourages and supports the development, understanding and building of interpersonal relationships.

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The principles that define social circus

Described by Cirque du Soleil® in their community circus handbook, *'Social circus is a way of approaching social problems derived from an innovative fusion between circus arts and social intervention. Social circus aims to ensure the all-around development and social inclusion of people at risk, especially youth.'*

Precisely because it leaves room for freedom and creativity while demanding tenacity, perseverance and discipline, social circus empowers participants to use their marginality to express themselves and establish a new relationship with a society that has often excluded them.

Traditionally in Australia 'the arts have almost always been viewed as peripheral to learning but all the evidence says it is integral. Whether it is music or circus arts these types of activities provide young people at risk with the opportunity to develop physical skills that tap into self-confidence, overcome prejudice, improve self-motivation and assist in the development of leadership.

Social Circus - Encouraging the Development of Citizenship

For marginalized youth – sometimes marginalized to the extent of being rejected by society – the idea of "living together" can be abstract or even completely beyond their understanding. Citizenship, the consciousness of being part of a group, with one's rights and one's duties, can be illustrated and brought home to them during social circus workshops. Collective decisions are made for the common good, conflicts are resolved without violence, ideas are exchanged, divergent interests or desires are reconciled; for youths, it becomes a real initiation to democracy thanks to everyone's participation. Social circus thus gives the young participants the opportunity to take their place in society and to connect with the social group

Mr Premier, I know and believe that our circus approach truly makes a difference to the lives of marginalised young people. Flipside Circus has an enviable record of social circus delivery in schools in Brisbane and throughout regional Queensland.

We have demonstrated our commitment consistently by introducing children to the joy of the circus whilst at the same time showing alternative ways of coping, learning and developing.

I appreciate this is 'outside the square thinking'. However with traditional methods of migrant settlement programs apparently struggling to cope in addition to the violence & misunderstanding we should be looking at alternative answers. What better time to offer the young people in Logan a fun, inclusive, risk taking and interesting circus program that will also assist in breaking down barriers?

There are already two principals' in the Logan area committed to the benefits of circus arts. Flipside Circus has the capacity and enthusiasm to extend this program to other schools. We would be keen to take a leading role in assisting to address the racial tensions that exist at a school level.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this letter – I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards

s.73 Signature

Deb Wilks | CEO

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**Advice from Department of Education, Training and Employment: start of 2013
proactive response to potential for increased tension or bullying in Logan Schools**

Measures and strategies utilised by the Department of Education, Training and Employment have included:

- **Whole school communication in each school from Day 1:**
 - school assembly and classroom focus on whole school values and behaviour expectations undertaken from the start of week;
 - whole school emphasis on promoting cultural harmony and respect;
 - re-reinforcement of core School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school rules. These schools are strong implementers of SWPBS with whole of school community knowledge of the core rules — what they mean, look like, sound like (e.g. respect as a school value/rule is explicitly taught, which includes what it looks like at the bus stop, in the classroom, at the tuckshop, in the playground); and
 - explicit reminders to students about appropriate responses to harassment or bullying and accessing staff and services regarding any issues or concerns (e.g. Guidance Officer, Chaplain, Community Liaison Officer).
- **Strategies preserving safe school communities and cultural harmony:**
 - continued close liaison with school staff with Pacifica and Indigenous connections;
 - continued close liaison and communication with relevant Elders;
 - increased supervision and vigilance at school gates before and after school;
 - increased supervision and vigilance regarding known possible gathering points (e.g. local park, school oval); and
 - extra vigilance at lunch and transition breaks.
- **Community communication:**
 - consistent messages on school signage across all schools regarding learning, safe schools and harmony as well as through newsletters and all face-to-face meetings;
 - direct school contact this week with families who are able to be identified as living in or near Douglas Street who may need reassurance or support;
 - direct contact with families by relevant school staff should the school become aware of any concern about student reluctance to return to school; and

- continued internal practice of contacting families of any students with unexplained absence from school next week.
- **Regional Support:**
 - direct contact numbers for Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director and Principal Advisor Education Services provided for 24/7 assistance;
 - continued support through region for SWPBS and other targeted programs;
 - liaison with Queensland Police Services (QPS) to assist with additional presence in and around schools at start and finish of school day, particularly week one of school;
 - ongoing liaison with QPS and school based police and schools regarding attention to 'hot spots' away from the school grounds themselves; and
 - support for schools in situations of media interest – active promotion of good news stories re Logan schools and community.

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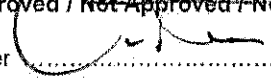
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Premier 

Date 29.1.2013

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• KEY ISSUES

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Dear Prime Minister

I write to you in relation to the severe weather events that have hit Queensland following the trail of Tropical Cyclone Oswald.

Once again, Queensland has felt the full destructive force of Mother Nature. The severe weather caused by Tropical Cyclone Oswald has affected communities from Cape York to the New South Wales border. Some communities, such as Bundaberg, have been particularly hard hit, with extensive damage caused by flooding and destructive storm cells.

I have seen the devastation first hand and heard people's stories of loss and hardship. I have been shocked by the scale of the devastation that I have seen.

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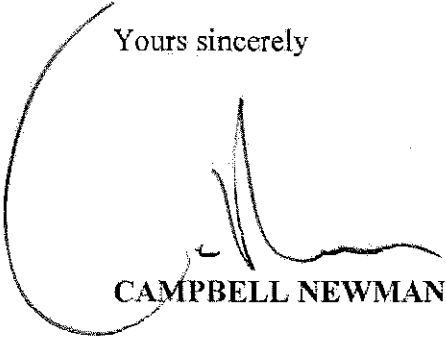
To help those who have been affected, the Queensland Government has contributed \$1 million to kick-start the appeal. I request that the Australian Government consider matching the Queensland Government contribution by also donating \$1 million to the appeal to help all those in need.

There's no doubt that coming so soon after the 2011 floods, this is a major blow for the people of Queensland. And while Queenslanders are extremely resilient and will recover from these events, they will need support to do so.

I can assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to helping the affected communities on the road to recovery and will continue to work in partnership with the Australian Government, local councils, non-government organisations and volunteers to support people through this difficult time.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely



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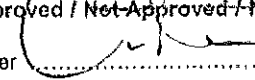
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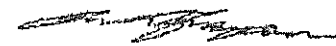
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Subject: Flood relief appeal launched



Media release

Premier

The Honourable Campbell Newman

Flood relief appeal launched

Premier Campbell Newman has launched the Queensland Flood Appeal 2013, a Queensland Government/Red Cross partnership to help Queenslanders impacted by recent floods and storms.

The Newman Government has kick-started the appeal with a \$1 million donation.

Mr Newman encouraged all Queenslanders to give to the appeal to help those in need.

"The destructive force of the weather caused by Cyclone Oswald has affected communities from the Cape to the New South Wales border," Mr Newman said.

"Some communities have been particularly hard hit with extensive damage caused by flooding and destructive storm cells.

"The money raised through the appeal will go directly to helping those in need.

"Financial support at times like these can make a huge difference to the lives of those affected.

"I ask all Queenslanders to give generously to this worthy cause."

Donations can be made by calling 1800 811 700 or visiting www.redcross.org.au.

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 6 March 2013
Subject: **Correspondence from Minister Macklin in relation to progress on Indigenous home ownership**

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Date 6.3.2013

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- **note** progress to enable Indigenous people to enter into home ownership in Queensland
- **sign** the response to the Honourable Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 24 January 2013, Minister Macklin wrote to you about Queensland's efforts to increase Indigenous home ownership and indicated concerns about the adverse impact of the withdrawal of the First Home Owner's Grant (FHOG) for existing homes on progressing indigenous home ownership especially for residents in Coen (**Attachment 2**).
- Enabling home ownership in Indigenous communities is a complex issue involving all three tiers of Government and a complicated array of different land title arrangements. There are also issues around determining an appropriate sale price in these communities (when no real market exists) and taking into account the financial capacity of residents to service a home loan.
- To date little progress has been made with only one recent sale of a house to a woman on freehold property in Hopevale. However, there is unlikely to be a large uptake by Indigenous people buying their own home in indigenous communities because of the fairly small numbers of people living in these communities and their limited employment and financial capacity.
- Nevertheless, Government needs to ensure that any barriers to ownership are removed so that people who are willing and able to borrow funds to buy their own home can do so. The main barriers to progressing home ownership on Indigenous land include:
 - 1) unresolved land tenure and native title issues — home ownership cannot be progressed where native title has not been addressed
 - 2) the need in some communities for land to be surveyed and subdivided
 - 3) the lack of capacity of Trustees to grant leases and councils to support the processes associated with selling houses
 - 4) the need to finalise an acceptable sale price for social housing — under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*, the Government and CEO of the Council need to agree on a price for social housing in indigenous communities.
- Significant progress has been made on addressing the first three issues, including legislation to clarify the operation of the so-called 'Katter leases' which provided perpetual leases for residential and other purposes and the release of a Discussion Paper on providing freehold title in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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- However, the main stumbling block is that no agreement has been reached between the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) and the relevant local councils on an appropriate sale price for social housing that has been built in their communities. Local councils are the trustees of the land and in most cases the prospective home owner would be taking out a 99-year home ownership lease with the council.
- The Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works has recently endorsed a sale price, which would see a three bedroom social housing dwelling in an indigenous community cost between \$90 000 and \$150 000, that will be used as the starting point for negotiations in each community.
- DHPW is currently undertaking negotiations with the Palm Island Council on sale prices, and negotiations commenced with the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council on 20 January 2013. It is the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) view that each council should have the freedom to negotiate prices best suited to their individual communities with the sale prices set out by DHPW to be used as a guide only. A one-size-fits-all approach is unlikely to be workable across the different communities.
- On the issue raised by Minister Macklin about the FHOG, DHPW has advised that there are 12 people in Coen who had home loan applications in for approval at the time of the removal of the FHOG. DHPW believes that consideration should be given to honouring the payment for six of these people who were intending to purchase social housing properties. Minister Mander is currently considering whether these six people should receive a grant of \$7000, and if so what precedent this may set.
- DPC supports the payment of \$42 000 which is a relatively modest amount to cover the withdrawal of the FHOG grant for the six people in Coen. Given they had already lodged applications for loans with Indigenous Business Australia for social housing when the FHOG was withdrawn, the payments should be able to be confined and not set a precedent.
- DPC notes that other jurisdictions operate their own state based aboriginal home ownership schemes which can also involve start up loans and grants. For instance, the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office has a joint scheme with Indigenous Business Australia, which can provide up to \$2500 for legal and other costs and also offers the ability to seek exemptions from payment of stamp duty. These types of initiatives may be able to be considered more broadly in Queensland particularly to address indigenous home ownership in regional and urban areas.
- DPC will provide a further brief to you outlining the progress of home ownership in indigenous communities that will include progress on negotiations by DHPW on the sale price for social housing stock and the final position reached by Minister Mander on whether to compensate the six applicants in Coen for the withdrawal of the FHOG on existing properties.
- A response to Minister Macklin has been drafted that reaffirms Queensland's commitment to Indigenous home ownership (**Attachment 1**).

Comments

Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2013 about Indigenous home ownership, including ownership of homes on Indigenous land. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with opportunities to own their own home. This is why we are continuing to work with trustees, individual community members and other stakeholders to remove the barriers, including bureaucratic roadblocks, to sustainable home ownership.

We are working hard to resolve issues such as land tenure reform, an essential part of progressing home ownership in Indigenous communities. In December 2012, we released a discussion paper *Providing freehold title in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities*. The proposal to make the option of ordinary, freehold land available in these communities will help realise this Government's commitment to ensure community members have a better chance to own their home.

Another issue, critical to progressing home ownership, is to reach agreement between the Queensland Government and land trustees on the initial sale price of social housing. In December 2012, my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, met with mayors of Indigenous councils to discuss this issue. Minister Mander and his team are now working with individual councils to progress this further.

The Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (the program office) within the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) was established to drive land tenure reform. The program office is dedicated to resolving native title issues and addressing land, infrastructure and planning related barriers to economic and social development.

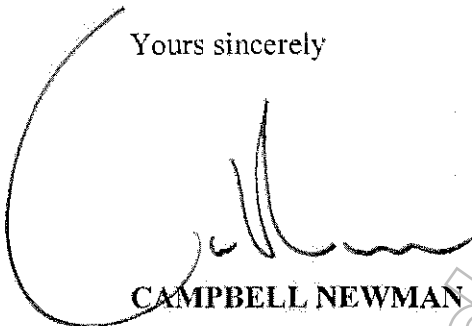
You will be aware that the program office hosts the Australian Government funded Home Ownership Team which, together with a Leasing Support Team from Queensland's Department of Natural Resources and Mines, provides advice and support to councils as Trustees on land administration procedures, legislation and home ownership processes.

Your letter referred to the loss of the First Home Owner Grant in Queensland and that this policy change affected a number of Indigenous people who were pursuing home ownership on freehold land in Coen. I'm pleased to advise that the Queensland Government is currently considering options to address the impact of this policy change for those people who had existing loan applications for home ownership.

I can assure you the Queensland Government will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, who wish to own their own home, are given every opportunity to do so, including in urban areas of Queensland. Only by working together on an issue of such importance can we be sure we are doing all we can to support home ownership.

Should your officers require any further information, I encourage them to contact Mr Allen Cunneen, Executive Director, Far North Queensland and Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, DATSIMA on telephone (07) 4057 3860 or by email at allen.eunneen@datsima.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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24 JAN 2013

MN12-003030

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Dear Premier

I am writing about the important issue of Indigenous home ownership, including on Indigenous land. As you would be aware, the gap in home ownership rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is significant across Australia.

In Queensland, the home ownership rate for Indigenous households is half the rate for non-Indigenous households. At the 7 December 2012 meeting of the Council of Australian Governments, jurisdictions agreed to a provisional target of a 10 per cent increase in the rate of Indigenous home ownership over the period of the National Affordable Housing Agreement, from 2008 to 2017-18.

The Australian Government supports Indigenous Australians having the same opportunities to choose and aspire to home ownership as other Australians. The Government facilitates home ownership for Indigenous people in a number of ways, including:

- providing access to discounted finance and other financial assistance through Indigenous Business Australia's Indigenous Home Ownership program;
- building people's financial literacy through initiatives such as Australian Securities and Investments Commission's Money Smart website project; and
- My Department's financial management program which funds money management services and the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land Structured Education Program.

I appreciate that your government is also committed to advancing Indigenous home ownership, naming it as one of the top five priorities for Indigenous affairs, following on from its inclusion as one of your election commitments. I would be interested to hear further about your government's plan for pursuing and supporting Indigenous home ownership, particularly for Indigenous Queenslanders living in urban and regional locations. I would hope that over time the significant investment in Queensland through the Closing the Gap reforms and other health, education and economic development measures will improve Indigenous employment outcomes and mean that an increasing number of Indigenous families in Queensland may be in a position to sustain home ownership.

To ensure that we support this significant opportunity, current barriers to home ownership need to be addressed to enable it to become a reality for more Indigenous families in Queensland, including those living on Indigenous land.

In particular, I would like to raise one current barrier to Indigenous home ownership in Queensland I believe your government could easily address and that is your government's recent decision to withdraw the First Home Owners Grant for buying an existing dwelling.

Home loan approval records from Indigenous Business Australia show that across Australia between November 2010 and October 2012, 55 per cent of first home buyers assisted by Indigenous Business Australia would not have been eligible for Indigenous Business Australia home loans without the First Home Owners Grant to cover the deposit and other pre-purchase costs.

In Queensland, I understand the withdrawal of the First Home Owners Grant for existing homes has resulted in an immediate negative impact on home ownership in the remote township of Coen. I am advised that several social housing tenants wishing to purchase their homes through your government's 'sale to tenants' program are now no longer able to buy these homes, as they were relying on the First Home Owners Grant to pay the deposit and other pre-purchase costs.

I anticipate there may be similar consequences in other towns around Queensland. Many people will not be in a position to take advantage of Queensland's First Home Owners Construction Grant to buy new homes due to cost, or in some areas because no new homes are being built. I ask that you consider options to address the negative impact of this policy decision.

For people who aspire to owning homes in Indigenous communities, I am advised that both governments are working together under an agreed implementation plan to enable home ownership. I understand good progress has been made in the past 12 months to remove policy and administrative barriers to home ownership.

I appreciate land tenure reform is a necessary pre-condition to home ownership on Indigenous land. I commend the progress being made on land reform in Queensland in Indigenous communities, including the recent release by your government of the discussion paper "*Providing freehold title in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities*".

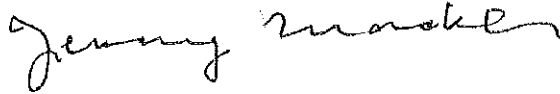
I understand a few critical issues need to be addressed in order to enable sustainable home ownership on Indigenous land through 99 year private residential leases. These include:

- agreement between the Queensland Government and land trustees on the initial sale price of social housing;
- addressing the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils to manage complex land administration and home ownership processes; and
- achieving native title consent for home ownership leases for Queensland Indigenous communities where this is necessary.

I seek your assurance that your government will focus on these matters early in 2013, so that we may see some home ownership outcomes in some Queensland Indigenous communities during the coming year.

I look forward to hearing from you about how we might work together to increase Indigenous home ownership opportunities across Queensland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Macklin".

JENNY MACKLIN MP

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 21 March 2013
Subject: Response to s.73 Member of the Public and [redacted] regarding discontinuation of school-based traineeship (SBT) - [redacted] and Brisbane North Institute of TAFE (BNIT)

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Premier: [Signature]
Date: 30/4/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the attached response to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] wrote to you on 28 January 2013 and 21 February 2013 respectively, disappointed that their son expected to complete a school-based traineeship (SBT) with employer [redacted], while completing a Certificate III in [redacted] at BNIT in 2013. This did not eventuate and the family believes it is due to withdrawal of funding from SBTs (Attachments 2 and 3).
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are (SBATs) undertaken as part of a student's high school studies and are currently funded at 100 per cent under the User Choice program in Queensland. The Skills and Training Taskforce report and Government response have not affected funding under the existing User Choice program in Queensland.
- SBATs offered under User Choice are different from Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS). In relation to VETiS, the Government response committed to ensuring that school students would continue to be offered a range of VET programs that will support informed career decisions and offer opportunities to gain qualifications that lead to further education or employment. However, the response indicated that Government VET funds would be targeted towards training outcomes that deliver a clear pathway to employment.
- To undertake an SBT under User Choice, a registered training organisation (RTO) must be engaged to deliver the training. The selected RTO is required to ensure appropriate employment arrangements are in place.
- In 2010 [redacted] engaged BNIT as their preferred RTO to deliver the Certificate III in [redacted] through an SBT agreement. In 2012, Skills Queensland approved changes to the SBAT policy effective from 1 January 2013. The two main changes to the SBAT policy were:
 - o an increase of work days required per 12-month period, which took the minimum requirement from 48 paid days of employment to 50 days, an increase of two days over a 12-month period
 - o for completion to occur in less than 12 months, the school-based trainee must have been provided a minimum of 50 paid days of employment.
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) advises this change to policy was made in response to significant issues identified with school-based trainees in a range of industries. One of the major issues identified with SBTs was an increasing number of trainees completing SBTs in short periods of time with a minimal number of paid days of employment. This issue was not restricted to creative industries. If applied across a range of industries, the fitness industry in particular.

- The industry body representing creative industries submitted an application to Skills Queensland requesting an exemption from the 50-day minimum requirement for two specific employers, one of which was [redacted]. The request was not approved and, in late 2012, [redacted] cancelled the agreement with BNIT. As a result, BNIT does not offer this Certificate III under the SBT model. The policy change does not affect SBTs with training contracts commenced prior to 1 January 2013. However, if they cancel and recommence a new training contract after 1 January 2013, they fall under the new policy.

s.73 Member of the Public

- The school may also be able to offer him other courses in media with similar learning outcomes, and DETE advises he is currently timetabled in school classes in Information Technology — Multi-media.
- Additionally, while BNIT does not offer the desired Certificate III under the SBT model, it does provide a full-time program leading to Certificate III in Media. This program allows students to achieve skills in graphic design, 2D animation, 3D modelling, audio, video, and web design, and may be an option for [redacted] beyond Year 10, or beforehand, if an appropriate schooling arrangement can be agreed with the Principal.

• CONSULTATION

- DETE and Skills Queensland provided the information on which this brief is based.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

please prepare a letter to Skills Queensland to explain why an exemption want given.

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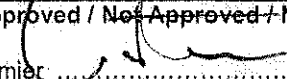
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 1 February 2013
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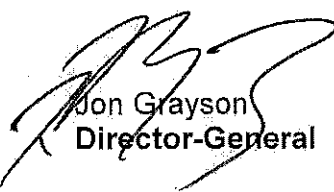
- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, informing her that Her Excellency Penelope Wensley, Governor of Queensland, has issued Letters Patent (**Attachment 3**) establishing the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the royal commission)
- sign the letters (**Attachment 2**) to the commissioners of the royal commission informing them of the issuing of the Letters Patent.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 11 January 2013, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, Governor-General, issued Letters Patent establishing a royal commission. The Letters Patent appoints six commissioners to the royal commission, and defines the royal commission's scope and Terms of Reference.
- On 24 January 2013, the Governor of Queensland issued equivalent Letters Patent (**Attachment 3**) to establish a concurrent royal commission in Queensland appointing the same six commissioners with the same scope and terms of reference.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Prime Minister

Julia

Further to my letter of 23 January 2013 in relation to the issuing of Letters Patent for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the royal commission), the Letters Patent were issued in Queensland on 24 January 2013. I enclose a copy of the Letters Patent that establish the royal commission in Queensland in accordance with the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950 (Qld)*.

I have also written to the Honourable Justice Peter McClellan and his fellow commissioners, informing them of the establishment in Queensland of the concurrent royal commission.

My Government looks forward to working in collaboration with the Australian Government and the other states in cooperating with the royal commission.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Premier of Queensland

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Queensland fully supports the establishment of the royal commission and I wish you and your fellow commissioners well in your undertaking.

Yours sincerely



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LETTERS PATENT

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO:

The Honourable Justice Peter David McClellan AM,

Mr Robert Atkinson,

The Honourable Justice Jennifer Ann Coate,

Mr Robert William Fitzgerald AM,

Dr Helen Mary Milroy, and

Mr Andrew James Marshall Murray

GREETING:

WHEREAS all children deserve a safe and happy childhood.

AND Australia has undertaken international obligations to take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect children from sexual abuse and other forms of abuse, including measures for the prevention, identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow up of incidents of child abuse.

AND all forms of child sexual abuse are a gross violation of a child's right to this protection and a crime under Australian law and may be accompanied by other unlawful or improper treatment of children, including physical assault, exploitation, deprivation and neglect.

AND child sexual abuse and other related unlawful or improper treatment of children have a long-term cost to individuals, the economy and society.

AND public and private institutions, including child-care, cultural, educational, religious, sporting and other institutions, provide important services and support for children and their families that are beneficial to children's development.

AND it is important that claims of systemic failures by institutions in relation to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse and any related unlawful or improper treatment of children be fully explored, and that best practice is identified so that it may be followed in the future both to protect against the occurrence of child sexual abuse and to respond appropriately when any allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse occur, including holding perpetrators to account and providing justice to victims.

AND it is important that those affected by child sexual abuse can share their experiences to assist with healing and to inform the development of strategies and reforms that your inquiry will seek to identify.

AND noting that, without diminishing its criminality or seriousness, your inquiry will not specifically examine the issue of child sexual abuse and related matters outside institutional

contexts, but that any recommendations you make are likely to improve the response to all forms of child sexual abuse in all contexts.

AND all Australian Governments have expressed their support for, and undertaken to cooperate with, your inquiry.

NOW THEREFORE We do by these Our Letters Patent issued in Our name by Our Governor in and over Our State of Queensland acting by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our State of Queensland and in pursuance of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* and all other powers her therunto enabling HEREBY APPOINT YOU to be Commissioners to inquire into institutional responses to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse and related matters, and in particular, without limiting the scope of your inquiry, the following matters:

- (a) what institutions and governments should do to better protect children against child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts in the future;
- (b) what institutions and governments should do to achieve best practice in encouraging the reporting of, and responding to reports or information about, allegations, incidents or risks of child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts;
- (c) what should be done to eliminate or reduce impediments that currently exist for responding appropriately to child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts, including addressing failures in, and impediments to, reporting, investigating and responding to allegations and incidents of abuse;
- (d) what institutions and governments should do to address, or alleviate the impact of, past and future child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts, including, in particular, in ensuring justice for victims through the provision of redress by institutions, processes for referral for investigation and prosecution and support services.

AND We direct you to make any recommendations arising out of your inquiry that you consider appropriate, including recommendations about any policy, legislative, administrative or structural reforms.

AND, without limiting the scope of your inquiry or the scope of any recommendations arising out of your inquiry that you may consider appropriate, We direct you, for the purposes of your inquiry and recommendations, to have regard to the following matters:

- (e) the experience of people directly or indirectly affected by child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts, and the provision of opportunities for them to share their experiences in appropriate ways while recognising that many of them will be severely traumatised or will have special support needs;
- (f) the need to focus your inquiry and recommendations on systemic issues, recognising nevertheless that you will be informed by individual cases and may need to make referrals to appropriate authorities in individual cases;
- (g) the adequacy and appropriateness of the responses by institutions, and their officials, to reports and information about allegations, incidents or risks of child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts;

- (h) changes to laws, policies, practices and systems that have improved over time the ability of institutions and governments to better protect against and respond to child sexual abuse and related matters in institutional contexts.

AND We further declare that you are not required by these Our Letters Patent to inquire, or to continue to inquire, into a particular matter to the extent that you are satisfied that the matter has been, is being, or will be, sufficiently and appropriately dealt with by another inquiry or investigation or a criminal or civil proceeding.

AND, without limiting the scope of your inquiry or the scope of any recommendations arising out of your inquiry that you may consider appropriate, We direct you, for the purposes of your inquiry and recommendations, to consider the following matters, and We authorise you to take (or refrain from taking) any action that you consider appropriate arising out of your consideration:

- (i) the need to establish mechanisms to facilitate the timely communication of information, or the furnishing of evidence, documents or things, in accordance with any relevant law, including, for example, for the purpose of enabling the timely investigation and prosecution of offences;
- (j) the need to establish investigation units to support your inquiry;
- (k) the need to ensure that evidence that may be received by you that identifies particular individuals as having been involved in child sexual abuse or related matters is dealt with in a way that does not prejudice current or future criminal or civil proceedings or other contemporaneous inquiries;
- (l) the need to establish appropriate arrangements in relation to current and previous inquiries, in Australia and elsewhere, for evidence and information to be shared with you in ways consistent with relevant obligations so that the work of those inquiries, including, with any necessary consents, the testimony of witnesses, can be taken into account by you in a way that avoids unnecessary duplication, improves efficiency and avoids unnecessary trauma to witnesses;
- (m) the need to ensure that institutions and other parties are given a sufficient opportunity to respond to requests and requirements for information, documents and things, including, for example, having regard to any need to obtain archived material.

AND We appoint you, the Honourable Justice Peter David McClellan AM, to be the chairperson of the Commission.

AND We declare that you are authorised to conduct your inquiry into any matter under these Our Letters Patent in combination with any inquiry into the same matter, or a matter related to that matter, that you are directed or authorised to conduct by any Commission, or under any order or appointment, made by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia or any of Our Governors of the States or by the Government of any of Our Territories.

AND We declare that in these Our Letters Patent:

child means a child within the meaning of the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989.

government means the Government of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory, and includes any non-government institution that undertakes, or has undertaken, activities on behalf of a government.

institution means any public or private body, agency, association, club, institution, organisation or other entity or group of entities of any kind (whether incorporated or unincorporated), and however described, and:

- (i) includes, for example, an entity or group of entities (including an entity or group of entities that no longer exists) that provides, or has at any time provided, activities, facilities, programs or services of any kind that provide the means through which adults have contact with children, including through their families; and
- (ii) does not include the family.

institutional context: child sexual abuse happens in an **institutional context** if, for example:

- (i) it happens on premises of an institution, where activities of an institution take place, or in connection with the activities of an institution; or
- (ii) it is engaged in by an official of an institution in circumstances (including circumstances involving settings not directly controlled by the institution) where you consider that the institution has, or its activities have, created, facilitated, increased, or in any way contributed to, (whether by act or omission) the risk of child sexual abuse or the circumstances or conditions giving rise to that risk; or
- (iii) it happens in any other circumstances where you consider that an institution is, or should be treated as being, responsible for adults having contact with children.

law means a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

official, of an institution, includes:

- (i) any representative (however described) of the institution or a related entity; and
- (ii) any member, officer, employee, associate, contractor or volunteer (however described) of the institution or a related entity; and
- (iii) any person, or any member, officer, employee, associate, contractor or volunteer (however described) of a body or other entity, who provides services to, or for, the institution or a related entity; and
- (iv) any other person who you consider is, or should be treated as if the person were, an official of the institution.

related matters means any unlawful or improper treatment of children that is, either generally or in any particular instance, connected or associated with child sexual abuse.

AND We:

- (n) require you to begin your inquiry as soon as practicable, and

- (o) require you to make your inquiry as expeditiously as possible; and
- (p) require you to submit to Our Governor:
 - (i) first and as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 30 June 2014 (or such later date as Our Premier may, by notice in the Gazette, fix on your recommendation), an initial report of the results of your inquiry, the recommendations for early consideration you may consider appropriate to make in this initial report, and your recommendation for the date, not later than 31 December 2015, to be fixed for the submission of your final report; and
 - (ii) then and as soon as possible, and in any event not later than the date Our Premier may, by notice in the Gazette, fix on your recommendation, your final report of the results of your inquiry and your recommendations; and
- (q) authorise you to submit to Our Governor any additional interim reports that you consider appropriate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused the Public Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.



Penelope Anne Wensley

WITNESS Our Trusty and Well-beloved Her Excellency Penelope Anne Wensley, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Queensland and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Government House, Brisbane this twenty-fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two thousand and thirteen and in the Sixty-first year of Our Reign.

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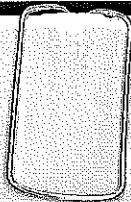
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the letter from His Excellency Mr Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs expressing his condolences and best wishes following the Queensland floods (**Attachment A**)
- sign the letter to Minister Kishida advising that you are no longer able to travel to Japan as a guest of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (**Attachment B**)
- sign the transmittal letter to Mr Junzo Fujita, Consul-General of Japan (**Attachment C**), which also acknowledges his letter regarding the recent floods in Queensland (**Attachment E – TF/13/1673**)
- sign the letters to business delegates who had expressed interest in participating in your Trade Mission to Japan (**Attachment D**).

• KEY ISSUES

- You were scheduled to travel to Japan on 16–21 February 2013 as a guest of the Japanese Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- The natural disasters that have occurred throughout Queensland in the past week have caused you to reschedule this visit.
- The Consul-General of Japan has advised that your status as a Guest of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs was current until the end of the Japanese financial year in March. He will now seek approval to include you as a Guest of Government in the next financial year, noting that places are limited and there will already be others proposed for the 2013–14 program.

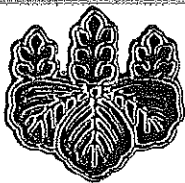
• CONSULTATION

- Mr Daniel Harris, Premier's Office, Mr Junzo Fujita, Consul-General of Japan

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Bronwyn Davies Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
Area: Protocol Queensland documented in notes in TRIM
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January 2013

Dear Premier Newman,

I am deeply saddened by the immense damage and casualties caused by flood in Queensland. I extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved and sympathies to all those who are still seriously suffering.

The Government of Japan stands ready to provide any possible assistance you might require. I strongly hope that the disaster will come to an end as early as possible.

Fumio Kishida
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

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Premier of Queensland

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- 8 FEB 2013

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Your Excellency

Thank you for your well wishes and condolences on behalf of the Government of Japan in relation to the floods which have occurred in Queensland.

It is with much regret that I am no longer able to travel to Japan on the scheduled dates of 16-21 February 2013 as a guest of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Due to the natural disasters, I have been travelling throughout the State, as have my senior ministers, visiting residents and businesses which have been affected by the flood damage.

As you would appreciate, it is my responsibility as Premier of Queensland to lead the disaster recovery efforts and the rebuilding of Queensland. It will be a massive job rebuilding homes, businesses, infrastructure and essential services and your offer of assistance is greatly appreciated. We will be in contact should any specific needs be identified as the detailed planning progresses.

I also acknowledge the extensive work undertaken by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in organising my postponed visit, and would particularly like to thank Mr Junzo Fujita, Consul-General and Mr Shinya Machida, Deputy Consul-General in Queensland, for their efforts in putting the program together.

Given the importance of the relationship between Japan and Queensland, I intend to reschedule my visit and lead a trade mission at a time that is mutually convenient. I will have Mr Ross Sue See, Director, Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, contact the Consul-General in the near future with revised dates. Mr Sue See can be contacted by email at Ross.SueSee@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3239 3731.

I apologise for any inconvenience and I thank you for your understanding at this difficult time. I look forward to visiting Japan.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *PQ/BD - TF/13/1883 - DOC/13/14884*

- 8 FEB 2013

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Dear Mr Fujita

Thank you for your letter of 29 January 2013 expressing your concern for the devastation caused by the widespread flooding that has recently occurred across Queensland.

As you are aware, the enormity of the tasks ahead to rebuild homes, businesses, infrastructure and essential services has meant I am no longer able to travel to Japan, on the scheduled dates of 16-21 February 2013, as a guest of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

I wanted to particularly thank you, Mr Shinya Machida, Deputy Consul-General, and other members of your team for their hard work in putting my program together and I apologise for any inconvenience that the cancellation of this visit has caused.

Given Queensland's long-standing links with Japan, I intend to reschedule my visit and lead a trade mission at a time that is mutually convenient. I understand that you will need to investigate my possible involvement in a future Guest of Government program. I will ask Mr Ross Sue See, Director, Protocol Queensland to contact you in the near future with revised dates. Mr Sue See can be contacted by email at Ross.SueSee@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3239 3731.

I would also appreciate if you could forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Once again, I apologise for any inconvenience, and I look forward to visiting Japan in the near future.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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- 8 FEB 2013

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Dear Mr Wall

I write to advise that the trade and investment mission I was leading to Japan on 18-19 February 2013 will not proceed due to the recent floods which have affected large parts of Queensland. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you or your organisation and ask for your understanding.

The floods have caused extensive damage throughout the State and significantly impacted on community infrastructure and the lives of many Queenslanders.

We now face a massive job of rebuilding homes, businesses, infrastructure and essential services. As Premier, I want to ensure that the cohesive recovery and reconstruction program begins as soon as possible.

I appreciate your interest in participating in this trade mission to Japan. My Government remains committed to strengthening ties with Queensland's largest trading partner. While it is unfortunate the mission will not proceed, we will continue to progress trade, investment and intergovernmental collaborations across strategically important sectors.

I encourage your continued interest in this market and when I travel to Japan, you will be advised of my plans.

Should you have any enquiries on this matter, please contact Ms Julie Westley, Manager, Mission Planning and Coordination, Trade and Investment Queensland, by email mpc@trade.qld.gov.au or on telephone +61 7 3224 4023.

Again, thank you for your understanding of the situation and apologies for any inconvenience the cancellation of this mission might have caused.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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- 8 FEB 2013

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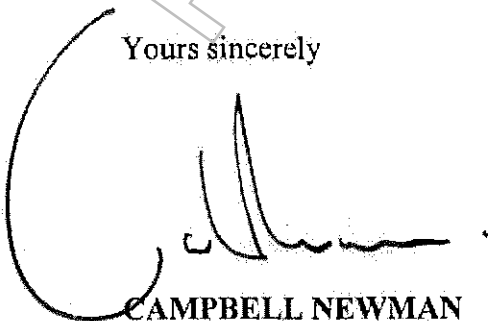
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Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/1914

Document No. DOC/12/210581

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 19 March 2013
Subject: Ministerial reviews of intergovernmental activities

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier *[Signature]*

Date *21/3/2013*

Date Action Required by:

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/20097

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 13 February 2013
Subject: Benevolent Society – Queensland Leadership Program (the program) scholarships – change to application of scholarship funding

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Premier

Date 18/2/2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** the revised approach regarding the delivery of the program scholarship(s)
- **sign** the letter to Ms Julie Ahern, National Program Manager, Social Leadership Australia (SLA), informing her that you support the revised approach (Attachment 1).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- On 7 August 2012, you approved \$16 000 (plus GST) from the Director-General's Reserve to fund one nine-month program scholarship to SLA (refer Attachments 2 and 3).
- On 23 January 2013, Ms Ahern wrote to you seeking your endorsement to apply your original donation to four shorter program scholarships (at a cost of \$3520) and one partial program scholarship (at a cost of \$1760) in various locations including regional and rural centres (Attachment 4).
- The Benevolent Society advises that despite receiving more than 30 applications for the 2013 program scholarship, a large number of applicants have subsequently withdrawn, citing economic uncertainty.
- The revised approach is aimed at making the program more accessible to potential applicants across Queensland, and will include a number of regional and rural centres. SLA will forward a scholarship report following the program completion.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) supports the revised approach, on the basis that it will broaden the pool of potential applicants able to undertake the program and extend accessibility to regional Queenslanders.

• **CONSULTATION**

- DPC (Financial Management) confirmed support for the revised approach.

• **BACKGROUND**

- The program is designed to foster networks and generate innovative ideas to address real-world challenges facing Queensland leaders.
- You have previously indicated your support for the program in the Queensland Leadership 2012–13 brochure and as Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Ms Ahern

Thank you for your letter of 23 January 2013 seeking my support for a revised approach to the Queensland Leadership Program (the program) scholarship.

I am pleased that as a result of the State Government's donation, more Queensland leaders will be able to access program scholarships to develop the skills and expertise they need to lead in an increasingly complex and challenging environment.

I understand that tough economic times have put some constraints on people's ability to participate in the nine month program scholarship that was originally proposed. As such, I support your proposal to offer four shorter scholarships and one partial scholarship in various locations around Queensland. I also note that you will forward a scholarship report following the program completion, and I look forward to receiving it in due course.

Thank you again for writing to me with your revised proposal for the 2013 program scholarship. I wish you all the best in your efforts to develop Queensland's future leaders.

Yours sincerely



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(within 48hrs)

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FROM: _____

POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 4 / 2 / 2013

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23 February 2013

Dear Mr Newman,

Re: Queensland Leadership 2013

Social Leadership Australia (SLA) would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your scholarship donation of \$16,000 to **Queensland Leadership 2013**.

Further to my call to your office this week, I would like to formally advise you of the status of QL 13 and gain your endorsement of my proposal regarding the application of your scholarship donation.

Despite receiving more than 30 applications for this year's program, during the latter months of 2012 a large number of applicants from across all three sectors withdrew. Most commonly, the reason for withdrawal was economic uncertainty at that time.

After much deliberation and thought, we have decided that rather than proceeding with our traditional nine month Queensland Leadership program format, we will instead take a new approach and offer a range of shorter social leadership development programs in various locations including Brisbane and a number of regional and rural centers in 2013.

The programs are designed to foster new connections and to generate breakthrough ideas and new ways of working to address the real-world challenge that Queensland leaders face in increasingly complex environments.

SLA aims to attract up to 30 leaders from across the three sectors. The cost of the program is **\$3,520**.

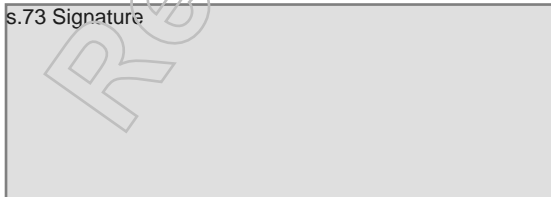
As a result of the changes to the program SLA would like to propose that we apply your original donation of \$16,000 to fund **4 full scholarships of \$3,520** and **1 partial scholarship of \$1,760** for community leaders who could not otherwise participate in the program.

SLA will advise the successful scholarship recipients when the award process has been finalised and will forward a scholarship report following the program completion.

I would appreciate it if you would advise that you are supportive of our proposal

Yours faithfully

s.73 Signature



Julie Ahern
National Program Manager
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2153
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 February 2013
Subject: Response to correspondence from
s.73 Member of the Public, re allegations of bullying and
unfair treatment at [redacted] of TAFE
[redacted]

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier [Signature]
Date 5.1.31.2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [redacted] (Attachment 1) about her allegations of bullying at [redacted]

KEY ISSUES

- On 1 February 2013, [redacted] emailed regarding allegations of bullying and unfair treatment at [redacted] where she is employed as [redacted] (Attachment 2).

s.73 Personal Information
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CONSULTATION

- DETE.

BACKGROUND

- Your office requested a brief on this matter.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Director-General

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CONTACT BY PHONE (within 48hrs)

FROM:  DATE: 5/2 /2013
POLICY ADVISOR

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

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Document No. DOC/13/17356

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 February 2013
Subject: Proposed transfer of money to Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 12.12.2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:


- sign the Trustee resolution (**Attachment 1**) authorising the transfer of \$177 846 to the Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013 from the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund (PDRA Fund) and
- sign the letters to the other Trustees – the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade, and the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety – requesting that they also sign the Trustee resolution (**Attachments 2 and 3**).

• KEY ISSUES

- As at 6 February 2013, there is \$177 846 remaining in the PDRA Fund, made up of:
 - o \$158 357 in donations received in the PDRA Fund general account after the closure of the 2010/2011 Queensland Floods and Cyclone Yasi Appeal
 - o \$5 839 in donations received in the 2012 Regional Flood appeal account after the appeal had closed and the money had been distributed by the Red Cross and
 - o \$13 650 that was recently transferred from the Cyclone Larry appeal account that was interest earned on the money held by the Building Services Authority (BSA) for the one remaining grantee.
- Under clauses 2 and 14 of the PDRA Fund trust deed (**Attachment 4**), the Trustees may transfer this remaining money to another fund with a similar purpose that has deductible gift recipient status. The current Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013 meets this requirement. Once the resolution is signed by the Trustees, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) Financial Accounting unit will organise the transfer to the Red Cross.
- With respect to a related matter, the BSA currently holds approximately \$1 890 933 to provide relocation grants to eligible participants in the Lockyer Valley land swap. In November 2012, you wrote to Minister Mander supporting that the BSA transfer \$900 000 of this money to the Salvation Army to assist participants in the land swap through a revised scheme (**Attachment 5**).
- Since your letter, the BSA has advised that the Salvation Army is no longer in a position to assist and that the Lockyer Valley Regional Council is putting forward an alternate proposal. Pending further advice from the BSA, DPC is preparing a response to a letter from Councillor Steve Jones, Mayor of the Lockyer Regional Council about this matter (**Attachment 6**). DPC is also liaising with the BSA and Crown Law with respect to the possible options for the use of the remaining money, including transfer to the Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013, and will brief you on a recommended option as soon as possible.

• CONSULTATION

- DPC Financial Accounting


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

27/12

Action Officer: Matthew Wilkinson
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Dear Minister *Tim*,

I write in relation to your role as a Trustee for the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal (PDRA) Fund.

There is approximately \$177 846 remaining in the PDRA Fund accounts made up of:

- donations received after the closure of the 2010/2011 Queensland Floods and Cyclone Yasi appeal and the 2012 Regional Flood appeal, and
- interest earned on money that had been held by the Building Services Authority for the benefit of the one remaining Cyclone Larry appeal grantee.

Under the terms of the PDRA Fund trust deed, the Trustees may decide to transfer this remaining money to another fund with a similar purpose that has deductible gift recipient status. As the current Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013 meets this requirement, in my view it is appropriate to authorise the transfer of these funds to the Red Cross to benefit the victims of the recent floods. Please find attached a Trustee resolution to authorise the transfer.

If you are agreeable to this course of action, would you please sign the resolution and organise for contact to be made with Mr Matthew Wilkinson in my department on telephone (07) 3224 8815 to arrange for collection of the resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

*Encl



Premier of Queensland

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12 FEB 2013

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Dear Minister *Jack,*

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL FUND
MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRUSTEES

14 FEB 2013

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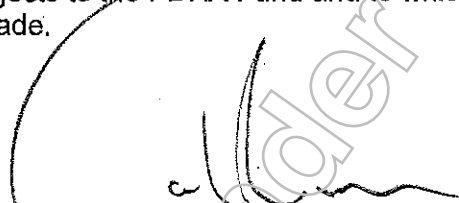
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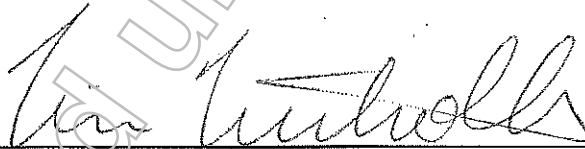
Resolution:

Resolved by the Trustees of the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund (the PDRA Fund) that in accordance with the Trust Deed for the PDRA Fund, \$177,846 of the remaining money in the PDRA Fund bank accounts will be transferred to the Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013, which has similar objects to the PDRA Fund and to which income tax deductible gifts can be made.

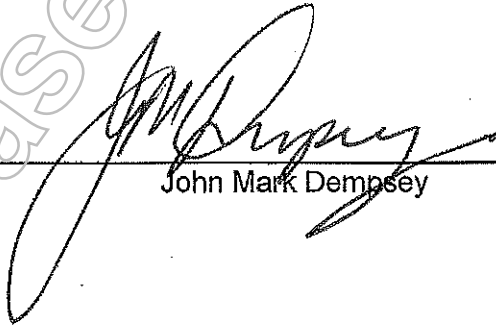
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Campbell Kevin Thomas Newman



Timothy James Nicholls



John Mark Dempsey

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PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL FUND



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BY The Premier of Queensland
AND The Treasurer of Queensland
AND The Minister for Emergency Services of Queensland
 (in this Trust Deed referred to as "the Trustees")

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Government of Queensland desires that there be set up and created a single public fund for the purpose of relieving suffering and distress suffered by the residents of Queensland, other Australian States or Territories and developing countries in the South Pacific.
- B. The Trustees propose to solicit and accept gifts, or as the case may be appropriations, of money from the general public, industry, the State of Queensland, the Commonwealth, any other State of the Commonwealth of Australia, or any Commonwealth or State authority or instrumentality, in order to apply that money for the purposes set out in this Trust Deed.

THE TRUSTEES DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:-**1. INTERPRETATION**

In this Trust Deed except where the contrary intention appears -

"Trust" means the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal;

"Fund" means the Fund of the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal;

"Trust Property" means gifts and appropriations of money to the Trust, and any investment representing the Trust Property and any unexpended residue of the Trust Property, and any accumulation of income authorised by this deed, and includes any monies paid before and after the date of this deed into the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund Accounts.

2. OBJECTS OF TRUST

The Trustees declare they shall hold the Fund upon trust solely for the purpose of relieving suffering and distress in Queensland, other Australian States or Territories and developing countries in the South Pacific by providing money, property or benefits to a fund, authority or institution gifts to which are deductible under item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and for any purpose as set out in the item of the table in subdivision 30-B that covers the fund, authority or institution.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRUST

The Trusts set out in this deed shall be deemed to commence on and from 24 February 2000.

4. INVESTMENT OF THE FUND

The Trustees shall have the power to invest all or any part of the Fund in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds and any income which shall accrue therefrom shall be held upon the trusts as set out in this deed.

5. **THE FUND**

The Fund shall include any investment from time to time representing the Fund or any unexpended residue of the Fund and shall also include any accumulation of income, which is authorised by this deed.

6. **RECEIPTS**

The Trust will issue tax deductible receipts showing the name of the recipient as "Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund".

From 1 July 2000 the Australian Business Number of the Fund and the fact that the receipt is for a gift will be shown on receipts issued by the Fund.

7. **WINDING-UP OF THE TRUST**

In the event of the winding-up of the Trust for any reason whatsoever any part of the Fund held after meeting outstanding commitments will be transferred to some other fund, authority or institution which meets the gift deductibility requirements of section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)*.

8. **ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

The Trustees may, subject to the provisions of the *Trusts Act 1973 (Qld)*, apply the Fund towards the meeting of expenses incurred in the administration of the Trust.

9. **WHEN POSITION OF TRUSTEE BECOMES VACANT**

The position of any Trustee shall become vacant if that Trustee -

- (a) dies;
- (b) resigns;
- (c) is an uncertificated or undischarged bankrupt;
- (d) becomes mentally ill;
- (e) ceases to be the Premier or a Minister in the Government of Queensland.

10. **VACANCY IN POSITION OF TRUSTEE**

A vacancy in the position of Trustee may be filled by a nominee of the Premier of Queensland from time to time, which nominee shall be a Minister of the Government of Queensland.

11. **QUORUM OF THE TRUSTEES**

Two of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Trust.

12. **MEETINGS OF THE TRUST**

The meetings and business of the Trust shall be held at the times and places and conducted in such manner as the Trustees determine.

13. **SEPARATE ACCOUNTS**

The Trustees shall maintain separate accounts in the books of the Trust for different disaster appeals. Donations ascribed to a particular disaster shall be credited to an account maintained for that disaster. Donations not ascribed to any particular disaster shall be credited to a general account.

Where the Trustees determine that there are no further funds, authorities or institutions in need of assistance as a result of a particular disaster, the Trustees may credit the amount remaining in the account maintained for that disaster to the general account.

Where the amount held in an account maintained for a disaster is inadequate to meet the assistance that the Trustees decide to make, the Trustees may make grants from the general account.

14. **GRANT OF ASSISTANCE BY TRUST**

Grants of assistance to beneficiaries of the Trust shall be subject to this deed, the *Trusts Act 1973 (Old)*, such other conditions as the Trustees may impose, and shall be in the absolute discretion of the Trustees.

15. AUDIT

The Trustees shall have the Fund audited at the end of each financial year by the Auditor-General of Queensland. The Trustees shall make a public report in respect of the Fund at yearly intervals until wound up.

16. NOTIFICATION

The Trustees will give prior notification to the Commissioner of Taxation of any changes they propose to make to this Trust deed.

17. FUND TO BE APPLIED SOLELY TO OBJECTS

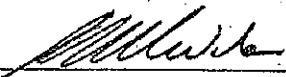
The assets and income of the Fund shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the Trustees of the Fund.

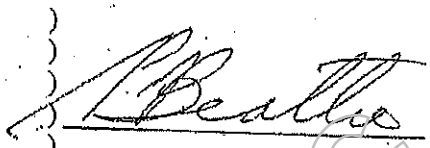
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by **PETER DOUGLAS BEATTIE**
the Premier of Queensland

this 17 day of March 2000

in the presence of





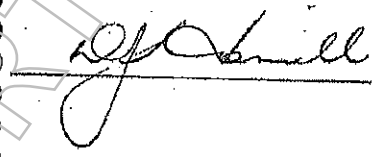
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by **DAVID JOHN HAMILL**
the Treasurer of Queensland

this 24th day of March 2000

in the presence of



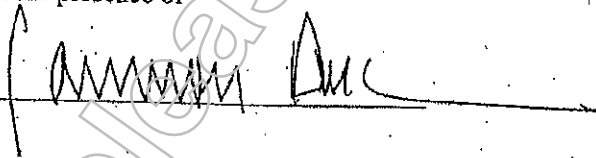


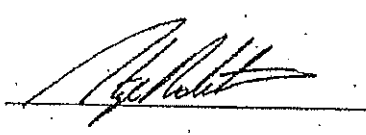
SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED

by **STEPHEN ROBERTSON**
the Minister for Emergency Services of Queensland

this 29th day of MARCH 2000

in the presence of





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**DEED OF
APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES**

for

**PREMIER'S
DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL FUND**



Crown Law

Queensland Government

Crown Solicitor

Level 11

State Law Building

50 Ann Street

BRISBANE

Telephone: 07 3222 2678

Facsimile: 07 3239 6961

Reference: CP5/PRE052/1937/YUN

THIS DEED is made

BETWEEN: CAMPBELL KEVIN THOMAS NEWMAN, Premier of Queensland

(The Premier)

AND: TIMOTHY JAMES NICHOLLS, Treasurer of Queensland and Minister for Trade

(The Treasurer)

AND: JOHN MARK DEMPSEY, Minister for Police and Community Safety

(The Minister)

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Fund is held on trust on the terms set out in the Trust Deed.
- B. Under clause 9(e) of the Trust Deed, a Trustee's position becomes vacant if the Trustee ceases to be the Premier or a Minister in the Government of Queensland.
- C. The Former Trustees were formerly the Premier of Queensland or Ministers in the Government of Queensland. In each case, the Former Trustees have ceased to be the Premier of Queensland or a Minister in the Government of Queensland.
- D. Under clause 10 of the Trust Deed, a vacancy in the position of Trustee may be filled by a nominee of the Premier of Queensland from time to time, which nominee must be a Minister of the Government of Queensland.
- E. The Premier wishes to appoint each of himself, the Treasurer and the Minister as Trustees under the Trust Deed.
- F. The New Trustees have agreed to accept the appointment as Trustees under the Trust Deed.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS:

1. Definition and interpretation

1.1 In this Deed, except where the context otherwise requires or a contrary intention appears:

"Deed" means this deed;

"Former Trustees" means the Honourable Anna Maria Bligh, the Honourable Andrew Peter Fraser and the Honourable Neil Stuart Roberts;

"Fund" means the 'Fund of the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal', as held on trust under the Trust Deed;

"New Trustees" means each of the Premier, the Treasurer and the Minister;

"Trust Deed" means the Trust Deed for the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund commencing 24 February 2000, made by the then Premier of Queensland, the Treasurer of Queensland and the Minister for Emergency Services of Queensland, as amended from time to time; and

"Trustee" means a Trustee of the trust established under the Trust Deed.

2. Appointment of the New Trustees

2.1 In accordance with clause 10 of the Trust Deed, the Premier appoints each of the New Trustees as Trustee, to undertake and to assume, as from the date of this Deed, the trusts, powers, duties and obligations conferred on the Trustees by the Trust Deed, as if each New Trustee was named in the Trust Deed as a Trustee.

3. Acceptance of Appointment

3.1 Each New Trustee accepts appointment as Trustee and agrees that, as from the date of this Deed, he will:

- (a) be bound by and observe all of the powers, discretions and obligations conferred by the Trust Deed; and
- (b) administer the Fund,

as if he were named in the Trust Deed as a Trustee.

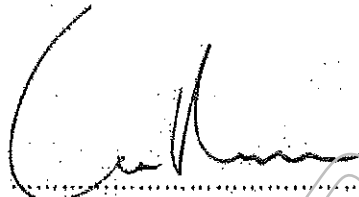
4. General

4.1 This Deed is governed by and is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Queensland.

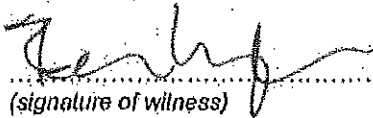
4.2 This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts which, taken together, will constitute one instrument.

EXECUTED as a Deed

**SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
CAMPBELL KEVIN THOMAS NEWMAN, the
Premier of Queensland**


.....
(signature)

in the presence of:

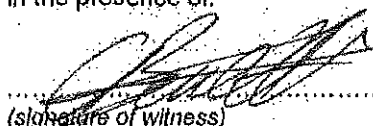

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(signature of witness)

24 / 4 / 2012
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(date)

**SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
TIMOTHY JAMES NICHOLLS, the Treasurer of
Queensland and Minister for Trade**

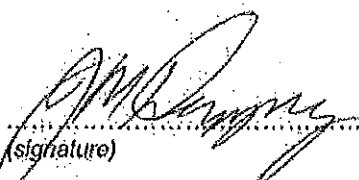

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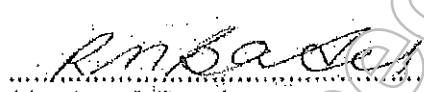

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26 / 4 / 2012
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(date)

**SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
JOHN MARK DEMPSEY, the Minister for Police
and Community Safety**


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(signature)

in the presence of:


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(signature of witness)

26 / 4 / 2012
.....
(date)

PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL FUND

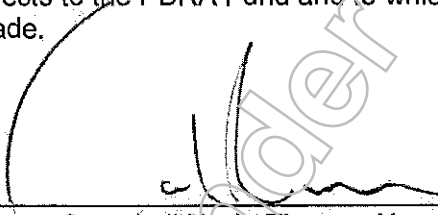
MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRUSTEES

Date: _____

Present: Campbell Kevin Thomas Newman (Trustee)
Timothy James Nicholls (Trustee)
John Mark Dempsey (Trustee)

Resolution: Resolved by the Trustees of the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund (the PDRA Fund) that in accordance with the Trust Deed for the PDRA Fund, \$177,846 of the remaining money in the PDRA Fund bank accounts will be transferred to the Red Cross Queensland Floods Appeal 2013, which has similar objects to the PDRA Fund and to which income tax deductible gifts can be made.

Signed by the Trustees:



Campbell Kevin Thomas Newman

Timothy James Nicholls

John Mark Dempsey



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *ES/MF - TF/12/24818 - DOC/12/194609*

26 NOV 2012

The Honourable Tim Mander MP
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Dear Minister

I write regarding the former Minister for Housing and Public Works letter of 29 August 2012 about the proposed new scheme for the distribution of relocation grant funds for Lockyer Valley residents participating in the land swap.

I understand that the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) has since advised the Building Services Authority (BSA) that the Salvation Army is preparing a more detailed distribution proposal for the proposed new scheme.

I also understand that the LVRC has advised the BSA that under the new scheme applicants must still be owner occupiers participating in the land swap but that the grant:

- will be able to be used for building costs as well as relocation costs and
- will not be capped at \$35 000.

I confirm my support for the proposal that BSA transfer \$900 000 to the Salvation Army for use in the new scheme on the basis that the underlying purpose of the new scheme is consistent with the underlying purpose of the existing scheme administered by the BSA.

To ensure that applicants that have already received \$35 000 are treated equitably, could you please also request that the BSA work with the Salvation Army to give consideration to 'topping up' the allocation to these applicants with reference to the criteria for the new scheme.

I look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Queensland
Government



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OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR



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OUR REF: 7.5/9/8-7

14 January 2013

The Premier of Queensland
 Hon Campbell Newman MP
 PO Box 15185
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Dear Premier Newman

STRENGTHENING GRANTHAM PROJECT - PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING

As you are aware, the Lockyer Valley's 'Strengthening Grantham Project' has been an iconic example of how a disaster-affected community can not only rebuild, but rebuild in a safe way protecting future generations

We have been fortunate in the support we've received by all levels of Government as well as the community. Without this support, the almost 100 families that have swapped their land to date would be rebuilding their lives in an unsafe environment.

Recently, your department approved the transfer of \$900,000 of the Premier's Disaster Relief Fund from the Building Services Authority to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. Funding from the BSA has been provided to many families involved in the land swap and without it, they would have been unable to relocate their homes.

In order to manage the \$900 000 Council will be partnering with the Australian Christian Churches International Recovery (ACCIR) so they may provide the following services:

- Case Assessment to ensure that the additional funding goes to those residents who are unable to participate in the land swap because of genuine financial constraints; and
- Project Management to ensure that the best value is obtained for the funds available through the use of volunteer labour, material cost discounts and trusted tradespeople.


Council is committed to this partnership as we know that this will bring the critical support to those families still wishing to move to higher ground but do not have the financial means to do so.

As this commitment involves Council providing \$100,000 to ACCIR for administration costs to ensure transparency and equity in this important process, we would like to discuss with you the possibility of finding funds to reimburse Council all or a portion of this cost.

By supporting Council in this way, more families will be safe from flooding in the Lockyer Valley for generations to come.

To assist in moving this work forward, please contact me directly on 0408 981 736 or Mr Jamie Simmonds on 0433 282 897.

Yours sincerely



Cr Steve Jones
MAYOR

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No: TF/13/2276
Document No: DOC/13/17638

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 February 2013
Subject: Half year Public Report of Ministerial Office Expenses

Approved / Not Approved / Noted,
Premier
Date 12/2/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

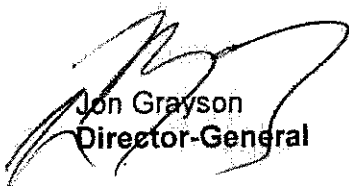
It is recommended that you:

- sign the certification of the Public Report of Ministerial Office Expenses for tabling during the Parliamentary sitting of 12–14 February 2013 (**Attachment 1**)
- note the original Public Report has been forwarded to the Parliamentary Liaison Officer
- note I will provide a copy of the report to the Auditor General, Mr Andrew Greaves.

• KEY ISSUES

- The *Financial Accountability Act 2009* and the *Ministerial Handbook* provide that the half year 'Public Report of Ministerial Office Expenses' is to be tabled in Parliament within five sitting days after 15 February.
- Attached are copies of the Public Report of Ministerial Office Expenses for the period ended 31 December 2012 (**Attachment 2**). The original report has been forwarded to the Parliamentary Liaison Officer to enable tabling in Parliament between 12–14 February 2013.
- The report includes expenses for the former Government which were incurred prior to the election but received and processed after 1 July 2012. Their expenses have been costed to 'Labor – Pre Election 2012' cost centre. As at 31 December 2012, the total charges processed for the former ministerial offices amounts to \$53 392.
- A summary of the major items making up this total is as follows:
 - Building Services – \$30 273
 - Domestic Travel – \$4 926
 - Other Operating Costs (such as Motor Vehicle, Communication and Other Administrative charges) – \$18 192
- In accordance with the *Queensland Opposition Handbook*, the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, will be provided with a 'Public Report of Expenses' for tabling for the same period.
- The reports for the year ended 31 December 2012 are certified by you and the Opposition Leader respectively before tabling. A certification is attached for your signature (**Attachment 1**).
- These reports are not required to be audited prior to tabling. However, following certification, I will forward a copy of the Public Reports for Ministerial and Opposition expenses to the Auditor General for his information.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Chris Powell
Area: Ministerial Services
Telephone: 44123

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**Public Report of Ministerial Expenses
For the Period 1/07/2012 to 31/12/2012**

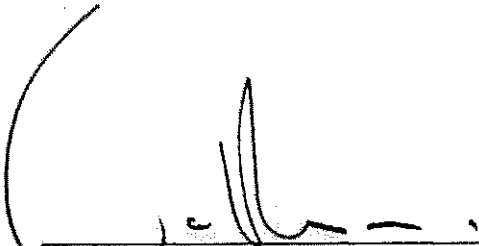
Basis of Preparation

This report has been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the requirements of Part 2 s.12 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* (the Act) and is consistent with the form contained in the *Queensland Ministerial Handbook*.

As required by s.15 of the Act, the report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly for use by the Parliament.

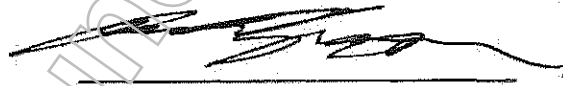
Certificate of the Director-General

I certify that, in my opinion, the Public Report of Ministerial Expenses set out on pages 1 to 61 is an accurate report of expenditure for ministerial offices for the financial year 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012



Hon. C. Newman, MP
Premier

12/2/2013



Jon Grayson
Director General

12/2/2013

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/7315

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 February 2013
Subject: Announcement of Mr Richard Goyder AO as leader of the B20

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier

Date 12.2.2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Mr Goyder AO (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- The Australian Government has appointed Mr Goyder AO, Managing Director and CEO of Wesfarmers Limited, to lead business engagement during Australia's hosting of the G20 in 2014.
- A further 24 business leaders will join Mr Goyder on the Australian B20. The Prime Minister's media release is at **Attachment 2** and a brief bio for Mr Goyder is at **Attachment 3**.
- The Australian B20 will also facilitate the B20 meeting to be held during 2014.
- CTPI - Relations with other Governments
- I have asked the Executive Director, G20 State Coordination Unit, Mr Terry Crane, to contact Mr Goyder as soon as possible to commence discussions.

• BACKGROUND

- The G20 Leaders' Summit will be held in Brisbane on 15 and 16 November 2014.
- The B20 provides an outstanding opportunity for Queensland engagement and promotion.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Terry Crane
Area: G20 Unit
Telephone: 340 43685

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Premier of Queensland

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12 FEB 2013

Mr Richard Goyder AO
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Dear Mr Goyder

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment to lead business engagement during Australia's hosting of the G20 in 2014 and to offer my Government's full support for the B20 meeting to be held in Brisbane prior to the G20 Leaders' Summit.

Hosting the G20 Leaders' Summit in Brisbane, and the Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Cairns, provides an outstanding opportunity to showcase these cities, as world leaders and delegates will have the opportunity to experience our world-class infrastructure, skilled workforce and obvious lifestyle advantages.

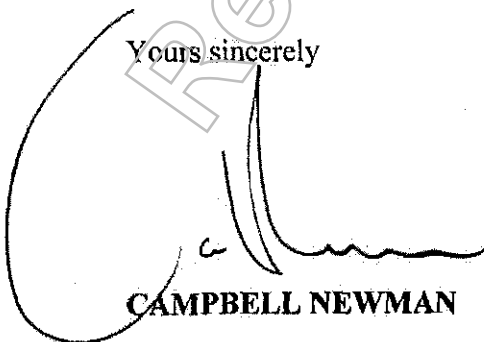
Brisbane also stands ready to host the B20 meeting, which will provide Australian industry with the opportunity to shape the economic agenda during our host year.

A strong and productive working relationship has already been established between my department and the G20 Taskforce in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to facilitate arrangements for the G20 meetings to be held in Queensland. This existing relationship could seamlessly be extended to include arrangements for the B20.

The Executive Director, G20 State Coordination Unit within my department, Mr Terry Crane, is our principal point of contact on all G20 matters and I have asked that he contact you to offer support and assistance in the hosting of the B20.

Again, congratulations on your appointment and I wish you, and the business leaders that have been appointed to your team, the very best in facilitating a successful and productive B20 in 2014.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Mr Richard Goyder AO Named as Australia's G20 Business Leader

TUE 05 FEBRUARY 2013

Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister

Canberra

The Government is very pleased to announce Mr Richard Goyder AO, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Wesfarmers Limited, has accepted our invitation to lead business engagement during Australia's presidency of the Group of 20 in 2014.

Mr Goyder will head the Australian B20, which will bring together senior Australian business people to work with the Government on the G20 policy agenda for our host year in 2014.

As one of Australia's largest employers, Mr Goyder will bring tremendous experience and unique perspectives to this important role.

Mr Goyder leads one of Australia's most diverse and successful companies and is exceptionally well placed to work closely with Australian and international business to help deliver outcomes in a time of global economic uncertainty.

The B20 is the key business advisory body to the international economic forum and will include business leaders from all G20 economies.

Hosting the forum will give local industry the unprecedented opportunity to help shape and drive the global economic agenda.

The Government will work closely with the business community throughout 2013 and beyond as Australia formulates an agenda that will deliver on the G20's core goal of promoting economic prosperity and jobs.

We are also pleased to announce the following key leaders from across the local business community will join Mr Goyder on the Australian B20.

- John Borghetti – Virgin Australia
- Jillian Broadbent – Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- Mark Burrows – Credit Suisse
- Cameron Clyne – National Australia Bank
- John Denton – Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Elmer Funke-Kupper – ASX Limited
- Jerry Harris – News Limited
- Gail Kelly – Westpac Banking Corporation
- Grant King – Origin Energy
- Nick Leeder – Google
- James MacKenzie – Mirvac and Yancoal Australia
- Pip Marlow – Microsoft
- Ian Narev – Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Ann Pickard – Shell
- Heather Ridout – Reserve Bank of Australia
- Steve Sargent – GE Australia and New Zealand
- Tony Shepherd – Business Council of Australia
- Catherine Tanna – BG Australia
- David Thodey – Telstra
- Ian Thomas – Boeing Australia
- David Tudehope – Macquarie Telecom
- Hamish Tyrwhitt – Leighton Holdings
- Innes Willox – Australian Industry Group
- Marius Kloppers – BHP Billiton

The G20 offers an excellent opportunity to showcase local business to an international audience, and to strengthen links between Australian industry, our regional partners and the rest of the world. It will also be an avenue to pursue goals set out in the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper to support growth and jobs for Australians.

The B20 has become an integral part of the G20 process and makes a significant contribution to the G20's work. Australia will seek to strengthen the G20's dialogue with the private sector further still during our host year. We see business input as essential to achieving the G20's core goal of stronger global growth and job creation. We expect the Australian B20 will play an important role in working with the wider business community to develop pragmatic and practical suggestions for the G20 agenda.

Queensland will also benefit with Brisbane hosting the G20 Leaders summit November and Cairns hosting a finance ministers and central bank governors meeting. There will also be opportunities to showcase other parts of the country during 2014.

Further information on the B20 is available in the fact sheet included as Attachment A.

BUSINESS 20 FACT SHEET

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for global economic and financial cooperation. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies, representing around 85 per cent of global GDP. Russia is hosting the G20 in 2013, and Australia will host in 2014 with the leaders summit to be held in Brisbane in November 2014.

In recent years, business leaders from G20 countries have come together to form the Business 20 (B20) to provide private sector input to the G20. The B20 was first convened as part of the Canadian G20 Presidency in June 2010 and continued to play an important role during the following Korean, French and Mexican presidencies.

The B20 generates policy recommendations to inform the deliberations of the G20 with a view to influencing the final outcome of G20 summits. The B20's recommendations have typically been presented to leaders for their consideration. The B20's contribution reflects the broadly-shared view among G20 countries that the private sector, as the main driver of economic activity, has a key role to play in achieving the goal of strong, sustainable and balanced growth.

The approach to organising B20 activities has varied to some degree between different host years and continues to evolve. Participants in B20 activities have included CEOs and senior executives from companies across a broad spectrum of sectors, along with industry bodies.

Since the 2010 Seoul summit, the B20 has found it useful to form taskforces focused on issues that generally reflect the G20's priorities set by the host country. In 2012, for example, during Mexico's year as host, B20 taskforces focused on: food security; green growth; employment; improving transparency; trade and investment; information and communication technologies and innovation; and financing for growth and development.

Arrangements for the Russian B20 are well underway. A B20 meeting was held in Moscow in December 2012 and B20 taskforces have been established on: trade; financial systems; investment, infrastructure and development; job creation and investment in human capital; and transparency and anti-corruption. The major B20 summit will be held at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum in June 2013, ahead of the G20 leaders summit in September.

The B20 also engages with the work of other G20 stakeholders, including the Labour 20 (L20) and Think 20 (T20).

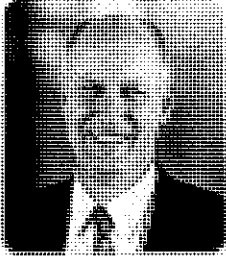
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Director Profiles

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Richard Goyder, AO

Managing Director

Joined the Board in 2002. Richard has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Western Australia and completed the Advanced Management Programme at the Harvard Business School in 1998. He joined Wesfarmers in 1993 after working in various commercial roles at Tubemakers of Australia Limited. He has held a number of commercial positions in Wesfarmers' Business Development Department including General Manager. In 1999 Richard was Managing Director of Wesfarmers Dalgety Limited, which subsequently became Wesfarmers Landmark Limited, a position he retained until his appointment as Finance Director of Wesfarmers Limited in 2002. He was appointed Deputy Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of Wesfarmers Limited in 2004 and assumed the role of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in July 2005.

Richard is a director of Gresham Partners Holdings Ltd, a non-executive Commissioner of the Australian Football League and is a director of a number of Wesfarmers Group subsidiaries. He is a director of the Business Council of Australia, the University of Western Australia Business School Advisory Board and the Chairman of Scotch College Council. He is also a member of the Centre for Workplace Leadership Advisory Group, a Council Member of the Australian Business and Community Network and an Advisory Council Member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He is a Fellow of the AICD.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/18311

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 7 February 2013
Subject: Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council Board member re-appointment

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Premier

Date 11/2/2013

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:


- approve the reappointment of Mr Langoulant as member of the COAG Reform Council (CRC) Board (the board).

• KEY ISSUES

- The CRC is an independent body established by COAG under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR).
- The CRC reports to the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, as Chair of COAG, on jurisdictional performance against National Agreements (NAs), and National Partnership Agreements (NPAs) that have a reward payment or to the extent they support the objectives in NAs, and the aggregate pace of activity in progressing COAG's agreed reform agenda. The Federal Government uses CRC reports to determine reward payments to states and territories.
- The board comprises a chairman, deputy chairman and four councillors. Attachment 1 provides a brief biography of each member.
- Mr Langoulant's current term expires in April 2013 and the CRC has requested COAG agree to reappoint Mr Langoulant for another three-year term.
- The reappointment of Mr Langoulant would provide stability of the CRC given the newly appointed Deputy Chair, Professor Greg Craven, appointed new councillor in mid-2012, Ms Sue Middleton, recent appointment of a new CRC Chair, Mr John Brumby, and the resignation of another member of the board, Mr Doug McTaggart.
- The reappointment of Mr Langoulant is supported by all other jurisdictions.

• BACKGROUND

- Mr John Langoulant has been a councillor since 2007 and was reappointed for a three year term in 2010.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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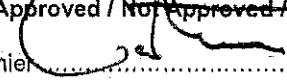
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Governance

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Document No. DOC/13/8573

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 12 February 2013
Subject: **Appointments to the WorkCover and Workers' Compensation Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP) Boards**

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Premier 
Date 20.12.2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (**Attachment 1**), indicating support for the proposed appointments of Dr Simon Blackwood to the Workcover Queensland Board (WorkCover board) and Mr Paul Goldsbrough to the Q-COMP board from the date of Governor in Council approval to 30 June 2014 and that the appointments proceed directly to Governor in Council without prior Cabinet approval.

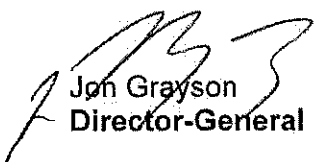
• KEY ISSUES

- Minister Bleijie wrote to you on 5 February 2013 (**Attachment 2**) seeking approval for the appointments of Dr Blackwood to the WorkCover board and Mr Goldsbrough to the Q-COMP board from the date of Governor in Council approval to 30 June 2014.

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

- It is proposed to appoint Dr Blackwood, Acting Deputy Director-General, Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland (OFSWQ), Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) to the WorkCover board to fill a vacancy left by the late Barry Leahy, previously Director-General of DJAG.
- Dr Blackwood is currently on the Q-COMP board. However, he will resign from this board prior to his appointment to the WorkCover board to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.
- This course of action will leave a vacancy on the Q-COMP board proposed to be filled by Mr Goldsbrough, Senior Director, Policy and Business Engagement, OFSWQ, DJAG.
- Both appointments are proposed for a term from the date of Governor in Council approval to 30 June 2014 to align with the terms of the other board members.
- Both nominees are eligible for appointment under the relevant appointing legislation.
- The appointments are considered 'significant' under the *Queensland Cabinet Handbook* as the boards are responsible for allocating government funds or resources and the appointments are to regulatory bodies. However, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet supports that they proceed directly to the Governor in Council for consideration (without prior Cabinet approval) on the basis that both nominees will not receive any remuneration as they are public sector employees and the vacancies will fill relatively short-term, casual vacancies.
- The next board meetings are on 20 February 2013. DJAG has advised that they will send a departmental representative as an observer to the meetings.
- The boards will be able to continue to conduct business on 20 February 2013 as a quorum on the WorkCover board is four members (there are currently seven members) and a quorum on the Q-COMP board is three members (there are currently six members).

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Attorney-General

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2013 seeking approval to appoint Dr Simon-Blackwood to the WorkCover Queensland Board and Mr Paul Goldsbrough to the Q-COMP Board from the date of Governor in Council approval to 30 June 2014.

I support the proposed appointments.

In this instance, I also support the appointments proceeding directly to the Governor in Council without prior Cabinet consideration, on the basis that both of the proposed nominees are public service employees who will not receive any remuneration and they are both being proposed to fill casual vacancies on the boards.

Thank you for consulting me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
Member for Ashgrove
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Dear Premier

As you may be aware, the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* (the Act) provides for the establishment of the WorkCover Queensland Board and the Workers' Compensation Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP) Board.

Specifically, the Act allows for the appointment of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and members, with each board to consist of not more than seven members appointed for a term of not more than five years.

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

The WorkCover Queensland Board consists of seven members:

- Mr Glenn Ferguson, Chairperson
- Mr Justin O'Connor, Deputy Chairperson
- Mr Ian Winterburn, Director
- Ms Melinda Bailey, Director
- Mr John Crittall, Director
- Ian Leavers, Director
- Mr Barry Leahy, Director

The Q-COMP Board consists of six members:

- Ms Flavia Gobbo, Chairperson
- Mr Peter Dowling, Deputy Chairperson
- Dr Beres Wenck, Director
- Mr Stephen Tait, Director
- Dr David Harrison, Director
- Dr Simon Blackwood, Director

A vacancy has arisen on the WorkCover Queensland Board as Mr Barry Leahy, previously the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG), has unfortunately passed away.

(2)

There are risks for the Government in not continuing to have representation from the administering department on the WorkCover Board. This was evidenced most recently in 2009 when WorkCover had Deloitte undertake work on strategies to address a loss of \$894 million in 2008-09 (before tax), prior to advising the Minister or DJAG of the extent of the loss. Since this time, DJAG and Queensland Treasury rely on a quarterly meeting with the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of WorkCover to be updated on WorkCover's performance.

I propose to appoint Dr Simon Blackwood, Acting Deputy Director-General, Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland, DJAG, to the WorkCover Queensland Board. Dr Blackwood is a public sector employee and as such is not entitled to remuneration. A summary of Dr Blackwood's employment history and qualifications is enclosed at **Attachment 1**.

To ensure there is no conflict of interest, Dr Blackwood will resign from the Q-COMP Board if his appointment to the WorkCover Queensland Board is approved.

Consequently, it is proposed to appoint Mr Paul Goldsbrough, Senior Director - Policy and Business Engagement, Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland, DJAG, to the Q-COMP Board as the member representing Government. Mr Goldsbrough is a public sector employee and as such is not entitled to remuneration. A summary of Mr Goldsbrough's employment history and qualifications is included at **Attachment 2**.

Attachment 3 details the current and proposed membership of each board.

In accordance with the guidelines provided in the *Queensland Cabinet Handbook*, your approval is sought for these proposed appointments. In addition, I seek your approval to proceed directly to Governor-in-Council rather than bringing a significant appointment submission to Cabinet. Sch3 S.2(f) Consideration of Cabinet

I look forward to your response on this matter. If you require any further information, please contact Mr David Fraser, Chief of Staff and Principal Adviser, on 3247 9068 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



JARROD BLEIJIE MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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ATTACHMENT 3

APPOINTMENTS TO WORKCOVER QUEENSLAND BOARD

EXISTING MEMBERS				PROPOSED CANDIDATES		
NAME	POSITION	FIRST APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES	NAME	POSITION	NEW/ REAPPOINT/ TERM
Mr Glenn Ferguson	Chairperson	17/07/1998	30/06/2012	Mr Glenn Ferguson	Chair	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Justin O'Connor	Deputy Chairperson	01/02/1997	30/06/2012	Mr Justin O'Connor	Deputy Chair	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Ian Winterburn	Director	17/07/1998	30/06/2012	Mr Ian Winterburn	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr John Crittall	Director	11/12/2003	30/06/2012	Mr John Crittall	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Ms Melinda Bailey	Director	01/07/2003	30/06/2012	Ms Melinda Bailey	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Ian Leavers	Director	01/07/2009	30/06/2012	Mr Ian Leavers	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Barry Leahy	Director	28/02/2008	30/06/2012	Dr Simon Blackwood	Director	08/02/2013 – 30/06/2014

APPOINTMENTS TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION REGULATORY AUTHORITY (Q-COMP) BOARD

EXISTING MEMBERS				PROPOSED CANDIDATES		
NAME	POSITION	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES	NAME	POSITION	NEW/ REAPPOINT/ TERM
Ms Flavia Gobbo	Chair	1/07/2010	30/06/2012	Ms Flavia Gobbo	Chair	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Peter Dowling	Deputy Chair	1/07/2009	30/06/2012	Mr Peter Dowling	Deputy Chair	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Dr Beres Wenck	Director	1/07/2009	30/06/2012	Dr Beres Wenck	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr Stephen Tait	Director	1/07/2009	30/06/2012	Mr Stephen Tait	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
Mr David Harrison	Director	1/07/2009	30/06/2012	Mr David Harrison	Director	01/07/2012 – 30/06/2014
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Mr Barry Leahy	Director	28/02/2008	30/06/2012	Dr Simon Blackwood	Director	Date of Governor in Council approval – 30/06/2014

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Dr Simon Blackwood	Director	1/07/2009	30/06/2012	Mr Paul Goldsbrough	Director	Date of Governor in Council approval – 30/06/2014

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Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 22 April 2013
Subject: Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS)
disputed payments for s.73 Member of the Public
Mackay

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Premier [Signature]

Date **6/15/2013**

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **sign the letter to** [Redacted] **about his claims through the PTSS (Attachment 1).**

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 27 March 2013 *2/4*
Subject: Councillor Margaret Strelow, Mayor,
Rockhampton Region regarding privatisation
of aged care in Rockhampton

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Premier *[Signature]*
Date *17/4/2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the response to Councillor Strelow about her concerns with the privatisation of aged care services in Rockhampton (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 31 January 2013, Councillor Strelow wrote to you and the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, with questions about the Government's announcement to remove 'low care' facilities after 30 June 2013 (**Attachment 2**).
- A copy of the Minister for Health's response is at **Attachment 3**.
- On 27 February 2013, the Central Queensland (CQ) Hospital and Health Service (HHS) closed an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for an alternative provider to operate its existing 200 aged care places across the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre and Eventide Home Rockhampton, along with 25 community based care packages.
- An announcement is expected in April 2013 regarding the outcome of the EOI following assessment of the applications.
- CQ HHS has advised there are no 'low care' clients in the affected facilities. Both facilities provide care to residents with high care needs. As no low care facilities are being removed, services for both current and new low care clients remain unchanged. These services are provided through programs such as Home and Community Care.
- Like a number of other HHSs, the CQ HHS intends to withdraw from the provision of aged care. However, it is not intending to close down the existing facilities in Rockhampton rather is opting to outsource the operation of these facilities to a non-government provider.
- Queensland, through Queensland Health (QH), is one of the last remaining states to directly provide aged care services, as this is Federal Government responsibility. With spare capacity existing in the non-government sector, the option of outsourcing rather than closure is likely to attract less criticism from the community. Moreover, minimal impact on clients is expected as they are not required to relocate and non-government providers must meet the same standards of care as QH under federal legislation.
- If the CQ HHS fails to secure an operator for the facilities, it will reconsider its options for the provision of aged care. A number of aged care agencies have expressed an interest in leasing the site and managing the nursing home. The successful operator will need to meet the contracts of existing residents.
- Staff, residents and the community have been notified of the plan and affected staff have been asked to nominate for Voluntary Redundancies. The extent of these will be determined by staffing requirements of the successful operator.

• CONSULTATION

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16 APR 2013

Councillor Margaret Strelow
Mayor
Rockhampton Regional Council
PO Box 1860
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

Dear Councillor Strelow

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2013 about proposed changes to special and low care facilities in the Rockhampton area. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the Rockhampton Regional Council's questions and concerns about recent activities being undertaken by the Central Queensland (CQ) Hospital and Health Service (HHS).

Firstly, you asked what facilities will be affected by changes to how aged care is provided in Rockhampton. I am told the CQ HHS recently closed an Expression of Interest (EOI) process seeking an alternative aged care provider to operate its 200 aged care places across the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre and Eventide Home Rockhampton, along with 25 community-based care packages.

Should the EOI process be successful, then the facilities themselves will be able to remain open and residents will not have to move. The only change for residents is that the service will no longer be operated by the Government. Importantly, non-government providers are subject to the same standards and monitoring arrangements imposed by the Federal Government as government-operated services. As such, the standard of care and accommodation will be comparable to that provided by the State. Please be assured that the care of residents is of the utmost importance, and all efforts will be made to minimise disruption to residents and their families.

You have also raised concerns about care arrangements for existing and new low care clients after 30 June 2013. I am told that all residents of the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre and Eventide are high care clients and the provision of this care will be unaffected by a transition to a non-government service provider. As no low care facilities are being removed, services for both current and new low care clients, provided through programs such as Home and Community Care, will continue to be available to support older people and their carers.

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In relation to communication with the public about these changes, residents, their families and carers, and staff are expected to be informed of new management arrangements in April 2013, following assessment of the applications through the EOI process. With non-government service providers required to meet the same standards of care as Queensland Health, there should be minimal impact on residents, with no adverse consequences anticipated from changing management from the government to non-government sector. However, should residents, families or staff wish to discuss any concerns, they are encouraged to make contact directly with the management of the various services.

In terms of the reason for this change, what many people don't realise is that Queensland is one of the last remaining states to run residential aged care services. Aged care is the responsibility of the Federal Government and the vast majority of residential aged care services in Queensland — around 95 per cent — are already provided by non-government services. These providers have the capacity and expertise to deliver these services effectively.

I have a personal commitment to fixing the hospital and health system. Despite the dire circumstances of the State budget, the Queensland Government increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year — an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget and one of the largest health budget increases in the country. However the Federal Government recently made a unilateral decision to cut State health funding by \$381 million, including reductions totalling \$103 million in 2012–13.

I understand that you also wrote to my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, about these issues and that he recently responded to you. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I encourage you to contact Mr Charles Ware, Chair, Central Queensland Hospital and Health Board, on telephone (07) 4920 6282.

Thank you again for raising these issues with me on behalf of the Rockhampton Regional Council and your local community and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Dear Premier

Proposed Changes to Special Care Facilities

At its meeting of 12 December 2012, Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Glenda Mather regarding concerns over the State Government's announcement to remove its "low care" facilities after 30 June 2013.

At this meeting, Council resolved that a letter be sent to yourself and the Minister for Health seeking responses to the following questions:

1. Exactly which institutions will be affected in Rockhampton?
2. As of 30 June 2013, how will the current low care clients receive this care?
3. Where will any new clients go, if they are identified as eligible for low care as at 30 June 2013, and who will be looking after them?
4. When can Council expect public consultation from the State which would normally accompany proposed changes which impact on families and the most vulnerable, in order to identify any implications arising from those proposed changes?
5. What was the reasoning behind such proposed change, and what studies have been undertaken to identify any adverse consequences?

I look forward to receiving responses to the above questions, however if you wish to discuss this matter, please contact my office on 4936 8275.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Strelow
Mayor
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Councillor Margaret Strelow
Mayor
Rockhampton Regional Council
PO Box 1860
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

1 MAR 2013

Dear Mayor *Margaret*

Thank you for your letter dated 31 January 2013, in relation to the provision of aged care services in the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CQHHS).

I very much appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns. I am advised that the CQHHS has released an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the objective of potentially entering into contractual arrangements with an interested private service provider, which can operate the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre (NRNC), Eventide Home Rockhampton and Community Based Care Packages.

This move is in line with the direction of the Federal Government's National Health Reform, which was introduced on 1 July 2012. This Reform resulted from an agreement by the Council of Australian Governments.

You may be aware that in November 2012, I lobbied Hospital and Health Boards across the State to consider a scheme devised by the previous State Government. Under this scheme, residents from eight facilities, including the NRNC would be transferred from State care into private sector accommodation. Following this, and in line with the CQHHS identification of its core business as the delivery of hospital services, the EOI was released.

Currently, the NRNC and Eventide Home only provide care to residents with high care needs, therefore, no low care facilities will be removed.

The Department of Health currently provides care for less than 5% of the total population of residents in Queensland residential aged care facilities. Other providers include the religious and charitable sector, private sector, community based organisations and local governments.

New clients can continue to access services from these providers, and it is reasonable to expect that any organisation interested in operating the NRNC and Eventide Home would also be interested in continuing to accept residents depending on their operational capacity.

I am advised that the EOI will close on 27 February 2013, and the staff, residents, their families and the Central Queensland community can expect an announcement during April 2013.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Rod Boddice, Chief Operations Officer, CQHHS, on telephone 4920 5765, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely



LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP
Minister for Health

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2410

Document No. DOC/13/31223

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 February 2013
Subject: Proposed new Consular Post and Appointment of Honorary Consul for Timor-Leste in Queensland

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier *[Signature]*

Date

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** I sign the letter to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade indicating the Queensland Government has no objections to the establishment of a consular post for Timor-Leste and the appointment of Dr Ian Marshall as the Honorary Consul with jurisdiction throughout Queensland (**Attachment A**).

• KEY ISSUES

- According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2011 Census, 510 people in Queensland identified Timor-Leste as their place of birth.
- The consular post will be established in Brisbane and will have jurisdiction for Queensland.
- Appointment as an Honorary Consul provides the office holder with an entrée to many official functions and ceremonies. It is, therefore, in the State Government's interests to ensure that any person appointed as an Honorary Consul is a well respected and law abiding member of the community.
- Any concerns of the Queensland Government need to be conveyed to the Federal Government for its consideration, as it is a matter for the Federal Government to approve or reject a nominee for an Honorary Consular position.
- No objection to the proposed consular post or nominated appointee has been identified. Dr Ian Marshall's curriculum vitae is at **Attachment B**.

• CONSULTATION

- Supreme Court; Corporate Information, Department of the Premier and Cabinet; Trade and Investment Queensland; and Multicultural Affairs Queensland.

• BACKGROUND

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has written to this department enquiring whether the Queensland Government would have any objections to the establishment of a consular post in Queensland headed by an honorary consul for Timor-Leste (**Attachment C**).

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/31070

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 8 March 2013

Subject: s.73 Member of the Public regarding autism assessment services in Gladstone

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier

Date 19/3/2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to s.73 Member of the Public about his request for assistance to have his son assessed for autism (**Attachment 1**).

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Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Jon Grayson
Director-General

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DATE: 11 / 2 / 2013

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Document No. DOC/13/22161

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 26 February 2013
Subject: CEO Mid-Year Review Performance Check

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted

Premier

Date 27/3/2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note my performance for the financial year to-date (**Attachment 1**)
- meet with me to discuss my performance
- sign the mid-year performance check (**Attachment 2**), including any comments in the 'Agreed action required / comments' column before the end of February 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- The Public Service Commission (PSC) is coordinating a Chief Executive Mid-Year Performance Check and has requested this be completed by the end of February. To complete this assessment, we are required to meet to discuss my performance to-date in 2012-13.
- I have prepared a progress report on my performance (**Attachment 1**), which demonstrates that I am on schedule to achieve the Performance Objectives of:
 - o financially sustainable service delivery and workforce (objectives 1 and 2)
 - o implementation of government priorities and commitments (objective 5)
 - o a streamlined organisational structure (objective 6)
 - o an efficient organisation that identifies and reduces waste (objective 7)
 - o a capable, high-performing workforce (objective 8)
 - o a client-focussed organisational culture (objective 9).
- Note that objective 4 relating to red tape reduction is not required as the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) does not have any red tape reduction initiatives.
- The only area of risk (indicated by amber traffic light) is:
 - o Objective 3 - 'revitalised frontline and/or client services'. Performance required to achieve this objective includes that the Premier and Cabinet have access to Strategic Policy advice on medium- to long-term issues and development of a visionary framework, planning for G20, and review and streamlining of corporate services.
 - The Deputy Director-General Priority Projects, Ms Sue Rickerby, has just been appointed. The immediate priority of delivering the Queensland Plan (the plan) should be significantly progressed by June. This plan will not be delivered by the Strategic Policy Unit as originally envisaged.
 - Activities surrounding planning for G20 are on schedule.
 - Corporate services streamlining — proposal has been developed to share corporate services with the PSC by transferring PSC staff to DPC. However, this is subject to further discussions with the Chief Executive, PSC.

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- The Chief Executive Mid-Year Performance Check from the PSC only requires that traffic lights be placed against each objective indicating that performance is on schedule (green), has minor issues requiring attention (amber) or urgent attention is required (refer **Attachment 2**).
- Once you have included any comments on my performance, you are required to sign this Performance Check and it will be submitted by DPC to the PSC by the end of February 2013. (**Attachment 2**).

• CONSULTATION

- Business Services, DPC, was consulted as it maintains the financial and HR information required to undertake this review.
- G20 State Planning Unit has confirmed the draft conceptual framework is on track for completion.
- PSC



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Chief Executive Mid-Year Performance Check for completion in February 2013

Name: Jon Grayson

Position: Director-General

Department: Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Mid-year performance check completed:

Signed:



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Date: 27/3/13

Endorsed:



Campbell Newman
Premier

Date: 27 Mar 2013

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Mid-year performance check

Performance Objectives		Performance conversation	
Balanced Scorecard Perspective	Performance Objectives	Evidence that the objective has been achieved	Weighting %
Financial Perspective	Financially sustainable service delivery	Services delivered within agreed budget allocation	15%
	A financially sustainable workforce	Workforce managed within agreed financial controls	15%
Stakeholder & Outcome Perspective	Revitalised frontline and/or client services Improved critical and essential services to the community and/or improved services to clients in three to five areas, as identified by the chief executive (at least one of the services must require cross-agency collaboration) >>	<p>Weighting for Financial perspective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Sector Renewal Program (PSRP) is established and the Premier and Cabinet have access to reporting on the transformational process and benefits of the PSRP. The Premier and Cabinet have access to Strategic Policy advice on medium to long term issues and 'horizon' issues. 	<p>Weighting: 30%</p> <p>10%</p>
			n/a
			<p>PSRP has transferred from DPC to the Public Service Commission effective 1 February 2013.</p> <p>The Deputy Director-General Priority Projects has just been appointed. The immediate priority of delivering the Queensland Plan should be significantly progressed by June. This Plan will not be delivered by the Strategic Policy Unit as originally envisaged.</p>

	<p>3. Planning for G20 is well advance not just in terms of logistics but also in terms of maximising the benefits for Queensland.</p> <p>4. Review and streamlining of Corporate Services.</p>		
Benefits to business and/or the community through red tape reduction	Implementation of red tape reduction initiatives that have quantifiable benefits to business and/or the community	10%	n/a
Implementation of government priorities and commitments	Government priorities and commitments are on track for delivery, as evidenced by traffic light reporting to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet	10%	DPC currently does not have any red tape reduction initiatives
Weighting for Stakeholder and Outcome perspective:		30%	

Traffic light performance check:

- On schedule (green)
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- Urgent attention required (red)

Performance Objectives		Performance conversation	
Balanced Scorecard Perspective	Performance Objectives / Evidence that the objective has been achieved:	Weighting %	CEO Self-Assessment (Traffic light)
Internal Business Perspective	A streamlined organisational structure	10%	<input type="radio"/>
	An efficient organisation that identifies and reduces waste	10%	<input type="radio"/>
Weighting for Internal Business perspective: 20%			
Learning & Growth Perspective	A capable, high-performing workforce	10%	<input type="radio"/>
	A client-focussed organisational culture	10%	<input type="radio"/>
Weighting for Learning and Growth perspective: 20%			

Traffic light performance check:

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Chief Executive Performance Agreement 2012-13 Mid year review – background information

Name: Jon Grayson
Position: Director-General
Department: Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Performance Objectives

Please refer to the *Chief Executive Performance Framework Guidelines for 2012-13* before completing and signing this Performance Agreement. The *Guidelines* include more detailed performance standards for each objective.

Balanced Scorecard Perspective	Performance Objective	Evidence that the objective has been achieved	Recommended Performance Standards		Data source / timeframe	Weight %	Est. Score	Reason (NB : estimates at present)
			Minimum performance required for a rating of '3'	Minimum performance required for a rating of '5'				
Financial Perspective	1. Financially sustainable service delivery	Services delivered within agreed budget allocation	Services delivered within approved revised budget	0.5% savings achieved on the approved revised budget (excluding carryovers)	Approved revised budget (budget allocation as published in the 2012-13 Service Delivery Statement (SDS) plus any additional allocations approved by CBRC in 2012-13)	15%	5	As at end January 2013, DPC is approximately 5.8% below approved revised budget. End of year extrapolation has not yet been completed.
			Capital outlays delivered within approved revised budget	Capital outlays delivered within approved revised budget	Capital outlays as published in 2012-13 Budget Paper 3 QAO audited financial statement (by 31 August)			Capital expenditure is presently within approved revised budget.

• **Version 1, June 2012** On schedule (green) ● Minor issues requiring attention (amber) ● Urgent attention required (red) ●

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	2. A financially sustainable workforce	Workforce managed within agreed financial controls	Employee expenses capped within approved budget FTE	Employee expenses at least 1% under approved budget FTE	MOHRI data collection (PSC) as at 30 June 2013 SES data (PSC) as at 30 June 2013 QAO audited financial statement (by 31 August)	15%	5	As at end January 2013, DPC is approximately 4.3% below approved revised budget.
Weighting for Financial perspective:						30%		
Stakeholder & Outcome Perspective	3. Revitalised frontline and/or client services (Improved critical and essential services to the community and/or improved services to clients in three to five areas, as identified by the chief executive (at least one of the services must required cross-agency collaboration))	1. Public Sector Renewal Program (PSRP) is established and the Premier and Cabinet have access to reporting on the transformational process and benefits of the PSRP. 2. The Premier and the Cabinet have access to Strategic Policy advice on medium to long-term issues and 'horizon' issues 3. Planning for G20 is well advanced not just in terms of logistics but also in terms of maximising the benefits for Queensland 4. Review and streamlining of corporate services	1. Transformational change projects are accurately reported to Cabinet, addressing the key issues and highlights of the portfolio, and delivered 80% on time 2. Strategic Policy Unit has at least 80% completed a visionary framework document setting out the Government's long term agenda 3. Conceptual framework for maximising opportunities and benefits of G20 are defined by 30 June 2013 4. At least one major corporate service business process streamlined as a result of the review	1. Transformational change projects are accurately reported to cabinet addressing the issues and highlights of the portfolio and delivered 100% on time 2. Strategic Policy Unit has completed a visionary framework document setting out the Government's long term agenda and communicated to the public sector 3. Conceptual framework and strategies to maximise opportunities and benefits of G20 are defined by 30 June 2013 4. Cashable efficiencies achieved in corporate services	1. Quarterly Report Card 2. Strategic Policy Unit visionary framework document 3. G20 State Planning Unit 4. Review of corporate services	10%	5 n/a	Not applicable – PSRP has transferred from DPC effective 1 February 2013 The Deputy Director-General Priority Projects has just been appointed. The immediate priority of delivering the Queensland Plan should be significantly progressed by June. This Plan will not be delivered by the Strategic Policy Unit as originally envisaged. Draft conceptual framework has been developed and will be provided to DG for approval shortly. CGG Agenda Item 3.2, 20 February 2013 to produce cashable savings through streamlining corporate services in conjunction with PSC.
	4. Benefits to business and/or the community through red tape reduction <i>(Note : DPC currently does not have any red tape reduction initiatives)</i>	Implementation of red tape reduction initiatives that have quantifiable benefits to business and/or the community	At least 80% of all outstanding red tape reduction initiatives, as agreed with the Office of Best Practice Regulation, are on track for delivery	100% of all outstanding red tape reduction initiatives, as agreed with the Office of Best Practice Regulation, are on track for delivery	Office of Best Practice Regulation report on agency performance	10%	n/a	Not applicable – DPC does not have any red tape reduction initiatives.

• Version 1, June 2012

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	5. Implementation of government priorities and commitments	Government priorities and commitments are on track for delivery, as evidenced by traffic light reporting to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet	At least 80% of all outstanding commitments are on track for delivery within the agreed timeframe (rated green)	100% of all outstanding commitments are on track for delivery within the agreed timeframe (rated green)	Commitment Report (i.e. Minister's charter letter and government commitments) prepared by department for DPC every 6 months [DPC reports departmental data to Cabinet in early February and July]	10%	5	All commitments are on track for delivery within agreed timeframes, as evidenced in the end of December 2012 status report provided to the Performance Unit, DPC
Weighting for Stakeholder and Outcome perspective:						30%		
Internal Business Perspective	6. A streamlined organisational structure	Implementation of staffing model and organisational structure approved and agreed by the PSC	Implementation of organisational structure and staffing model, including rationalisation of SES and equivalent officers, as approved by the PSC	Implementation of more cost-effective structures than set out in approved staffing model	Quarterly analysis of: • MOHRI data collection • Career Management Framework System (SES data) Other evidence to support the implementation of cost-effective structures, as provided by departments	10%	3	TF/13/3018 – correspondence from A/CCE, PSC advises that the DPC Executive Management structure has been endorsed by PSC.
	7. An efficient organisation that identifies and reduces waste	Public sector renewal initiatives implemented and benefits realised in line with agreed deliverables	80% of agreed recommendations from the Renewal Program affecting the agency (including the Commission of Audit and agency examinations) are on track for delivery in the agreed timeframe and delivering stated benefits 80% of agreed recommendations from PSC reviews of agency human resources and industrial relations management practices are on track for delivery in the agreed timeframe	100% of agreed recommendations from the Renewal Program affecting the agency (including the Commission of Audit and agency examinations) are on track for delivery in the agreed timeframe and delivering stated benefits 100% of agreed recommendations from PSC reviews of agency human resources and industrial relations management practices are on track for delivery in the agreed timeframe	Recommendations as agreed through Cabinet approval processes Recommendations made by PSC, as agreed through Cabinet approval processes See note on data sources for this objective	10%	5	No recommendations have been advised.
Weighting for Internal Business perspective:						20%		
Learning & Growth Perspective	8. A capable, high-performing workforce	A performance culture evidenced by the use of Performance and Development Agreements (PDAs) amongst senior executives and regular performance conversations	80% of SES officers have a written PDA signed by all parties by 31 October 2012 or within 3 months of commencement (whichever is later) 80% of SES officers who have been employed for at least three months prior to 31 December 2012 have completed their mid-year performance and development check with their manager by 28 February 2013	100% of SES officers have a written PDA signed by all parties by 31 October 2012 or within 3 month of commencement (whichever is later) 100% of SES officers who have been employed for at least three months prior to 31 December 2012 have completed their mid-year performance and development check with their manager by 28 February 2013	Periodic reports submitted to the PSC by the chief executive. Status reports due: • 31 October 2012 • 31 March 2013 • 15 July 2013 (results for full financial year)	10%	5	100% of SES officers have a written PDA signed by all parties by 31 October 2012, or within 3 months of commencement n/a at this time – for completion in end of year review. PSC seek completion of SES mid-year health check by end Feb in this agreement, and end March in SES

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								mid-year health check agreements.
9. A client-focussed organisational culture	Client satisfaction targets achieved		85% of stakeholders indicate level of satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied' or higher 90% of stakeholders indicate a level of satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied or higher 90% satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied or higher	90% of stakeholders indicate level of satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied' or higher 95% of stakeholders indicate level of satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied' or higher 95% satisfaction at 3 'tend to be satisfied' or higher	Estimated actual client/stakeholder satisfaction survey results, as published in the Service Delivery Statement 2013-14 or obtained through direct client survey Stakeholder satisfaction with DPC support of Executive Council and significant appointment processes (target 85%) Stakeholder satisfaction with advice by DPC to agencies on Cabinet and CBRC submissions (target 90%) Premier's satisfaction with DPC support provided by Cabinet Services (target 90%)	10%	4.2	<p>5 ● More than 90% of stakeholders indicated satisfaction of 3 or higher</p> <p>3 ● Fewer than 95% of stakeholders indicated satisfaction of 3 or higher</p> <p>5 ● More than 90% of stakeholders indicated satisfaction of 3 or higher</p>
Weighting for Learning and Growth perspective:						20%		

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 15 March 2012
Subject: Commercial Harvesting of Cabbage Tree Palms.

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Document No. DOC/13/39769

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Premier

Date 26/3/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to s.73 Member of the Public (Attachment 1).

KEY ISSUES

- On 9 February 2013, [redacted] wrote to you seeking legislative amendments to permit the sale of cabbage tree palms from her property (Attachment 2).
- *Livistonia australis* (cabbage tree palm) is classified as a least concern plant and a Type A restricted species under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA).
- Type A restricted species are species that are at potential risk from harvest and trade activities. Trade and harvest of these plants is controlled to ensure their populations are not depleted to the point where they become threatened.
- Currently harvest of whole plants of *Livistonia australis* for commercial purposes can only be undertaken if the requirements for contingent salvage are met (for example, clearing is the result of a development approval under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*).

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet



BACKGROUND

- All native plants in Queensland are protected under the NCA to ensure the survival of native species in the wild. Licensing of the take and use of protected plants is regulated under the Nature Conservation (Protected Plants) Conservation plan 2000.

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Rachel Lunnon Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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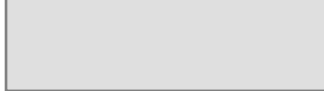


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27 MAR 2013

s.73 Member of the Public



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Dear s.73 Member of the Public

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2013 about the commercial harvest of cabbage tree palms from your property. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I have noted your concerns in relation to the restrictions that apply to the commercial harvest of cabbage tree palms and I can certainly understand the benefits of selling some of the plants on your property.

As you may be aware, the Government is currently undertaking a review of the legislation that applies to protected plants in Queensland. The primary objective of this review is to cut green tape for businesses and landholders. You will be pleased to know that it includes a proposal to permit commercial harvesting of plants like cabbage tree palms, where it can be demonstrated that the harvest is sustainable. Public comment on proposed changes had been invited, and details are available on the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au and click on 'Review of the Protected Plants Legislative Framework'.

The public consultation period on the proposed changes closed on 24 March 2013. For this reason, I have provided a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection so that he is aware of your concerns.

The Government will consider all feedback received during the consultation period prior to finalising the new protected plants legislation.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I am pretty confident that this matter will be resolved this year.

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FROM: Johanna De Winter DATE: 12 / 2 / 2013
POLICY ADVISOR

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:
*Why was the change made by the previous gov; is it necessary to maintain the legislation
 I want this worked as seriously please!*

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

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The Honourable Campbell Newman, MP
Premier of Queensland.

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Dear Premier,

Congratulations on your efforts to make Queensland financially stable again after the spendthrift manner this States' budget was managed by the previous government.

There is an avenue of income that the Queensland's coffers, landowners and workers are being denied and that is the selective relocation of some of the native palms/plants from the bush.

[redacted] acre property with large numbers of Cabbage Tree Palms [Livistonia Australis] and until a few years ago we were able to sell a certain number to a company who would successfully relocate these palms from the property to buyers for landscaping and so we, and other landowners in this area who do not receive handouts from the government, had an income.

At present [2013] there are an estimated [redacted] palms suitable for sale on this property alone, worth approximately \$100,000 to us as landowners – leaving the small palms to grow and the big palms to produce more seeds. An Environmental Scientist estimated in 2007 that there were in excess of 14,000 mature palms and countless thousands of small to medium palms on this property alone so one can only imagine the numbers of saleable plants in other areas.

The sale of palms from the property was stopped by the previous Government. There have been submissions and many reviews, all with the same outcome – a palm that could be successfully relocated for the benefit of the landowner, employees, the community and government is illegal.

As we understand under the "Conservation" [?] Act protected plants cannot be removed from a property by the landowner but these areas can be cleared by mining companies, local councils etc and the palms/plants left to die.

What form of conservation is this??????

We hope that this could be a potential income for all concerned

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Signature

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2766
Document No. DOC/13/26544

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 March 2013
Subject: Request for a meeting from Ms Mary McLean, President, Financial Counselling Association of Queensland Inc. to discuss future funding for financial counselling services.

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 19.3.2013
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the response to Ms McLean (**Attachment 1**) advising that the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services will meet with Ms McLean.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 8 February 2013, Ms McLean wrote to you seeking a meeting to discuss funding for financial counselling services beyond June 2013 (**Attachment 2**).
- Financial counselling services provide information, advice, referral, advocacy and counselling to clients who are in financial difficulty particularly in response to a disaster.
- On 24 March 2011, in response to disaster events, the former Government approved one-off funding of \$5.8 million over two years (to June 2013), for statewide financial counselling services including six in disaster affected locations. Of this:
 - o 80 per cent (\$4.64 million) was funded under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) which attracts a 75 per cent contribution from the Australian Government (\$3.48 million) for disaster-affected clients over two years;
 - o the remaining 20 per cent (\$1.16 million) was funded by the Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) in recognition that not all individuals and families seeking assistance would be directly impacted by the disaster.
- In total, DCCSDS funded \$2.32 million in financial counselling services over two years. Minister Davis is yet to consider funding for these services beyond June 2013. However, they were not highlighted as a priority in the DCCSDS 2013-14 budget submission that was due to be considered by Cabinet Budget Review Committee on 7 March 2013.
- DPC is aware that as part of the *Personal Support and Community Development* package associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, DCCSDS is expected to seek funding for (1) financial counselling services in Bundaberg, North Burnett, Logan and Lockyer - \$920 508, and (2) a statewide Financial Counselling Hotline — \$2 million. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority is coordinating disaster related funding requests.
- If approved, Queensland would be required to contribute 25 per cent under NDRRA or \$730 127 over two years (June 2015).

• CONSULTATION

- DCCSDS

• BACKGROUND

- Financial counselling has been funded by DCCSDS since 2008 as a direct response to the global financial crisis and subsequently in acknowledgement of the ongoing need.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: SHP/EA – TF/13/2766 – DOC/13/26547

13 MAR 2013

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Dear Ms McLean

Thank you for your letter of 8 February 2013 about funding for financial counselling services beyond 30 June 2013. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Let me start by saying that I understand people will be seeking financial counselling services in Queensland to continue beyond June 2013, especially in light of the recent disaster events. As such, I have asked my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to look into this issue as a matter of urgency.

Please accept my apologies but, due to my busy schedule, I am unable to meet with you at this time or to attend the Financial Counsellors' Association Queensland conference in March 2013. However, I have asked Minister Davis to meet with you to discuss future funding arrangements for financial counselling services in Queensland. To arrange a suitable time to meet, please contact Ms Marisha McPhee, Office Manager, in Minister Davis's office on telephone (07) 3235 4280.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all the best for a successful conference and again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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FROM: [Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 12/2 /2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:
Decline attendance at conference

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier (Ministerial)
Sent: Monday, 11 February 2013 7:21 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: FW: Financial Counselling
Attachments: letter attached 8 02 13.doc

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

From: Mary [mailto:[S.73 Email Address](#)]
Sent: Saturday, 9 February 2013 10:19 AM
To: Premier
Subject: Financial Counselling

Dear Mr Newman,

Please consider the funding issue for financial Counsellors and assist us in keeping competent qualified people in the sector to properly look after vulnerable people and people in crisis.

Your early response with regard to a positive funding outcome would be of great assistance.

Perhaps you would like make an announcement at the Financial Counsellors' Association Queensland conference in March. We would welcome your attendance at any time over the 3 days (13th, 14th and 15th March at Q1 Surfers Paradise). The Member for Southport, Mr Rob Molhoek has kindly offered to open our conference.

Kind Regards,
Mary McLean
President FCAQ Inc.

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8th February 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman,
Premier of Queensland

By email: Premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Newman,

Re: Financial Counsellors' Association of Queensland Inc.

We appreciate the open lines of communication between yourself and the financial counselling sector. As you know, financial counselling is one of the critical front line services activated in response to the current natural disasters to the north and west of Brisbane.

I am writing to you now because I have just finished a teleconference with the heads of the major employers of financial counsellors in Queensland. Funding for these services finalises on 30th June 2013 and redundancy notices will need to be issued on 30th March 2013.

As the peak body for financial counsellors, this is of great concern to us. Those affected by the current crisis will need time to sort through a myriad of financial issues and many will benefit from the input of a financial counsellor. For example, after the 2011 floods financial counsellors helped many people re-negotiate mortgage and credit card payment arrangements. Financial counsellors also have expertise in insurance issues and helped consumers with claims. For example, one service successfully assisted a 69 year old pensioner to pursue a dispute with her insurance company. The company had offered her \$15,669; the final amount received was \$81,660.

The major employers of financial counsellors and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and/or the Honourable Ms Davis to discuss ongoing and future funding from the State Government for financial counselling.

My phone contacts are Monday and Tuesday @ Citizens Advice Bureau & GCLS 5532 9611 Wednesday and Thursday @ Lifeline Darling Downs 1300 991 443 or by email marym@allmail.net. I would be happy to co-ordinate with the major employers to join with us for a meeting.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely

Mary McLean
President FCAQ inc.

helping consumers manage their financial challenges

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2847

Document No. DOC/13/23639

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 21 February 2013
Subject: **Queensland Security Committee – 26 March 2013**

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / ~~Noted~~

Premier

Date

27/2/2013

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that the Acting Premier, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, wrote to the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety on 11 January 2013 advising him that the first meeting of the Queensland Security Committee (QSC) will be held in your office on Tuesday 26 March 2013 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm (**Attachment 1**)
- sign the letters to the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (**Attachment 2**), and the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade (**Attachment 3**) inviting them to the meeting
- note that I have similarly written to the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Ian Stewart, inviting him to the meeting (**Attachment 4**).

• KEY ISSUES

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

- The QSC is to meet biannually and is chaired by you. Its core membership includes the Deputy Premier, Ministers Nicholls and Dempsey, the Commissioner of Police and me.
- On 6 December 2012, Minister Dempsey wrote to you proposing a two hour exercise of the QSC involving a wide range of participants in addition to the QSC's core membership.
- Rather than hold the proposed exercise at this point in time, the Acting Premier decided that the QSC should initially hold its first meeting, to receive a security intelligence briefing from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and discuss counter-terrorism arrangements and the role of the QSC, including assisting you in your interactions with the Prime Minister in the event of a terrorist incident.
- Holding a QSC meeting prior to any exercise will enable the core membership of the committee to become familiar with the security environment and consider their role in a terrorism situation, prior to expanding any discussion to the broader group of ministers and directors-general initially suggested by Minister Dempsey. The QSC will have opportunities to be involved in counter-terrorism exercises as we move forward toward the G20 and these exercises can include broader participation as envisaged by Minister Dempsey.
- Queensland's Australia–New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee Members, Deputy Commissioner Ross Barnett, QPS, and Mr Patrick Vidgen, Deputy Director-General (Governance), DPC have been invited as observers to assist the committee with any queries it may have concerning counter-terrorism arrangements.
- Officers from DPC and QPS are working together to develop the agenda and papers for the meeting and these will be circulated to members prior to 26 March 2013.

• CONSULTATION

- Your office has been consulted and agrees with the proposed approach and the timing for the first QSC meeting. QPS has also been consulted.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

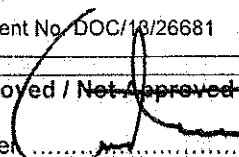
PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2854

Document No. DOC/13/26681

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 25 February 2013
Subject: **Queensland Government submission on
Defence White Paper 2013**

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / ~~Noted~~

Premier 

Date 28/2/2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:
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Action Officer: Wade Lewis

Approvals by Director / ED / DDG documented

Area: IGR

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/2939
Document No. DOC/13/24301

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 14 February 2013
Subject: **Expo 88 25th Anniversary**

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 22 Feb 2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: (if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- indicate your preferred approach to sponsorship of the Expo 88 25th Anniversary celebrations scheduled for 28 April 2013 (**Attachment A**)
- sign the corresponding letter to Brisbane City Council (BCC), advising of the Queensland Government's sponsorship decision (**Attachments B, C or D**)
- note that if sponsorship is supported, I have approved the allocation of \$60 000 (ex GST) from the Director-General's Reserve for this purpose.

• KEY ISSUES

- BCC is seeking sponsorship support for \$60 000 (approximately half the operating costs) for the 25th Anniversary of Expo 88 celebrations.
- The proposed celebrations include two components:
 1. A plaque commemorating the contribution of Sir Llew Edwards AC and the committee of Expo 88. The artwork mock up is at **Attachment E** and is yet to be finalised.
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• CONSULTATION

- Office of the Chairman, BCC.

• BACKGROUND

- The Parklands, South Bank is currently undergoing ownership transition to BCC.

Comments (Premier or DG)

*RDG,
I understand that the Lead Meyer's Office see this as a good joint initiative. Premier would be involved in ceremony in 2014. PAV 15/2.*

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: C.Bryant Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
Area: Events Coord. documented in notes in TRIM
Telephone: 3224 2409

For reply please quote: EC/CB – TF/13/2039 – DOC/13/24302

Please indicate preferred level of sponsorship.

Approve \$60 000 (ex GST) sponsorship of Expo 88 Anniversary celebrations

Please sign letter (Attachment B)

Approve \$30 000 (ex GST) sponsorship of Expo 88 Anniversary celebrations

Please sign letter (Attachment C)

Decline sponsorship of Expo 88 Anniversary celebrations

Please sign letter (Attachment D)

Released under RTI - DPC



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: EC/CB - TF/13/2939 - DOC/13/24303

25 FEB 2013

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane
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Dear Councillor Quirk

As you would be aware we received a request from Councillor Krista Adams, on 8 February 2013 to partner with Brisbane City Council (the council) for the Expo 88 25th Anniversary.

I am pleased to advise the Queensland Government, through this department, will provide \$60 000 (exclusive of GST) in cash support for the Expo 88 25th Anniversary to be held on the 28th April 2013.

This funding is subject to the council and the State of Queensland executing a Queensland Government sponsorship agreement.

The Queensland Government is pleased to be involved with this event and we look forward to partnering with council to celebrate this great milestone. Expo 88 excited the State and reinvigorated South Bank. It produced long standing, fond memories for many of us all.

To progress these arrangements please arrange for the appropriate person within council to contact Ms Christine Bryant, Sponsorship and Policy, from my department, by email at Christine.bryant@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 2409.

Ms Bryant will be happy to discuss and finalise arrangements to ensure a mutually beneficial partnership between the State of Queensland and the council for the Expo 88 25th Anniversary.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



General Purpose Expenditure Voucher

Company Code* Invoice date* Invoice/credit note number* Vendor number* (if known) Mandatory field *

Section A: Vendor Information

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 Claimant/vendor ABN (if applicable)

Address of claimant/vendor*

 Country State Postcode

Remittance text (this will be displayed in the remittance to the vendor)*

Claimant (to be signed by employees claiming cost recovery items)
 I certify that the amount detailed above is due and payable to me for goods supplied, services rendered or works as indicated on this form.

Is there a fringe benefits tax impact?
 No Yes Please advise your SSP fringe benefits tax unit of this assessment

Signature Date

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 No Yes Invoice Attached
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Section B: General Ledger Information

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 • all GL account, WBS Element/ internal order/ cost centre/ profit SAP tax codes are correct;
 • a valid tax invoice is attached where applicable;
 • goods and services are for official purpose and have been received;
 • the invoice has not been previously paid; and
 • the total computed for payment on this form equals the value of the invoice including GST

Name Telephone number
 Position
 Signature Date

Expenditure Approval
 I approve this expenditure from the codes shown above and hold the relevant financial delegation.

See attached brief

Name
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 Signature Date

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Department of Premier & Cabinet
Attention: Ms Christine Bryant
Manager, Sponsorship and Policy
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Amount Due: 22,000.00
Due Date: 13-MAY-13

Page: 1 of 1

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Document No. DOC/13/24301

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Date: 14 February 2013
Subject: Expo 88 25th Anniversary

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Premier
Date 22.12.2013
Date Action Required by:
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(if appropriate)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)
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Action Officer: C.Bryant
Area: Events Coord.
Telephone: 3224 2409
Approvals by Director /ED / DDC
documented in notes in TRIM

Sponsorship agreement
25th Anniversary of World Expo 88

- logo acknowledgement on 25th Anniversary of Expo 88 celebrations Festival program
- logo acknowledgement on signage

The State will be provided with the opportunity to have logo or wording of support on the plaque commemorating the celebrations with the ceremony to be conducted on 28 April 2013 at 11am, Stanley Street, South Bank

Other

The State's support will also be acknowledged in all media and publicity activities including but not limited to, media releases, television, radio and Internet advertising.

Item 7: Sponsorship Fee

Sponsorship Fee: \$60 000 plus GST

Milestone	Amount payable (excluding GST)	Amount of GST payable (if applicable under clause 13.1(b))	Total payable
1. Signing of Agreement	\$10 000	\$1000	\$11 000
2. Event outline, plaque design for approval and event budget (income and expenditure) to be forwarded to the State by Friday 6 March 2013.	\$10 000	\$1000	\$11 000
3. Initiative to be held on 28 April 2013.	\$10 000	\$1000	\$11 000
4. Acceptance by the State of the final Report to be delivered by the Organisation by 21 May 2013.	\$30 000	\$3000	\$33 000
TOTAL	\$60 000	\$0	\$66 000

Item 8: In-Kind Support:

Not applicable (Sponsorship Fee only)

Item 9: Reasonable Market Value:

\$60 000 plus GST



WORLD EXPO 88

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Expo 88

In acknowledgement of the contribution of
Sir Llew Edwards and the Foundation Expo 88 Committee.

Mr Bob Mirmikin

Mr Ric Birch

Mr Richard John

Ms Jane Brumfield

Mr Graham Currie

Mr Ross Given

Mr Peter Goldston

Mr Ken Pope

Mr Tony Phillips

Unveiled by Premier Campbell Newman and Lord Mayor Cr Graham Quirk
28 April 2013



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3002

Document No. 13/47182

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 April 2013
Subject: Palliative care – QEII hospital

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Premier

Date 15/4/2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

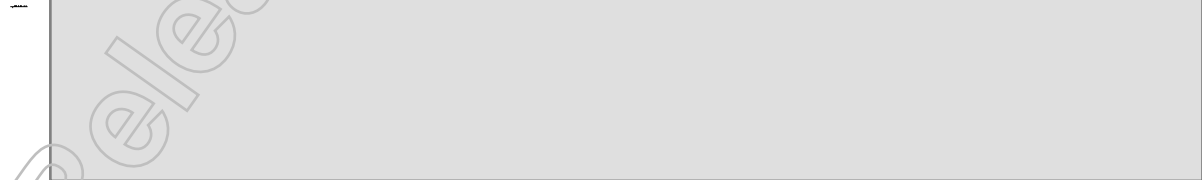
It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to s.73 Member of the Public offering your condolences on the passing of [redacted] and clarifying there have been no nursing redundancies on Ward 3A, QEII Hospital where [redacted] was receiving palliative care (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] emailed you on 13 February 2013 expressing his concern about nurses at QEII (where [redacted] was receiving palliative care for an aggressive, terminal brain tumour) being offered redundancies. He said he didn't think there were enough nursing staff to effectively care for [redacted] and that his sister's attendance was necessary to maintain a suitable level of care for him (Attachment 2).
- The QEII hospital has advised that [redacted] passed away on the [redacted] in hospital.
- The hospital has confirmed via Queensland Health (QH) that:
 - o there have been no nursing staff redundancies on Ward 3A where [redacted] was admitted
 - o Ward 3A has both palliative care beds and medical beds — QH advises that while there has been a reduction of medical beds from 12 down to eight, there has been no reduction to the existing 10 palliative care beds
 - o As a result of the reduction of 4 medical beds, there is a surplus of 1.62 FTE nursing staff across the ward — these surplus staff will be moved into vacancies in the permanent staffing pool and utilised across medical areas of the hospital, including palliative care, to cover emergent leave and high acuity needs.

CTPI - Commercial



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Action Officer: Sandra Eyre Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
Area: SHP documented in notes in TRIM
Telephone: 324 75252



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: SHP/SD - TF/13/3002 - DOC/13/32392

16 APR 2013

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 13 and 15 February 2013 about [REDACTED] and his care at QEII Hospital.

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere condolences on [REDACTED] passing. I appreciate this must be a very difficult time for you and your family.

I share your views about the hard work and dedication of the staff who cared for your brother. Our health professionals are committed and compassionate people and I greatly appreciate the work they do.

I was concerned to read about nursing redundancies and sought some further information from Queensland Health (QH) about what's been happening with the palliative care service at QEII hospital. I have been advised that, contrary to what you were told, there have been no redundancies, forced or voluntary, for staff in Ward 3A where [REDACTED] was being cared for.

It appears there may have been some confusion about nursing staff changes due to a recent reduction in medical beds on Ward 3A from 12 down to eight. However, I have been reassured that in relation to the 10 palliative care beds on Ward 3A, reductions are not planned and nor has there been any reduction to the level of nursing hours to palliative care patients.

I can assure you that I am personally committed to revitalising and restoring public confidence in Queensland's health system. After 11 months of delivering basic repairs to the system, the Government has recently released the *Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland* (the blueprint) which sets out our plan to rebuild QH and the State's healthcare system. I encourage you to view the blueprint on the QH website at www.health.qld.gov.au and then click on 'Blueprint'.

You may also be interested to know that despite the dire circumstances of the State's budget, the Government has increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year, an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget – one of the largest health budget increases in the country. However, the Federal Government recently made a unilateral decision to cut State health funding by \$381 million, including reductions totalling \$103 million in 2012–13.

Despite these financial pressures, the blueprint details key investments the Government has made to improve health services including \$55 million over four years for an extra 8000 elective surgery procedures, \$74 million over four years to 27 hospitals to provide additional medical, nursing and allied health staff on weekends and \$52 million in 2012–2013 to fund emergency maintenance in 12 regional hospitals.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write. My thoughts are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 11 March 2013
Subject: **Proposed amendment to section 421 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994**

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to *see below* s.73 Member of the Public

• KEY ISSUES

- Section 421 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) provides protection to purchasers of land to ensure that they are notified if the land is contaminated.
- Under s421 prior to agreeing to sell land that is included in the environmental management register (EMR) or contaminated land register, the seller must give the purchaser written notice that the land is recorded in the register. If the seller does not comply with this requirement the purchaser may rescind the agreement.
- Section 421, is very black and white — either the Seller gives the notice prior to the contract being signed, or the Purchaser has the right to rescind. This right to rescind can be exercised at any time before completion of the sale.
- [Redacted] has written to you (**Attachment 2**) seeking amendment of section 421 of the EP Act to either:
 - (a) limit the right to rescind the agreement to a time period (14 or 30 days) after the purchaser becomes aware that the site is on the EMR
 - (b) remove the right to rescind the agreement if the site is removed from the EMR prior to completion of the agreement, or possession under the agreement.
- In order to balance the rights of the Seller and the Purchaser more evenly, s421 could be amended to provide that, where the Purchaser is given the statutory notice after the contract is signed, the Purchaser has a fixed period, for example 20 business days (i.e. 4 weeks), to give notice to rescind the contract.
- This would go some way to addressing [Redacted] concerns, as an honest mistake by the Seller could be rectified.
- The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection plans to undertake a review of some of the contaminated land provisions in the second half of 2013. It is recommended that s421 be included in that review.

• BACKGROUND

- Section 421 was inserted into the EP Act in 1997 when the provisions of the now repealed *Contaminated Land Act 1991* were integrated into the EP Act.
- [Redacted] the Court held that the right to rescind the contract under s421 could not be waived as it had both an element of a private right (i.e. consumer protection to a prospective purchaser) and of a public right (i.e. the regulation of the sale of contaminated land to meet the object of the EP Act).

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Also needs to go to Rob Mulhoek.

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Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2013, about section 421 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act). I also appreciate your support for the Queensland Government's efforts to cut red tape and streamline legislation.

I believe your suggestion to amend section 421 to limit the time period during which a purchaser can exercise their right to rescind an agreement warrants further investigation.

The Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has indicated his intention to review the contaminated land provisions of the EP Act later this year. I have asked Minister Powell to ensure that an amendment to section 421 is considered as part of this review.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I will also refer the matter to Assistant Minister for Planning Reform Rob Mulhock.



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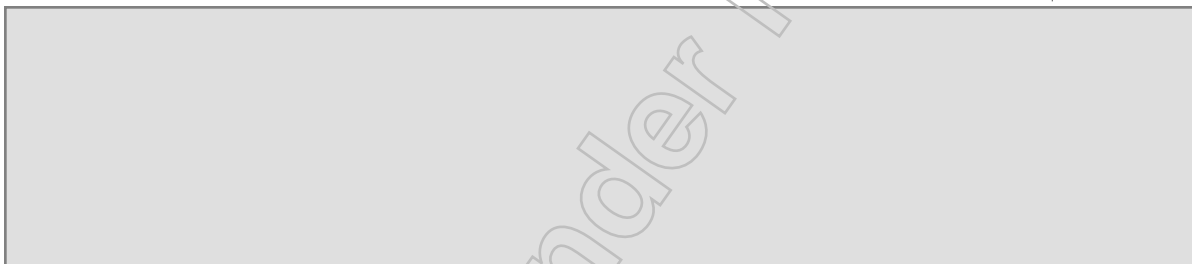
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Dear Campbell,

**Environmental Protection Act 1994
 Submission for a suggested amendment to Section 421**

It is good to see that Queensland is finally being run as a business. I commend you for the hard decisions that you are making for the long term good of Queensland. I also commend you for looking at and amending legislation to better serve the community, the economy, business, and for removing as much red tape as possible.



I wish to put a case to you to consider with your cabinet members, being an amendment to S421 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Section 421 of the Act is designed to protect unaware consumers (*which I agree is necessary*), but at the same time, it by the nature of its wording, can lead to in some circumstances, a Vendor (*in the case of "off the plan" sales and with the intent of acting in good faith*) suffering significant financial loss (*which could have been prevented*).

Two recent court cases illustrate my point and how in both these cases this situation, could have been avoided, if the Act were worded in such a way that ***it still protected the consumer***, but ***not*** at a significant financial risk to the Vendor. A financial risk, (*depending on the capacity of the Vendor*), that could result in the Vendors financial demise.



I will not detail the circumstances of the cases in detail and the findings of the Judges, but I wish to illustrate a set of circumstances in relation to our case, which resulted in us making a loss of in

excess of \$ 4million, and which could have been avoided (*had the Act been worded differently*) and still provided the consumer the protection that S421 of the Act intends.

Our Solicitors prepared Proforma contracts 6 months prior to us finally entering into contracts of sale. At that time our site situated at 141 Sydney Street, New Farm was not on the EMR, but we had become aware of low level contaminants that may have required an EMR listing. We informed EPA (*in accordance with our obligations to do so*) and consulted with them in order to manage the contamination and its removal. Because of the low level of contamination and the fact that we were removing the contamination in a timely manner the EPA was working with us with the possibility that there may not have been a need for the site to be listed. We however found that to dispose of the contaminated material (*to an approved location*) it became necessary to have the site listed on the EMR for a short period.

Our Solicitors prepared contracts that, disclosed to prospective buyers that the site had low level contaminants, and that it may go on the EMR until rectification works were undertaken. Our Solicitors did not make it clear to us that, if the site went on the EMR that the contracts that they had prepared could no longer be used, and that a separate notice had to be given to a Buyer before a Buyer signed the contract.

By the time we signed contracts with 3 buyers the site had been listed on the EMR, but we (*mistakenly with the benefit of hindsight*) did not provide the necessary Notice to our Buyers prior to the contracts being signed. Our buyers were aware by the nature of the clause that had been included in the contracts (by our Solicitors) that the site had contaminated materials that may have required EMR listing.

The development was for the construction of 7 luxury homes with construction costs of around \$7m and a land cost of \$2.1m. We constructed the project on the belief that we had enforceable contracts to the value of \$6,280,000.

The settlement date under the contract allowed for 2 years for completion and settlement of the project and the contracts.

The court later determined that whilst the Buyers, even though they became aware only 3 weeks after they had signed the contract, and even though they authorised construction variations (*to suit their own requirements*) that, they had a **statutory right at any time up to settlement to terminate** their contracts and that, such right remained irrespective of whether or not they had taken steps to indicate an affirmation of the contract.

Section 421 of the Act as written is reasonable in the case of contracts that have short (*and standard*) settlement periods, but totally unreasonable where an honest mistake has been made by a Vendor or its Solicitors, and where a Buyer having found out only 3 weeks after the contracts have been signed can hold onto these contracts, while the Vendor constructs a project over an 18 month period, at the mercy of the Buyer to decide if it settles. Section 421 of the Act as written does not appear to have contemplated long term contracts in particular "off the plan sales" where long

construction periods and high construction dollars are usual. It protects the consumer but gives the **Vendor no rights or protection and no means for remedy.**

This creates an unacceptable commercial risk to the Vendor, a risk that can be avoided simply. The Act should be amended to state that once a Buyer becomes aware that the site was on the EMR (*and that proper prior notice had not been given*) that the Buyer must within 14 days (*or even 30 days to be conservative*), either terminate the contract or affirm it, and failing any notice by the Buyer, then it should be deemed that the Buyer affirms the contract and the contract is then enforceable.

If Section 421 of the Act were modified to this effect then the Buyer Protection would still remain and the Vendor would not be faced with the uncertainty and risk at the Buyer's Sole Option to decide if it will settle or not.

Section 421 of the Act has the effect of giving a Buyer an **Option to Purchase** a Property, which in the case of a large and lengthy project could, provide the Buyer with an Option to Purchase for many years. It was probably not the intent of the Act to give a Buyer a Long Option to purchase that cannot be terminated or remedied by the Vendor (*who has made an honest mistake*).

In our case, as in the APM Property Case a simple modification to S421 of the EPA would have saved lengthy and costly Court actions against the Buyers and then Actions against Solicitors for failing to provide the correct and proper advice.

A modification is even more important in the case where sales are "off the plan" prior to the construction of a project where sales are pre-conditions for finance and where the construction periods are long and the construction costs are significant.

In our case our Solicitors wrote to the Buyers some 3 – 4 weeks after they has signed their contracts to say that the site had come off the EMR and provided them with a copy of the notice from the EPA. Our Buyers at that time and by the nature of the clause that disclosed contamination (but not that it was listed) were able to hold onto their effective "Option to Purchase" as created by Section 421 of the Act for a period of 18 months before finally terminating their contracts just prior to the settlement date.

I am not asking for the removal of Consumer Protection. I am asking for consideration for a modification to Section 421 of the Act. A modification that allows remedy once it becomes apparent an error has been made and a Buyer becomes aware that a site was on the EMR but proper notice had not been given, or the case that a Vendor becomes aware that it had not given proper notice in compliance with the Act.

In fact, I would go as far as saying that the provisions of S421 of the Act should not apply to "off the plan" sales. They should be exempt from the provisions because even if a site is on the EMR it would have to be remediated as part of the Development Conditions and removed prior to receiving final classification certificates. Therefore, there is no likelihood that a Buyer in this situation would be buying a property which will remain on the EMR following settlement. You may not be comfortable in going this far, but it is in fact a reality and what actually happened on our development.

I would welcome further discussion. I believe that the Act complies with its intent which is to protect consumers but I do not believe that the intent was to give a Buyer a long term option to buy (that cannot be terminated by the Vendor) and in fact it cannot even be affirmed by the Buyer ***it can only be terminated by the Buyer and the Vendor has no rights.***

We are unlikely to make the same mistake twice, but it would be good to save someone else having to go through the same thing we did not to mention using the Courts time in cases like our case, when the more likely reason that our Buyers terminated was not the EMR listing, but that they no longer wanted to proceed with the purchase *(for whatever reasons)* and the circumstances existed that gave them such an opportunity. Of course that it is just speculation on my part.

Yours faithfully,

s.73 Member of the Public



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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to [REDACTED] (Attachment A) advising him that he should seek a review of ICC's decision to issue him with a fine.

• KEY ISSUES

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Queensland Voice for Mental Health re
Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to Mr Muller (**Attachment 1**) about the *Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2013* (the Bill).

KEY ISSUES

- Mr Noel Muller wrote to you on 31 January 2013 (**Attachment 2**) and 14 February 2013 (**Attachment 3**) requesting you consider ensuring the Bill has the legislative basis to:
 - o ensure consumer and carer representation and input in the Mental Health Commissioner's office and/or on the Advisory Board
 - o provide for representation of the alcohol and other drug sector and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and other at risk communities
 - o ensure the Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC) has a significant level of independence in its operation and public reporting and legislative independence from any single government department.
- Mr Muller also raises the proposed amendments to Limited Community Treatment (LCT) orders, noting they risk legal challenge as they conflict with existing legislation and international commitments. These amendments allow the Director of Mental Health (DMH) to cancel LCT for an individual or group where a risk may exist, provide the Minister for Health with power to direct the DMH to undertake a review of the use of LCT at a facility where a risk exists, and provide for the DMH to specify conditions for LCT, including the use of monitoring devices such as GPS trackers.
- On 6 March 2013, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health tabled the Government's response (**Attachment 4**) to the Health and Community Service Committee (the committee), report on the Bill (**Attachment 5**). The Government's response rejected the nine recommended amendments as either unnecessary, as being able to be dealt with administratively or on the basis they would undermine the intent of the provisions of the Bill.
- The Bill passed with amendment on the 7 March 2013 and is set down for proclamation from 1 July 2013.
- In relation to Mr Muller's concerns, QH has advised the following:
 - o The Bill contains a clear statutory obligation on the QMHC to engage and increase the participation of people with a lived experience, families, carers and support persons. For example, s11(2)(d)(i) states that 'In exercising its functions under this Act, the commission must — engage and consult with people with mental health or substance misuse issues, and their families, carers and support persons'. Further, the Bill states at s7(e)(i) that the whole-of-Government strategic plan must include strategies for 'increasing participation by relevant persons in the development, delivery and evaluation of policies, programs and services to the greatest extent possible'.

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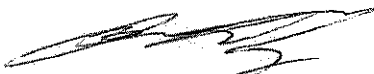
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- o The Bill clearly states at s11(2)(e) that the QMHC must 'take into account the particular views, needs and vulnerabilities of different sections of the Queensland community, including (i) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and (ii) culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and (iii) regional and remote communities; and (iv) other groups at risk of marginalisation and discrimination'.
- o The QMHC is established as a statutory body, independent of other Government departments and that transparency will occur through reporting mechanisms, including the annual and ordinary reports to be tabled in Parliament, and that the Commissioner will report to the Minister for Health and be accountable to the Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council for its actions.

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Dear Mr Muller

Thank you for your letters of 31 January 2013 and 14 February 2013 about the establishment of the Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC). I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, let me thank you for your input and submission to the Health and Community Services Committee (the committee). I am pleased individuals and groups have taken the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on the Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2012 (the Bill).

As you would be aware, the committee tabled its report on 27 February 2013 and the Government tabled its response to the committee's report and recommendations on 6 March 2013. The Bill was passed in Parliament on 7 March 2013.

With regard to your suggestions about the Bill, careful consideration was given to these issues throughout the consultation and drafting process and in the extensive debates in the Parliament.

In your letters, you raised the issue of consumer and carer participation in the work of the QMHC. The Bill contains a clear statutory obligation for the QMHC to engage and increase the participation of people with a lived experience, families, carers and support persons. Section 11(2)(d)(i) states that:

In exercising its functions under this Act, the commission must — engage and consult with people with mental health or substance misuse issues, and their families, carers and support persons.

Further, the Bill states at Section 7(e)(i) that the whole-of-Government strategic plan must include strategies for 'increasing participation by relevant persons in the development, delivery and evaluation of policies, programs and services to the greatest extent possible'.

In considering whether the Bill should be more prescriptive about the makeup of the Advisory Council, this was considered by the committee, which noted that membership should reflect the various communities and stakeholders and that this would be best achieved by providing the Minister for Health with some flexibility to reflect the diverse community.

You have also asked that the Bill provide for representation from the alcohol and other drug sector and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse and other at-risk communities. I am pleased to advise that the Bill clearly states at Section 11(2)(e) that the commission must:

take into account the particular views, needs and vulnerabilities of different sections of the Queensland community, including-(i) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and (ii) culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and (iii) regional and remote communities; and (iv) other groups at risk of marginalisation and discrimination.

When it comes to the legislative basis for the QMHC's independence, it is the case that the QMHC is to be established as a statutory body, independent of other government departments and that transparency will occur through reporting mechanisms, including the annual and ordinary reports to be tabled in Parliament. The Commissioner will report to the Minister for Health and be accountable to the Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council for its actions.

I also note the concerns you raised about amendments to the Limited Community Treatment provisions and monitoring conditions and that these changes may conflict with existing international commitments. While the primary purpose of the *Mental Health Act* is to provide for the involuntary assessment, treatment, and protection of persons with a mental illness in a way that safeguards the rights of these individuals, the Act also aims to balance the rights of the broader public with the rights of involuntary patients.

Given the diversity of views expressed in the submissions to the committee, I don't expect all parties will agree with the Government's final version of the Bill, but I am encouraged by the fact that all parties will have a continuing and ongoing opportunity to influence the direction and detail of the reform process, which will be led by the independent QMHC.

I am encouraged by the support expressed by stakeholders for the QMHC and am confident all parties will have a continuing and ongoing opportunity to influence the direction of the mental health reform process in Queensland, led by the new independent QMHC.

The establishment of the QMHC is a watershed moment in the history of mental health services in this State and I look forward to the QMHC driving real improvements in services and outcomes for people with a mental illness.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Newman

May we congratulate you and the Government on the tabling of the legislation to establish the much needed Queensland Mental Health Commission. Consumers (service users) and their families and carers can now see the possibility of the reform that is required to address the significant problems posed by Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol issues in our society. It is important to remember that carers, usually families, play a vital, and voluntary, role in supporting the recovery consumers.

In the consultations leading up to the legislation the message from Consumers and Carers was "We don't want more of the same". It is pleasing to note that the primary function of the Commission will be to seek out and drive reforms which will lead to recovery oriented advances in planning, policy, and delivery of mental health services.

Consumers and carers have also universally recognised that the cultural change within mental health and other services required to effect these reforms will only occur with a genuine "customer focus" and mandatory consumer and carer participation.

We note with extreme concern that the legislation does not contain specific requirements for the representation of Consumers and Carers in either the Commissioner's office, or the Chairmanship and Membership of the Advisory Board. Successful International (NZ and Canada) and Interstate (NSW and WA) Commissions ensure that their structure have appointed persons with "lived experience" as executive staff or advisory members. Indeed, NSW Legislation, on which, in part, the Queensland Legislation is based, contains very specific requirements to that end.

After years of being ignored you may understand why consumers and carers feel unable to trust that goodwill and common sense will always prevail and will only be satisfied with their representation being enshrined in the Commission legislation, as it is in NSW. In order to be effective, such representation needs to be much more than a token gesture and needs to ensure ongoing consultation with those who are being represented.

A move from a "service provider focus" to a "customer focus" (or consumer/patient focus) will bring about improvements and efficiencies and encourage the development of more effective working arrangements across all levels of Government service the Private and Non-Government sectors.

We applaud much of the intention of this legislation and it would be appreciated if you would support mental health consumers and carer across Queensland in amending the draft legislation to ensure ongoing consumer and carer participation at all levels of policy, planning and service delivery, not only now but also in the future.

We hope and need that this legislation right the first time.

Should you require further information please contact Queensland Voice

Yours faithfully

s.73 Signature

Noel Muller
President

14 February 2013

Honourable Mr Campbell Newman MP
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Dear Mr Newman

Re: Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2013

As the representative body for consumers and carers, the customer component of the Mental Health sector, Queensland Voice has followed closely the development of legislation to form a Queensland Mental Health Commission. The Health and Community Services Committee has now held its final public hearing on the bill and associated amendments to the Mental Health Act. There were a large number of well-considered and researched submissions and we would urge you to make yourself familiar with them before the legislation is presented in the house.

In representing consumers and carers we would ask you to consider the following points:

- (1) Both the submissions and the witnesses produced clear evidence of the unworkability, legal issues, therapeutic harm and high costs of the limited community treatment amendments. The lack of a justifiable risk assessment and clinical evidence was also shown. If enacted the amendments risk legal challenge as they conflict with existing legislation and international commitments.
- (2) The Commission and its accompanying advisory body must include representation and input from the people most affected, consumers and carers, if it is to drive innovation, and improved service delivery efficiency. To continue without such representation is the equivalent of *"continuing to rebuild bridges which get washed away in every flood"*.
- (3) Specific consideration should be given in the legislation for the representation of the Alcohol and other drugs sector, and for ATSI, CALD and other at risk communities.
- (4) To achieve the desired 'Whole of Government' integration and effective co-ordination with NGOs and the private sector, the Commission needs a significant and perceived level of independence in its operation and in public reporting opportunities.
- (5) A Queensland Commission does not duplicate the work of the National Commission but is, along with the existing commissions in other States part of a network to ensure co-operative action across all levels of Government and Private sector service delivery.
- (6) Consumers and carers have strongly expressed the need to move beyond a *medical/clinical model* or *provider centric* control and the Commission is seen as a way that a wider and more effective and efficient method of recovery focused services can be delivered.

When discussing this legislation with your colleagues and in your vote in Parliament may we humbly suggest that you ensure that the Commission has the legislative basis on which it can be both effective and independent of the influence of a single Department.

Mental Health and Alcohol or substance misuse issues are now part of the life of a very large portion of the Queensland population, either as personal experience or as carers. A large and important section of the population is depending on the Queensland Government to deliver the most effective and empathetic method of reform and service delivery.

We thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely
s.73 Signature

NOEL MULLER
PRESIDENT

Health and Community Services Committee

Report into the Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2012, Report No. 17

Government Response

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Queensland Mental Health Commission Bill 2012 be passed.

Government response: Supported

The Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Queensland Mental Health Bill 2012 and its recommendation to the Parliament to pass the Bill.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Minister inform the Legislative Assembly during the second reading debate about how he envisages the relationship between the Queensland Mental Health Commission and the National Mental Health Commission, and what steps he will take to promote cooperation and collaboration.

Government response: Supported

The Minister for Health will advise the Legislative Assembly during the second reading debate on this matter.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to include a requirement, similar to section 40 of the Hospital and Health Board Act 2011, for the QMHC to develop and publish engagement strategies.

Government response: Not supported

A requirement to develop and publish an engagement strategy can be achieved administratively.

The primary goal of the Queensland Mental Health Commission is to foster a cooperative approach to planning services to people with a mental illness or substance use issue and their families and carers. The Commission simply cannot achieve its purpose if it does not engage properly with the community. For this reason, the legislation already requires the Commission to engage and consult broadly in performing its functions.

The Minister for Health will ensure that the Commission fulfils this requirement and engages in effective and extensive community consultation and will request that the Commission make its communication strategies publicly available.

Recommendation 4

The committee recommends that the Minister inform the Legislative Assembly during the second reading debate about how he will ensure that the Queensland Mental Health Commission's reports and research will be made widely available.

Government response: Supported

The Minister for Health will advise the Legislative Assembly during the second reading debate on this matter.

Recommendation 5

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to enable the Governor in Council to appoint deputy commissioners to the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Government response: Not supported

The Commission is to comprise a streamlined and efficient organisational structure. Providing for statutory appointments of deputy commissioners risks having an overly 'top heavy' structure in which the resources are expended on senior salaries without significant benefit to the role of the Commission.

The Commissioner will be able to designate officers within the Commission as having a 'deputy' role and the Minister may appoint a person to act in the office of Commissioner during any period of vacancy or absence of the Commissioner. In these ways the functions of the Commissioner will continue to be fulfilled, even if there is a temporary absence or a vacancy in the office of Commissioner.

Recommendation 6

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to provide that the Minister may only direct the Advisory Council about the conduct of its business, if the Chairperson and the Commissioner have been unable to reach an agreement.

Government response: Not supported

The Council is to operate with some degree of autonomy from the Commission and whilst the Bill requires that the Chairperson of the Council must consult with the Commissioner before deciding the way in which the Council is to conduct its meetings, there is no requirement that agreement be reached between the Commissioner and the Chairperson .

The Minister is responsible for the administration of the Act generally and it is not appropriate that his role be relegated to merely an arbiter of conflict between the two bodies. In addition, there may be instances where the Commissioner and the Chairperson agree, for instance on a very limited number of meetings a year, or alternatively an inappropriately (and costly) number of meetings a year, which the Minister considers inadequate or manifestly excessive for the Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the Act.



In directing the conduct of meetings, the Minister is not directing the outcome of meetings or the advice provided by the Council.

Recommendation 7

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to provide that the Director of Mental Health may only require a relevant patient to wear a monitoring device, if he or she reasonably believes that allowing limited community treatment without a monitoring device would give rise to an unacceptable risk that the patient:

- *Would not return to the AMHS*
- *Would commit a serious sexual offence*
- *Would endanger the safety or welfare of the patient or others*

The amendments should be based on existing provisions in the DP(SO)Act and the MHA.

Government response: Not supported

The Government considers this amendment unnecessary and the outcome can be better achieved administratively.

As with other powers and functions in the Mental Health Act, the Director of Mental Health will develop appropriate policies and procedures to underpin the use of this new authority. The Minister for Health has undertaken to refer this recommendation to the Director to inform the Director's consideration of criteria to be included in those policies and procedures.

The Government notes that the *Corrective Services Act 2006* also includes an authority for the chief executive to "require an offender to wear a device for monitoring the offender's location" if considered reasonably necessary (section 267). There are no guidelines or criteria in that Act for determining what is 'reasonably necessary' and the authority is not linked in the legislation to the offender's offence or likely behaviour.

Recommendation 8

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to require the Director of Mental Health to take all reasonable steps to consult with the patient's treating psychiatrist before deciding that a patient be required to wear a monitoring device.

Government response: Not Supported

The Government considers such an amendment unnecessary and the outcome can be achieved administratively.

The Minister of Health has undertaken to refer this recommendation to the Director of Mental Health to be taken into consideration in the development of the policies and procedures to support this new authority.

The Government notes that the Director would not be effectively discharging his or her duties under the Mental Health Act generally if the decision to apply a monitoring condition was made arbitrarily and with disregard to the treatment plan and treating psychiatrists advice.

Recommendation 9

That the committee recommends that the Bill be amended to require the Director of Mental Health to give written reasons for his or her decision to require a relevant patient to wear a monitoring device, at the time the decision is taken.

Government response: Not supported

The Government considers this amendment unnecessary and the outcome can be achieved administratively.

Appropriate documentation of decisions made concerning treatment plans is a core component of the professional standards for medical practitioners and the Director would not be effectively discharging his or her duties under the Mental Health Act if reasons for applying a monitoring condition were not detailed in a patient's records.

In addition, as a practical matter, reasons for applying a monitoring condition to limited community treatment would need to be made available to the Mental Health Review Tribunal for routine and requested reviews of the treatment plan and any conditions applied.

The Minister of Health has undertaken to refer this recommendation to the Director of Mental Health to inform the making of policies and procedures concerning the application of monitoring conditions.

Recommendation 10

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to require the Director of Mental Health to take all reasonable steps to consult each patient's treating psychiatrist before making an order to suspend limited community treatment.

Government response: Not supported

The Government considers a requirement of this nature to be impractical and would undermine the intent of the suspension power.

The suspension power is to only be exercised if the Director of Mental Health believes there to be a serious risk to the life, health or safety of a person or a serious risk to the public safety because of a matter that has arisen in relation to one or more patients. It is not anticipated that this power will be exercised frequently, but when it is to be used it is likely there will be critical time considerations to avert or manage the risk.

Requiring consultation with each affected patient's treating psychiatrist will be time consuming and may undermine the reason for requiring the suspension.

The Bill already requires that the Director consult with the Administrator of any affected facility. The Administrator will be aware of any particular sensitivity or concern about individual patients.

Recommendation 11

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to require the Director of Mental Health to give written reasons for the decision to suspend limited community treatment, at the time the decision is taken.

Government response: Not Supported

The Government considers recommendation unnecessary and may result in breach of patient confidential information if implemented.

Whilst best practice would require the Director to have clear reasons published about decisions to suspend, the reasons may include details of an incident that has occurred involving a patient. It would not be appropriate to include such detail.

In addition, should the order to suspend limited community treatment be appealed to the Mental Health Review Tribunal, the Director will be required to provide the reasons for making the order for the Tribunal to hear the appeal.

The Minister for Health undertakes to refer this recommendation to the Director to consider including in the policies a procedure to ensure the reasons are documented appropriately.

Recommendation 12

The committee recommends that the Bill be amended to provide that the Mental Health Review Tribunal must review an order made by the Director of Mental Health to suspend a class of patients' limited community treatment within seven days after the order has been made.

Government response: Not Supported

The Government does not consider this amendment necessary. Any patient affected by a suspension order may appeal the suspension order to the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

It is also envisaged that suspension orders will only be issued infrequently, and for the shortest period necessary to address the relevant risk. The Government considers that the Director of Mental Health would not be appropriately administering the Act if a suspension order was unnecessarily long.

The Minister of Health has undertaken to refer this recommendation to the Director of Mental Health to inform the development of policies and procedures on the use of the suspension power.

Statement of Reservation

The Government acknowledges that the Deputy Chair of the Committee has provided a statement of reservation in lieu of agreement with the Committee's recommendations.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 21 February 2013
Subject: Appointments to the Commonwealth Games Infrastructure Authority

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Premier
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning supporting:

- the proposed appointments of Mr Dale Dickson and Mr Nigel Chamier as members of the Commonwealth Games Infrastructure Authority (CGIA) for a term of three years from the date of Governor in Council approval
- that the appointments proceed directly to Governor in Council without prior Cabinet approval.


• KEY ISSUES

- Minister Seeney wrote to you on 19 February 2013 (**Attachment 2**) seeking your endorsement of the appointments of Mr Dickson and Mr Chamier to CGIA.
- CGIA is established under the *Economic Development Act 2012* (the Act) and is responsible for facilitating the planning and development of the Commonwealth Games village and other venues.
- The Act provides that the members of CGIA are the chief executive of the department administering the Act, the chief executive of the department administering the *Commonwealth Games Arrangements Act 2011* and members appointed by the Governor in Council including:
 - o the chief executive officer of the Gold Coast City Council (Mr Dickson)
 - o the chairperson of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (Mr Chamier).
- The curriculum vitae for Mr Dickson and Mr Chamier are provided at **Attachment 3**.
- The proposed appointments are considered 'significant' under the *Queensland Cabinet Handbook* as CGIA is responsible for allocating Government funds or resources. However, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet supports that the appointments proceed directly to the Governor in Council for consideration (without prior Cabinet approval) on the basis that these are *ex officio* appointments.
- Minister Seeney is proposing to seek Governor in Council approval of the nominees as soon as possible to allow CGIA to commence its activities immediately following the Act's proclamation on 1 February 2013.
- Minister Seeney has also advised that he considers criminal history checks unnecessary as Mr Chamier was recently appointed to his position as Chairman, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation and Mr Dickson is a local government employee.

• CONSULTATION

- Constitutional and Administrative Law Services.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Deputy Premier

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 2013 seeking approval to appoint Mr Nigel Chamier and Mr Dale Dickson to the Commonwealth Games Infrastructure Authority for a term of three years from the date of Governor in Council approval.

I support that these appointments proceed directly to the Governor in Council without prior Cabinet consideration on the basis that these are ex officio appointments.

Thank you for consulting me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Hon Jeff Seeney MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: MBN12/1794

19 FEB 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier
PO Box 15185
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Dear Premier

I seek your endorsement of appointments to Commonwealth Games Infrastructure Authority (the Authority), established under the *Economic Development Act 2012* (the Act).

The Act was assented to on 11 December 2012. Provisions relating to the establishment of the Authority were proclaimed on 1 February 2013.

The Authority is currently comprised of the Directors-General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games. The Act provides for the appointments of the Chief Executive Officer of the Gold Coast City Council and the Chairperson of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation by the Governor in Council. The Act also provides for other appropriate members to be appointed to the Authority by the Governor in Council if required.

I proposed to appoint Mr Nigel Chamier, Chairman, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation and Mr Dale Dickson, Chief Executive Officer, Gold Coast City Council to the Authority. I am satisfied with the suitability of these proposed appointments based on their extensive knowledge and experience as outlined in their curriculum vitae (see attached).

Mr Chamier, Chairman of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation and a Fellow of the Australian Property Institute, has experience and knowledge appropriate to the position and was awarded a medal in the Order of Australia for services to real estate and the property industry in 1994.

Mr Dickson, Chief Executive Officer, Gold Coast City Council, played an integral role in Queensland acquiring the bid for the Gold Coast City to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Mr Dickson's knowledge of Gold Coast planning matters and issues relevant to his local government area will make him an ideal member of the Authority.

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It is proposed the Authority members hold office for a three-year term, subject to the appointees continued employment in their current positions, with members eligible for re-appointment by the Governor in Council if required. The proposed Authority members will not receive remuneration or allowances.

I have determined that written reports about the personal criminal histories are unnecessary as Mr Chamier was recently appointed by Governor in Council to his position as Chairman, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation and Mr Dickson is a senior local government employee appointed under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Given the strong imperative to commence the activities of the Authority as quickly as possible following the Act's proclamation, I propose that these appointments be taken directly to the Governor in Council without Cabinet consideration.

Yours sincerely



JEFF SEENEY MP
DEPUTY PREMIER

Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 March 2013
Subject: Trade Mission planning for September

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Premier

Date 17/4/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that Mr Junzo Fujita, Consul-General of Japan, must seek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) approval by 20 March 2013 to begin the approval process for your rescheduled Guest of Government Official Visit to Japan
- confirm that you wish to participate in a rescheduled MOFA Guest of Government program as part of a broader September Trade Mission

- CTPI - Relations with other Governments

• KEY ISSUES

- You accepted an invitation by the Japanese MOFA to participate in a Guest of Government leader's program in February and the Japanese Consulate must resubmit the proposal for Ministry approval.
- This visit was cancelled to enable you to lead the response to the recent natural disasters.
- Your draft leader's program included potential meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Ministers, national Parliamentarians, Japan's top law makers and key industry and business representatives (**Attachment 2**).
- Given you agreed to travel to Japan, it would be appropriate when visiting Asia to include China.
- TIQ had previously proposed two separate missions to Japan/China and UAE/Russia, however, there is scope to combine into one September Official Visit.
- Your office has also asked to consider including London in an Official Visit itinerary.
- Inclusion of London would create challenges both in terms of the amount of travel in a 15-day program and impact on the number of business days available in the other key markets.

• CONSULTATION

- TIQ, Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane

Comments (Premier or DG)


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Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 20 March 2013
Subject: Tender process for mobile vehicle hoists at SkillsTech Australia (STA)

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Premier

Date 25/3/2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by: Kate Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public about the outcomes of a tender process for mobile vehicle hoists (Attachment 1).

KEY ISSUES

- On 18 February 2013, [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public wrote to you and the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment raising concerns that his company, [redacted] CTPI - Commercial was not a successful tenderer for a procurement process conducted by STA (Attachment 2).
- On 3 October 2012, STA opened an Invitation to Offer (ITO) for the purchase of mobile vehicle hoists for the automotive training team at its Bracken Ridge training facility.
- Invitations were sent to five companies from which STA had previously purchased automotive related equipment.
- The ITO was due to close on 9 October 2012 but was extended to 16 October 2012 after requests were received from two companies [redacted] for more time.
- [redacted]
- While equipment of the successful tenderer and [redacted] both meet Australian Standard 1418.9, the successful tenderer was chosen because its equipment:
 - o exceeded safety requirements mandated in the tender — [redacted] was judged to meet (not exceed) the Department of Education Training and Employment's (DETE) minimum requirements
 - o was able to be delivered within two working days — [redacted] response stated equipment delivery in 15 days
 - o offered lift capability of 7.50 tonnes compared to [redacted] lift capability of 5.00 tonnes
 - o offered a maximum working height of 1.75m compared to [redacted] maximum working height of 1.65m.
- Although it was not deemed essential, Australian-made was a desirable specification. [redacted] equipment is marketed as Australian made, while the equipment from the successful tenderer is German engineered and manufactured in the United States of America.
- Minister Langbroek, wrote to [redacted] on 13 March 2013 providing the reasons the tender was not successful on this occasion and encouraging him to submit for future tenders (Attachment 3).

CONSULTATION

- DETE

BACKGROUND

- STA is Queensland's largest TAFE institute dedicated to trade and technical training.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 26 March 2013
Subject: Correspondence received from [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public
[redacted] regarding the Industry Capability Network

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Premier [Signature]
Date 4/4/2013
Date Action Required by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the following information regarding [redacted] concerns about the Industry Capability Network (ICN) as outlined in his email of 18 February 2013 (**Attachment 1**)
- sign the letter in response to [redacted] (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- [redacted] a training service provider specialising in occupational and health safety with offices in Brisbane and Gladstone.
- [redacted] is critical of ICN and claims that it is not working to support Queensland training suppliers. He refers to an incidence of an interstate supplier securing a contract related to an LNG project but doesn't provide any details.
- ICN is funded by the Queensland Government to deliver services to support the participation of local suppliers in major projects in Queensland.
- A key service that ICN delivers is through a Gateway Portal database, which allows suppliers to register their capabilities and project proponents to list their requirements. Registered suppliers and proponents can view the database at any time and seek ICN assistance in identifying and realising potential opportunities.
- [redacted] has been registered with ICN since 2010 but no activity has been recorded by it on the gateway portal nor has it expressed any interest in approaching a project proponent.
- [redacted] email was also forwarded to ICN and [redacted] has contacted him to discuss his concerns and suggest steps [redacted] can take to engage further with ICN and maximise opportunities to secure work with major project proponents.
- The draft letter at **Attachment 2** has been prepared to address [redacted] concerns and encourage him to contact ICN with any further issues.

• CONSULTATION

- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

• BACKGROUND

ICN's primary focus is on manufacturing and construction given the high number of major projects currently being undertaken in Queensland and the associated employment benefits.

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Sharni Sawyer

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Monday, 18 February 2013 1:44 PM
To: info@icnqld.org.au; The Premier
Subject: Re: Over looked locals.

Campbell,


Hope this finds you well, I am unsure of whom I should forward this to but the ICN program appears to be a joke that isn't working and maybe chewing up your resources. Seems so unfair when local companies are struggling and out of towners come in charge higher costs and hurt the local providers and suppliers.


On 15/02/2013, at 8:16 AM,  wrote:

Hello,

As a local (Gladstone based., owned and operated) Training organisation with Construction, Resource Processing , Heights, confined space, white card etc on our scope of registration and with the capability to deliver this along with registering on this program when it was first linked to the LNG programs I am extremely bewildered as to why so many southern providers of training are being contracted prior to the locals such as ourselves. I never realised the issue until yesterday when I was asked the question by a media person and I am wondering now why this has been the case. Of course we could argue that providers that have been here for a while are being used but that is hardly a local supplier.

Looking forward to you're reply as I believe it is time that a few locals got a few answers.


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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2013 about the Industry Capability Network (ICN). I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Queensland Government is committed to reclaiming Queensland's economic strength and prosperity. Helping Queensland industry be the best it can be is a big part of this and I agree that it is important to help Queensland businesses access major projects in the State, and beyond.

As you may be aware, the ICN is one of three divisions of QMI Solutions Ltd, an incorporated not-for-profit entity delivering services to increase the competitiveness of Queensland's manufacturing industry. QMI's two other divisions deliver services in the areas of Skills and Productivity and Innovation.

Queensland Government funding currently supports the ICN with the aim of assisting Queensland businesses to win new opportunities in major infrastructure and industrial projects in Australia. The ICN maintains a large, online database to help match project proponents with suitable local suppliers, and works with them to make sure they are properly equipped to engage with each other.

I am saddened to hear that you have concerns about the ICN and its effectiveness in supporting Queensland suppliers. I understand you forwarded a copy of your email to the ICN itself and that Mr Peter Robinson, General Manager has already contacted you to discuss your concerns and provide information on how your company might be able to take better advantage of the services the ICN provides. I encourage you to contact Mr Robinson should you continue to have concerns and/or require more information. He can be contacted on telephone (07) 3364 0674 or by email at P.Robinson@icnqld.org.au.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you again for bringing your views on the ICN to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3420
Document No. DOC/13/26705

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 March 2013
Subject: Dr Chris Sarra documentary

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Premier
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **approve** a sponsorship contract extension until 30 June 2013 for the Dr Chris Sarra documentary.

• KEY ISSUES

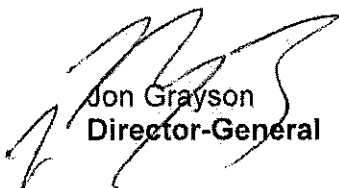
- The former government approved for the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) to sponsor the Dr Chris Sarra documentary (his life achievements) for \$25 000 on 3 November 2011. The contract stated the documentary was due for completion in November 2012.
- Mr John Adamson, Executive Producer of the documentary advised in September 2012 that production would be delayed with completion in December 2012.
- Events Coordination (EC) met with Mr Adamson on November 2012 to discuss the progress and Mr Adamson advised that completion had been delayed until April 2013.
- EC met with Mr Adamson on 4 February 2013 to review the current status of the documentary. CTPI - Personal Information
[REDACTED] there would be further delays and would be unable to meet the April 2013 deadline for completion. He requested a further extension to the end of May 2013.
- At this meeting EC requested Mr Adamson document the delays in writing and this was received via email 8 February 2013 (**Attachment A**).
- The Queensland Government has a termination clause contained within the contract that can be exercised if obligations have not been met, however, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] it is recommended not to enact this clause but to further extend the contract to allow for completion.
- In consultation with Constitutional and Administrative Law Services (CALs), a deed of variation has been drafted, subject to approval, offering extension of the original contract until 30 June 2013.

• CONSULTATION

- Events Coordination, DPC CALS

• BACKGROUND

- Sponsorship funding of \$15 000 of the \$25 000 from the Director-General's Reserve has already been paid.
- Sponsorship will be used to make a documentary of Dr Chris Sarra's life story and his achievements. Chris Sarra's biographical information is at **Attachment B**.
- Mr Adamson has been in contact with the Queensland Minister for Education and the Premier's Senior Advisor with regards to the project.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Sharni Sawyer

From: John Adamson [john@adamsonentertainment.com]
Sent: Friday, 8 February 2013 12:34 PM
To: Christine Bryant; Kaleb Ball
Subject: Chris Sarra Documentary "The Hope Doctor" update

Christine & Kaleb,

It was great meeting you both on Monday. Below is a rough timeline to help you digest where we are up to and the delays we have encountered with the project.

BULK OF FILMING COMMENCES

- March 2012: with filming dates in April and May 2012.

DELAY

- June 2012: Chris needed to take a 6 month sabbatical [redacted] CTPI - Personal Information [redacted] We needed to put filming on hold until this was completed.

FILMING RESTARTS

- November 2012 - December 2012

DELAY

- [redacted]
- January 2013: Bundaberg smashed by floods. [redacted] [redacted]. Alternate filming location to be confirmed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

- 2 more weeks of filming is required which will be rescheduled to the last week in March to the first week in April 2013.

- Editing will commence February 18, 2013. The remaining footage (to be shot March/April) will then be inserted. We are still pushing for a completion date of April end. However the rescheduling due to the Bundaberg floods realistically could change the completion date to May end 2013.

The delay in June did help us include an interview with the Queensland Minister for Education.

We've tried sincerely to involve the new Queensland Government. Achieving those contacts took considerable time, beginning in the weeks following the State election. All of that, of course, is reasonable given the huge workloads/expectations upon a new government. We did not want to lose the government's voice in the documentary though, given Chris' past State honours and because the work is so intrinsically tied to the state.

The dealings we've had with both the Premier's Snr Advisor and Executive Assistant and the Education Minister and his Media Advisor have been sterling. We've been left in no doubt that the importance of Chris' work is understood and our attempts/struggles to tell it and attract sponsorship are known.

We've had to ensure real independence – ensuring that our approaches for interviews with QLD government were editorially warranted, based on Chris' status/location – as well as the perception that this choice was in every way separate to the office's sponsorship.

I did mention the delay and the need to amend the contract to the Minister for Education during filming of his interview on November 22nd 2012. The Minister was happy for me to mention his name if any assistance was needed.

Please let me know if you need me to contact the Minister to assist you with this process.

Below is a list of interviews we have filmed with 2 remaining to be completed in our final round of filming.

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Please let me know if I can do anymore to assist with the contract amendments. We do appreciate your patience and support for this project.

Best regards,
John

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3461
Document No. DOC/13/30308

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 27 February 2013
Subject: Proposed Queensland Government Response to Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee Report No. 15 – Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

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Premier
Date 27.2.2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, endorsing the proposed Government response to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee Report No. 15 — *Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (Attachment 1)*.

• KEY ISSUES

- On 19 February 2013, Minister Mander wrote to you (*Attachment 2*) advising that Report No.15 *Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (Attachment 3)*, had been tabled by the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee on 6 February 2013.
- In his letter, Minister Mander seeks your endorsement for the proposed Government response to the report (*Attachment 4*). The Government response supports the Committee's recommendations that: 1) the Housing and Other Legislation Bill 2012 be passed, 2) the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) be prescribed as an ancillary housing service in proposed forthcoming amendments to the *Housing Regulation 2003*, and 3) the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* be amended to clarify that the changed definition of drainage will not impact on the notifiable works scheme.
- DPC supports both the passing of the Bill, which will give effect to Queensland's participation in the National Regulatory System for Community Housing, and the additional amendments.
- Prescribing NRAS as an ancillary service under the *Housing Regulation 2003* will clearly indicate that it is a private housing market stimulus program and not a social housing service. The additional amendments to the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* will be beneficial in making a clear distinction between on-site sewerage work that is notifiable or minor.

• CONSULTATION

- Department of Housing and Public Works, DPC - Economic Policy, DPC - PLO


Jon Grayson
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Premier of Queensland

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Your reference: *HPW00436/13*

- 5 MAR 2013

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Dear Minister *Tim,*

I am writing in response to your letter of 19 February 2013 about the proposed Government response to the recommendations of the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee's 6 February 2013 Report No. 15, *Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* (the Bill).

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the committee's report and the proposed Queensland Government response. I note that the committee has recommended that the Bill be passed, while also making recommendations for additional amendments to the Housing Regulation 2003, prescribing the National Rental Affordability Scheme as an ancillary housing service, and changes to the Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 to clarify that the change to the definition of drainage does not impact on the notifiable works scheme.

I endorse the proposed Government response to the committee's recommendations in relation to the Bill.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Minister for Housing and Public Works

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Dear Premier

I refer to Report No. 15 *Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* (Bill) tabled by the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee on 6 February 2013.

The report (refer to **Attachment 1**) recommends that the Bill be passed by the House and makes two further recommendations regarding amendments to the *Housing Regulation 2003* and *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*. I attach for your endorsement the proposed Government response to these recommendations (refer to **Attachment 2**).

Should your staff have any queries, please contact Nicole Bianchi, Principal Advisor, Executive Services Unit on telephone 322 46930.

Yours sincerely

Tim Mander MP
Minister for Housing and Public Works

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Minister for Housing and Public Works

Queensland Government Response to Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee Report No. 15

Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

INTRODUCTION

On 6 February 2013, the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee tabled its report on the *Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012*.

The Queensland Government response to the Report's recommendations is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 be passed.

Queensland Government response:

The Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill and appreciates the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the National Rental Affordability Scheme be prescribed as an ancillary housing service in proposed forthcoming amendments to the *Housing Regulation 2003*.

Queensland Government response:

The Government supports the recommendation. The Department of Housing and Public Works will ensure that the forthcoming amendments to the *Housing Regulation 2003* prescribes the National Rental Affordability Scheme as an ancillary service, reflecting that it is a private housing market stimulus program and not a social housing service.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* be amended to clarify that the change to the definition of drainage (to incorporate "on-site sewerage work") will not impact on the notifiable works scheme.

Queensland Government response:

The Government supports the recommendation. Amendments are being prepared to align the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* with the proposed changes in the Bill. These amendments will address the Committee's recommendation and make a clear distinction between on-site sewerage work that is compliance-assessable and on-site sewerage work that is notifiable or minor.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 9 April 2013
Subject: Concerns regarding closure of the primary school nursing service

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] (**Attachment 1**) about the closure of the primary school nursing service at Rochedale State School (RSS).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 20 February 2013, [redacted] emailed you to advise that she was concerned about the closure of the primary school nursing service (**Attachment 2**). [redacted] said that the school nurse at Rochedale State School was the first person to identify a problem with [redacted] hips, which was later diagnosed as hip dysplasia.
- On 3 December 2012, Children's Health Queensland, Queensland Health (QH) confirmed that nine primary school-based nursing positions were among positions it would remove in order to meet budgetary savings targets. Consequently, the service concluded over the summer holidays.
- QH advises the nursing service which aimed to promote health and wellbeing in children aged four to 12 years and provided services such as hearing and vision screening, was only reaching a small number of children in the Brisbane area. Queensland Health has subsequently redirected resources to promote the 'Healthy Kids Check' (HKC) to the broader community.
- HKC is a Medicare-funded health check available to all four-year-old children that examines vision, hearing, height, weight, oral health, toilet training and allergies. This check, completed by the family's General Practitioner, will soon be expanded to include social and emotional health and will be available to children aged three years.
- Children's Health Queensland has committed to working with general practitioners and Metro South Medicare to make sure that families are aware of the HKC. Shifting the service to the HKC is consistent with the State focussing on the core business of providing public hospital services.

• CONSULTATION

- QH

Comments (Premier or DG)

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s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information

Dear s.73 Member of the Public

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2013 about the closure of the primary school nursing service. I apologise for the delay in responding.

You said in your email that the school nurse at Rochedale State School was the first person to identify a problem with _____ hips, which avoided her needing to have surgery later. This must have been a great relief for the whole family and I can understand your concern about the potential loss of an early health assessment service for children.

I have been told that the nursing position at Rochedale State School was one of nine positions funded under the primary school nursing service, which is no longer available. Unfortunately, this service was only reaching a small number of children. Subsequently, Queensland Health has redirected resources to promoting the Healthy Kids Check (HKC) to the broader community so that all Queensland families can have access to this kind of advice and assistance.

Children's Health Queensland is currently working with general practitioners (GPs) to make sure that families are aware of the services provided by the HKC. The HKC is available to all four-year-old children and includes tests of vision, hearing, height, weight, oral health, toilet training and allergies. This check, completed by the family GP, will soon be expanded to include social and emotional health and will be available to children aged three years.

More information on the HKC can be found on the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing website at www.health.gov.au. Under the 'For Consumers' tab, please click on the links 1) 'Education and Prevention' 2) 'Mental Health' 3) 'Programs' and scroll down to 'Healthy Kids Check, expanded'.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier
Sent: Wednesday, 20 February 2013 5:07 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Closure of Primary school nursing service

Importance: High

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Comment:

[Redacted] had hip dysplasia, which was not picked up at birth, so she was not put in splints as a baby as is the usual case.

In [Redacted] at Rochedale SS, the school nurse noticed that [Redacted] as she put it.

[Redacted]

I really think that cutting out the nursing service is not a good budgetary cut. It could have far reaching and expensive consequences.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 March 2013
Subject: Revised Portfolio Agency Service Standards for the 2013-14 Service Delivery Statement

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 28.3.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **approve** revised Portfolio agency service standards for Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), the Office of the Governor, the Queensland Audit Office and Public Service Commission (refer **Attachment A**) for inclusion in a whole-of-Government omnibus CBRC submission being prepared by the Performance Unit (PU), Cabinet Services for consideration in April 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- Portfolio agency service standards have been reviewed as part of an annual whole-of-Government review process. Once your approval is received, changes will be collated by the PU and submitted at the proposed CBRC meeting in April 2013.
- DPC's Corporate Governance Group approved the changes to DPC service standards in **Attachment A** in early February 2013.
- A significant number of measures are being removed from the Service Delivery Statements based on advice from Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT) that the only measures to be included should be measures of efficiency and effectiveness. The measures being removed are generally activity measures, for example, Number of Executive Council minutes. The exception to this is the Office of the Governor where activity measures reflect the unique standing and role of the Office and its traditional nature. This approach is endorsed by PU and QTT.
- In addition, on 25 January 2013, your office approved the removal of service standards relating to Ministerial Offices and Office of the Leader of the Opposition (Ministerial Offices). This is consistent with information published in other states.
- Discontinued measures will be published in a separate table in the Service Delivery Statements.
- All client satisfaction targets for DPC have been set at 85 per cent satisfied. Targets relating to the cost of corporate services for DPC will be determined during the budget process.

• CONSULTATION

- All revised service standards have been endorsed by the PU, DPC and QTT. All relevant areas within the Premier's portfolio have been consulted in the development of the proposed service standards.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Director-General

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Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Performance Statement

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Government and Executive Support Service			
Service standards			
% client satisfaction with support and advice provided by State Affairs	1	New measure	85%
% client satisfaction with support and advice provided by State Services	2	New measure	85%
% client satisfaction with support and advice provided by Corporate Services	3	New measure	85%
% operating budget utilized in delivery of service	4	New measure	99%
Cost of corporate services as a % of departmental cost	5	New measure	..

Notes:

1. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers, gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the State Affairs area of the Department. Services provided include support for official visits from Protocol Queensland, assistance with the significant appointment process and Executive Council processes.
2. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the State Services area of the Department. Services provided include communication services and event management.
3. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of the Department's Executive Management, gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the Corporate Services areas of the department. Corporate Services activities support all services areas, but are administratively responsible through the Government and Executive Support Service. Services provided include human resources, financial accounting and management, facilities management, performance planning and reporting, risk and audit services, procurement and contract management, library services, records management and information and communication technology services.
4. This service standard will be calculated annually as part of the budget process. The target will be adjusted in line with CEO Performance Agreement targets.
5. This service standard will be calculated annually as part of the budget process and targets will be published in the department's Service Delivery Statements. The 2013-14 Target/est. will provide a baseline for future reporting of efficiencies.

Discontinued Measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Client satisfaction with DPC support in relation to Executive Council processes	1	85%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with Department of the Premier and Cabinet support in relation to significant appointment	1	85%	Discontinued measure
Other measures			
Number of Executive Council Minutes	2	900	Discontinued measure
No. of Ministerial office training days	2	130	Discontinued measure
Total flying hours achieved (organ retrievals, search and rescue, official transport, other)	3	750	Discontinued measure
No. of event activities organized for Queensland	2	17	Discontinued measure
No. of speeches and related services prepared	2	400	Discontinued measure
No. of process improvement reviews undertaken	2	31	Discontinued measure

Notes:

1. This measure is now included in the measure "% client satisfaction with support and advice provided by State Affairs" and will not continue to be reported elsewhere.
2. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (it is a measure of activity). This measure will not continue to be reported elsewhere.
3. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (it is a measure of activity). This measure will continue to be collected and reported in the Annual Report.

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Policy Advice, Coordination and Cabinet Support Service			
Service standards			
% client satisfaction with advice by DPC to agencies on performance management and reporting requirement	1	Existing measure	85%
% client satisfaction with DPC engagement with the policy development process	2	Existing measure	85%
% client satisfaction with support provided by Cabinet Services	3	New measure	85%
% client satisfaction with advice and support relating to intergovernmental issues	4	New measure	85%
% operating budget utilised in delivery of service	5	New measure	99%

Notes:

1. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the Performance Unit area of the Department. Services provided include provision of advice on performance management and reporting, as well as support on reporting of agency's delivery of government commitments and community objectives.
2. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by areas within Policy Division to assist agencies with the policy development process and provision of advice on Cabinet and CBRC submissions.
3. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey of Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the Cabinet Services area of the Department. Services provided include support in completion of the cabinet bag, Cabinet Committees and Community Cabinet.
4. This service standard is measured by an annual client survey to Ministers, Directors-General, agency Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officers and Senior Policy officers gauging satisfaction with support and advice provided by the Intergovernmental Relations unit of Policy Division for Council of Australian Governments related initiatives.
5. This service standard will be calculated annually as part of the budget process. The target will be adjusted in line with CEO Performance Agreement targets.

Discontinued measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service standards			
Participant satisfaction with the Community Cabinet consultation process	1	95%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with DPC support in completion of the Cabinet Bag	2	90%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with Department of the Premier and Cabinet support for Cabinet Committees	2	95%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with advice and support to deliver government commitments	3	90%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with advice by DPC to agencies on Cabinet and CBRC submissions	4	90%	Discontinued measure
Client satisfaction with policy advice provided by Department of the Premier and Cabinet on achievement of the government's community objectives	3	90%	Discontinued measure
No. of Cabinet meetings supported	5	46	Discontinued measure
No. of Community Cabinet meetings supported	5	10	Discontinued measure
No. of Cabinet Committee meetings supported	5	80	Discontinued measure
% of Cabinet Secretariat timeframes met for cabinet decisions	6	100%	Discontinued measure

Discontinued measures

Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
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Notes:

1. This measure has been discontinued as it was a measure of participant satisfaction with the outcomes of Community Cabinet (and therefore not departmental activity), rather than the services provided by Cabinet Services in supporting Cabinet activities.
2. This measure has been replaced by the new service standard "% client satisfaction with support provided by Cabinet Services". This measure will not be reported elsewhere.
3. This has been discontinued as the existing measure "% client satisfaction with advice by DPC to agencies on performance management and reporting requirements" will now include this performance information. This measure will not be reported elsewhere.
4. This measure has been replaced by a new service standard "% client satisfaction with Department of the Premier and Cabinet engagement with the policy development processes". This measure will not be reported elsewhere.
5. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (it is a measure of activity). This measure will continue to be reported in the Annual Report.
6. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (it is a measure of quality). This measure will not be reported elsewhere.

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	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Legislative Drafting and e-publishing			New service area name
Service standards			
Level of client satisfaction with legislative drafting services provided by the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel	1	85%	Existing measure
Client satisfaction with the quality of legislation available online	2	New measure	TBC
% operating budget utilised in delivery of service	3	New measure	99%

Notes:

1. This wording of this measure has been amended from the previous "Level of direct government drafting client satisfaction with legislative drafting services provided by the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel". The calculation method is unchanged.
2. A target for this measures will be provided prior to publication of the SDS.
3. This service standard will be calculated annually as part of the budget process. The target will be adjusted in line with CEO Performance Agreement targets.

Discontinued measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Other measures			
Reasonable levels of output:			
• Number of Bills provided	1		Discontinued measure
• Number of instruments of subordinate legislation provided			Discontinued measure
• Number of pages of Bills and subordinate legislation provided			Discontinued measure
• Number of amendments during consideration in detail provided			Discontinued measure
• Number of pages of amendments during consideration in detail provided			Discontinued measure
• Number of pages prepared in camera-ready form for publication			Discontinued measure
Percentage of printed legislative publications with a mandatory deadline supplied within mandated timeframes.			Discontinued measure
Percentage of legislation reprints available online within 5 working days of the commencement of an amendment to the reprint.			Discontinued measure

Notes:

1. These measures have been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as they do not provide an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (they are a measure of activity).



Queensland Audit Office

Performance Statement

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Independent public sector auditing services and reporting			
Service standards			
<i>Direct reporting services to the Parliament</i>			
Level of Parliamentary satisfaction (index points)	1,2	Amended measure	90
Audit client satisfaction with performance audit services (index points)	2	75	80
Percentage of performance report recommendations agreed to by audited entities	3	New measure	95
Average cost of reports tabled:			
• Results of financial audits (\$'000)	4	220	180
• Results of performance audits (\$'000)	4	395	425
Average time taken to produce reports:			
• Results of financial audits – from applicable balance date (months)	5	<4	5
• Results of performance audits – from initiation of audit (months)	6	<7	<8
<i>Financial audit services to the public sector</i>			
Audit entity satisfaction with financial audit services (index points)	2	80	80
Percentage of financial audit recommendations agreed to by audited entities	3	New measure	95
Average cost of financial audits:			
• State entities (\$'000)	7	New measure	65
• Local government entities (\$'000)		New measure	69



Notes:

1. This indicator was previously "Reports to Parliament completed to the satisfaction of the Parliament and the Parliamentary Committees". The wording has been amended for greater clarity. The satisfaction metric has been changed to index points for 2013-14.
2. Index points allow performance to be measured using a combination of factors.
3. New measure of audited entity uptake of QAO recommendations.
4. The average cost of financial audit reports will reduce as QAO will be producing more, lower cost reports on key industry sectors than in previous years. In contrast, the average cost of performance audits is expected to increase due to the higher level of complexity and risk associated with the conduct of full performance audits.
5. Measure has been amended to focus on the efficient finalisation and reporting of audit results. The average tabling time of within five months for 2013-14 takes into account use of the year-end balance date as the starting point, rather than the statutory reporting deadline which is always later than the year-end balance date.
6. Measure wording has been amended for greater clarity. While the QAO target for 2013-14 has increased due to the complexity of performance audits, it is below the average time for Australian audit offices to complete a performance audit of 10.1 months in 2011-12. This measure relates to the increasing average cost of performance audits (see Note 4).
7. New measure aligned with Australasian Council of Auditors-General macro benchmarking survey. The targets for 2013-14 reflect past experience and continuation of the QAO strategy to contain financial audit costs, with no increases in 'real' audit fees.

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Discontinued measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Independent public sector auditing services and reporting			
Service standards			
<i>Financial audits</i>			
Percentage of quality assurance reviews that substantively comply with auditing standards	1	100	Discontinued measure
Percentage of financial statements audited and certified within statutory timeframes where statutory requirements observed by audit clients	1	95%	Discontinued measure
Percentage of operational costs self-funded for audit fees	2	85	Discontinued measure
Other measures			
Number of reports to Parliament	3		
Financial audits		4	Discontinued measure
Performance audits		10	Discontinued measure

Notes:

1. This quality measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes. It continues to be collected for internal management purposes and will be reported in the Annual Report.
2. This quantity measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes. It continues to be collected for internal management purposes and will be reported in the Annual Report.
3. These two quantity measures have been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes. They continue to be collected for internal management purposes and will be reported in the Annual Report.

Office of the Governor

Performance Statement

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Personal, administrative and logistical support to the Governor and management of the Government House Estate			
Performance standards	1		
Meetings of Executive Council		48	48
Visits to Queensland regional centres		45	45
Days in Queensland regional centres		70	70
Honours and awards ceremonies		30	30
Patronage commitments		110	110
Civic and community activities		315	315
Speeches and messages		185	185
Gardens and grounds maintained in accordance with agreed standards	2	100%	100%
Percentage of correspondence and requests responded to within 10 days		>95%	>95%
Visitors to Government House	3	8000	5000

Notes:

1. The Office of the Governor has no Service Standards which measure efficiency or effectiveness.
2. It is anticipated that during 2012-13 the maintenance of Government House Grounds will move from a contract arrangement with QBuild to an internally provided service, hence the removal of the "standards set in the Horticultural Service Level Agreement".
3. In recent years, the Office of the Governor has forecast higher than normal visitor numbers due to headline events such as the Queensland Sesquicentenary, 100 years of Governors at Fernberg, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. No such special events are forecast in 2013-14 and visitor numbers are therefore anticipated to be fewer.

Discontinued measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Personal, administrative and logistical support to the Governor and management of the Government House Estate			
Other measures			
Percentage of works projects completed on time and within budget	1	100%	Discontinued measure

Notes:

1. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area it is a measure of process.

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Public Service Commission

Performance Statement

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Provision of services for a high performing public service			
Service standards			
Enterprise arrangements where employee costs are contained within Government wages policy (3%)	1	New Measure	90%
Participant satisfaction with development programs brokered by PSC	2	New Measure	80%
Percentage of agencies that have implemented the Queensland Public Sector staffing model including executive structure within the approved time period	3	New measure	95%

Notes:

1. This measure has been included for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is an indication of the effectiveness of the PSC in delivering industrial reforms. Target is 90% as Government Owned Corporations have ability to offer above 3%.
2. This measure has been included for SDS reporting purposes as it is an indication of the effectiveness of program delivery, with all programs mapped to PSC sponsored competency frameworks. Participants report on their satisfaction across four dimensions:
 - The program was effective in helping me do my current job better
 - The program will assist the progress of my career path
 - The program develops a whole of government perspective
 - I would recommend the program to others
3. This measure has been included for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is an indication of the efficiency of the PSC in assisting agencies to adopt the new QPS staffing model.

Discontinued measures

	Notes	2012-13 Target/est.	2013-14 Target/est.
Service Area: Provision of services for a high performing public service			
Service standards			
CEO satisfaction with the level of support provided	1	85%	Discontinued measure
Other measures			
Percentage of publications and resources implemented that assist service delivery reform and improved performance capability	2	85%	Discontinued measure
Percentage of annual performance agreements in place for the Chief Executive Service	2	100%	Discontinued measure
Number of Directives reviewed and reissues	2	10	Discontinued measure
Percentage of appeals finalised within required timeframes	2	80%	Discontinued measure
Percentage of programs partnered with departments	2	85%	Discontinued measure
Percentage of client/stakeholder satisfaction with the services and advice provided on public sector industrial relations	3	85-90%	Discontinued measure
Cost of public sector industrial and employee relations service per Queensland public sector worker	4	\$15.00	Discontinued measure

Notes:

1. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes and will continue to be collected for internal management purposes.
2. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes as it is not an indication of the efficiency or effectiveness of the service area (it is a measure of activity).
3. This measure has been discontinued for Service Delivery Statement reporting purposes and will continue to be collected for internal management purposes.
4. This measure has been replaced by a new service standard to better reflect the industrial relations achievements across the public sector.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3616

Document No. 13/32449

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 20 March 2013
Subject: Closure of Palliative Care Beds at The Townsville Hospital (THH)

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / ~~Noted~~

Premier

Date 25.3.2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- sign the response to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} reinforcing the Government's commitment to improving frontline health services (**Attachment 1**)

• KEY ISSUES

- On 15 February 2013, [redacted] wrote to you (**Attachment 2**) opposing the closure of three palliative care beds in the Palliative Care Unit (PCU) at TTH and suggesting the beds should remain open for families of North Queensland. [redacted] also raised concerns about the government's handling of aged care, disability and mental health.
- QH advises that average occupancy by patients requiring palliative care to-date in the PCU at the TTH has been equivalent to 12 beds (the other beds have been occupied by non-palliative patients).
- This average occupancy rate, as well as identification of existing staff vacancies, has led to the decision by the Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS) to reduce beds in the PCU from 15 down to 12. The staff vacancies will assist in meeting Townsville HHS overall staff reduction targets arising as a consequence of Federal health funding cuts and Queensland public sector reforms.
- The PCU is staffed for 12 beds, 7.5 hours per patient day with 100 per cent occupancy. QH advise that occupancy of the PCU is monitored daily and more beds can be opened, if required, using casual staff or altering the nursing model.
- In relation to [redacted] concerns about care for people in hospitals and aged care facilities, given that she has not provided any specific information, your response (**Attachment 1**) provides general information about how she can make a complaint about a specific facility if she wishes. The letter also provides general advice about the Government's initiatives in mental health and disability services.

• CONSULTATION

- QH

• BACKGROUND

- The PCU at TTH was built through a partnership between QH and the Cancer Council Queensland (CCQ). QH provided the land and recurrent funding and CCQ fundraising supported the design and construction of the unit. Opened in October 2009, the PCU is a freestanding building on the site of TTH.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Lisa Coker Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *SHP/LJC – TF/13/3616 – DOC/13/32222*

26 MAR 2013

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2013 about the closure of beds in the Palliative Care Unit at The Townsville Hospital and other aged care, disability and mental health issues. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate you writing to me with your views about these issues and commend you on your desire that services are provided, not only for people in North Queensland, but especially for the more vulnerable in our community.

I want to assure you of the Government's commitment to revitalising front-line services, including public hospital and other health services. This is why we have made tough decisions about realigning the public service and cutting waste, so we can more wisely use taxpayers' money to deliver the services Queenslanders need.

Our main priority in health has been reducing unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and making sure that resources flow to the front-line. We have reduced staffing numbers in corporate office and devolved decision making to new independent Hospital and Health Services (HHS) boards. The HHS boards are responsible for delivering health services that meet the needs of their local communities and the Government expects the HHS boards and hospital management to drive efficiencies and free up resources for front-line service delivery.

Despite the dire circumstances of the State budget, the Queensland Government increased the health budget by an extra \$816 million to more than \$11.86 billion this year — an increase of 7.4 per cent on the previous year's budget and one of the largest health budget increases in the country. However the Federal Government recently made a unilateral decision to cut State health funding by \$381 million, including reductions totalling \$103 million in 2012–13.

More than \$7.8 million has been clawed back from the Townsville HHS as a direct result of these Federal Government cuts. The HHS has, therefore, needed to review services and ensure that resources are being used efficiently and effectively. The Townsville HHS has confirmed that beds in the Palliative Care Unit have reduced from 15 down to 12. However, I am told this decision was made after a review of occupancy over time, which has shown that, on average, only around 12 of the 15 beds are being utilised. Further, I am assured that the remaining beds can be opened and staffed accordingly, if required.

I was sorry to read that you have heard about ailing, older family members being left without proper care in hospitals and aged care facilities. If you have specific details or wish to make a complaint, I would encourage you to contact the Health Quality and Complaints Commission (HQCC) to have these concerns investigated. The HQCC is an independent statutory body with powers under the *Health Quality and Complaints Commission Act 2006*, whose role is to independently review and assess complaints about health services, and to assist in resolving these matters in a fair and impartial way. The HQCC can be contacted on telephone (07) 3120 5999 or 1800 077 308.

You also mention your concern about care of mental health patients, in particular young people. Please be assured that every effort is being made to ensure that young people across the State needing mental health care are properly catered for. This includes the opening of a new Adolescent Inpatient Unit in Townsville by mid-2013, which will provide age appropriate care for young people across the region. In addition, the Government has recently passed legislation establishing a Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC). QMHC will drive reform across mental health services and coordinate the efforts of the Government, non-government and private sector agencies in providing mental health services.

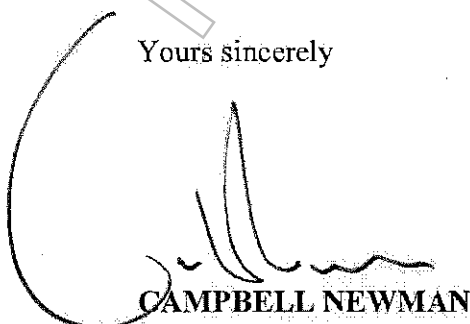
I can reassure you that the Queensland Government is committed to strengthening Queensland's health system and after 11 months of basic repairs, the Government has released the *Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland* (the blueprint). The blueprint sets out the Government's plan to rebuild Queensland Health and the State's healthcare system. We want a health system which all Queenslanders can be proud of, one that delivers the best possible health services for the community and places the patient fairly and squarely at the centre. I encourage you to view the document on the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au and then click on 'blueprint' to keep up to date with the changes.

You also talk about disability services in Queensland. On 12 December 2012, I announced that the Queensland Government will deliver an additional \$868 million in funding for disability services between 2014-15 and 2018-19. These extra funds will build on our record investment of \$959 million in 2012-13 and see the State spend up to \$1.77 billion on disability and related services per year by 2018-19. Queensland is also committed to escalating disability funding at a rate of 4.5 per cent from 2015-16, in recognition of rising costs and demand for services. This additional investment demonstrates Queensland's clear commitment to helping people with a disability and those who care for them.

The Government is also doing what we can to improve and revitalise our existing frontline disability services. This includes implementing the \$38.7 million package of flexible supports committed to during the election campaign, and the complete rollout of the *Your Life Your Choice* initiative to give people with a disability and their families, greater choice and control over the services they receive. Any reforms that are introduced will be consistent with a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and help prepare the sector and Queenslanders with a disability for a transition to a fully operational NDIS from July 2018.

Thank you for sharing your concerns and I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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POLICY ADVISOR

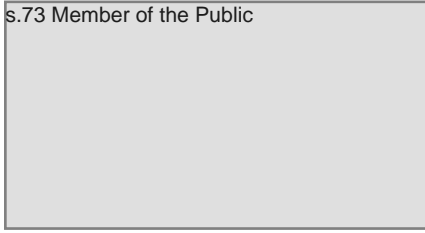
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24 / 2 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

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s.73 Member of the Public



Registered?	YES	NO
I am a member of the Queensland Health Board		
22 FEB 2013		
Date of Birth		
Sex		
Mailing Address		

15th February, 2013.

Dear Mr Newman,

I would like to draw your attention to recent news reports re the closure of 3 beds in the Palliative Care Unit in Townsville. This unit was built for the benefit of north Qld. residents and all funds for this building were raised by various means from the public in conjunction with Cancer Council Queensland.

I was at the opening of this unit and the handing over to Qld. Health to run, surely it is not too much to expect that this unit be adequately staffed so that all beds remain open for the use of residents and families of North Qld.

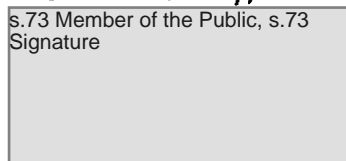
My observations of your Governments handling of Aged Care, Disability, Mental, especially juvenile mental patients, leaves a lot to be desired.

I have heard from family members that there sick & ailing older family members are left without proper care in hospitals & aged care facilities in the north, the common answer to the question of why this happens is "we do not have enough staff", this is not good enough. Some older persons do not have family that can help to take them to the toilet & feed them & it seems volunteer programmes have gone by the board because of red tape.

I know this is covering totally different concerns on my part but it saves me writing 2 letters. I will be waiting for a positive reply to all my concerns in the not too distant future.

Yours Sincerely,

s.73 Member of the Public, s.73
Signature



PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3667

Document No. DOC/13/39861

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 21 March 2013

Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public about finding permanent, suitable disability accommodation for her son [redacted]

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier [Signature]

Date 27.3.2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that [redacted] is living in emergency respite accommodation and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) is working to source suitable, permanent accommodation for him; and
- sign the letter to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

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CONTACT BY PHONE (within 48hrs)

FROM: POLICY ADVISOR DATE: 27/12 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No TF/13/3676
Document No. 13/49994

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 16 April 2013
Subject: Letter from ^{s.73} [redacted] Member of ^{s.73} [redacted] about ongoing workplace disputes with Queensland Health (QH) and misuse of Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) Packages

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier *[Signature]*
Date 23.4.2013
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to ^{s.73} Member of the Public [redacted] advising you are not able to comment as his matters are the subject of legal proceedings (Attachment 1).

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Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3698
Document No.DOC/13/42992

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 18 March 2013
Subject: Sale of Ecofund Queensland Pty Ltd

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Premier
Date
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

CTPI - Commercial

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Action Officer: Rachel Lunnon Approvals by Director / ED / DDG
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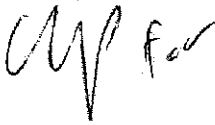
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CTPI - Commercial

• **BACKGROUND**

- Ecofund was established by the previous Government to provide services to both government and private clients in a mandatory carbon market, and started trading on 1 May 2010.
- It is an incorporated company under the *Corporations Act 1990*, with the Director-General of DEHP, Mr Andrew Chesterman being sole shareholder of the company (on behalf of the State).



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3721

Document No. DOC/13/0291

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 February 2013
Subject: Early Childhood Education National Partnership (NP)

Approved / ~~Not Approved~~ / Noted

Premier

Date

13/2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

Requested by:

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3724
Document No. DOC/13/30299

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 25 February 2013
Subject: Victoria' Plan for School Funding Reform —
including an update on the Federal
Government's proposed national education and
schools funding reforms

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 5/1/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
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CTPI - Relations with other Governments

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Action Officer: Michael Tennant
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3752
Document No. DOC/13/43002

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 29 April 2013
Subject: Correspondence from [redacted] s.73 Member of the Public regarding allegations of corruption at the Nerang Neighbourhood Centre (NNC)

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 6/5/2013
Date Action Required by:/...../.....
Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. DOC/13/30506

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 11 March 2013
Subject: Earth Hour 2013

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Premier
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the below information regarding support of Earth Hour 2013
- approve the Queensland Government's participation on Saturday 23 March 2013
- sign the letter to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works (DHPW) requesting assistance in switching off lights in government buildings during Earth Hour (**Attachment A**)
- approve the use of your electronic signature on letters to all Queensland Ministers and Members of Parliament encouraging their support (**Attachments B and C**).

• KEY ISSUES

- Earth Hour is a mass world event designed to mobilise people to take action on climate change. It is supported in over 7000 cities and towns across 152 countries.
- The Queensland Government has previously provided cash sponsorship to Earth Hour to assist with the early years of the campaign. In 2008 and 2009, \$50 000 was provided per annum, with the contribution decreasing to \$25 000 in 2010. From 2011 onwards, it was determined that the Queensland Government would support the campaign via in-kind promotional support only.
- To-date, there has not been a formal request for the Queensland Government to promote the 2013 program throughout Queensland by either cash or in-kind involvement.
- A letter has been drafted from you to Minister Mander seeking assistance to switch off lights in government buildings during Earth Hour (**Attachment A**). Events Coordination, within your department, will liaise with DHPW to coordinate this activity.
- Letters will be sent to all Ministers and Members of Parliament encouraging their support of Earth Hour (**Attachments B and C**).

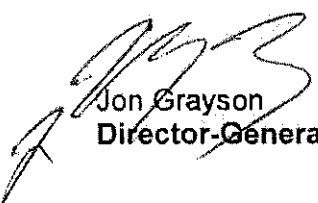
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- DHPW.

• BACKGROUND

- Earth Hour encourages people around the world to switch off lights for one hour. The campaign aims to encourage communities to come together and make a pledge to go beyond the hour to help the planet.
- No approach has been made to DPC from WWF, organisers of Earth Hour.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Kaleb Ball
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Premier of Queensland

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19 MAR 2013

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Dear Minister

Earth Hour 2013 will be held on Saturday 23 March between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm. Earth Hour is a show of unity by individuals, businesses, governments and communities who switch off all lights and non-essential power for one hour. This simple action acts as a strong reminder of the ongoing need to address climate change.

I seek the support of the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) to participate in and promote Earth Hour 2013.

I require a commitment from DHPW to coordinate the switching-off of all non-essential lights in government buildings within the Brisbane CBD, and regional centres where practical, during Earth Hour. This includes buildings, facilities and signage. Your assistance in identifying appropriate government-owned infrastructure for participation would also be appreciated.

To progress this, please nominate an appropriate officer to liaise with Mr Kaleb Ball, Senior Project Officer, within my department. Mr Ball can be contacted on telephone (07) 3224 6206 or by email at kaleb.ball@premiers.qld.gov.au.

I also encourage you to promote and communicate Earth Hour to your constituents and throughout your electorate.

For more information please visit the official website at www.earthhour.org.

Please join me in supporting Earth Hour 2013. Earth Hour is a simple, yet symbolic, action that collectively makes a difference and together we can provide a green future for Queensland.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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19 March 2013

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Premier of Queensland

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19 March 2013

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Premier of Queensland

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Premier of Queensland

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19 March 2013

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19 March 2013

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Premier of Queensland

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19 March 2013

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Document No. 55256

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 11 April 2013
Subject: Building permit fees in disaster areas

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 17/4/2013

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letters to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] **Attachment 1**) and Councillor Gerard O'Connell, Mayor of the Fraser Coast Regional Council (**Attachment 2**) regarding building permit fees in the Fraser Coast region
- note that councils are not responsible for all fees associated with permits.

• KEY ISSUES

- The \$694 fee to which [redacted] refers is made up of a lodgement fee of \$164.50 and a Building Application and Assessment fee of \$529.50.
- The lodgement fee is published under the council's fees and charges schedule, and councils have the discretion to waive or change this fee.
- Many local governments no longer do their own building approvals and refer this work to accredited private building certifiers (for example, this is the case in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Logan and a large part of the Bundaberg local government areas)
- The application and assessment fee is commercial in nature and each certifier sets their own fees. Where councils undertake certification work, they are obliged to set application and assessment fees, which are not anti-competitive with the private sector. This may restrict their capacity to waive or reduce this fee.
- However, in both cases, the discretion is with the council. A letter to the Mayor has been drafted accordingly.

• BACKGROUND

- [redacted] father was required to pay building fees to rebuild his dwelling at a Burrum Heads caravan park. [redacted] has asked if all affected residents in disaster areas will have to pay for permits to rebuild.

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Premier of Queensland

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15 APR 2013

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2013 about the building permit fees being charged to residents of disaster areas. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand that this is a very traumatic and stressful time for your father, and your extended family, and I am well aware of the extensive damage that occurred in Burrum Heads.

I am pleased that you have found the Fraser Coast Regional Council (the council) to be supportive at this difficult time, however, I understand your concerns about fees associated with rebuilding work. I appreciate that many people will need permits to re-build their properties.

I have written to the Mayor, Councillor Gerard O'Connell to make him aware of your situation and to ask what assistance he can provide to your father in this situation. In the meantime, I also encourage you to contact the council's Community and Development area to find out what help may be available to your father, through its Customer Service Centre on telephone 1300 794 929 or by email at enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au.

Should you wish to find out about other assistance that may be available, I encourage you to visit the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au/emergency and click on (1) 'Disasters', then (2) 'Flooding – January 2013'. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the Community Recovery Line on telephone 1800 173 349.

I assure you that the Queensland Government is committed to helping all affected communities on the road to recovery and will continue to work with the Australian Government, local councils, the Australian Red Cross and other non-government organisations and volunteers to support people through this difficult time.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Please pass on my best wishes to your father and I hope this information is of assistance to you both.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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15 APR 2013

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Dear Councillor O'Connell

I recently received the attached correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public raising concerns about the fees her father has had to pay to rebuild his dwelling at the Hillcrest Holiday Park Burrum Heads following the recent floods.

I bring this issue to your attention as there may be further assistance you can provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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FROM: *Paul Leven*
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 28.12 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Really need to check what the process has been. It seems unreasonable to pay a DA fee for a disaster-struck dwelling.

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 26 February 2013
Subject: Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership Agreement Implementation Plan

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Premier

Date 5/3/2013

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: **13 March 2013**
Subject: **Approved funding requests for March 2013**

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Premier <i>[Signature]</i>
Date <i>13/3/2013</i>
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you note I have approved the following funding from the Director-General's Reserve:

- \$35 000 (GST exclusive) to the Muscular Dystrophy Queensland (MDQ) towards its 'Red Bow Day' Appeal 2013
- \$3000 (GST exclusive) to the Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc to sponsor 60 children with special needs to attend their annual Special Children's 2013 Razzamatazz show
- \$2400 (GST exclusive) to the Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor Incorporated to sponsor 40 children with special needs to attend the 2013 Children's Circus Extravaganza.
- sign the letters addressed to Mr Rick Carr , Chief Executive Officer, MDQ (**Attachment A**), Ms Rhonda Bennett, Rotary Club of Ipswich City (**Attachment B**) and Mr Chris Lintott, Project Chairman, Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor (**Attachment C**), advising of the Government's contribution.

• KEY ISSUES

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland (MDQ) — 'Red Bow Day' Appeal 2013 (TF/13/3630)

- Correspondence has been received from Mr Carr (**Attachment D**) requesting a \$35 000 contribution towards MDAQ's 'Red Bow Day' Appeal, which was held on Friday 8 March 2013.
- Mr Carr states in his correspondence that the 'Red Bow Day' Appeal is a vital source of funds that helps MDQ to continue improving quality of life for over 4000 Queenslanders affected by Muscular Dystrophy.
- The Queensland Government has supported MDQ's 'Red Bow Day' since 1997.
- There are sufficient uncommitted funds available in the Director-General's Reserve for this request.

Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc — Special Children's 2013 Razzamatazz show

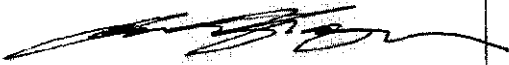
- Correspondence has been received from Ms Bennett of the Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc. seeking funding to host the 21st Annual Special Children's Razzamatazz Show to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (**Attachment E**).
- Sponsorship of \$3000 will enable 60 children (at \$50 per child) to attend the Special Children's Razzamatazz Show.
- The Special Children's Razzamatazz Show is an annual fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc. Funds raised will not only allow disadvantaged and disabled children to attend an enjoyable outing, but any additional funds raised will be distributed to Hart Kids Queensland and a variety of local community Rotary Club projects.
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20 MAR 2013

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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2013 seeking a donation from the Queensland Government towards the Red Bow Day Appeal which was held on 8 March 2013.

The Queensland Government recognises the important work of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland in assisting Queensland sufferers and their families by providing vital services and equipment. Accordingly, I have agreed to continue the Government's support by providing a donation of \$35 000 towards this year's appeal.

On behalf of the Queensland Government, I commend your organisation for their continuing fund raising efforts and I trust that this year's Red Bow Day Appeal was a great success.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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20 MAR 2013

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Dear Ms Bennett

Thank you for your email of 22 February 2013 requesting financial support to assist the Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc. to host its 21st Annual Special Children's Razzmatazz Show at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

I am pleased to continue the Queensland Government's support of this worthy event and accordingly have agreed to provide \$3300 (GST inclusive) to assist 60 children to attend the Special Children's Razzmatazz Show. A representative from my department will be in contact with you shortly to organise payment.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable work of the Rotary Club of Ipswich City and wish you every success in your fund raising efforts for the Special Children's Razzmatazz Show. I sincerely hope the show will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved and that the children will leave the event with many happy memories of the day.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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20 MAR 2013

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Dear Mr Lintott

Thank you for your facsimile of 13 February 2013 seeking financial assistance for the 2013 Children's Circus Extravaganza.

The Queensland Government recognises the invaluable support that the Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor Inc provides to community groups and individuals, especially to local disadvantaged children and their families.

I am, therefore, pleased to continue support of this event and have agreed to provide \$2400 (GST inclusive) to enable 40 children to attend the Circus Extravaganza in May this year. A representative from my department will be in contact with you shortly to arrange payment.

I trust the 2013 Circus Extravaganza will be a successful event and an enjoyable and memorable day out for the children and families attending.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



The Honourable Mr Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST BRISBANE QLD 4002

20 February 2013

Dear Premier,

RE: Annual "Red Bow Day" Appeal 2013

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We are writing to you once again seeking your generous gift toward our annual Red Bow Day Appeal which takes place on Friday March 8th 2013.

For the past 20 years, our Red Bow Day appeal has enabled Muscular Dystrophy Queensland to showcase its work in metropolitan and regional Queensland as well as being a vital source of funds that helps us continue to assist people all across Queensland who live with Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions.

We were so proud last year to have received support from you at the very beginning of your tenure as Premier of Queensland and we look forward to your continuing support of the vital work that we do for our clients and their families' right across Queensland.

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland and our clients continue to be affected by natural disasters which have plagued our state in recent years. On top of that we are still feeling the effects of the fallout from the global financial crisis. These factors have also resulted in an increased need on the part of our families, whom we have pledged to assist as they struggle daily with this dreaded condition.

Muscular Dystrophy is a progressive genetic muscle wasting disorder affecting over 4,000 Queenslanders. Onset can happen at any time from infancy through late adulthood. As an individual's condition progresses, demand for our assistance, support, services, equipment and specialized advocacy increases. With your help we can continue to meet these needs and in so doing, increase and extend the independence, comfort and quality of life of those affected by this incurable disease.

On behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy community we sincerely hope that you will be able to once more kick-start our Red Bow Day Appeal with a contribution of \$35,000. As in previous years we have enclosed a tax invoice.

We send you and your Government our best wishes and look forward to your continuing support in the coming years

Thank you once again.

Kind regards

s.73 Signature

Rick Carr

Chief Executive Officer, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland

Unit 13/191 Hedley Avenue, Hendra Qld 4011
Locked Bag 3000, Eagle Farm BC Qld 4009
t: 07 3607 1800 f: 07 3607 1899
Freecall: 1800 676 364 www.mdqld.org.au
ABN: 14 908 553 738

Tax Invoice

Account:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet
PO Box 15185
City East QLD 4002

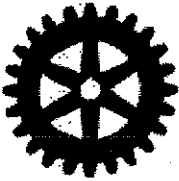
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Date: 20/02/2013

Description	Amount	Code
Queensland Government contribution	\$35,000.00	N-T

Freight:	\$0.00	GST
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Total Inc GST:	\$35,000.00	

Please make cheques payable to Muscular Dystrophy Association of Qld. Inc.
Alternatively, the account can be paid by electronic transfer to our bank
account:

Name: Muscular Dystrophy Association of Qld. Inc.
BSB: 084-092 Acnt: 54-518-4321



ROTARY CLUB OF IPSWICH CITY INC.

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FAX: 07 3005 0149

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S 2013 RAZZAMATAZZ SHOW

Date: 22.2.13 Co.ID: RB.71381...

Attn: Belinda Parison



The Rotary Club of Ipswich City Inc is hosting its **21ST Annual Special Children's RAZZAMATAZZ Show** and we are once again asking you to assist us for this years show. Due to increasing numbers of **Special Needs and Terminally ill Children** to assist we are again holding this year's event at the magnificent **Brisbane Exhibition & Convention Centre Southbank.**

The Special Children's RAZZAMATAZZ is our annual fundraising event for your local special needs children and we are asking businesses, on behalf of these little ones, to support them.

With your support we can send a greater number of kuddies together from the same School or Organisation along to the show when sponsored in one of the following groups:

60 CHILDREN \$3300

65 CHILDREN \$3575

70 CHILDREN \$3850

Over and above sponsoring these special children to a wonderful day out monies raised go towards the HEART KIDS QLD and a variety of many local community Rotary Club projects.

Businesses sponsoring 80 children or more are entitled to display their company banners and signs at RAZZAMATAZZ 2013. This is your opportunity to give to your local special needs children of the Greater Brisbane & Ipswich Cities. The children greatly appreciate your support!

Payment by Credit Card - simply complete & return fax to: 3005 0149

*You could earn credit card reward points**

Credit Card:

Card Type: **VISA** **MasterCard** **AMEX** **DISCOVER** Expiry Date: / Payment \$ _____

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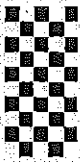
These special needs children suffer from Cystic Fibrosis, Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Cancer, Asperges, Autism, Hearing loss, Burn Victims, Heart Kids, leukaemia and Underprivileged backgrounds. We also have around 400 children from the Qld Police Child Victims Unit who would love to attend. We sincerely hope these little ones can once again count on your support and generosity for this year's event.

THANKING YOU

s.73 Signature

PHONE: 30050149

Project Co-coordinator, Rhonda Bennett: PH 3005-0148 or Fax 3005-0149



Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor Inc

ABN: 52 596 450 110

Supporting the Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor

(This promotion is being coordinated by Projects For Children Pty Ltd. on behalf of the Lions club of Brisbane Macgregor)

2013 UNDER Privileged CHILDREN'S Circus Extravaganza

Correspondence: PO Box 643 Logan Rd Upper Mt Gravatt QLD 4122
Phone: (07) 3343 8102 Fax: (07) 3349 9720

Att- Belinda Parison

To: Dept. of The Premier + Cabinet

Date: 13/2/13.

Fax: 3229 6915

Phone: 3177 6824 0/Line

From: Rita Lee

Email _____

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Under Privileged Children's Circus Extravaganza to be held at Yimben Park Sunnybank on the 24th to 26th May 2013 Going to the Circus as a child is something that most of us enjoyed and looked forward to it- a great day out! Sadly, there are thousands of disadvantaged children who won't get the opportunity to enjoy a visit to the Circus because of serious illness, physical disability, financial hardship or other circumstances.

The Underprivileged Children's Circus Extravaganza aims to give local disadvantaged children and their families a special gift - a fun-filled day out at the circus. *Your company's* support will help to make this happen, and at the same time help fund the ongoing work of the Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor.

The funds we raise will benefit the on going work of the Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor providing support for a range of programs for children in Queensland like Lions medical Research Foundation Lions drug awareness foundation sailability Qld careflight Qld and many others as well as getting 6000 underprivileged and less fortunate children to the circus

We ask that you consider sponsoring a group of children to attend the Circus. Sponsorship is \$60 per child, which includes part proceeds to the Lions club of Brisbane macgregor. You may like to assist with one of the following

- 40 - \$2400 (same as previous years)
- 18 - \$1,080; 25 - \$1,500; 35 - \$2,100 50 - \$3,000 75 - \$4,500 100 - \$6,000 150 - \$9,000

If these suggestions don't suit, you can help with any level of sponsorship starting at \$60. Your participation will make a difference.

We will contact you at a later date to discuss this further. Alternatively you may wish to sponsor now by returning this fax with your credit card details to 3349 9720, or you can contact (name Rita on 3343 8102) for further information.

Companies or individuals who sponsor \$300 or more will receive a special Certificate of Appreciation and major sponsors of \$1,000 or more are given the option of displaying a company banner on the day.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Chris Intolt
Project Chairman
Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 6 March 2013
Subject: Re-signing of the Queensland–Papua New Guinea (PNG) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on business cooperation and Official Visit to PNG

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Premier
Date 15/3/2013
Date Action Required by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Honourable Peter O'Neill CMG, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea agreeing to the re-signing of the Queensland–PNG MoU on Business Cooperation in Port Moresby on Wednesday 15 May 2013 and
- agree that you will visit Port Moresby from the evening of Tuesday 14 May to late Wednesday 15 May 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- Prime Minister O'Neill has written proposing the re-signing of the MoU (**Attachment 2**).
- You have previously approved the re-signing of the MoU (**Attachment 3**).
- The MoU has reached its 20th anniversary and was due to be re-signed in November 2012 in Brisbane, however, Prime Minister O'Neill cancelled his visit.
- Your office has indicated that you wish to visit Port Moresby on 15 May 2013, which would be an ideal time to re-sign the MoU as part of an Official Visit.
- Trade and Investment Queensland is strongly recommending you visit Port Moresby from the evening of 14 May, to enable you to participate in a reception for accompanying and local business representatives.
- An Official Visit without an overnight stay may be perceived as superficial, particularly as this will be your first visit to the country.
- You cannot fly in and out of Port Moresby in one day using commercial flights from Brisbane.
- Arriving on the evening of 14 May will give you greater flexibility with commercial flights including the option to use the Government jet.

• CONSULTATION

- Trade and Investment Queensland

• BACKGROUND

- The MoU was first signed in 1992 and most recently re-signed in October 2008, between the former Premier Anna Bligh and then Prime Minister the Right Honourable Michael Somare, in Cairns.
- As our nearest foreign neighbour, the State has historically had a strong relationship with PNG which has been supported by activities under the MoU.
- The new MoU will strengthen economic opportunities and develop close connections in education, health and the resources and infrastructure sectors.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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Director-General

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19 MAR 2013

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2013 about the re-signing of the Queensland–Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding on Business Cooperation (the agreement). I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am pleased that you have proposed the re-signing of the agreement. With your support, I would like to suggest that the agreement is re-signed in Port Moresby on Wednesday 15 May 2013.

I make this suggestion as the previous agreement was signed by your predecessor the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare in Cairns in 2008. As a sign of mutual commitment to the agreement, I would be pleased to travel to Port Moresby for the re-signing as part of an Official Visit on 14–15 May 2013.

I believe the re-signing of the agreement will provide an excellent platform for our governments to commence relations in a positive and proactive environment.

My department will work closely with Trade and Investment Queensland on my visit and arrangements for the re-signing. Should your office wish to discuss visit arrangements, please contact Mr David Russo, Manager, Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet by email at david.russo@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone +61 7 3224 4822.

Thank you again for your commitment to the agreement which is an important link between our governments.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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19 MAR 2013

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Dear Ms Stokes

Firstly, please accept my congratulations on your appointment as Australian High Commissioner to Port Moresby.

I understand you conducted pre-posting meetings in Brisbane prior to your appointment and heard firsthand my Government's strong commitment to enhance mutual ties with our nearest neighbour.

As an initial important step, I have written to the Honourable Peter O'Neill CMG MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, proposing I visit Port Moresby on 14-15 May 2013. During the visit, I have proposed re-signing the Queensland-Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding on Business Cooperation on Wednesday 15 May 2013.

I would greatly appreciate the High Commission's support in my proposed visit should the Prime Minister accept the proposal.

My department will work closely with Trade and Investment Queensland on my visit and arrangements for the re-signing. Should you wish to discuss visit arrangements, please contact Mr David Russo, Manager, Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet by email at david.russo@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone +61 7 3224 4822.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to working with you on my visit.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *PQ/DR08 - TF/13/3966 - DOC/13/43102*

19 MAR 2013

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Your Excellency

Please find enclosed a letter for transmittal to the Honourable Peter O'Neill CMG MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, proposing my visit to Port Moresby on 14-15 May 2013 to re-sign the Queensland-Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding on Business Cooperation.

I have suggested to the Prime Minister that the agreement be re-signed in Port Moresby on Wednesday 15 May 2013, noting that the previous agreement was signed by the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare in Cairns in 2008.

I believe the re-signing of the agreement in Port Moresby would be a sign of mutual commitment to the agreement.

My department will work closely with Trade and Investment Queensland on my visit and arrangements for the re-signing. Should the High Commission or Prime Minister's Office wish to discuss visit arrangements, please contact Mr David Russo, Manager, Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on telephone +61 7 3224 4822 by email at david.russo@premiers.qld.gov.au.

I look forward to working with you my first Official Visit to Papua New Guinea.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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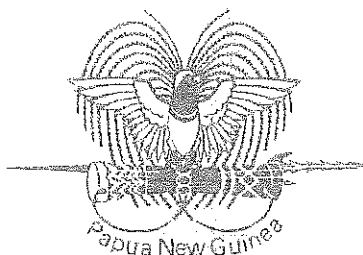
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PRIME MINISTER
PORT MORESBY

05th February, 2013

Hon. Campbell Newman
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Dear Premier,

I am grateful to hear from you regarding the arrangement for the re-signing of the Queensland Papua New Guinea Memorandum of Understanding, MOU on Business Cooperation.

I believe the re-signing of the MOU will provide an excellent opportunity for PNG and Queensland to further strengthened our relationship through increased trade, business and technical cooperation.

If all arrangements can be finalised by officials from both sides, I should suggest that the re-signing of the MOU to take place sometimes in the month of April, 2013.

Yours sincerely,

HON. PETER O'NEILL CMG, MP
Prime Minister

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 5 April 2013
Subject: Reissuing of Silver Medal from the Good Neighbour Council

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- note what I have written a the letter.

- sign the letter (**Attachment A**) to The Honourable Bob Katter MP, Federal Member for Kennedy regarding the reissuing of a Good Neighbour Council Medal.

• KEY ISSUES

- Mr Katter wrote to you in July 2012 (**Attachment B**), on behalf of ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] requesting the reissuing of a Good Neighbour Council Medal, which his Aunt, [redacted] received in 1988. The medal was stolen from her house some ten years ago.
- The Good Neighbour Council (the council) was sponsored by the Federal Government from 1950 to 1979 and aimed to welcome and assist post-Second World War refugees.
- Based on advice from Social Policy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) you wrote to Mr Katter and the Honourable Brendan O'Connor, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, in August 2012 advising the council was a federally funded program within the Minister's portfolio (**Attachment C**).
- The Honourable Brendan O'Connor MP responded to your letter in February 2013 advising that the Federal Government ceased funding the council in 1979 after which, he understood, support was provided by the Queensland Government (**Attachment D**).
- This is not a current Queensland program and investigations have been conducted with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Multicultural Affairs Queensland, and Social Policy, DPC to identify any past Queensland Government support.
- These investigations have not identified any knowledge or records of Queensland Government involvement with the council or indeed any spare medals which could be reissued to [redacted]
- Given the specific nature of the service for which [redacted] was awarded some 25 years ago, there is no current Queensland Government awards program or medallion which would apply. However, as an alternative, she may be eligible for a local council Australia Day award.

• CONSULTATION

- Social Policy DPC, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Multicultural Affairs Queensland and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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12 APR 2013

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Dear Mr Katter

Bob

I refer to your representations on behalf of ^{S.73 Member of the} [redacted] regarding the Good Neighbour Council and a replacement medal for his aunt, [redacted] and to recent correspondence I have received from the Honourable Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

Minister O'Connor indicated the program was sponsored by the Federal Government between 1950 and 1979, and suggested that subsequent support may have been provided by the Queensland Government.

This is not a current Queensland Government program and, unfortunately, no past involvement or records about the Good Neighbour Council from 1988 have been able to located. It understand that it was upsetting for [redacted] that her medal was stolen but, regrettably, we have not been able to trace any spare medals to replace her 1988 award.

As an alternative way to acknowledge [redacted] contribution to the community, perhaps a nomination for a local government Australia Day award might be appropriate. Such an award might acknowledge her assistance to post-World War II refugees and also recognise any other community contribution. The relevant nomination forms would be available from the applicable local council.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and please convey my best wishes to [redacted]

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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FROM: Johanna de Winter
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 28 / 2 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

No response to O'Connor required. Did the O'Connor possibly issue the media brief as yet - please.

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The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
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Dear Premier

Thank you for your letter of 23 August 2012 (ref: SHP/AB-TF/12/19030-DOC/12/155226) to the former Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, concerning correspondence received from the Hon Bob Katter MP, on behalf of ^{s.73 Member of the Public} regarding the reissuing of a silver medal awarded to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} in recognition of her 30 years voluntary work for the Good Neighbour Council.

I have made enquiries into the matter and am informed by my Department that Commonwealth sponsorship and funding of the Good Neighbour Movement, incorporating autonomous Councils in each state and territory, ran from 1950 to 1979.

As ^{s.73 Member of the Public} was presented with her award in 1988, I regret that I am unable to assist in reissuing her medal as records pertaining to the Good Neighbour Councils which are held by my Department do not cover this period.

It is my understanding that after 1979, support for the Good Neighbour Council of Queensland was provided by the Queensland Government. I am hopeful that this information will help efforts to replace ^{s.73 Member of the Public} medal. Please note I have forwarded a copy of this letter to Mr Katter for his information.

Yours sincerely

BRENDAN O'CONNOR

25 FEB 2013

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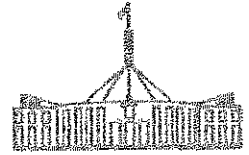
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HON BOB KATTER MP

Federal Member for Kennedy



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Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier
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Dear Premier,

We refer to the attached email from s.73 Member of the Public regarding a lost Good Neighbour Council medal received 30 years ago.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange for an urgent response to be provided directly to [redacted]

Our office would be grateful if you could provide us with a copy of that response.

Yours sincerely,

s.73 Signature

Maureen Scott
Electorate Officer for and on behalf of
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Member for Kennedy

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Scott, Maureen (B. Katter, MP)

From: Oliveri, Lydia (B. Katter, MP) on behalf of Katter, Robert (MP)
Sent: Wednesday, 11 July 2012 8:33 AM
To: Scott, Maureen (B. Katter, MP)
Subject: FW: Special Request.

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

From: s.73 Member of the Public
Sent: Tuesday, 10 July 2012 7:18 PM
To: Katter, Robert (MP)
Subject: Special Request.

Dear Mr Katter MP

I write in the hope that you may be of assistance in giving [redacted] a bit of a morale boost in her remaining years.

A strange request coming out of the blue I know!

To explain, in 1988 you presented [redacted] with a silver medal for 30years voluntary work for the Good Neighbour Council. This is something she still remembers very fondly.

The short of it is that this medal was stolen when her home was broken into about 10 years ago and has never recovered..

I know it's a big ask but is there any way she can be reissued with this medal?

I'm only too happy to buy the thing if that's required but I am at a loss in respect to the sourcing a replacement.

Horse before the cart I know and I also know that you're a busy bloke, but, if you were available to re-present the thing, it would make her day.

She's a the grand old lady.

Hoping you can be of assistance

Very best regards





Premier of Queensland

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23 AUG 2012

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Dear Mr Katter

I refer to the representation received from your office on 19 July 2012 on behalf of s.73 Member of the Public about reissuing a silver medal to his aunt, s.73 Member of the Public acknowledging 30 years volunteering work for the Good Neighbour Council. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Although I would like to assist s.73 Member of the Public I am told that the Good Neighbour Council was a federally-funded program which ran from 1949 to 1979 to welcome and assist post-Second World War refugees and settlers.

As such, I would suggest you get in touch with the Federal Government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship, which previously funded the program, to see if they are able to have the medal reissued. I have also forwarded a copy of [redacted] correspondence to the Honourable Chris Bowen MP, Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, seeking his assistance in this matter.

I hope this information will assist your reply to [redacted] representations.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN





Premier of Queensland

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23 AUG 2012

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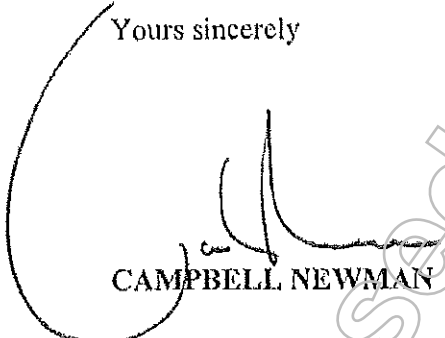
Dear Minister

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence I received from the Office of the Honourable Bob Katter MP, Member for Kennedy, seeking assistance in having a Good Neighbour Council medal reissued to [REDACTED]

Any assistance you can provide in reproducing this medal, or reacknowledging the work of [REDACTED] would be appreciated.

A copy of my response is also enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to [redacted] in relation to her concerns about her [redacted] suspension from school (Attachment 1).

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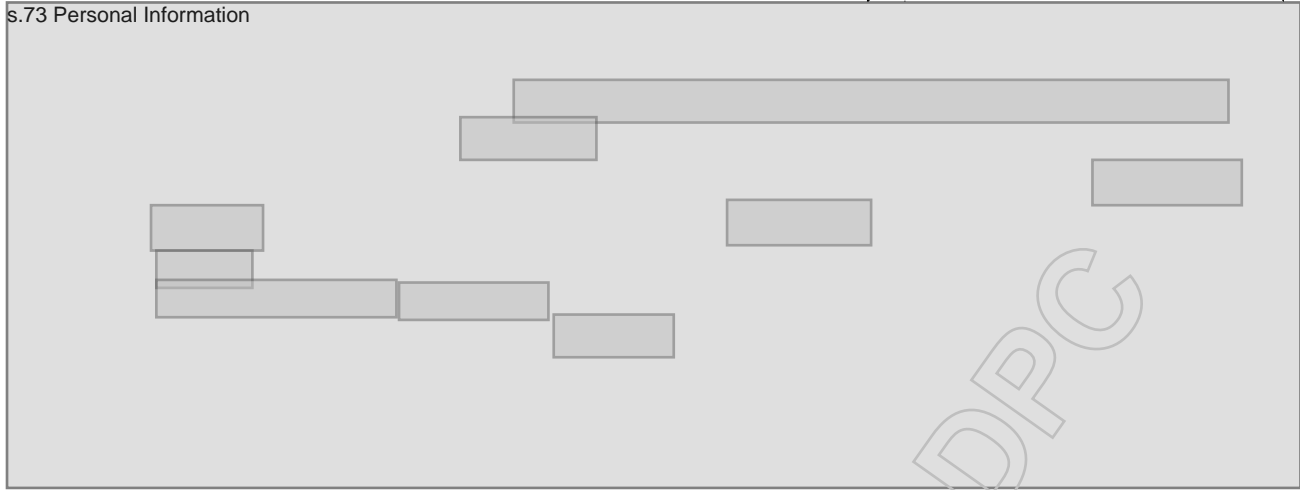


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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date *19.3.2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} responding to her concerns about the availability of blood donation services in Chinchilla (**Attachment 1**)

• KEY ISSUES

- On 26 February 2013, [redacted] wrote to you about the difficulties in donating blood in Chinchilla and requesting help in increasing the frequency of collections or in arranging a one-off collection in Chinchilla (**Attachment 2**).
- The Australian Red Cross Blood Service (Red Cross) manages the collection of donated blood. While Queensland Health is responsible for conducting supply planning for blood and blood products, it has no involvement in decisions about the operational aspects of the collection of donated blood.
- The Red Cross makes all arrangements to collect the donated blood and distribute blood and blood products. This includes decisions about establishing collection points and the frequency of collections.
- The Red Cross has advised it has no current plans to extend its services to Chinchilla or to increase the frequency of collections at Dalby. There are logistical issues around the transportation and storage of collected blood, which must be sent back to Brisbane for testing and processing from remote areas. In addition, blood must be transported under temperature controlled conditions which can be more difficult to monitor in regional areas.

• CONSULTATION

- Queensland Health
- Australian Red Cross Blood Service

• BACKGROUND

- Toowoomba Hospital is the closest permanent blood donation site. This is approximately 160km from Chinchilla. Collections occur at the Red Cross rooms in Dalby eight times per year (approximately 80km from Chinchilla). There are no other alternatives for blood donations (e.g. collections by the Hospital and Health Service) in Chinchilla.

[Signature]
Jon Grayson
Director-General

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s.73 Member of the Public

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Thank you for your email of 26 February 2013 about the availability of blood donation services in Chinchilla. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was really pleased to read about your enthusiasm for promoting blood donation to the community of Chinchilla. I realise this issue is close to your heart and that you are naturally concerned to do as much as possible for your friend who has lymphoma.

I asked for some further information to assist you and am told that it is the Australian Red Cross Blood Service that manages the collection of donated blood in Queensland, including making decisions about where collections take place and their frequency. While Queensland Health makes use of donated blood products, it is not involved in decision making about blood collection points or for collecting donated blood. The Australian Red Cross Blood Service has responsibility for making these arrangements around the State.

Unfortunately, I am told that the Australian Red Cross Blood Service has decided it is not currently planning a blood donation site at Chinchilla, nor is it planning on increasing the frequency of collections at the Dalby Centre. I am told this is due to significant logistical issues for the transportation and storage of the collected blood, which must be sent back to Brisbane for testing and processing. In addition, the collected blood must be transported under temperature controlled conditions which can be more difficult to monitor in regional areas.

It is unfortunate there are logistical issues impacting on a donated blood service being available in Chinchilla. As you know, for many people blood donations are a lifeline. Currently, only one in 30 people give blood, while one in three people will need blood in their lifetime. It is always very heartening to hear about Queenslanders like you who are willing to get involved to support others.

I would encourage you to speak to Mr James Cardiff, Community Relations Team Leader at the Australian Red Cross Blood Donation Service further about this issue. Mr Cardiff can be contacted on telephone (07) 3838 9309.

In the meantime, I hope you will encourage your friends and colleagues to attend sessions to donate blood at Dalby. The 2013 Dalby collection dates are: 4 and 14 June; 3 and 13 September; and 3 and 13 December.

The permanent collection centre in Toowoomba is also keen for blood donors and its opening hours are:

Monday	8am – 12noon then 2pm - 8pm
Wednesday	8am – 1pm
Thursday	8am – 12noon then 2pm - 8pm
Saturday	8am – 12noon (first Saturday of the month)

Thank you for raising this important issue with me.

Yours sincerely



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Comment:

Evening Premier. I'm contacting you in hope that your may be able to assist me or advise me on who I could contact to assist me in regards to my request.

I live in the town of Chinchilla and we do not have a Red Cross Blood Donation service. I understand that the mobile services are costly & in high demand. I have a girlfriend (also a wife & mother) that was diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma [Redacted]. Her only hope is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately by not having a Red Cross Blood Centre locally, this makes it difficult for local people to donate. Our closest Centre is 2hours away at Toowoomba. A mobile service visits Dalby approximately 3 monthly. Could you please help me find a way to have a mobile collection centre visit us - even just as a one off? I would be prepared to contact the many companies associated with the CSG as well as other local companies & businesses, to promote & support this visit amongst their staff.

I look forward to hearing your reply with any suggestions on how I can convert this dream to reality and help my girlfriend and the many thousands of people requiring blood donations or bone marrow transplants. We each know someone I'm sure.

Regards

[Redacted]

A caring friend & cancer survivor's wife.

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 20 March 2013
Subject: Release of consultation papers in the review
of the youth justice system

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you sign the letter to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (**Attachment 1**), approving the release of:

- a discussion paper as part of the development of a blueprint for youth justice (**Attachment A**)
- four policy papers on specific youth justice reforms (**Attachments B-E**).

• **KEY ISSUES**

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- The Attorney-General has provided a copy of the discussion paper he proposes for release (**Attachment A**). The discussion paper identifies several themes under which broader issues to reform of the youth justice system are raised including effective sentencing options, responding to the causes of crime, managing demand for youth justice services, early intervention and diversion, improving youth detention services, and effective non-government investment. The discussion paper also asks general questions about what changes would be effective to improve the youth justice system.
- In addition, the Attorney-General is seeking your approval for the release of four policy papers on specific issues (**Attachments B-E**) for community consultation. The papers provide detailed information about current youth justice legislative arrangements and raise specific proposals including naming and shaming, breach of bail to be an offence, criminal histories to be admissible on adult sentencing, and the transfer to adult incarceration at 18 years of age.
- The focus of the four policy papers is essentially about strengthening the responses once crime has occurred, whereas the blueprint aims to provide a broader perspective of youth justice issues, including a focus on effective preventative interventions. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) supports this approach. The discussion paper refers to the specific proposals raised in the policy papers.
- Interventions that build more effective family functioning, enhance school performance and disengage youth from the 'wrong crowd' have been demonstrated to be effective. The discussion papers include consideration of these issues.
- It is understood that the finalisation of the blueprint will include consideration of initiatives that have been effective in other jurisdictions and could also involve the establishment of trials of new and innovative ways to address youth crime, including the use of social impact bonds for community organisations that requires a commitment to outcomes.

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- A survey (**Attachment 2**) has also been drafted to accompany the discussion paper, however, the survey will also be used as a separate consultation tool. The survey asks specific questions about the respondents' experience of crime and asks respondents to rate their view of the effectiveness of a wide range of responses to youth justice, from imprisonment to better supervision by parents. The responses to the survey will be able to be collated to provide quantitative data on the number of people who support specific initiatives. The discussion paper in contrast provides more detailed information about the issues proposed, and asks open ended questions. The survey has been drafted in consultation with Criminal Justice Research in DPC, but has not yet been approved by the Attorney-General.
- Two further issues which contribute to youth offending are not within the Attorney's portfolio — the limited availability of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services for young people and the gap between services provided to children in the child protection system and youth justice system. These need to be addressed to ensure effective intervention for young people.
- These issues will be explored as part of the Government's response to the Carmody Child Protection Inquiry. The Cairns Crime Prevention Action Plan (the action plan), being developed by the Queensland Police Service and DPC, will also canvass the issue of effective drug and alcohol services for young people. The development of the action plan will also help inform the proposed blueprint and encourage the development of place-based responses to youth crime that suit local circumstances.
- The Attorney-General proposes to announce the expansion of the Youth Boot Camp trial and release the discussion paper and survey on 23 March 2013, to coincide with the anniversary of the Government's election.
- It is understood that the Attorney-General may release the policy papers before the announcement on 23 March. This timing is intended to maximise the period of consultation on the proposed changes prior to a policy submission planned for June 2013. DPC has no objection to the earlier release of the four papers.
- It is proposed that comments on the discussion paper and results of the surveys be provided by 30 June 2013. The results of consultation on the discussion paper and the survey will be considered in finalising the blueprint, expected by March 2014.

• **ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS**

- Commencing a formal review of the Act is one of the Government's commitments in the six month plan (January–June 2013).


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Attorney-General

Jarrod,

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I have now considered the discussion paper your office provided to me, that raises issues as part of the broader reforms in the blueprint for youth justice (Attachment A to this letter) and approve its release for public consultation.

I am also pleased to approve the release of the four policy papers proposing specific reforms to the youth justice system (Attachments B–E to this letter), and look forward to learning of the results of the stakeholder consultation you have outlined.

Given the focus of the current reforms has been essentially about strengthening the responses once crime has occurred, I look forward to considering the proposed long-term blueprint that includes effective methods for intervention in the youth justice sphere that target recidivism, look to innovative solutions to prevent offending, reduce remand, and address risk-factors such as substance abuse.

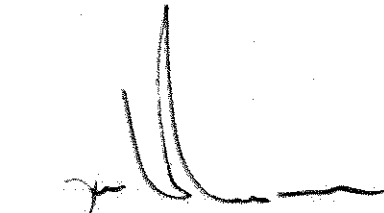
In developing the blueprint, I believe it will be important to consider initiatives that have been effective in other jurisdictions, as well as the possibility of establishing trials of new and innovative ways to address youth crime, including the use of social impact bonds for community organisations that requires a commitment to outcomes, tailoring probation orders to prevent re-offending and developing education and police-based interventions to help prevent juvenile breaches of bail.

These issues fall well within the themes identified in your discussion paper — effective sentencing options, responding to the causes of crime, managing demand for youth justice services, early intervention and diversion, improving youth detention services, and effective non-government investment.

I accept that two further issues that contribute to youth offending are not within your portfolio — the limited availability of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services for young people, and the gap between services provided to children in the child protection system and youth justice system. These factors need to be addressed in some way to ensure effective intervention for young people and I understand that they may be issues explored as part of the Government's response to the Carmody Child Protection Inquiry.

Thank you for writing to advise me on progress with the youth justice reform process and I look forward to seeing the results of the consultation process that will deliver a more effective youth justice system.

Yours sincerely



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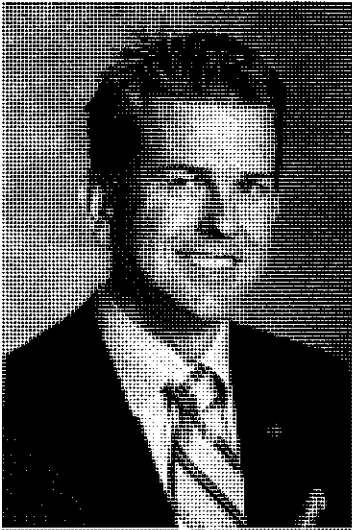


Blueprint for the future of Youth Justice

Have Your Say

March 2013

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Foreword

Through its Safer Streets Crime Action Plan, the Newman Government made a commitment to get tough on crime.

As part of this plan, in the first year of Government the Newman Government has delivered a raft of criminal law reforms aimed at toughening up sentences for offenders and breaking the cycle of youth crime.

Queensland is a great state with a strong justice system, but there remain many opportunities to make Queensland communities safer and for young people and their families to demonstrate their full potential.

This Government is committed to continuing to listen to the community on this issue and is keen to hear what you have to say.

This document introduces a broad review of the youth justice system through 2013-14 which will culminate in the Government delivering a Blueprint for the Future of Youth Justice in Queensland. It also gives the community a chance to provide feedback on the types of reforms they consider necessary to address youth crime issues in Queensland.

It is important that we work together to fight crime and make our streets safer for Queensland families. I encourage you to read this document and have your say.

Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

March 2013

How you can have your say

To have your say, please complete the attached survey, fill out your details and either:

- a) Return to your Local Member of Parliament
- b) Post to: Assistant Director-General, Youth Justice
Department of Justice and Attorney-General
GPO Box 149
Brisbane QLD 4001
- c) Fax to (07) 3033 0672
- d) An online version of the survey is also available for completion at www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice

OR

To respond to the questions raised in this discussion paper, you can provide a written submission through until 30 June 2013. Post your responses to:

Email to: youthjusticeblueprint@justice.qld.gov.au

Post to: Assistant Director-General, Youth Justice
Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Introduction

There is widespread community concern about crime in Queensland and communities are seeking more effective responses to youth crime, in particular. This Government has delivered the first step towards reforming the youth justice system with the introduction of the trial of youth boot camps and the announcement of a review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* as part of the Government's Six Month Action Plan (January to June 2013).

Delivering a youth justice system that leads the nation is innovative, engaged with community, respects victims, is transparent and measures its successes, will require transformational strategies beyond those that have already been announced.

The next 12 months will be used to listen to community members and other interested parties within the justice system to determine ways to deliver more effective and efficient youth justice responses.

Developing a Blueprint for the Future of Youth Justice will provide an action-plan to transform the youth justice system and break the cycle of offending that causes so much distress in our communities.

The Blueprint for the Future of Youth Justice will address the concerns raised by community members and justice system interested parties while working within the context of the current fiscal environment. Strategies will be developed in line with the following themes:

- Boot Camps
- Youth Justice Act Review
- Effective sentencing options
- Early Intervention and Diversion
- Responding to causes of crime
- Managing demand for youth justice services
- Improving youth detention services
- Effective non-government investment.

Through collaboration, innovation, community input we will develop a youth justice system that will deliver safer communities while getting value for money from every dollar spent on youth justice in Queensland.

Why are young people offending?

- drug and alcohol use
- mental health problems
- low educational achievements
- exposure to violence during childhood
- severe and long-term neglect and family dysfunction

What can we do to respond to the causes of youth crime?

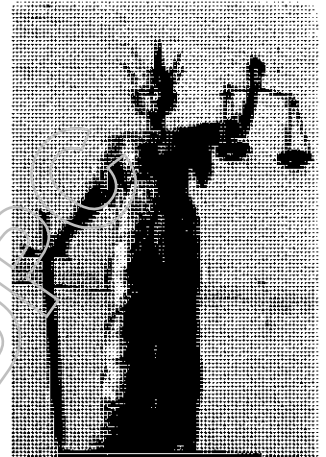
What do we want from our youth justice system?

The Queensland Government would like to see:

- ✓ Young people held accountable for their actions and facing consequences for their offending
- ✓ Safer communities in Queensland
- ✓ Opportunities for young people and their families to turn their lives around
- ✓ The revolving door of detention centres close

Tough on Crime

What we've done so far
Mandatory life imprisonment for repeat child sex offenders with a minimum non-parole period of 20 years("two strikes policy")
Non-parole period increased to 20 years imprisonment for murder.
Non-parole period of 25 years imprisonment for murder of a police officer.
Non-parole period increased to 30 years imprisonment for multiple murders.
Penalty for serious assault on a police officer increased to 14 years.
Minimum \$5,500 fine and two year licence disqualification for evading police.
New minimum mandatory sentences for trafficking, supply and unlawful possession of illegal firearms.
Offender levy that applies to all criminal matters.
Additional \$2 million in funding allocated to the organizations that support victims of crime.
Abolished the Murri Court, the Drug Court and the Special Circumstances Court ensuring that there is one court for all Queenslanders.



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What we're doing

The Newman Government recently introduced a number of bills in Parliament that contain more key law and order reforms. The Newman Government will:

Force criminals to explain how they acquired their wealth or face its confiscation.

Introduce drug trafficking declarations aimed at stripping convicted drug traffickers of their assets.

Require drug traffickers to serve a mandatory minimum 80% of their sentence.

Increase the maximum penalty for aggravated supply where an adult supplies a dangerous drug to a child under 16 years - an offender will be liable to a maximum penalty of 25 years to life imprisonment, depending on the type of drug supplied.

Create a new offence of trafficking in precursors (substances used to manufacture dangerous drugs).

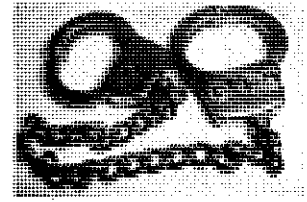
Ensure the law keeps pace with emerging developments in the manufacture and supply of dangerous drugs including synthetic drugs.

Introduce the toughest anti-hooning laws in the nation, with cars clamped and off the road for a first offence and cars forfeited or crushed for any subsequent offence.

Crack down on graffiti crime by mandating that offenders remove graffiti and increase the maximum penalty for graffiti crime from 5 to 7 years.

Enable a victim to read their victim impact statement before a sentencing court where it is reasonable to do so in the circumstances.

Increase penalties for child exploitation material offences and other child sex offences and provide for a new offence of 'grooming' in the Criminal Code.



Boot Camps

It was an LNP Election Commitment to introduce a two year trial of youth boot camps. The Newman Government has delivered on this commitment with the first two boot camps commencing in early 2013. The goal of the boot camps is to instill discipline, respect and values in the young person while working with the young person and their families to address the causes of their offending and support them into learning or earning.

The Government decided to trial two different types of boot camps.

A sentenced boot camp allows the courts to sentence a young offender to a boot camp order. This new sentencing option gives Courts an option instead of sending the young person to detention. The first sentenced boot camp is available to young people living in the Cairns area and by late 2013 there will be one available to young people living in the Townsville area.

Question: Is the sentenced boot camp a good way to stop the cycle of youth crime and close the revolving door of youth detention?

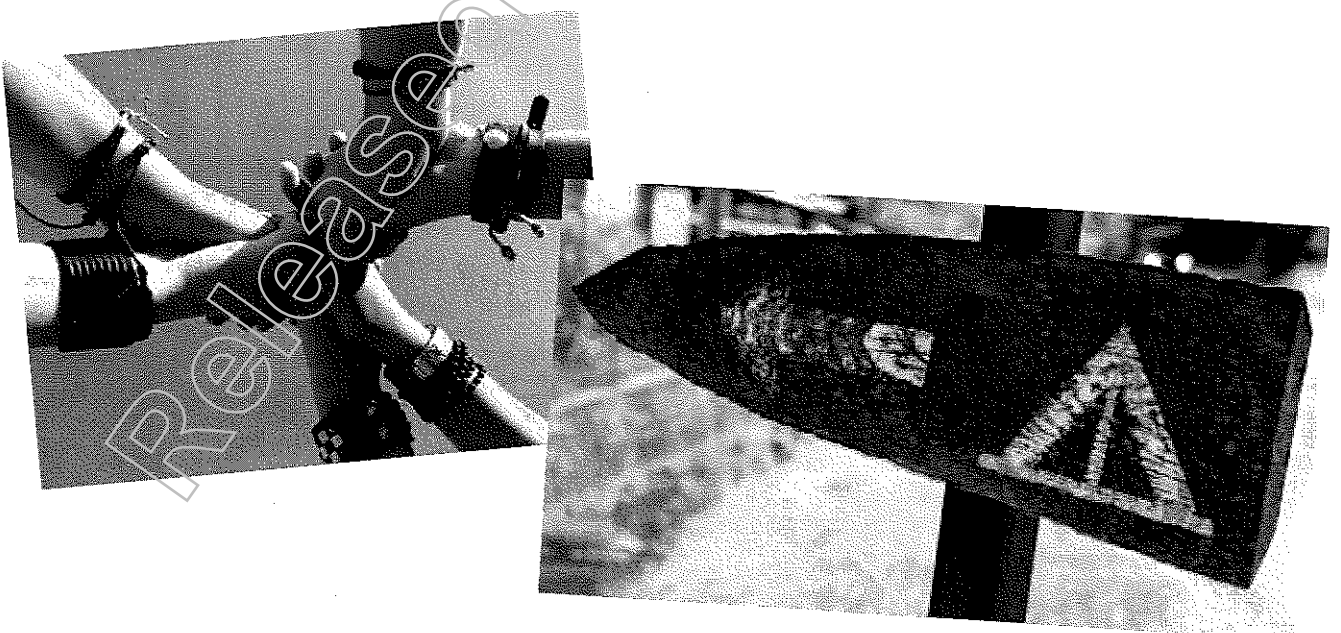
Question: Are there other ways to stop the cycle of youth crime and detention for young people who are committing serious or repeat crimes?

A voluntary early intervention boot camp has also been developed. The goal of this boot camp is to stop young people from starting a criminal life. The young people referred to this boot camp are demonstrating behaviours that indicate they are on the path to becoming a young offender. There is an early intervention boot camp operating on the Gold Coast and by late 2013 there will be one in Rockhampton and one in Hervey Bay.

Question: Is the early intervention boot camp a good way to get young people back on track and back in school?

Question: Are there other ways to get young people back on track?

The trial will be evaluated to determine if it reduces re-offending and entry into the youth justice system before the Government considers whether to roll out boot camps to other locations.



Youth Justice Act Review

The *Youth Justice Act 1992* governs the way young people are dealt with by the law when they offend. The Queensland community has been vocal in expressing concern that young people are getting a 'slap on the wrist' for the crimes they commit and this is influencing young offenders' disregard for the law.

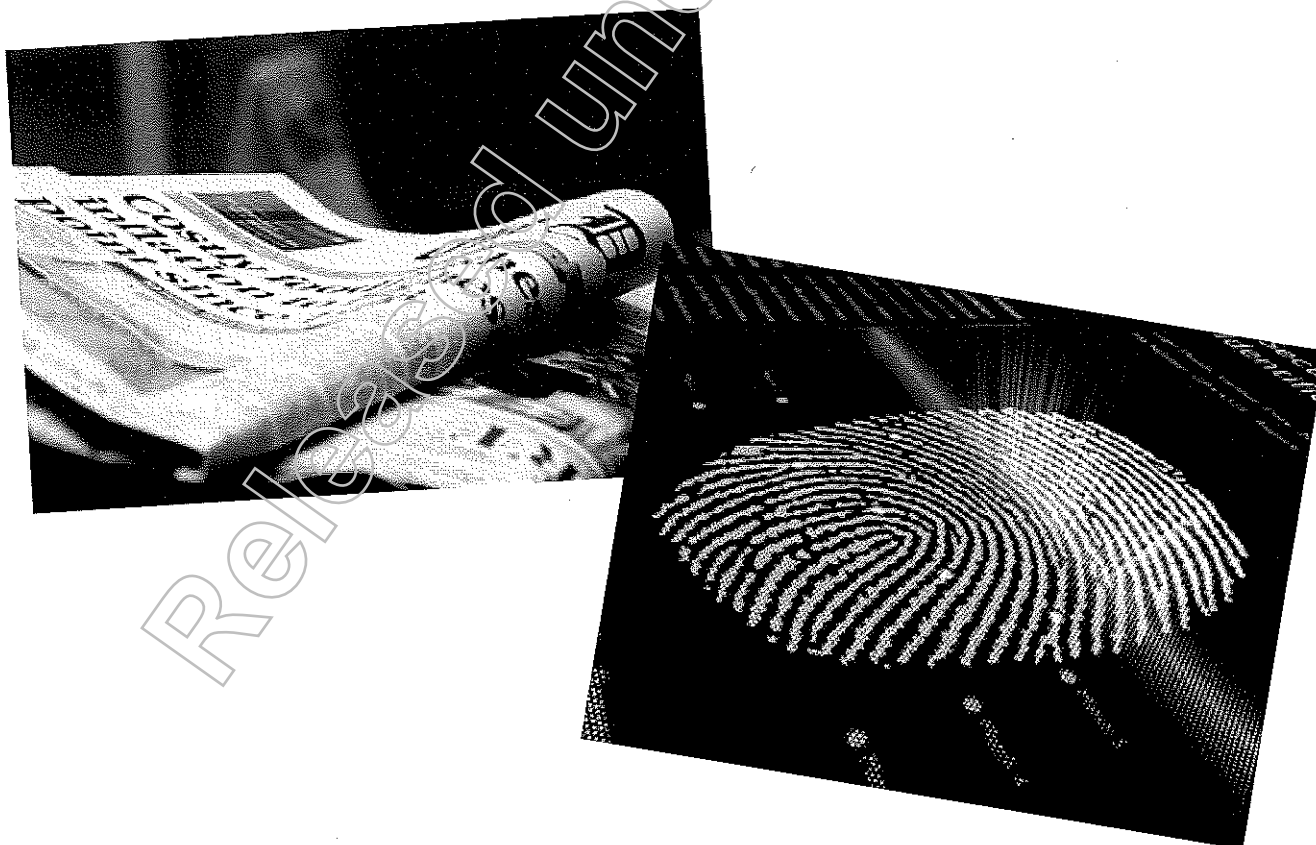
As part of the Government's Six Month Action Plan (January to June 2013) the Government has committed to a review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*. The review will examine

- expanding the existing naming laws so that the names of repeat young offenders can be made public;
- making breach of bail an offence to reduce the number of repeat young offenders;
- allowing courts access to a person's juvenile criminal history when sentencing them as an adult, so the court can see their full criminal history.

Question: What other areas should be reviewed to try to reduce the number of young people committing crimes?

Quick facts from 2011-12

- There were 413,399 young people in Queensland aged 10-16. 4,053 young people had an offence proven in court.
- The Children's Court of Queensland dealt with 1,752 charges against 356 young people.



Effective sentencing options

The Government wants to make sure that the courts have sentencing options that work to reduce future offending and reflect community expectation.

Already the Government has introduced a Boot Camp Order as a new sentence option which gives courts a further alternative to sentencing a young offender to detention. This order is aimed at repeat young offenders already entrenched in the justice system

In late 2012 the Attorney-General introduced Graffiti Removal Orders as another new sentencing option under the *Youth Justice Act 1992*. When passed by Parliament the Graffiti Removal Orders will require every young person, aged 12 and above, found guilty of a graffiti offence to clean up graffiti as part of their sentence. This order is designed so the offender gives back to their community.

Consideration is also being given to removing the principle that when sentencing a young person for an offence detention should be the last resort. This principle applies when a young person is arrested as well as when they are sentenced. The removal may allow courts to consider a broader range of options when sentencing young offenders.

The evidence shows that sentencing a young person to detention does not stop their offending behaviour; in fact it often makes it worse. Sentencing options available to the court needs to ensure the young person experiences appropriate consequences for committing the offence while still providing an opportunity for rehabilitation. If the penalty is too harsh it risks propelling the young person further into the justice system and worsening their offending behaviour. If the penalty does not address the offending behaviour it will not have any effect and the young person is more likely to continue offending.

Question: Are there new options the court should have available to them when sentencing young people?



Responding to causes of crime

Young people entrenched in the justice system and those who are at high risk of becoming entrenched often have a range of things happening in their lives that influence their criminal behaviour.

These young people have often experienced

- child abuse and neglect,
- exposure to domestic or family violence
- had severe and long-term family dysfunction in their childhood years.
- homelessness,
- drug and alcohol misuse,
- poor mental and physical health,
- inter-generational poverty and unemployment, and
- low levels of education.

All the evidence shows that when a young person experiences these things without receiving any help, committing crimes is often the next step in life.

Question: How can sentencing better address the causes of the young persons' offending?

When a young person enters the youth justice system the sentence they receive has a focus on rehabilitation. This involves not only addressing the offence/s they committed but also the causes behind it.

Question: What else could be done to address the causes of crime for young people already in the justice system?

Agencies across Government are responsible for providing services to assist in reducing homelessness and drug and alcohol misuse, increase education and employment outcomes and protect children from neglect and abuse.

Question: How can government and non-government services deliver a more coordinated response to young people and their offending?



Managing demand for youth justice services

The developmental maturity of young people and the complex causes of crime mean that the young people involved in the youth justice system need more intense responses than adult offenders to break the offending cycle.

Queensland has two youth detention centres. It costs \$660 per day to house a person in a youth detention centre. Over the past year these detention centres have been full on a regular basis. On average 70% of young people in the detention centres are held there on remand waiting to be sentenced by a court and only approximately 10% ever receive a sentence of detention. This places significant pressure on the youth justice system, and is a significant burden in terms of resources.

One option to manage demand on youth detention centres is to automatically transfer young offenders to adult prison when they turn 18. This is being considered as part of the review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

There are other ways to manage the demand on the system. These include looking for ways to better support young people so they can be released on bail and not re-offend and looking at how the legal system can move young people through the system quicker.

Question: What new ways could support young people on bail to stay out of trouble?

Question: How could the legal system be improved so young people charged with a crime are dealt with quicker?

Quick facts from 2011-12

- Compared to the previous reporting year this represents a 15.2 per cent decrease in the number of young people dealt with, but also a 3 per cent increase in the number charges heard.
- 10% of young people who committed an offence committed nearly half (47%) of all offences committed by a young person.



Early Intervention and Diversion

The Government's goal is to stop young people from offending and re-offending. The most cost effective way to do this is to intervene before a young person enters a life of crime..

This can be achieved best by intervening early in a young person's life to divert them from the justice system and address underlying issues. The Government's Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection is looking at ways to strengthen the Child Protection system. With approximately 70% of young people in the youth justice system known to the child protection system, improving responses to child protection should assist in diverting young people from the justice system.

For those young people coming into contact with the youth justice system there are a number of mechanisms used to divert them from the justice system. For example, police are able to caution a young person rather than arrest them. Rather than going to court, a young person can participate in a police referred youth justice conference where the victim can participate and an agreement reached on what the young person will do to make amends for their actions rather than going to court. The recent commencement of the early intervention youth boot camp is another initiative to that may divert young people from entering the youth justice system.

Question: What other strategies are there to intervene early and prevent young people starting to offend in the first place, or to prevent them from continuing to offend?



Effective non-government investment

Responses to young people and their families that provide a consequence for offending and help to address the causes of offending are currently provided through government services and partnerships with non-government organizations.

There are many different ways services can be provided to the community. For example private operators can be contracted or government may work in partnership with non-government organisations and businesses to deliver services to a particular group, such as young offenders.

The Government is reviewing its existing resource allocation and is looking for new ways to invest in the non-government sector to provide more cost efficient and effective services to young offenders and their families.

Question: To assist young people to stop offending what kinds of services or programs are needed and who is best placed to deliver these services?

Question: How can future investment in youth justice enable the most efficient and effective delivery of services to young people?



Improving detention centre services

The safety of the community, providing consequences for offending and preparing young people to live productively in the community are considerations that are key to the operation of youth detention centres.

When a young person enters youth detention they are required to participate in a routine that provides structure and discipline. Young people attend a regular school on site where the focus is generally on quickly improving basic reading, writing and vocational skills. It is not uncommon for 15 year old young people to have a reading age of three or four. Programs are also provided that address their offending behaviour and promote health, self-respect and responsibility for their behaviour.

Question: What types of programs should be available inside detention centres and on release from detention?

It is a reality that young people in detention generally have behavioural problems. The management of this behaviour presents challenges to detention centre staff and, in the interest of the safety and security of staff, other detainees, and visitors, new options for managing behaviour should be explored. While the focus will remain on reinforcing positive behaviours, young people also need to understand that there are consequences of their behaviours both in detention and in the community.

Question: What types of discipline should be used in detention centres? Is it valid to withhold access to some activities or privileges to demonstrate to young people that there are consequences for their behaviours?

Transition to ongoing community-based support and the establishment of links with their community is a critical part of the youth detention process if a young person is to succeed in making a positive contribution and community safety is to be preserved. Research indicates that the gradual transition of a young person back into their community while they are still in youth detention is the most effective means of reintegrating a young person back into the community and that reintegration should begin as soon as a young person is admitted to youth detention.

Question: Would it be appropriate for young people in detention to be granted a leave of absence, or in some cases early release, ie to attend work? What might need to be considered to make this a viable option?

Quick facts from 2011-12

- 82% of young people successfully completed their community orders compared with 75% in 2009-10.
- During 2011-12 there were 1,521 admissions to detention centres made up of 773 young people. On average there were 137 young people in detention each day. On average 63% of these young people were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Written submissions are invited on the questions raised in the Discussion Paper

Deadline for submissions is 30 June 2013

If you have any questions regarding this discussion paper or your written submission you can email the following address:

youthjusticeblueprint@justice.qld.gov.au



The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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Dear Premier

Thank you for your letter dated 30 November 2012 regarding my planned reforms to the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

Sch3 S.2(b) Consideration of Cabinet

Four Discussion Papers have been developed to initiate discussion with key stakeholders. I would like your approval to immediately circulate the attached papers, which relate to Naming and Shaming, Breach of Bail, Transfer to adult prison and Admissibility of juvenile criminal records on adult sentencing (Attachments 1- 4) to key stakeholders and invite them to provide formal written submissions to me by 5 April 2013.

I have also asked Youth Justice Services, Department of Justice and Attorney-General to undertake targeted consultation with the stakeholders. The Department is preparing to consult with the Queensland Law Society, Youth Advocacy Centre, Legal Aid Queensland, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, Queensland Council of Social Service and academics in the justice field. The Department will also consult with relevant Government agencies, including the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury, Queensland Police Service, and Departments of Community Safety (Corrective Services), Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Multicultural Affairs.

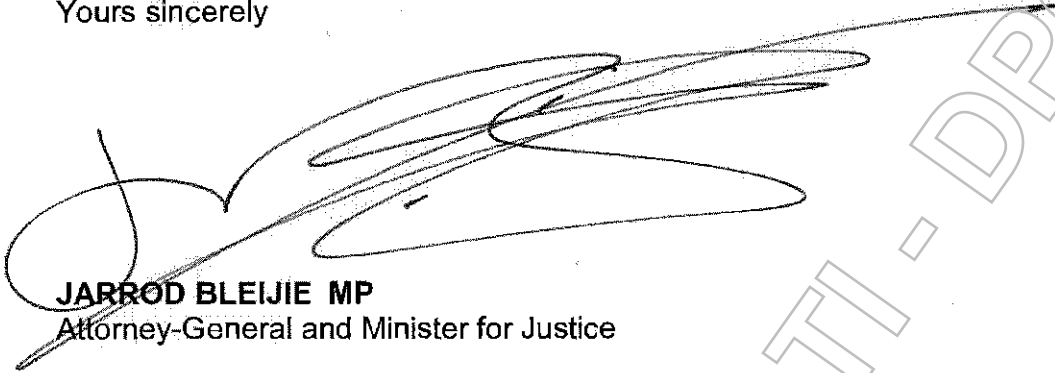
Through this targeted consultation I have asked Youth Justice Services to seek each stakeholders' view on removing 'detention as a last resort' from both the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* and the *Youth Justice Act 1992* as well as each stakeholders' view on introducing uniforms in youth detention centres.

This consultation is planned to occur between 4 March and 5 April 2013.

Combined, the submissions, targeted consultation and advice from Government agencies will guide the development of robust policy proposals and legislative reforms which I will present for Cabinet's consideration on 10 June 2013.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



JARROD BLEIJIE MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

We will of course also release to the public the fourth Justice Survey once you and I have settled the contents. These papers are for stakeholder consultation at this stage.

Samuel

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Premier

Date 19.3.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign letters to previously approved judges for the 2013 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Service Delivery (2013 awards) (**Attachment A**)
- approve additional judges for the 2013 awards (**Attachment B**)
- sign the corresponding letters of invitation to these additional judges (**Attachment C**)
- note letters of invitation will only be sent as required to fill any further vacancies as they arise.

• KEY ISSUES

- There are a number of vacancies across the 2013 awards judging panels that need to be filled.
- You previously approved the 2013 awards judging panel and letters of invitation were sent to these judges (**Attachment D – TF/12/27785**).
- As part of this brief, a number of reserve judges were approved by you. Letters of invitation are at **Attachment A** for your signature.
- Three additional judges have been suggested should vacancies still require filling. They are listed at **Attachment B** for your approval.

• CONSULTATION

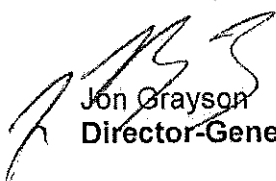
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• BACKGROUND

- You have previously approved the continuation of the 2013 awards (**Attachment E – TF/12/7892**).
- You have previously approved the guidelines, sponsorship approach and preferred timelines for the 2013 awards (**Attachment F – TF/12/14375**).
- You have previously approved the judges for the 2013 awards (**Attachment D – TF/12/27785**).
- Reserve judges have previously been approved for a specific category, however, will be invited to fill judging vacancies as required according to best fit for the category.
- You have previously approved that sponsors be provided the opportunity for a representative from their organisation to participate as a category judge.
- Some notes regarding judges have been prepared for your information (**Attachment G**).

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Shereen Azizi Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
Area: Events Coordination documented in notes in TRIM
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Premier of Queensland

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I look forward to recognising outstanding achievements that are helping to get Queensland back on track. I hope you will be able to join me in doing so.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN



Premier of Queensland

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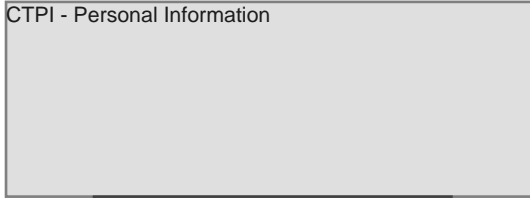


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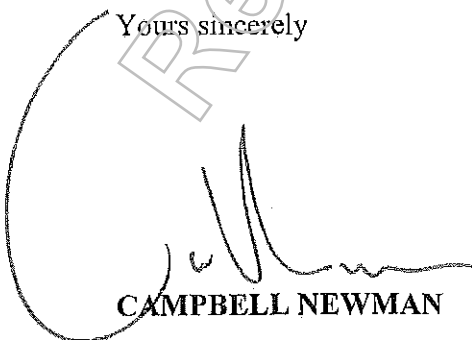
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Dear Mr Salvati *Paul,*

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Proposed judges

Please provide approval of additional reserve judges via the tick box below.

Proposed reserve judges for approval:

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Previously approved judges can be found at TF/12/7785.

2013 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Service Delivery -- notes regarding changes to judging panels

Invited Judge	Notes
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 25 March 2013
Subject: **Australian War Animal Memorial proposal**

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 2... *11* ... 2013

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Requested by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] has approached your office about State Government support for an Australian War Animals Memorial (Attachment 1)
- sign the letter to [redacted] (Attachment 2) advising that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet manages the Queensland Government Framework for Considering Proposals to Establish Memorials and Monuments of Significance (the framework) (Attachment 3) and Protocol Queensland will be in contact to discuss his proposal.

• KEY ISSUES

- The framework is designed to assist memorial proponents fully develop and consider funding and location options prior to seeking State Government support.
- The Australian War Animal Memorial organisation states it is a volunteer non-profit organisation which is seeking to establish a permanent War Animal Monument in Brisbane, either at ANZAC Square or Roma Street Parkland.
- Both ANZAC Square and Roma Street Parkland have strict criteria about the establishment of memorials including heritage considerations.
- Roma Street Parkland will be under Brisbane City Council control in the 2013-14 financial year.
- There may be scope to consider the proposal under the auspice of the ANZAC Centenary celebrations and this will be investigated prior to meeting with [redacted].

• CONSULTATION

- Roma Street Parkland, BCC, ANZAC Centenary Coordination Unit.

• BACKGROUND

- The Australian War Animal Memorials promotes the establishment of war animal plaques at parks, RSLs or local and federal government sites.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: David Russo Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
Area: Protocol Queensland documented in notes in TRIM
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KATE DAVIES

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FROM: [Signature]
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 5 14 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

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CONVERSATION RECORD

Name: s.73 Member of the Public, s.73 Personal Information	Date: 27 February 2013
Address: 	Phone: s.73 Telephone Number
Concern: Recognition of animals used in ADF service.	

visited the Executive Building on Wednesday 27 February 2013 and spoke with Bec McCoan briefly to explain his proposal.

advised that he has been working very hard recently to make sure that the animals that serve our Country are recognised along with the men and women of the defence force.

mentioned that he has already arranged for the installation of a few plaques throughout Queensland and he has paid for these out of his own pocket.

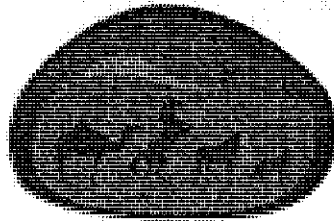
The Governor has agreed to become a patron of the Australian War Animal Memorials and has helped to unveil the plaques.

would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Premier or a senior advisor to discuss his proposal for an actual statue to be placed in either Anzac Park or Roma Street Parklands. He believes that it is time the animals received recognition, especially considering it is only recently that animals have been brought back from overseas. Previously the animals were left in the countries to which they had been deployed.

has provided information which is attached to this record for perusal. He is also a member of the police force and is part of the dog handling squad.

would appreciate any assistance that could be offered to his group.

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Australian War Animal Memorials

Lest we forget, four-legged diggers served too.

Throughout history, in war and in peacetime, animals and mankind have worked alongside each other. As beasts of burden, messengers, protectors, mascots, and friends, the war animals have demonstrated true valour and an enduring partnership with humans. The bond is unbreakable, their sacrifice great – we honour the animals of war.

The initial aim of the Australian War Animal Memorial is to promote the establishment of War Animal plaques at Parks, RSLs or local and Federal government sites.

The main aim is to establish a permanent War Animal Monument for all Queenslanders to view in Brisbane city. This will act as a focal point for all Queenslanders to honour the contributions animals have made to our Nation.

It is a volunteer none-profit organization made up of community members from diverse backgrounds that have the likeminded aim to recognize the deeds of animals during Australian military service and to educate generations to follow of the sacrifices of four legged diggers have made.

Military service is defined by the AWAM as peace or war operations or employment.

War Animals are defined by the AWAM as any animal breed used by the ADF or used in ADF service.

This will include all past and present conflicts and operational roles such as:

Military Working Dogs

ADF Mascots

Equines

Pigeons

Camels

Marine Mammals

Other native and exotic animal used in aid or comfort of defence personnel

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www.facebook.com/AustralianWarAnimalMemorialOrganisation



Australian War Animal Memorials



Premier of Queensland

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Dear s.73 Member of the Public

Thank you for contacting my office about your proposal to establish an Australian War Animal Memorial.

I commend you on the work you are doing to recognise the deeds of animals during Australian military service. I note the memorials and plaques you have already established, recognising the valuable support animals have provided to our defence personnel in conflicts and engagements around the globe.

The Queensland Government receives many worthy memorial proposals and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has established the *Queensland Government Framework for Considering Proposals to Establish Memorials and Monuments of Significance* (the framework).

The framework is designed to assist proponents identify key elements and stakeholder support which are needed before the Government can give consideration to proposals. One of the greatest challenges for proponents is finding a suitable location for memorials as both ANZAC Square and Roma Street Parkland have strict criteria on the establishment of memorials.

I have asked that Protocol Queensland make direct contact with you to discuss development of your proposal. Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mr David Russo, Manager-Projects, Protocol Queensland by email at david.russo@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 4822.

Thank you for bringing this proposal to my attention and once again congratulations on the work you are doing to recognise the support of Australian war animals.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

A OVERVIEW

This document provides a whole-of-government framework for assessing and actioning proposals to establish memorials or monuments of significance, such as war memorials, which may require approval or assistance from State Government. The framework has been developed to assist government in considering such proposals and should not inhibit communication between government, proponents and other stakeholders as required.

The general framework:

- Provides a consistent and coordinated whole-of-government approach for assessing and actioning proposals for the construction and maintenance of memorials
- Defines the roles and responsibilities of key State Government agencies in assessing and actioning proposals, eg Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP), Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW), and Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM).
- Facilitates government's consideration of potentially sensitive consular or political concerns, and
- Permits input, where appropriate, from other key stakeholders, such as the Brisbane City Council (BCC), Returned and Services League (RSL), Commonwealth Government

B DEFINITION

A memorial/monument of *significance* is defined as one that reflects all of the following attributes:

- the proposal has been forwarded from a high ranking official such as a Head of Government, Ambassador, Honorary Consul to Australia;
- the proposal is on behalf of a nation, organisation or group that has made an important and historically significant contribution to Australia, for example during a time of war; and
- the Premier of Queensland or Director-General, DPC has clearly indicated support for the project.

C FRAMEWORK

1. Proposals to establish a memorial/monument of significance are referred to Protocol Queensland, DPC
2. If required, Protocol Queensland requests the proponent provide the information outlined in the attached checklist.

3. Protocol Queensland investigates the proponent's supporting evidence and documentation and may consider the potential impact of the proposal from a number of viewpoints including:
 - consular or political issues at the local, state and/or national level
 - the potential significance as a tourist attraction, and
 - the potential financial implications of the proposal on the community or government
4. Should Protocol Queensland consider the proposal viable and worthy, copies of the proposal are forwarded to representatives in relevant key agencies including DPW, DERHP and BCC. Where applicable, other agencies may be asked to consider the implications of the proposal, such as:
 - RSL
 - Native Title Services, DNRM
 - Multicultural Affairs Queensland
 - Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
 - Queensland Treasury
 - Commonwealth Government, eg Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defence, Office of Australian War Graves, Australian War Memorial
 - Indigenous people's organisations or groups, and
 - Other community organisations
5. Client's proposal is considered by key agencies:
 - DPWH:
 - confirm the proponent's construction and maintenance cost estimates
 - confirm the proposed structure complies with State Government building legislation/regulations including public health and safety issues
 - DNRM:
 - undertake land title search of possible suitable sites, in liaison with local government if necessary such as BCC
 - BCC:
 - identify potential sites for the proposed memorial where BCC is trustee over park or reserve
 - analyse proposal against BCC urban development plans, relevant building and other legislation/regulations, etc
 - consider BCC funding and maintenance requirements for the proposed memorial.
6. If necessary, an Inter-Agency Working Group is convened to discuss the outcome of key agency analysis of the proponent's requirements. The Committee should comprise representatives from Protocol Queensland, DPWH, DNRM and other agencies as required such as BCC.

The purpose of the Committee will be to consider the feasibility of the proposal and the capacity of government(s) to meet the client's requirements including identification of a mutually agreeable site, aesthetic and general quality of the proposed structure, and funding and maintenance arrangements.

The Committee may consider seeking an up front payment from the proponent to be deposited in trust for the future maintenance of the memorial.

- 7 Inter-Agency Committee decides on a final recommendation for consideration by the Director-General, DPC.
- 8 Protocol Queensland prepares advice for the Director-General, DPC which includes the Committee's recommendation to support/not support the client's proposal and letters to the proponent, Directors-General, DPWH and DNRM, BCC and other stakeholders advising on the decision of the government
- 9 The Premier, as advised by the Director-General, DPC signs off on the final recommendation. Endorsement by the Premier would in effect give approval for further collaboration between the proponent and relevant agencies to progress the matter.

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**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION
PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A MEMORIAL/MONUMENT OF
SIGNIFICANCE**

Submissions from individuals/organisations will be considered by a review committee established by Protocol Queensland, Department of the Premier and Cabinet Queensland.

Prior to consideration by the review committee all of the following information should be provided by the nominating organisation/individual.

The assessment process will commence upon receipt of all of the following information:

1. The nation, sovereign state, organisation/group/society proposing the memorial.
2. Evidence and documentation of the historical significance of the client community's contribution to Australia.
3. Evidence of consultation with and endorsement for the proposed memorial from community members and evidence of support from other relevant stakeholders and authorities such as RSL, Department of Veterans Affairs, local Council eg letters of support, minutes of community consultation meetings.
4. Information on the dimensions (height, length, width, total ground area) concept, design, inscribed text and materials of the memorial. Detailed drawings and/or photographs of the proposed memorial.
5. Details of memorial designers and manufacturers including organisation, address and contact numbers.
6. Estimated total cost of the proposed memorial and ongoing maintenance costs. Details of how construction and maintenance of the proposed memorial will be funded?
7. Details of existing funds for the memorial, including copies of statements from financial institutions of funds raised and letters of commitment for grants.
8. Details of how the memorial will be maintained and repaired? (In collaboration with local government, RSL, community groups where applicable).
9. Preferred sites/locations and their significance for the proposed memorial, eg preferred parks/reserves, maximum distance from Central Business District
10. Details of similar memorials elsewhere in Australia erected to honour the contributions of the same group of people. Information on the nature of the memorial, location, year of establishment and other relevant information. Please outline why there is a requirement for the erection of a similar memorial specifically in Queensland.
11. Annual timetable of ceremonies/commemorations that will occur at the site of the proposed memorial.

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• RECOMMENDATION

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-CONSULTATION

- Queensland Treasury and Trade, DPC Performance Unit.

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 April 2013
Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public
seeking your assistance to exercise choice
and control over his disability support

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Premier
Date 30/4/2013
Date Action Required by:
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you sign the response to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

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Telephone: (07) 322 58042 documented in notes in TRIM

• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

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• CONSULTATION

– DCCSDS

• BACKGROUND

- SIA is a service provider and the peak advocacy body for people with a spinal injury in Queensland. In 2012–13, SIA will receive \$19.36 million in funding from DCCSDS to provide personal assistance, in-home and lifestyle support, and advocacy.
- You have previously been contacted about poor client service by SIA and a client's request for assistance to change providers (refer Attachment 3 – TF/13/331). You have also previously been briefed about the limited individualised funding available within the disability service system and the difficulties that clients receiving block funded services face in exercising choice and control over their support (refer Attachment 4 – TF/12/20753), and in accessing support if they relocate (refer Attachment 5 – TF/12/29898).

Comments (Premier or DG)

Premier - I will separately discuss with the DG the potential to make further with self directed funding.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/4436

Document No. Doc/13/41601

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 April 2013
Subject: COAG Reform Council (CRC) First Assessment Report on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) and Large Coal Mining Development and Announced Legislative Changes by the Australian Government.

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier

Date 12.4.2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

(IESC = Independent Expert Scientific Committee)

- note the information in this brief
- sign the letter of response to the Honourable John Brumby, Chairman, COAG Reform Council (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- Mr Brumby wrote to you on 28 February 2013 (**Attachment 2**) presenting the CRC finalised first report on the CSG and Large Coal Mining Development National Partnership Agreement (the NPA). The CRC report will be publicly released in April 2013.
- The NPA provides project payments to Queensland totalling \$18.5 million over three years subject to the achievement of milestones. The CRC report confirms that Queensland has met its first milestone and subject to the Minister's approval would be eligible for a \$3.70 million progress payment.
- On 12 March 2013, the Honourable Tony Burke MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and Minister for the Arts announced his intention to introduce amendments to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)* that will require federal assessment and approval of coal seam gas and large coal mining developments which have a significant impact on a water resource.
- This action is inconsistent with the NPA as the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, has previously indicated (in a letter to the former Queensland Premier dated 21 November 2011 – **Attachment 3**) that the Australian Government would only introduce a new trigger of this nature 'if agreement is not reached to progress the national partnership arrangements'.
- The changes will mean that that any coal seam gas or large coal mining development that was within scope of the NPA will now be captured by the EPBC Act as a controlled action. The major implications of this are:
 - o the Australian Government will have the ability to extend the decision timeframe, possibly resulting in project delays
 - o the power of the IESC will be extended as under the NPA the IESC advice only had to be considered by the regulator, whereas under the EPBC the Australian Government may reflect the advice in the form of conditions on the project.
- It is unclear whether this proposed change will have an impact on the third milestone payment (\$7.4 million) in the NPA or the NPA in general, as the primary purpose of that agreement was to ensure state assessments included consideration of IESC advice. If all such projects require EPBC approval then there is already a requirement to do that.

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- On 14 March the Honourable Tony Burke MP wrote to you (**Attachment 4** – TF/13/5622) to formally advise of the proposed EPBC amendments. A reply letter has been prepared, and submitted separately, that strongly argues the amendments increase the regulatory burden faced by proponents of major projects (**Attachment 5**).

• **CONSULTATION**

- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

• **BACKGROUND**

- On 14 February 2012, the former Premier, Ms Anna Bligh, signed the NPA which agrees to the establishment of an Independent Expert Scientific Committee (IESC).
- The IESC is to support regulatory decisions by commissioning scientific research and providing advice to decision-makers (within regulatory approval processes and timeframes) related to project proposals that have been referred to it by signatory jurisdictions.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Premier - I have asked for a separate letter to the PM about Alan Burke's amendment to the EPBC Act

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Premier of Queensland

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15 APR 2013

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Dear Mr Brumby

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2013 presenting the COAG Reform Council's report, *National Partnership on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development: First Assessment Report*.

I notice with interest that only Queensland and Victoria have fully completed their milestones. In light of the Australian Government's recent proposal to amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* to essentially capture the referral activities of the National Partnership Agreement, it will need to be determined whether further milestone reports are required.

Yours sincerely

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FROM: *Paul Leven* DATE: 5 / 3 / 2013

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Dear Premier

On behalf of the COAG Reform Council, I am pleased to present our report, *National Partnership on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development: First assessment report*, prepared in accordance with clause C19 of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

In our first of two reports on this National Partnership, we have assessed whether the Commonwealth and States have met pre-determined milestones. We found the Commonwealth partially completed its milestone, NSW did not complete its milestone, Victoria and Queensland completed their milestones and South Australia partially completed its milestone.

We found that although the Commonwealth and South Australia did not meet the milestones by 30 October 2012, there was little risk to them subsequently completing the milestones.

The NSW and Commonwealth Governments have not agreed on NSW's draft protocol. It remains unclear how NSW will decide which projects to refer to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee for advice outside of land it has identified as 'Strategic Agricultural Land'.

Building on the lessons learned from this National Partnership, the council has made a recommendation to COAG aimed at improving the design of reporting arrangements for future National Partnerships.

Consistent with the council's reporting responsibilities, the council will publicly release this report in April 2013.

Yours sincerely


The Hon John Brumby
Chairman

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Document No. DOC/13/35228

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 5 March 2013
Subject: South Bank Transition Arrangements

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you note

- the transition arrangements for South Bank and Roma Street Parklands to the Brisbane City Council are expected to be complete by 30 June 2013
- the review of Major Facilities is due 30 June 2013 and will consider the management of the commercial assets of the South Bank Corporation (SBC)
- the South Bank Board (the board) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) appointments will need to be extended until the end of 2013 on account of a decision relating to the future management of South Bank's commercial assets
- I have considered two instances of potential conflicts of interest relating to board members in government but am satisfied that no conflicts exist.

• KEY ISSUES

South Bank transition arrangements

- As you are aware, the State Government and the Brisbane City Council agreed to the transfer of the management of the South Bank Parklands and Roma Street Parklands to the BCC. The MOU flagged leases and licences to be in place by 1 February 2013 with financial close of the transfer by 30 June 2013. The 1 February deadline was not achieved as Council was not in a position to take possession on that date. Progress is being made to meet the 30 June deadline. However, there is a need to extend the board and CEO up to the end of 2013. The rationale is provided below.

SBC performance and Board and CEO extension

- In the eight months from July 2012, SBC has been progressing a number of significant matters with considerable success (**Attachment 1**). Most notably has been a savings of \$10.388 million without any disruption to the operation of the SBC. (To a large extent this is because of the Deputy Premier's direction to cease capital expenditure).
- The board and Chair terms of appointments expire in April 2013 and the and CEO's term of appointment expires in August 2013. However, as the future management of the South Bank commercial assets is being considered, as part of the broader review of Major Facilities (see below) being conducted by by the current South Bank Chair Mr Victor Hoog Antink (due 30 June 2013), an extension of the board and the CEO until the end of 2013 will be required. Mr Hoog Antink is writing to the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning recommending these extensions.

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Review of Major Facilities

- Mr Hoog Antink is currently reviewing Major Facilities in Queensland (major sporting, convention centres, arts and entertainment facilities). A final report is due to you by 30 June 2013. A separate briefing note on the progress of the review is being provided.

Conflicts of interest

- The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade has written to you and all Ministers seeking advice on any potential conflict of interest issues for members of statutory boards and GOCs (**Attachment 2**). Specifically, if any board member's personal interests might come into conflict with the duties associated with their appointment.
- I am writing separately to statutory bodies within your portfolio seeking advice on any potential conflict of interest situations, and if there are any, how they are being managed.
- I am aware of two instances which I am satisfied do not raise any conflict of interest concerns. Firstly, the instance of Mr Hoog Antink chairing the review of major facilities in Queensland. Mr Hoog Antink is not being remunerated for this work and was chosen to do the review not as Chair of South Bank, but because of his vast property experience. He will submit his final report to you, not back to the board. Secondly, Mr Gary Sturgess is a member of the Public Sector Renewal Board and separately has been contracted to do some work on matters related to Queensland Health. Given the professional experience and expertise many members on government boards possess, it is not uncommon that in a private commercial sense, they contract their services to government. A potential conflict of interest might exist if their board membership coincides with their private contracting. This is not currently the case with Mr Sturgess.

• CONSULTATION

- South Bank Transition Team, Major Projects Office, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (*Premier or DG*)

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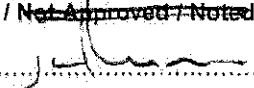
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 March 2013
Subject: Application for Lockyer Valley relocation grant by s.73 Member of the Public

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letters to:

- [Redacted] advising that you have referred her concerns about her ineligibility for the Lockyer Valley Relocation Grant (the grant) to the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works for consideration and response (**Attachment 1**)
- Minister Mander advising accordingly (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

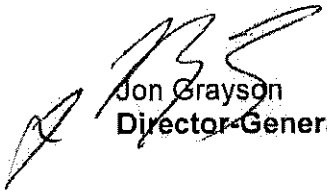
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- The BSA.


Jon Grayson
Director General

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Document No. DOC/13/36809

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 8 April 2013
Subject: Subordinate legislation expiring in 2013

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Premier

Date 11/4/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** that instructions are provided to the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel (OQPC) to re-make the *Governors (Salary and Pensions) Regulation 2003* before it expires on 1 September 2013
- **note** that the Clerk of the Parliament intends to arrange for the *Parliamentary Service Bylaw 2002* to be re-made before it expires on 31 August 2013
- **note** that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) will work with all departments to coordinate amendments to the *Statutory Instruments Regulation 2012* in relation to subordinate legislation (SL) that needs to be exempted from expiring on 30 June 2013, 31 August 2013 or 1 September 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- Under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* (the SI Act), SL expires 10 years after it is made, to ensure that it remains relevant and to reduce the regulatory burden. The *Governors (Salary and Pensions) Regulation 2003* and the *Parliamentary Service Bylaw 2002* are the two pieces of SL in your portfolio that expire this year.
- The *Governors (Salary and Pensions) Act 2003* states that a salary is payable to the Governor at the rate prescribed under a regulation. It is proposed that the *Governors (Salary and Pensions) Regulation 2003* be re-made to continue to provide for the existing salary rate payable to the Governor. DPC proposes to instruct OQPC to draft a re-make of the regulation and bring this back to you for your endorsement, prior to seeking Governor in Council consideration.
- The Clerk of the Parliament has advised that the *Parliamentary Service By-law 2002* needs to be re-made as it provides for the behaviour and conduct expected of persons within the parliamentary precinct. Processes are in place for the Speaker to remake the by-law before it expires on 31 August 2013.
- The SI Act also provides that SL may be exempted from expiry where it is substantially uniform with legislation of the Commonwealth or another State (five year exemption), where it is proposed to be replaced (one year exemption) or where the primary Act is under review (one year exemption).
- The mechanism to exempt SL from expiry is through amendments to the *Statutory Instruments Regulation 2012* (which is in your portfolio). DPC coordinates the instructions to OQPC to prepare these amendments and requests all departments to advise which SL needs to be exempted from expiry and to confirm that their minister supports the exemption. The amendments are then brought back to you for your endorsement, prior to Governor in Council consideration.

• CONSULTATION

- OQPC and the Parliamentary Service.
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Services and Financial Services, DPC.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Document No. DOC/13/44436

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 23 April 2013
Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public
about delays in obtaining disability funding to
enable his family to continue caring for their
[redacted]

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Premier [Signature]
Date 27/5/2013
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Requested by: Kate Johnson, SPA

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letters to [redacted] and the Honourable Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Attachments 1 and 2).

• KEY ISSUES

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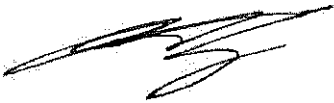
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Document No. DOC/13/44944

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 19 March 2013

**Subject: Federal Government's Not-for-profit Sector
Freedom to Advocate Bill 2013**

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 12 April 2013
Subject: **Visit by Oprah Winfrey in November 2013**

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to Ms Anamika Chowdhury, Sales and Marketing Manager, 21st Century Media (**Attachment A**).
- sign the letter to Jann Stuckey MP Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games referring the opportunity to Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) (**Attachment B**).

• KEY ISSUES


- Correspondence was received from Ms Chowdhury on 7 March 2013 (**Attachment C**) offering the opportunity for the Queensland Government to put forward a proposal to host a visit by Oprah Winfrey in November 2013.
- Events Coordination (EC) sought advice from TEQ regarding the opportunity.
- TEQ contacted 21st Century Media and were advised the following:

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- As TEQ have a relationship with 21st Century Media and it falls within their remit EC recommend that this matter be referred to TEQ for further evaluation and to finalise.

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• **CONSULTATION**

- TEQ.

• **BACKGROUND**

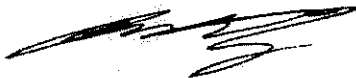
- Oprah Winfrey last visited Australia in 2010.

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- Tourism Queensland's performance report 2010/2011 outlined the benefits of Oprah's visit as a unique event for the tourism industry. *The Ultimate Australian Adventure* was the first time Ms Winfrey had filmed her show outside the United States, and the episodes were syndicated to 145 countries. Three hundred USA audience members travelled to Australia and were divided into three groups of 100, with one group travelling to Queensland. Four one-hour shows aired twice in January 2011 with an estimated 163 million viewers worldwide. Two out of the four shows included Queensland. Extra destination footage featured in *Behind the Scenes* on Oprah Winfrey's 'OWN' Network. *The Eye on LA* TV show followed the Oprah audience to Queensland and visited Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef — two 30-minute episodes aired featuring Queensland.
- Publicity value of \$13 million was achieved for Queensland from the Oprah activity.

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Dear Ms Chowdhury

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2013 about Ms Oprah Winfrey visiting Australia in November 2013. I apologise I was unavailable to take your telephone call.

I am excited to learn Ms Winfrey will be coming to Australia. Ms Winfrey is a highly regarded, world renowned speaker and, arguably, one of the most famous and influential women in the world.

I understand you have been speaking with Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and have provided further details of this opportunity to them. Please continue your discussions with TEQ regarding Ms Winfrey's visit as this will allow the Government the opportunity to put our best foot forward and showcase what is on offer throughout Queensland.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your original correspondence directly to the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games for her direct reply and consideration. Please be assured that she and the department will give your request their full attention.

Queensland is a great state with great opportunity. It is a place that locals know and love and somewhere we can all be proud to live and I understand Ms Winfrey enjoyed her last visit here.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Premier of Queensland

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The Honourable Jann Stuckey MP
Minister for Tourism, Major Events,
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Dear Minister *Jann*,

On 7 March 2013, I received the attached correspondence from Ms Anamika Chowdhury with regards to an opportunity to host a visit by Oprah Winfrey in November 2013. A copy of my response is also attached for your information.

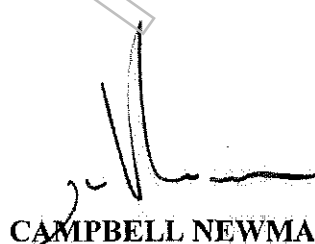
My department sought advice from Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) regarding the opportunity CTPI - Commercial

I would like to bring this matter to your attention and seek your support in ensuring that this opportunity has been fully investigated and followed through with Ms Chowdhury regarding the Queensland Government's position, and provide me the advice on the outcome in due course.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Christine Bryant, Manager, Sponsorship and Policy within my department by email at christine.bryant@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 2409.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 April 2013
Subject: Suspended police officer requesting the Premier's intervention on a police disciplinary matter

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• RECOMMENDATION

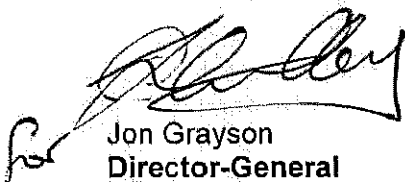
It is recommended that you sign the letter (Attachment 1) to s.73 Member of the Public advising that you cannot interfere [redacted] and suggesting she provide additional details of her concerns with the operation of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice for his information, as he progresses reform of the CMC.

• KEY ISSUES

- It is clear from [redacted] correspondence (Attachment 2) that she has made a complaint to the CMC about [redacted]. While earlier correspondence indicated she had provided a 'report' to the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commission (PCMC) on s.73 Personal Information, it is unclear whether or not this was treated as a formal complaint.
- [redacted]
- The Crime and Misconduct Commission Act 2001 established the PCMC with one of PCMC's key functions being to review and monitor the CMC's performance of its functions. [redacted]
- Justice Ian Callinan has now provided the Attorney-General with his report into the review of the CMC. It would be premature to comment on the issues raised by [redacted] before the Government has had the opportunity to consider the Justice Callinan's report. The letter, however, invites [redacted] to forward any detailed information she has on her allegations about the CMC to the Attorney-General for him to consider in the context of the current review.

• BACKGROUND

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Marilyn Ooi
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2013 about the Crime and Misconduct Commission's handling of your complaints against the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

s.73 Personal Information

If you have not already done so, I would strongly encourage you to make a formal written complaint to the PCMC. I note your advice that you have additional evidence about the CMC's handling of the matter. If you have a complaint pending with the PCMC, in those circumstances, the best course of action would be to forward the additional material to the PCMC for consideration.

I hope you will understand that it is not appropriate for me or the Minister for Police and Community Safety, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP to intervene in the administrative or internal management processes of the QPS or with the Police Discipline and Complaints process. That is why the system has been set up the way it is with the CMC responsible for oversight of the QPS and the bipartisan PCMC monitoring and reviewing the CMC's performance of its functions.

You may be aware that the Government has asked a former High Court Judge, Justice Ian Callinan AC to review the current functions of the CMC to see whether anything further needs to be done to protect against any abuse of power, and that public confidence is maintained. The Government has now been provided with Justice Callinan's report and I have authorised the release of the summary, including the report's recommendations. You can access the document on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's website at www.justice.qld.gov.au and (1) key 'review of crime and misconduct act' into the search engine at the top right of the screen, (2) click on 'Review of the Crime and Misconduct Act 2001 - Review', and (3) click on 'executive summary'.

While the Government is considering the report, I think it is important for the Attorney-General to be aware of the concerns of people like you. Accordingly, I have sent the Attorney-General a copy of your email and invite you to forward any further detailed material you think might be useful directly to him for consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to me about your concerns.

Yours sincerely



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Premier of Queensland

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s.73 Member of the Public

Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2013 about the Crime and Misconduct Commission's handling of your complaints against the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

s.73 Personal Information

If you have not already done so, I would strongly encourage you to make a formal written complaint to the PCMC. I note your advice that you have additional evidence about the CMC's handling of the matter. If you have a complaint pending with the PCMC, in those circumstances, the best course of action would be to forward the additional material to the PCMC for consideration.

I hope you will understand that it is not appropriate for me or the Minister for Police and Community Safety, the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP to intervene in the administrative or internal management processes of the QPS or with the Police Discipline and Complaints process. That is why the system has been set up the way it is with the CMC responsible for oversight of the QPS and the bipartisan PCMC monitoring and reviewing the CMC's performance of its functions.

B/C

The Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.

By direction. For your information.

Copy of inwards correspondence is attached.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PREMIER

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I particularly note the observation that this has been dragging on for so long.

You may be aware that the Government has asked a former High Court Judge, Justice Ian Callinan AC to review the current functions of the CMC to see whether anything further needs to be done to protect against any abuse of power, and that public confidence is maintained. The Government has now been provided with Justice Callinan's report and I have authorised the release of the summary, including the report's recommendations. You can access the document on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's website at www.justice.qld.gov.au and (1) key 'review of crime and misconduct act' into the search engine at the top right of the screen, (2) click on 'Review of the Crime and Misconduct Act 2001 - Review', and (3) click on 'executive summary'.

While the Government is considering the report, I think it is important for the Attorney-General to be aware of the concerns of people like you. Accordingly, I have sent the Attorney-General a copy of your email and invite you to forward any further detailed material you think might be useful directly to him for consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to me about your concerns.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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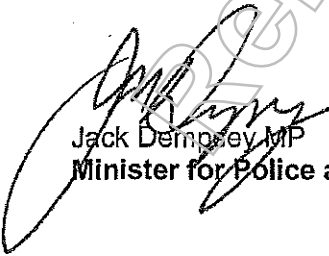
The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
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Dear Premier

s.73 Personal Information

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


Jack Dempsey MP
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 March 2013
Subject: Concerns regarding the level of disability support funding from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) for ^{s.73 Member of the Public} and the conduct of DCCSDS officers.

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• RECOMMENDATION

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Priority Project Division

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To: THE PREMIER
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Subject: Invitation for Mayors to attend the Mackay summit

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- **approve** and **sign** the letters (**Attachment 1**) inviting all Queensland Mayors to be involved with the development of *The Queensland Plan* and attend the first statewide summit in Mackay
- **approve** the *Mackay summit confirmation of attendance* form which will be enclosed with the letters (**Attachment 2**)
- **note** *The Queensland Plan* Fact Sheet will also be enclosed with each letter (**Attachment 3**)

• KEY ISSUES

- *The Queensland Plan* will be developed through a statewide, facilitated engagement process. Local governments are an important stakeholder group for the development and delivery of the plan.
- All of Queensland's Mayors are to be invited to attend or send a representative to the Mackay summit to ensure all local government areas are represented.

• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- The Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection announced that all Mayors in Queensland would be invited to the summit at the briefing for Members of Parliament on 7 March 2013.

• CONSULTATION

- Deputy Chief-of-Staff; Max Hardy, Twyfords

• BACKGROUND

- You announced the launch of *The Queensland Plan* in Townsville on 26 February 2013.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Yours sincerely



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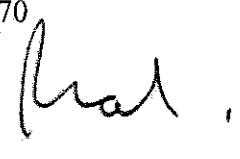
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Dear Councillor Camp

As you may be aware, I recently announced that the Government will work with Queenslanders to develop a 30-year vision for our State. *The Queensland Plan* will be a plan created by Queenslanders, for Queensland. The plan will then guide government and community planning and activities, as we work to achieve our shared vision. I invite you, together with all of the Mayors in Queensland, to play a key role in developing the plan.

The Queensland Plan will be developed through a staged, facilitated engagement process that is aimed at capturing the widest range of views with both local and statewide relevance. More detail about the proposed activities can be found in the attached fact sheet.

We have a great opportunity to work collaboratively to achieve our aspirations for the future and I seek your participation in this process. Collectively local governments represent the diverse range of communities across Queensland whose views we want to hear.

The first step in this process will be a statewide summit in Mackay on Friday 10 May. Members of Parliament and community representatives will discuss the key challenges and opportunities we need to address in our vision, and will workshop what issues should be discussed across the State.

I invite you, or another elected council representative, to attend the summit on behalf of your local government area. Please complete the attached registration form and email to the Queensland Plan project team at queensland.plan@premiers.qld.gov.au to confirm your involvement at the summit by no later than 11 April 2013. Further information about the event will be provided upon confirmation of attendance.

I look forward to working with you to develop and deliver *The Queensland Plan*.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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The Queensland Plan

A 30 year vision for Queensland



A plan for everyone

Queensland is a great state and our future is full of opportunity. We need to work together to make the most of these opportunities and define a long-term vision for Queensland.

The Queensland Plan will outline our shared vision for the next 30 years and identify local and statewide priorities. It will harness the collective wisdom of Queenslanders and guide future activities delivered by all levels of government, business and the community.

Developing the plan

The Queensland Plan will be developed over the course of 2013 through a collaborative process involving community members, business and industry representatives, state and local government officers and Members of Parliament.

The Queensland Government will actively support the plan's development and local communities will drive its formation, sponsored by their Member of Parliament. The Queensland Plan will not be a government vision; it will be Queensland's vision.


	February	Queensland Plan	Premier will announce the plan and development process
	March to April	Briefings	Discuss role and contribution of key groups in developing the plan
	May	Mackay summit	Community representatives will workshop ideas about what the Queensland Plan should address and how to engage local communities in its development
	May to August	Community engagement	Activities will take place across Queensland to seek local community input and a statewide program will support the engagement process
	September	Brisbane summit	Community representatives will synthesise the results of local community engagement and workshop key elements of the vision and priorities
	Late 2013	Queensland Plan	The final shared vision will be released

How to get involved

Everyone is invited to take part in shaping our future vision. Details on how to register your interest are listed below. A range of different activities will help ensure as many people as possible have an opportunity to contribute.


The Mackay summit will guide the future program of engagement activities and more information will be provided following the summit.

To register your interest in contributing to the Queensland Plan:

 www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan

 queensland.plan@premiers.qld.gov.au

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 The Queensland Plan project team
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
PO Box 15185
City East Queensland 4002

Mackay summit confirmation of attendance

Local government area: _____

Mayor/Lord Mayor: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

- I will attend the summit in Mackay on 10 May 2013.
- I am unable to attend the summit and would like a representative to attend on my behalf.

Participant name: _____

Position: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

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Please return this form by **11 April 2013** to the Queensland Plan project team via:

Email queensland.plan@premiers.qld.gov.au

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 2 April 2013
Subject: WANTZ Committee request for contribution to the CHI.L.D. Association

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date 9 April 2013

Date Action Required by:/...../.....

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- approve funding of \$32 594.10 from the Director-General's Reserve to the WANTZ Committee to purchase interactive whiteboards for the CHI.L.D. Association
- sign the letter to Dr Joanna Tait, Founder of the WANTZ Committee (**Attachment 1**), advising her of the Queensland Government's contribution.

KEY ISSUES

- Correspondence has been received from Dr Tait (**Attachment 2**) seeking Queensland Government support for the CHI.L.D. Association, their chosen charity for 2013.
- This year WANTZ are seeking \$32 594.10 to purchase seven interactive whiteboards. These whiteboards will support Queensland children who suffer from speech and language disorders.
- CHI.L.D. is an incorporated voluntary organisation and registered charity whose constitutional charter is to serve the interests of children and young people with childhood language and related disorders, through the promotion and provision of essential services.
- Support has been provided from the Director-General's Reserve for WANTZ Committee fundraisers since 2005.
- There are sufficient uncommitted funds in the Director-General's Reserve to support this commitment.

BACKGROUND

- Through the WANTZ Committee, DPC has provided the following grants:
 - o 2006 — \$30 000 to the Hear and Say Centre for an Impedance machine
 - o 2007 — \$30 000 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland to contribute towards purchasing a Lite Gait System
 - o 2008 — \$32 000 was approved to the AEIOU and CHI.L.D. Association (Glenleighdon School) to provide intensive intervention programmes for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - o 2009 — \$30 275 to the Spinal Injuries Association to purchase a Pulmonetic LTV 1200 Ventilator with stand
 - o 2010 — \$33 500 to the CPL Equipment Library for a 'My Tobi Eye Control System P10 Assessment Kit'
 - o 2011 — \$28 182 to the Hear and Say Centre for an Audiometer and four computers.
 - o 2012 — \$35 000 to the Cerebral Palsy League for a ZeroG Overground Gait and Balance Training System

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Belinda Parison
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Premier of Queensland

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10 APR 2013

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Dear Dr Tait

Thank you for your letter regarding the WANTZ Committee's 2013 fundraising campaign for the CHILL.D. Association to assist them in purchasing equipment which will greatly enhance learning for those Queensland children who require extra assistance to participate in schooling and other life experiences.

The Queensland Government is pleased to support the WANTZ Committee's charity of choice again this year through a contribution of \$32 594.10 towards the purchase of interactive whiteboards for the CHILL.D. Association. A representative from my department will be in contact with you shortly to arrange payment.

The WANTZ Committee shows great commitment to the Queensland community through its endeavours to raise money for various charities each year. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for this service and wish you every success for your 2013 campaign.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland

PO Box 15185
City East
Queensland 4002

Dear Premier,

It was good to meet you at the 30th Anniversary of Hines Management Consultants at the Brisbane Club on the 28th of March.

As I foreshadowed to your Adviser on that occasion, I am writing on behalf of the WANTZ Committee to seek the State Government's support to purchase 7 interactive white boards for use to help educate children with Primary Language Disorder (PLD) at the CHIL.D. Association's Glenleighden School in Fig Tree Pocket.

The WANTZ Committee is a group of professional women who fundraise to purchase equipment for a different charity annually. Over the last decade we have raised over \$1.2 million for Queensland charities. Uniquely, our giving is not donor-driven: we seek the advice of our selected charity as to the equipment they most need to fulfill their mission, and then set to work raising money to make their aspiration a reality.

This year, we are working with the CHIL.D. Association to fund equipment to help address a serious area of need in our State – to help children with serious speech and language impairments to fulfill their educational and personal potential.

CHIL.D. Association through the Glenleighden School, LET'S TALK clinic, Outreach Unit and eTherapy Program provides a range of vital services to a large group of children throughout QLD who suffer speech and language disorders, which drastically affect their capacity to speak and communicate with and comprehend others, and thus to participate in schooling and in life in general.

The interactive white boards have been identified by the CHIL.D. Association as being critically important – and desperately needed – items of equipment. Children with Primary Language Disorder (PLD) respond to and accept visual/pictorial information much more readily than verbal and written materials. Such students rely on senses other than hearing and activities other than reading to assist their comprehension and expression. An investment of \$32,594.10 in these whiteboards will help to ensure that CHIL.D can help these children to learn to speak – and so to 'find their voice', the ultimate aspiration of all those who love and work with children who suffer language disorders.



WANTZ
committee

Lending a hand to those in need

www.wantzcommittee.com

www.facebook.com/WantzCommittee

P.O. Box 359, Kenmore, Qld. 4069.

Unlike other organisations, the WANTZ Committee can promise that 100% of the State Government's grant will go toward the purchase of the equipment. One of our partner organisations generously donates all administration support, so you can be confident that the grant will be properly acquitted in line with State Government funding guidelines while simultaneously ensuring that all funds provided are expended on this desperately needed equipment.

Furthermore, over the past few years, the WANTZ Committee has demonstrated its ability to leverage State Government funding through our fundraising in the community. Last year, we were able to leverage \$35,000 of State Government support to raise over \$200,000 with donations from the private sector, to support the Cerebral Palsy League to equip their new Gold Coast facility. Any State Government funding provided this year will be similarly publicized and utilized to leverage fundraising to support the acquisition of equipment for the CH.L.D. Association

If you require any further information in relation to the CH.L.D. Association, the WANTZ Committee or any other aspect of this correspondence, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

s.73 Signatures

Dr. Joanna Tait
WANTZ Committee

Wantz Committee Contributions Contributions

Year	Cause	GST Excl.
2011-12	Contribution to Cerebral Palsy League for ZeroG	35,000.00
2010-11	Paediatric Diagnostic Hearing assessment	28,181.82
2009-10	Funding to assist in support of Cerebral Palsy League Equipment Library	33,500.00
2008-09	Fundraising for The Spinal Injuries Association	30,275.00
2007-08	AEIOU and CHILD Association	32,000.00
2006-07	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland	30,000.00
2005-06	Assist the Hear and Say Centre with the purchase of an Impedance machine	33,000.00



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WANTZ COMMITTEE (in dot point)

- The committee was established in 2003 by a small group of professional women with philanthropic ideals to raise funds for charity. Its members presently are Joanna Tait, Anne Spooner, Muza Ulasowski, Janet Nathanson, Andrea Hall-Brown, Marisa Vecchio and Fleur Cole.
- A different charity is chosen each year. The charity is asked for its "wish list" of equipment and WANTZ fundraising is directed to purchasing as much as possible of that equipment.
- Charities have included the Cerebral Palsy League, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Qld, Spinal Injuries Association, Hear and Say Centre, QIMR and the Mater Medical Research Foundation. WANTZ is on occasions approached by a charity to fundraise for specific projects it is undertaking.
- WANTZ seeks sponsorships in the form of donations from individuals and the corporate and professional communities.
- Most significantly, WANTZ does not operate a bank account, has no overheads and uses the accounts section of the chosen charity to handle donations.
- Every cent donated goes to purchase equipment from the charity's wish list.
- The fundraising year concludes with a gala dinner at Restaurant II in August/September where further funds are raised through auctions and raffles of donated items.
- Since 2006, the Queensland Government has been a major sponsor of WANTZ endeavours, with an annual donation. This in itself has been instrumental in encouraging the generosity of other private donors.
- In 2013, WANTZ is supporting two charities - C.H.I.L.D. Association which assists children with speech and learning disorders and AEIOU which provides early intervention for autistic children aged 2-6 years.
- WANTZ is again asking for the Government's sponsorship, this year, for the purchase of 7 electronic interactive whiteboards, each costing \$4,656.39 (total: \$32,594.10) and a high priority for C.H.I.L.D. Association's Glenleighden School at Fig Tree Pocket.

s.73 Signatures

Andrea Hall-Brown
 8 March 2013

s.73 Telephone Number

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5112
Document No. DOC/13/39465

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 March 2013
Subject: Retention of the title 'Honourable' for life by former Ministers

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Premier
Date
Date Action Required by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life by CTPI - Personal Information
[Redacted]
[Redacted] (Attachment A).

• KEY ISSUES

- The following briefs have been previously forwarded recommending that you sign letters to the Governor recommending that she give consideration to approving the title 'Honourable' for life by the above former Ministers and former Premier:

- o [Redacted]
- o [Redacted]
- o [Redacted]
- o [Redacted]
- o [Redacted]
- o [Redacted]

• BACKGROUND

- [Redacted] have all served the required time in office — [Redacted] [Redacted] — as indicated in **Attachment A**, in an honourable manner.
- The individual letters of request to you from [Redacted] are at **Attachment G**.
- The policy regarding 'Retention of the title 'Honourable' is at **Attachment H**.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Emily Nagel Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
Area: Protocol Queensland documented in notes in TRIM
Telephone: 3404 3694

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Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC
Governor of Queensland
GPO Box 434
BRISBANE QLD 4001


Your Excellency

The following former Premier and Ministers have written to me requesting permission be sought to retain their former titles of 'Honourable' for life.

The former Premier and Ministers have met the requirements to retain the title by serving honourably as Ministers for the following terms:

CTPI - Personal Information



I support the applications made and request that you give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life by 

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/12/6742

Document No. DOC/12/62734

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 10 August 2012
Subject: **Retention of the title 'Honourable' by former Ministers**

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Premier

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the letter to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' by the following ^{CTPI - Personal Information} [redacted]

[redacted] (Attachment A).

• KEY ISSUES

- Members of Parliament who have honourably served as Ministers for a minimum of three years are entitled to apply in writing to the Premier of the day requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' for life after their departure from office.
- Written applications requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' have been made by the above [redacted]. Their individual letters of request are at **Attachment B**.
- All of the above [redacted] have served the required time [redacted] in an appropriate and honourable manner. A list of their dates and portfolios is at **Attachment C**.

• BACKGROUND

- The Governor has a delegation of Authority from Her Majesty The Queen to approve the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life where an application meets the guidelines. A copy of the policy regarding 'Retention of the title Honourable' is at **Attachment D**.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 17 May 2012
Subject: **Retention of the title 'Honourable' for former**
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' by [redacted] (Attachment A).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- Members of Parliament who have honourably served [redacted] for a minimum of three years are entitled to apply in writing to the Premier of the day requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' for life after their departure from office.
- [redacted] have made written application to you to request they retain the title 'Honourable' for life (Attachments C-F).
- All of the above have served the required time as [redacted] in an appropriate and honourable manner as follows:

[Large redacted area]

• **BACKGROUND**

- The Governor has a delegation of Authority from Her Majesty The Queen to approve the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life where an application meets the guidelines. A copy of the policy regarding 'Retention of the title Honourable' is at **Attachment B**.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Emily Nagel
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 14 June 2012
Subject: **Retention of the title 'Honourable' for former**
CTPI - Personal Information

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Premier
Date
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you **sign** the letter (**Attachment A**) to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' [redacted]

• **KEY ISSUES**

- Members of Parliament who have honourably served as [redacted] for a minimum of three years are entitled to apply in writing to the Premier of the day requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' for life after their departure [redacted]
- [redacted] has made written application to you to request she retain the title 'Honourable' for life (**Attachment B**).
- [redacted] has served the required three year term [redacted] in an appropriate and honourable manner.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Bronwyn Davies Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
Area: Protocol Queensland documented in notes in TRIM
Telephone: 44773

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

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Document No. DOC/12/217023

To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 23 April 2012
Subject: **Retention of the title 'Honourable'**

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Premier
Date
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that in the policy for the *Retention of the title 'Honourable'*, Members of the Executive Council of Queensland are eligible to apply to retain the title following their departure from office, after serving the minimum period of service and performing their duties in an honourable manner (**Attachment A**).
- sign the letter to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' [redacted] (Attachment B).

• KEY ISSUES

- Under guidelines laid down by Buckingham Palace, former [redacted] are entitled to use the title 'Honourable' while in office, but do not automatically retain the title when they cease to hold that office.
- Members of Parliament who have served as [redacted] for a minimum of three years, are entitled to apply in writing to you requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' for life after their departure [redacted].
- Following receipt of a request from the former [redacted] Protocol Queensland will draft a recommendation from you to the Governor who has the delegated authority from Her Majesty The Queen to approve the request.
- Protocol Queensland is responsible for administering the policy regarding *Retention of the title Honourable*.
- A list of former [redacted] (Attachment C) who have served the required period and are eligible to apply for the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life have been written to by the Director, Protocol Queensland (Attachment D).
- Former [redacted] have now made written application to you requesting they retain the title (Attachment F). It is expected that requests from other [redacted] will follow.
- All of the above [redacted] have served the required time as a Minister in an appropriate and honourable manner. A list of their dates and portfolios is at Attachment E.

Comments (Premier or DG)

[Redacted]

Jon Grayson
Director-General

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 November 2012
Subject: Retention of the title 'Honourable' for former
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Premier
Date
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC recommending that she give consideration to approving the retention of the title 'Honourable' by [redacted] (Attachment A).

• **KEY ISSUES**

- The retention of the title 'Honourable' policy states that under the guidelines laid down by Buckingham Palace, Members of Parliament who have honourably served [redacted] are entitled to apply in writing to the Premier of the day requesting they retain the title 'Honourable' for life after their departure from office.
- [redacted] has made written application to you to request [redacted] retain the title 'Honourable' for life (Attachment B).
- [redacted] in an appropriate and honourable manner from [redacted]
- You have also received written application to retain the title 'Honourable' from the following [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Relevant briefing notes are attached (Attachments C-E) and are currently in your office awaiting approval.

• **BACKGROUND**

- The Governor has a delegation of Authority from Her Majesty The Queen to approve the retention of the title 'Honourable' for life where an application meets the guidelines. A copy of the policy regarding 'Retention of the title Honourable' is at Attachment F.

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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SECTION: Protocol Queensland

NUMBER: GES.PRO.008

SUBJECT: Retention of the title 'Honourable'

AUTHORISED:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To outline the policy regarding retention of the title 'Honourable' by relevant office holders in Queensland.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to the following office holders upon their departure from office:
 - 2.1.1 Members of the Executive Council of Queensland;
 - 2.1.2 Speakers of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland;
 - 2.1.3 Judges of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

3. References and Authority

- 3.1 *MEMORANDUM RECORDING AGREEMENTS REGARDING SECTION 7 OF THE AUSTRALIA ACTS AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AUSTRALIA ACTS*, 16 February 1989.
- 3.2 Delegation of Authority by Her Majesty The Queen to the Governor of Queensland, 25 May 1993 (file reference F783).
- 3.3 Letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, dated 20 February, 1984, relating to requests for retention of the title 'Honourable' where the period of service has been less than three (3) years.

4. Definitions

- 4.1 **Office holders** refers to those persons who have occupied any of the offices listed in 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3.

5. Guidelines

- 5.1 The office holders listed in 2.1, who are entitled to use the title 'Honourable' whilst in office, do not automatically retain the title when they cease to hold that office. If they wish to retain the title, they must apply for it but only after their departure from office (refer 7.1 and 7.2 for application procedure).
- 5.2 Under the guidelines laid down by Buckingham Palace, office holders must have served a minimum period of time in that office to be eligible to retain the title. The minimum length of service required for each particular office holder is as follows:

Premiers	-	One year;
Ministers	-	Three years;
Speakers	-	Three years;
Judges	-	No qualifying period.

5.3 The Governor of Queensland has been granted a delegation of authority from The Queen to grant the right of retention of the title 'Honourable' for life where applications for such grant are in accordance with the guidelines outlined in 5.2.

5.4 In each case, the Governor relies on the advice of the Premier who has sole discretion in this matter. The Premier can decline to recommend an office holder for retention of the title on the following grounds:

5.4.1 the office holder has failed to serve the required period in office (refer 5.2); or

5.4.2 the office holder's departure from office was a direct consequence of some misdeed or action regarded as having brought his/her office into disrepute.

[Note: There have been a number of cases where the Premier of the day has declined to recommend former Ministers for retention of the title. See Attachment 1.]

5.5 Notwithstanding the guidelines outlined in 5.2, the Premier may, in special circumstances, recommend an office holder for retention of the title even though the office holder has served less than the required period in office. As such cases are not covered by the Governor's delegation of authority, the matter must be referred, via the Governor, to Buckingham Palace for determination.

[Note: There are only two known cases of Queensland office holders being approved for retention of the title under special circumstances - Heading (Minister) in 1960 and Warner (Speaker) in 1987. In both cases, they failed by only several weeks to serve the required three (3) years due to an early State Election being called and were prevented from standing for re-election because of ill health.]

6. Responsibilities

6.1 The **Director, Protocol Queensland**, is responsible for the administration of this policy.

7. Actions

7.1 Upon receiving notification of the retirement or resignation of an office holder, the Director, Protocol Queensland, should contact the office holder to inform them of their entitlement to retain the title 'Honourable' and advise them of the required procedure should they wish to apply.

7.2 Former Executive Councillors and former Speakers wishing to retain the title should apply in writing direct to the Premier.

7.3 Former Judges of the Supreme Court wishing to retain the title should apply in writing direct to the Minister responsible for the administration of the Court who will then submit the matter, with a recommendation, to the Premier.

- 7.4 All applications are assessed by the Director, Protocol Queensland, in accordance with the guidelines established by Buckingham Palace (refer 5.2), following which a recommendation is submitted by the Director-General to the Premier for consideration.
- 7.5 If the Premier supports the office holder's application for retention of the title, a letter of recommendation signed by the Premier is despatched to the Governor.
- 7.6 The Governor may approve retention of the title 'Honourable' for life, where an application complies with the guidelines. Alternatively, the Governor may refer the matter to Buckingham Palace, if the Premier has recommended that the application be considered as a special case (refer 5.5).
- 7.7 Following advice from Government House that retention of the title has been approved, a letter is prepared for the Premier's signature informing the office holder of such approval.
- 7.8 A notice is then prepared for publication in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. After publication, copies are to be distributed to 7.8.1 and 7.8.2 and also to the appropriate officials listed in 7.8.3 to 7.8.6:
- 7.8.1 The applicant (ie the former office holder)
 - 7.8.2 The Official Secretary, Government House;
 - 7.8.3 All Ministers;
 - 7.8.4 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
 - 7.8.5 The Clerk of the Parliament;
 - 7.8.6 The Leader of the Opposition.
- 7.9 The lists contained in Attachment 1, as well the *List of Queenslanders who have been awarded Honours*, are then up-dated:

8. Attachment

Attachment 1 *Title 'Honourable' Lists*

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 14 March 2013 *revised 18/13*
Subject: Options to progress the Queensland Government National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Heads of Agreement (HoA)

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Document No. DOC/13/39863

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Premier *[Signature]*

Date *19.3.2013*

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5211

Document No. DOC/13/4912

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 10 April 2013
Subject: The establishment of a Veterans' Advisory Council in Queensland

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Premier

Date 10.4.2013

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you **sign** the letter to the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (**Attachment 1**) advising him that you are supportive of establishing a veterans' advisory group in Queensland and have previously asked the Honourable Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier to progress the idea.

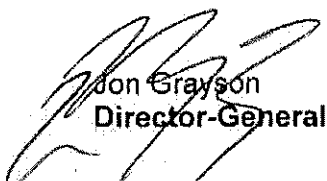
• **KEY ISSUES**

- The Attorney-General wrote to you on 18 February 2013 (**Attachment 2**) in relation to a meeting he had with constituents ^{s.73 Member of the Public} of the Queensland Forum of Ex-Service Organisations and their proposal to establish a Veterans' Advisory Council in Queensland (**Attachment 3**).
- On 20 July 2012, you wrote to Mr Ray Gibson, former Chairman of the Queensland Forum of Ex-Service Organisations (**Attachment 4 – TF/12/14275**) advising that you:
 - o had recently asked Minister Elmes to take on responsibility for veterans' issues in Queensland, including the commemoration of the Centenary of the ANZAC
 - o were supportive of the establishment of a veterans' advisory group and had asked Minister Elmes to progress the idea
 - o had forwarded Mr Gibson's proposal to establish a veterans' advisory group to Minister Elmes for his direct reply, advising that Minister Elmes would be in touch to discuss the proposal further.
- The previous correspondence from Mr Gibson attached the same proposal for a Veterans' Advisory Council as the current correspondence from the Attorney-General, which aims to promote and enhance the well-being of the veteran community in Queensland.
- A response to the Attorney-General has been delayed pending confirmation of action being taken to address Mr Gibson's original proposal.
- Discussions are continuing between Minister Elmes and the Anzac Centenary Coordination Unit to consider the best approach in response to the proposal. It is proposed that the Attorney-General's letter be formally forwarded to Minister Elmes for action.

• **CONSULTATION**

- Social and Health Policy and the Anzac Centenary Coordination Unit.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Don Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Alex Brouwer Approvals by Director /ED / DDG
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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5309

Document No. DOC/13/50911

To: THE PREMIER

Date: 3 April 2013

Subject: Auditor-General's draft report on 2011-12 local government financial statements

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Premier: *[Signature]*

Date: *4 April 2013*

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• RECOMMENDATION

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Comments (Premier or DG)

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Jon Grayson
Director-General

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DANIEL HARRIS

FRANCIS QUINLIVAN

REBEKAH NARANJO

KATE DAVIES

MEDIA UNIT

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CONTACT BY PHONE (within 48hrs)

FROM: Paul Leven
POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 19/3 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Policy

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5388
Document No. DOC/13/45490

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 16 April 2013
Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public on behalf of requesting that he is located in permanent accommodation close to his family

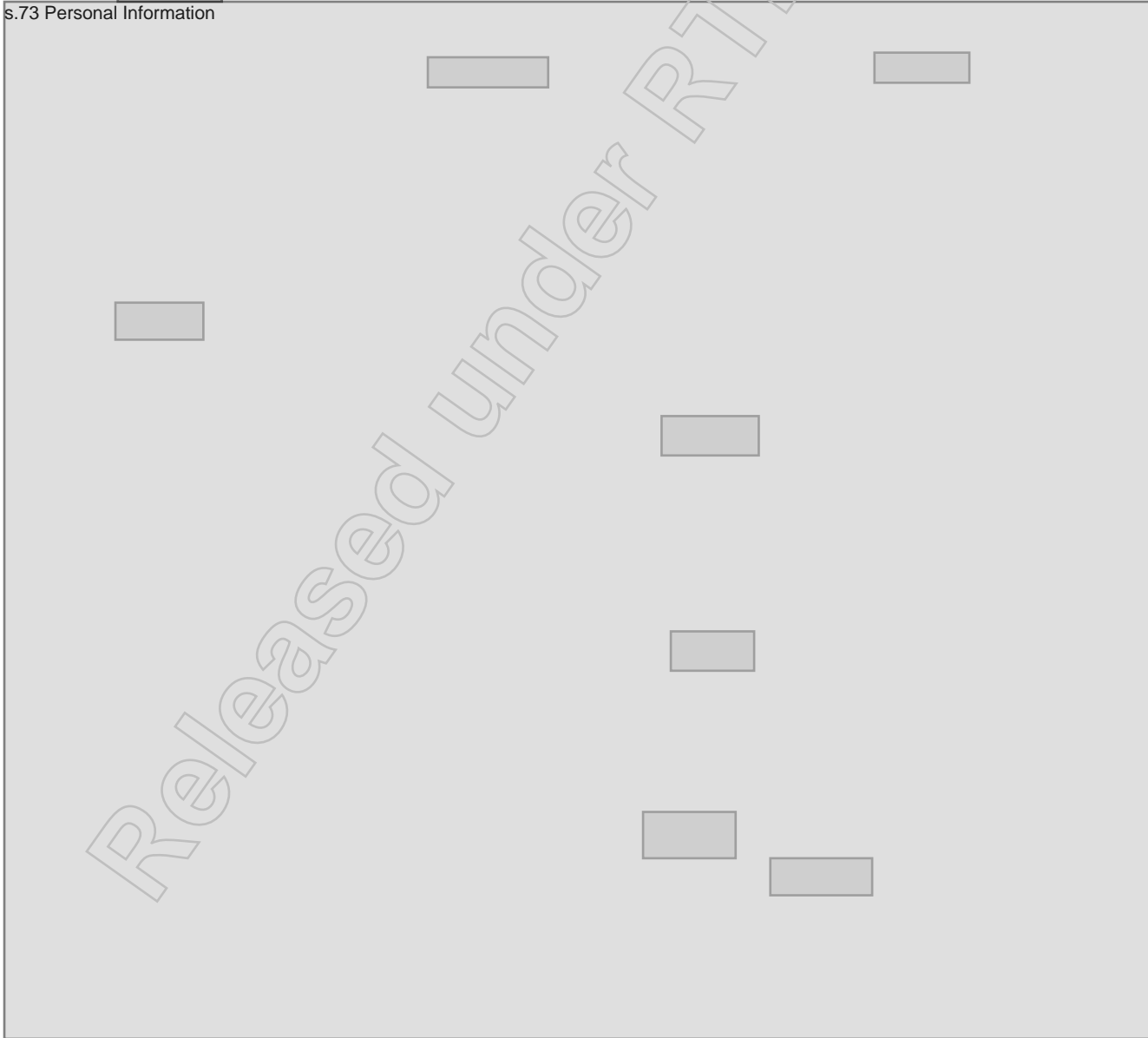
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Date 30.4.2013
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note that following his recent relinquishment, has been living in short-term emergency respite accommodation in two residences and recently relocated to longer-term, supported accommodation at
- sign the letter (Attachment 1) to who is privately employed by to provide support for responding to his concerns about

s.73 Personal Information



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5390
Document No. DOC/13/41745

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 3 April 2013
Subject: Enhancing the use of local media to broadcasting emergency warning information during natural disasters

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 12 April 2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by: Daniel Harris

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety requesting that he:
 - a. write to all mayors to ensure that Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMGs) maximise the use of all local media outlets, including commercial radio stations, to distribute emergency warning information
 - b. request that the Department of Community Safety (DCS) review current disaster management policies, procedures and guidelines to clarify and enhance the role of all local media outlets in the distribution of emergency warning information.

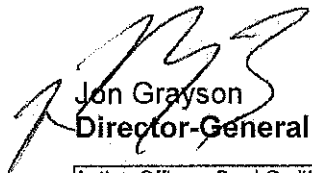
KEY ISSUES

- On 6 March 2013, you requested additional action to enhance the role of commercial media outlets in the distribution of emergency warning information, to reach a greater percentage of the population (**Attachment 2** – TF/13/3656 refers).
- At the state level, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) are in place with Commercial Radio Australia — representing 70 affiliate commercial radio stations — and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) for the effective dissemination of accurate and timely public information during natural disaster events
- While DCS ensures that emergency warning information is provided to all media outlets, at the LDMGs level the use of commercial radio providers to disseminate information appears to vary, resulting in this capability not being maximised. This could be due to some misunderstanding regarding the role of the ABC in this area, lack of adequate guidance material from DCS or the preference of individual LDMGs to engage with certain local providers and not others.
- To address this situation, it is suggested that:
 - o Minister Dempsey write to all mayors asking them to ensure that all local media outlets in their area be engaged and fully utilised to disseminate emergency management information
 - o DCS, in consultation with relevant agencies and media outlets, review the MOU with Commercial Radio Australia and the ABC to ensure both mediums are maximised in the dissemination of warning information
 - o guidance material provided to LDMGs be reviewed by DCS and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on the use of local media during disaster events be established
 - o SOP be approved by the State Disaster Management Group.
- Should you agree with this approach, DCS will be asked to ensure that Mr David McDonald, General Manager, 4BC is consulted in the review of this policy.

CONSULTATION

- DCS, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Communication Services and the Premier's office.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General



Premier of Queensland

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12 APR 2013

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Dear Minister

As you are aware, local radio stations provide a vital role in the effective dissemination of emergency information to inform local communities during natural disaster events.

To maximise the use of the broadcast media to disseminate emergency warning information in a timely and accurate manner, Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are in place with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and Commercial Radio Australia.

During one of my recent visits to a disaster affected community, a local commercial radio station raised a concern that the Local Disaster Management Group (LDGM) was not providing them with sufficient emergency warning information. They indicated that they believed that the MOU in place with the ABC unfairly provided the ABC with exclusivity regarding emergency warning information and access to the LDGM.

The MOU with the ABC does not provide the ABC with any exclusivity and a similar MOU is also in place with Commercial Radio Australia. However, it appears that some LDGMs may not be aware of this, or are showing local preferences. Similarly, local commercial radio providers may also be unaware that Commercial Radio Australia — the national industry body representing commercial radio broadcasters — has also entered into an MOU on their behalf concerning the dissemination of emergency warning information.

To ensure that emergency warning information is disseminated to the broadest possible audience, I would like you to write to all mayors, in their capacity as Chair of their LDGM, asking that they ensure that emergency warning information is provided to all local media outlets during natural disaster events.

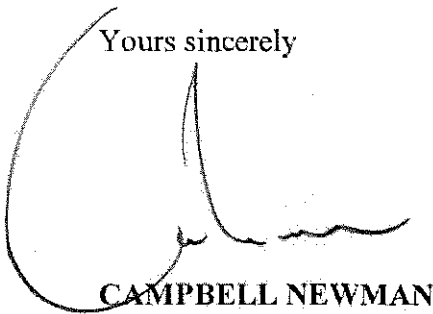
Following on from lessons learned from ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, I would also like the Department of Community Safety to review the operation of the MOU with the ABC and Commercial Radio Australia to maximise the effectiveness of local radio during disaster events. This review should include consultation with key commercial providers, the ABC, the Queensland Police Service, my department and other relevant government agencies.

Given the level of potential misunderstanding concerning the role of the ABC and commercial radio in this regard, guidance material could be developed by the Department of Community Safety for LDMGs on the use of local media to disseminate warning information. This could be supported by Standing Operating Procedures, considered and endorsed by the State Disaster Management Group to ensure statewide consistency.

The decision to allow any local media to participate directly in any meeting of an LDMG or other disaster management group, in a way similar to how the ABC agrees to operate, should remain a matter for each local group to consider.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/3656

Document No. DOC/13/31014

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 28 February 2013
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with ABC to broadcast emergency information during natural disasters

Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Premier
Date 28.2.13
Date Action Required by
Requested by: Daniel Harris

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

SEE BELOW

- note that there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (**Attachment 1**) in place with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to facilitate the effective dissemination of emergency information
- sign the letter (**Attachment 2**) to the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety requesting that Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMGs) provide emergency warning information to all local media outlets.

• KEY ISSUES

- A number of emergency warning tools are used to inform the community of an impending natural disaster or what to do during/following a disaster. One of the primary tools is the broadcast media. While media releases can be effective (and are always used) there is no guarantee that media organisations will disseminate the necessary warnings to the target audience in the format and timing required.
- To address this situation, an MOU is in place between the Queensland Government and the ABC with both parties agreeing to work collaboratively to disseminate accurate and timely public information via ABC Local Radio about any significant emergency affecting Queensland.
- At times, a representative of the ABC may be embedded with the relevant disaster management group or State Disaster Coordination Centre to ensure that messages are disseminated as quickly as possible.
- While not specifically stated in the MOU, it is understood by both parties that anything that the ABC representative may learn (for example, internal deliberations of the LDMG etc) is not used for other journalistic purposes.
- The MOU is consistent with the ABC's legislative charter as the national broadcaster and does not guarantee the ABC exclusive information. Similar MOUs are in place in other jurisdictions between the ABC and state governments.
- An MOU also exists with Commercial Radio Australia, representing 70 affiliate radio stations including radio station 4KZ. However, this MOU is less effective due to overriding commercial and programming considerations by individual media outlets.
- Officers from the Queensland Police Service (QPS), Department of Community Safety (DCS) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) recently met with the ABC to discuss the ABC's role during the January flooding event. It was agreed that DCS would work with the ABC to update the current MOU and develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to ensure a consistent approach across all LDMGs
- The forthcoming update of the MOU provides an opportunity for consideration to be given of the role of other media providers, particularly local based radio stations by LDMGs during disaster situations. This can also be addressed in the SOP issued to all LDMGs.

• BACKGROUND

- During a recent visit to North Queensland a local commercial radio station raised a concern with you that they believed they were excluded from providing emergency warning information by the local LDMG, with a preference being given to the local ABC.

• CONSULTATION

- QPS, DCS, the ABC and DPC's Communication Services.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

This has completely missed the point. Commercial radio cover a greater % of the population and must be an integral part of the warning system.

I am now even more concerned by this brief!

David McDonald at ABC is someone people should speak to about a proper way forward.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Governance

Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5441
Document No. DOC/13/42133

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 20 March 2013
Subject: Overseas Travel Request – The Honourable
Ian Walker MP, Minister for Science,
Information Technology, Innovation and the
Arts

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Premier
Date 24/3/2013
Date Action Required by:
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

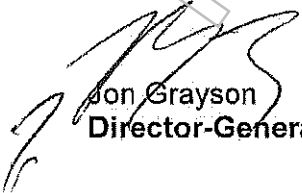
- sign the letter at **Attachment 1** providing in-principle approval, subject to the receipt of a detailed itinerary and budget, for overseas travel for the Honourable Ian Walker MP, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts from 20–26 April 2013.

• KEY ISSUES

- Minister Walker has requested approval to travel to the United States to lead the Queensland delegation to the 2013 Biotechnology Industry Organisation (BIO) International Convention. The convention runs from 22–26 April 2013 in Chicago. The draft itinerary is at **Attachment 2**. Minister Walker will be accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Ms Diane Balke.
- BIO is the critical annual event in the Queensland life sciences industry to showcase its research and business capability internationally, and position the State as a competitive global location in life sciences.
- The Premier or a Minister has represented the Queensland Government at the Convention each year since 1998. Queensland's life sciences industry places considerable value in a senior member of the Queensland Government attending this international convention.
- Trade and Investment Queensland has provided comments in support of this mission. The mission would also provide the opportunity to undertake key meetings with other organisations such as Boeing and the Gates Foundation.
- An estimated budget of \$ 29 000 has been given. This trip will bring the total commitments from the overseas travel pool to \$129 800 leaving \$470 200 unallocated for the remainder of the 2012–13 financial year.
- Minister Walker is yet to advise who will be the relieving minister during his absence.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Don Grayson
Director-General

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Premier of Queensland

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26 MAR 2013

The Honourable Ian Walker MP
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Dear Minister, *Ian,*

Thank you for your request seeking approval to undertake an official visit to the United States of America (USA) from 20 to 26 April 2013.

I am pleased to provide in-principle approval for you and your Chief of Staff to travel to the USA, subject to the receipt of a detailed budget and itinerary.

I will advise Ministerial Services and State Affairs in my department of my approval.

I look forward to receiving your recommendation for the relieving Minister during your absence.

Should you require any further information regarding the travel, please have your staff contact Mrs Julie Wise, Ministerial Services on telephone (07) 3404 3621.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
CAMPBELL NEWMAN

KEY EVENTS - QUEENSLAND BIO MISSION 2013
Minister Ian Walker Proposed Itinerary
20 to 26 April 2013

BIO 2013, CHICAGO, USA	
Saturday April 20	<p>Minister to depart Brisbane 10.30am</p> <p><i>Arrive between 4.30pm to 6.30pm Chicago</i></p>
Sunday April 21	<p>QUT International Collaborations Luncheon <i>Invitation Only</i></p> <p>Queensland Burrill Pan-Asia Life Sciences Meeting- Asia-Pacific Investment Forum</p> <p>Pre reception meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DSM Biologics <p>Queensland VIP Welcome Reception</p>
Monday April 22	<p>Province of Manitoba Business Breakfast Meeting</p> <p>QLD Media Conference</p> <p>Visit Life Sciences Queensland/Australian Pavilion</p> <p>Targeted Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o HealthCare Ventures o Amgen o Takeda <p>Official BIO Welcome event</p>
Tuesday April 23	<p>Meetings/Site Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o University of Chicago Biotechnology Association o Baxter o Chinese Academy of Science (<i>Chinese Delegation to AusBiotech 2013</i>) <p>Keynote Luncheon</p> <p>Australian New Zealand Event – Australian Pavilion</p> <p>Public Officials Event (<i>Minister only</i>)</p> <p>BIO Networking - LSQ Ambassadors, Mr Carl Feldbaum and Hon Peter Beattie (<i>Minister Walker only</i>)</p>
Wednesday April 24	<p>Targeted Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Abbott Laboratories o Meeting with Province of Alberta Government (MOU) <p><i>Minister depart Chicago for Brisbane from midday</i></p>
Thursday April 25	In Transit
Friday April 26	Arrive Brisbane approximately 6.45am

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Governance

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Document No. DOC/13/42745

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 21 March 2013
Subject: Queensland Government presence at the 2013 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka)

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Premier
Date 27/3/2013
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
(if appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- approve the Queensland Government's presence at the 2013 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka)
- approve the proposed theme for 2013 in the Queensland Government precinct (the precinct)
- sign letters to ministers regarding departmental involvement within the precinct at the Ekka (Attachment A)
- note that, following your approval, I will communicate with directors-general (DGs) regarding their departments' involvement.

• KEY ISSUES

- The proposed theme for 2013 is 'Great State. Great Opportunity'.
- It is proposed that all departments with initiatives relevant to the Ekka audience will display within the precinct. Following your approval, I will communicate with all directors-general regarding expected involvement.
- Departments will be requested to focus their displays on promoting key front-line services or initiatives relevant to the Ekka's broad audience.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) display space within the precinct will profile *The Queensland Plan*, encouraging community engagement and participation.
- Letters to ministers have been prepared for your signature (Attachment A).
- The cost of the DPC and whole-of-Government display elements will be met within the Events Coordination (EC) budget allocation.
- Other costs will be incurred by participating departments for the lease, delivery of individual displays and interactive elements, security and cleaning.

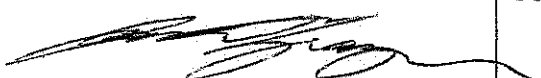
• CONSULTATION

- The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA); Communication Services (CS), DPC; Procurement and Contract Services, DPC.

• BACKGROUND

- Since 1969, the Government has been represented at the Ekka through the Queensland Government precinct. All departments are requested to display and align with a central theme based upon current government priorities and initiatives.
- EC and CS within your department are responsible for the coordination of the whole-of-Government presence at the Ekka.
- In 2012, the precinct was located in the lower level of the Commerce Building. This is the proposed location for 2013.
- The Ekka will run from 8-17 August 2013.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

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Tracking Folder No. TF/13/5505

Document No. DOC/13/42832

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 2 April 2013
Subject: Proposed dates — Official Visit to New Zealand

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Premier

Date 19/4/2013

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RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that you **approve** your Official Visit to New Zealand as a Guest of the New Zealand Government be undertaken from Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August 2013.

KEY ISSUES

- You have previously written to His Excellency Major General Martyn Dunne, High Commissioner for New Zealand to Australia, accepting his invitation to visit New Zealand in 2013 as a Guest of the New Zealand Government (**Attachment A**).
- The proposed dates for the visit have been identified following consultation between your office and the office of the New Zealand Consul-General in Sydney.
- These dates have been proposed as suitable to your schedule and coinciding with a New Zealand Parliamentary Sitting in Wellington. Visiting during a Sitting Week will provide greater opportunity for high level ministerial and parliamentary meetings. The Right Honourable John Key MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand, has offered to host a dinner in your honour on the evening of Wednesday 31 July in Wellington.
- As a Guest of the New Zealand Government, the itinerary will be developed by the New Zealand Government, in consultation with your office and Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ).
- Given their current work program, the New Zealand authorities have not yet focused on your itinerary. However, suggested destinations during the visit include Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and possibly Queenstown.
- My inclusion in relevant meetings would enable the timely follow-up of any policy or operational matters and the strengthening of the bilateral relationship, including with my NZ counterparts.
- It is envisaged there will be a parallel business delegate program developed by TIQ. Opportunities for you to intersect with that program will be guided by your commitments under the Guest of Government program.
- Your Guest of Government status will be at the Ministerial level and the New Zealand Government will coordinate the program and meet reasonable expenses for you plus one.

CONSULTATION

- High Commission for New Zealand in Canberra, Consulate General for New Zealand in Sydney, TIQ, Premier's Office.


Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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Document No. DOC/12/151580

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 9 August 2012
Subject: Official Invitation to visit New Zealand as a Guest of the New Zealand Government

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Premier
Date 11.18.12
Date Action Required by:
Requested by:
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• **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter accepting the invitation to visit New Zealand in 2013 as a Guest of the New Zealand Government (**Attachment 1**)
- note that it is diplomatically appropriate to accept the invitation
- note that, should you accept the invitation, there will be an expectation to provide reciprocal hospitality and travel expenses on some future occasion, and additional funding for such a visit would need to be sourced.

• **KEY ISSUES**

- An invitation has been extended to you from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, through the High Commissioner based in Canberra, to visit New Zealand as a Guest of their Government (**Attachment 2**).
- It is an honour for a State Premier to receive a Guest of Government invitation as these are usually reserved for the Head of a national government at Prime Ministerial level.
- Protocol Queensland is not aware of any prior Queensland Premier being a Guest of Government of another country
- The New Zealand Prime Minister has specifically requested you be invited to visit, so it would be diplomatically sensitive to decline.
- Should you accept the invitation, the visit would be classed as a 'Ministerial Visit' under New Zealand Guest of Government guidelines.
- Guest of Government status in this instance covers all relevant internal costs for two nominated guests including accommodation, transport, internal flights if required, airport facilitation and reasonable incidental costs.
- Following your recent meeting with the New Zealand High Commissioner in Brisbane, you indicated interest in visiting New Zealand.
- As with other states and territories, the Queensland Government does not currently have a formal 'Guest of Government' visit policy. However, such a program exists at a national level, which is administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- There would be an expectation should you accept this invitation, that the Queensland Government on some future occasion would offer reciprocal hospitality and meet similar expenses for the New Zealand Prime Minister and accompanying officials.
- It is not proposed to formally develop a 'Guest of Government' policy for Queensland as this would create expectations from other countries. Should any such visits be undertaken in the future, additional funding would consequently need to be sourced.

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Governance

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- Should you accept the invitation, further negotiations will be required between your office and the New Zealand Government to determine an actual visit date.
- Once this date is determined, Trade and Investment Queensland, in consultation with your office and the New Zealand High Commission/Consulate-General, will develop a more detailed itinerary.

• **CONSULTATION**

- Consulate-General of New Zealand, Sydney.



Jon Grayson
Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Premier of Queensland

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13 AUG 2012

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Your Excellency

Thank you for your letter of 22 June 2012 extending an invitation to me, following our discussions on the matter during our recent meeting in Brisbane, to visit New Zealand.

I would like to advise you officially that I would be both pleased and honoured to accept your invitation to visit New Zealand in 2013, as discussed.

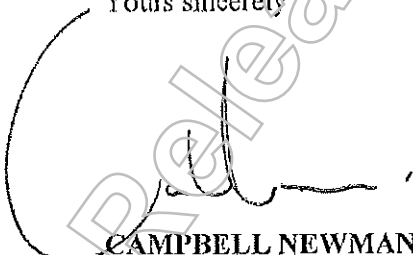
You are no doubt aware that your Consul-General from Sydney, Mr Martin Welsh, was recently in Brisbane and met with my Chief of Staff, Mr Ben Myers, and other departmental officials to discuss the visit arrangements in greater detail.

It would be my intention to encourage a significant number of business representatives to accompany me on this Trade Mission.

I look forward to receiving further updates as the program is developed in consultation with your office, the Consul-General in Sydney, Trade and Investment Queensland and my department.

Once again, I thank you for the kind invitation.

Yours sincerely



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22 June 2012

Hon Campbell Newman
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 Member for Ashgrove
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Dear Premier,

I am writing to formally invite you to visit New Zealand as a guest of the New Zealand Government following our discussion on the topic in Brisbane on 1 June.

I welcome your interest in visiting New Zealand and your enthusiasm for the Queensland/New Zealand relationship. You are all too aware of the closeness we share. The strong links between peoples, trade and economic relations, scientific cooperation, cultural and sporting exchanges are the foundation of our relationship. However, there is great potential for our governments to work even more closely together, and to foster trade and business relationships to unlock greater economic opportunities.

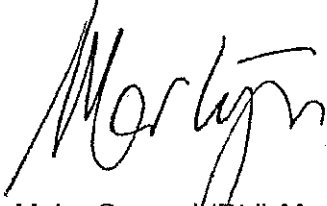
There is much that our governments can gain from closer contact. We have shared goals to maintain an efficient and effective public service, appropriately managing public spending and reducing the burden of regulation on business to ensure a prosperous economic environment for growth. With this in mind, I look forward to providing whatever support is required to ensure that your visit to New Zealand meets your objectives.

You indicated your preference to travel to New Zealand between February and May 2013, possibly with a Queensland business delegation. What I would propose is a comprehensive tailor-made programme encompassing your areas of interest and showing you the best of kiwi innovation and ingenuity. I would envisage this including high level government discussion in Wellington, some exposure to New Zealand's thriving regional centres and the commercial hub of Auckland.

I have asked Martin Welsh, the New Zealand Consul General for Queensland, to follow up with your office to progress arrangements for your visit.

Thank you again for your interest and support in bringing Queensland and New Zealand closer together.

Yours sincerely

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Major General (Rtd) Martyn Dunne, CNZM
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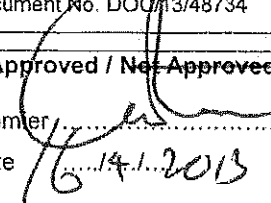
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To: **THE PREMIER**
Date: 8 April 2013
Subject: **30 Year Electricity and Water Strategies**

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Premier: 

Date: 16/4/2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the reply to the Honourable Mark McArdle MP, Minister for Energy and Water Supply advising that these strategies should be separate documents and to target the communication strategies at key stakeholders (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- Minister McArdle has sought your advice (**Attachment 2**) on holding a conference to join the electricity and water strategy issues and to work with children, via the Department of Education, Training and Employment, to impart strategy knowledge.
- The public submission period on a discussion paper to guide the development of the 30 Year Water Strategy will close on 29 March 2013. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) understands this strategy would be finalised before the Minister's proposed March 2014 conference.
- Separately, an inter-departmental committee and an independent review panel have been established to deliver expert advice to Government about the electricity sector, which will support the development of the 30 Year Electricity Strategy (not expected to be completed by March 2014).
- The Minister's letter is unclear about how a conference would tangibly enhance the profile of these strategies. DPC is of the view that the significant consultation processes being undertaken by the Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS) have established a robust awareness of the strategies.
- DPC recognises the opportunity to align these strategies with the development of *The Queensland Plan*. DEWS should be encouraged to work with DPC in this regard, including finalising appropriate arrangements for the proposed conference.
- Holding a conference in March 2014 to join strategy issues is, however, likely to predate the release of the final electricity strategy. It is recommended the conference date be delayed until the electricity strategy is developed so the conference only deals with the communication of strategy outcomes.
- While ensuring stakeholders responsible for delivering the strategies' vision and who are immediately influenced by the delivery of strategy goals remain the target audience, the conference is more likely to be of benefit as a communications approach once the strategies are finalised. For instance, it is unlikely that interactions with children will influence the development of the electricity strategy.
- It is possible that targeting children with messages of energy efficiency, peak demand reduction strategies, catchment management or water use efficiency could yield a long term benefit, but these activities would best be actioned as part of the implementation of the strategies.

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
Director-General



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The Honourable Mark McArdle MP
Minister for Energy and Water Supply
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2013 about developing the two strategies for Queensland's energy and water sectors.

I am delighted by your continued efforts to lead this important initiative. To date, we have seen good progress in rolling out the Government's discussion paper for Queensland's water sector. As the submission period closes, attention can now turn to the careful strategic analysis of the identified issues in order to establish a tangible vision for this sector. We need a strategy that guides the delivery of real outcomes with real benefits for Queensland.

I am also pleased with progress of the electricity-focused, interdepartmental committee and the independent review panel so far. I trust these governance arrangements will deliver the necessary advice about the electricity sector that we need to move forward.

The next priority should be ensuring we establish two comprehensive strategies that highlight our key policy, regulatory and planning goals for these sectors. Establishing a clear framework that is valuable for state and local governments, industry and the community is fundamental to ensuring their success.

It is also important to consider how best to relate these strategies with *The Queensland Plan* which, as you know, is currently being progressed. I would appreciate your department working with Ms Sue Rickerby from my department, to further explore the potential to align these documents. However, I would suggest, should you wish to proceed with a conference, that it be delayed until both strategies are finalised and strategy outcomes can be clearly articulated.

I agree there may be some benefit in targeting some communication about strategy issues at future generations through the Department of Education, Training and Employment. However, we should focus on working with those responsible for delivering the vision and who are immediately influenced by the delivery of strategy goals. Community education through schools would certainly be appropriate as an implementation action once the strategies have been completed.

I look forward to working with you to deliver this exciting challenge.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Premier

As you are aware my Department is developing two 30 year strategies dealing with electricity and water. Thinking beyond the delivery of these documents, I would like to establish a program lifting the profile of the documents, the Department and the Government in regard their content. I therefore propose the following:

- a) The Government host a conference in 2014 (I am considering March) to join the issues together. This may predate the final release of the electricity strategy however, I believe it is important we take this step and commence planning as soon as possible.
b) We look at the next group of people to benefit from the two strategies. I am considering children, as by the time the documentation is in place, they will be the principal developers and leaders in our community. This would mean a strategy being worked in conjunction with the Education Department, but being very mindful that it is imparting knowledge and not political dialogue as the ultimate goal.

I would appreciate your thoughts on both matters. As I said the 30 year strategies are the way forward yet we now need, in my opinion, to move to the next level.

Yours sincerely

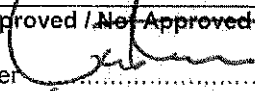
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Mark McArdle MP
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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To: THE PREMIER
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Subject: Reverse Trade Missions (RTM) and the Health Care Ventures (HCV) Fund

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **sign** the response letter to Dr Cherrell Hirst (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

Reverse Trade Missions

- Dr Cherrell Hirst is the CEO and Director of Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) BioVentures. Dr Hirst is currently in discussions with the Honourable Ian Walker MP, Minister for the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA) and senior officers of DSITIA about a proposed Life Sciences RTM to Queensland.
- The RTM would comprise of eight to 10 venture capital and large pharmaceutical companies, and would target investors with a known commitment to, or interest in, investing in Queensland.
- The aim of the RTM would be to improve investment and commercialisation opportunities for Queensland life sciences organisations. However, expectations would need to be carefully managed given achieving commercial returns from life sciences research usually takes 10 to 15 years from discovery.
- Minister Walker's attendance at the BIO International Convention 2013 provides an opportunity to identify and target key investors for a RTM.

HealthCare Ventures

- Dr Hirst manages the partner relationship between HCV and the Queensland Government through QIC BioVentures — the venture capital arm of QIC. HCV is a leading United States of America venture capital firm specialising in life science industry investment.
- The former Queensland Government invested US\$25 million into the global life sciences fund HCV IX in 2010, with a view to achieving a commercial return on investment, and assisting in progressing relevant Queensland and Australian technologies.
- To date, HCV IX has not met all the expectations set in 2010. HCV IX sought to raise a minimum \$150 million for investment, but have raised \$50 million to-date.
- HCV provides a quarterly report to the Queensland Treasury and Trade on its investments, and expects to realise a significant return on them in the next few years.

• CONSULTATION

- DSITIA and Dr Cherrell Hirst.

• BACKGROUND

- Dr Cherrell Hirst emailed 15 March 2013 (**Attachment 2**) to update you on the progress of the HCV in which the Queensland Government is a significant investor, and about the RTM concept.
- Dr Hirst met with the Chief of Staff, Ben Myers, on 3 April 2013.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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I was also interested to hear about the progression of the Health Care Ventures Fund (HCVF) and also about the concept of reverse trade missions (RTM) in the life sciences sector. Following on from our conversation at breakfast about the HCVF, I am pleased to learn that HCVF expects to realise a significant return on its investments made to date over the next three years. I look forward to being kept informed about the nature and extent of that return in due course, following HCVF's quarterly report to Queensland Treasury and Trade.

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While I encourage you to develop this concept with DSITIA, and appreciate that the aim of an RTM is to improve investment and commercialisation opportunities, the expectations of venture capital companies will need to be carefully managed to ensure the Queensland Government is not overly committed in this constrained economic environment.

Once again, thank you for your email. It was a pleasure to meet you, and I look forward to hearing more about these interesting and important issues you've raised with me.

Yours sincerely



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I will be pushing the magnesium sulphate issue with the Health Minister.



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B/C The Honourable Lawrence Springborg the Minister for Health.

**By direction. For your information.
Copy of inwards correspondence is attached.**

Lawrence - the issue raised is that this information is not being used in an effective way at the clinical front line. We need to get this information out and...

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Sharni Sawyer

From: The Premier (Ministerial)
Sent: Friday, 15 March 2013 1:21 PM
To: The Premier
Cc: Ben Myers
Subject: FW: update on magnesium sulphate in preventing Cerebral palsy.

Please put through the normal process.

Kind regards

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From: Cherrell Hirst [mailto:**Sent:** Friday, 15 March 2013 12:22 PM
To: Premier
Subject: FW: update on magnesium sulphate in preventing Cerebral palsy.

My apologies – I had a typo in the address and it bounced of course.
cherrell

From: Cherrell Hirst [mailto:**Sent:** Friday, 15 March 2013 11:33 AM
To: 'ben.myers@ministerial.qld.gov.au'; 'premier@ministerail.qld.gov.au'
Subject: update on magnesium sulphate in preventing Cerebral palsy.

Hello Mr Premier and Ben

Thank you for a very interesting and stimulating breakfast on Wednesday.

You will recall I mentioned the use of magnesium sulphate to minimise the occurrence of cerebral palsy in pre-term births. Below is a review of the data providing the evidence of the benefit. I am no longer in this specialised field but I could easily put you in touch with someone who is doing this research and relevant senior clinicians in this space if that would be at all helpful.

I would be pleased to pass on this and the relevant contacts to the Minister for Health if you wish me to.

Also at the breakfast I mentioned the Health Care Ventures Fund in which the government is a significant investor. I believe it would be extremely useful for the Premier to be fully aware of that fund and its investments here in Queensland as well as its strategy and progress. I manage the Limited Partner relationship with HCV for Treasury through QIC and would be delighted to bring you and the Premier up to speed on its progress. It is doing very well at the 2 year mark.

I am talking with Minister Walker's department about the concept of reverse trade missions and will also bring him up to date with some of Queensland's successful and more significant companies in the life sciences space. Obviously I could make this available to you as well.

Regards and thank you for the opportunity to be at the breakfast.

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Subject: Opening the Vault: Open Data in Queensland
– thank you letters

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign thank you letters for the Opening the Vault: Open Data in Queensland event (the event) held at The Edge in Brisbane on Wednesday 3 April 2013 (Attachments A and B).
- sign the letters of congratulations for the competition winners who presented their creative pitch ideas at the event (Attachment C).

• KEY ISSUES

- The following thank you letters are attached for your signature:
 - o MC, session speakers, panellists, exhibitors, judging panel and event steering committee (Attachment A)
 - o panellist [CTPI - Personal Information] and was unable to participate as scheduled (Attachment B)
- The following letters of congratulations are attached for your signature:
 - o competition finalists, runner up and winner (Attachment C).

• BACKGROUND

- Consistent with other events coordinated by your department, letters of thanks are sent to key stakeholders of the event program.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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Director-General

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To: THE PREMIER
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

see below

- note the contents of this briefing note
- sign the response (Attachment 1) to Mr Geoff Batkin, Executive Director, WM.

KEY ISSUES

- WM has written to you (Attachment 2) seeking land for building 15 independent living dwellings for people suffering from mental health issues and their families. WM has identified 79 suburbs in Brisbane that would be suitable for the proposed development.
- As WM are the service provider for existing Youngcare facilities, it's likely WM heard about your offer to Youngcare late last year to identify surplus government land for their use. In addition, MS Australia and the Shouldering the Journey Foundation have also approached the State seeking surplus government land.
- The Government Land and Asset Management (GLAM) Group has been established in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) to lead a whole-of-Government approach to the management of the State's property portfolio.
- The GLAM Group is currently developing a policy framework for assessing requests from not-for-profit organisations seeking surplus government land. It is understood that in developing the policy framework DSDIP will consider how each proposal supports government objectives, the organisations' ability to fund construction and operations of the proposed facilities and the most appropriate land tenure arrangements.
- The Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning has requested that all ministers and their agencies identify all government land by 31 May 2013, categorised as current use, possible future uses, surplus and additional land requirements. Through this process, surplus government land will be identified, including that which may be suitable for use by Wesley Mission and other not-for-profit organisations.
- It should be noted that some land-owner departments have arrangements with Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT) to either remit certain land sales proceeds to QTT or have the funds redirected to a specific service delivery function.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Kate Johnson - the relevant

Ministers should be champions for this organisation.

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Dear Mr Batkin

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2013 about surplus Queensland Government land in Brisbane that may be available for use by your organisation.

I am always happy to receive serious, well thought out proposals, such as the one that you have provided on this occasion.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful contribution your organisation makes to the community and for the support Wesley Mission provides to help people turn their lives around. The contribution of Wesley Mission is both appreciated and respected by the Government and Queenslanders more broadly.

With respect to your specific request, I can tell you that the Government is currently reviewing its land holdings to establish surplus and underutilised land across the State. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) is currently looking at the best way to identify suitable land and to assess the proposals that are put forward.

As the responsibility for this work lies within his portfolio responsibilities, I have sent a copy of your letter, and my response, to my cabinet colleague, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning for his direct reply to you. You can be assured that the Deputy Premier will give your proposal his full consideration. I have asked the Deputy Premier to organise for a senior representative of DSDIP to get in touch with you to discuss your proposal in more detail.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me and inform me of your plans, and for your organisations good work in Queensland.

Yours sincerely



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POLICY ADVISOR

DATE: 15/3 / 2013

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT:

Geoff Batten will provide a list of suburbs where they would like to have the properties.

APPROVED BY PREMIER'S POLICY TEAM FOR SIGNING



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Ms Kate Johnson
Senior Policy Advisor
Office of the Premier
Executive Building
100 George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

14th March 2013

RE: Qld Government Surplus State Land

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Dear Kate,

We understand from contact with a colleague in a related community service organisation that the Premier has recently indicated that he may be open to receiving a request for Community Services initiatives that require surplus Qld Government land to implement projects.


Wesley Mission Brisbane has developed a proposal in association with Mantle Housing Ltd over the last 2 years. The model of service is built on the highly successful Haven example in Victoria in association with Professor Alan Fels (currently Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government & Chairman of the Haven Foundation, which seeks to provide accommodation and support for the long-term mentally ill.)

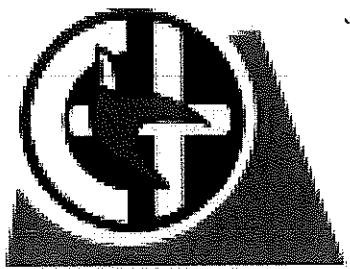
We believe with the assistance of surplus land being made available we could bring to fruition this project within 18 months of land identification. We see this as a very important initiative offering improved life quality and social inclusion for those suffering from mental health issues and their families in Brisbane. We would be happy to meet with anyone you suggest to expand on this proposal further.

Please find enclosed our proposal to the Queensland Government for Surplus State Land for the purpose of building housing and providing 24 hour support for adults with mental health issues in Brisbane.

If you have any further queries regarding this proposal please don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards

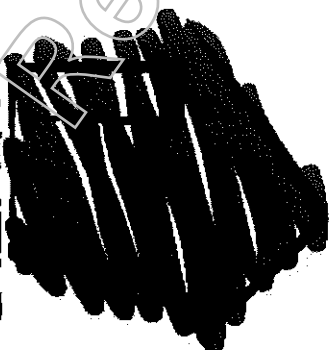

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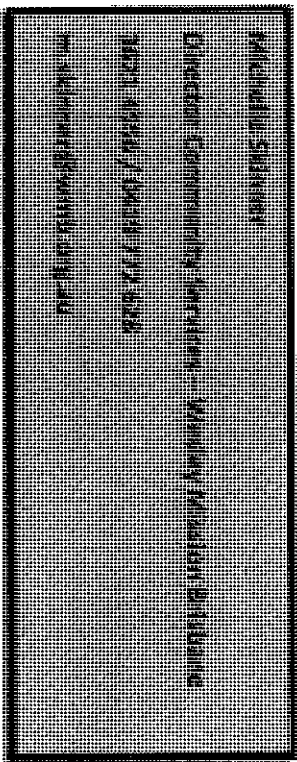
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Proposal to Queensland State Government for Surplus Land
March 2013

Key Community Partner



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Executive Summary

This is a submission to the Queensland State Government by Wesley Mission Brisbane and Mantle Housing Ltd for the use of surplus State owned land for the purpose of building housing for adults living with psychiatric disabilities in Brisbane who require access to 24 hour support.

Wesley Mission Brisbane is working in partnership with Mantle Housing Ltd – An Australian Company formed by the parents and families of adults living with Schizophrenia and other psychiatric disabilities to build appropriate and relevant long term housing for their children. The parents are aging and the need for stable housing for their children is immediate so that they can be sure they will be safe and supported when the parents can no longer maintain this role.

This submission proposes the development of purpose built villages that mimic housing developments across Brisbane in design and function. A community of people living in private homes with care and support they require to maintain their tenancy, contribute to the community and live dignified and meaningful lives.

Our model is based on the very successful Haven Foundation developments in Victoria and the Home in Queanbeyan group in NSW which provide 14 to 20 private one bedroom units in a co-located space that has care and support on site as and when needed. Haven Foundation is headed by the Mental Health Commissioner Alan Fells who is supportive of the Brisbane model.

Wesley Mission Brisbane has a long record of providing supported accommodation for a range of people in the community requiring varied levels of support. Our partnership with Youngcare at the Sinnamon Park & Coomera Residences is testament to our capacity to tailor support for people with high care support needs.

The residents of the Mantle Villages will not require high medical care, but rather psycho social support to integrate into the community, seek out volunteer work, and return to education and employment. Research internationally has shown that when a person's home environment is stabilised, they are able to better connect with the world around them. The efficiencies of providing care and support in a co located model are far superior in cost and social inclusion outcomes than current models of care for people living with a mental illness in the community.

The Issue

Wesley Mission Brisbane in partnership with Mantle Housing is looking for your support to build new opportunities for a safe and fulfilling life for people with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders. The lives of these vulnerable people, living with persistent and enduring mental illness impacts on their ability to maintain a satisfying lifestyle, can be changed with the right support, in the right place at the right time. We believe that every person has the right to live in a safe and secure home that they can call their own.

WMB and Mantle achieves this by providing a permanent, safe and affordable home that promotes the opportunity for a full and dignified life.

The facts of the matter:

- Over \$6.7 billion in costs are associated every year with the treatment and support of people living with a mental illness.¹
- Inappropriate housing and support is a key factor in these costs.²
- WMB will operate this housing with 24 hour support at a cost of \$36,000 per person / annum. This will be funded by WMB until other funding is secured. This cost is approximately 50% of the cost of HASP (Housing and Support Program) currently used for clients living with a mental illness in the community. What HASP lacks is the opportunities for social inclusion which is a major component of recovery. A co-located housing environment overcomes social exclusion.

The heart of the matter:

The cycle of re-hospitalisation, declining self worth, reduced ability to function and extreme isolation that feeds psychiatric illnesses, provides the greater impetus to act. Parents are aging and need peace of mind that someone will care for their child when they cannot.

The Plan

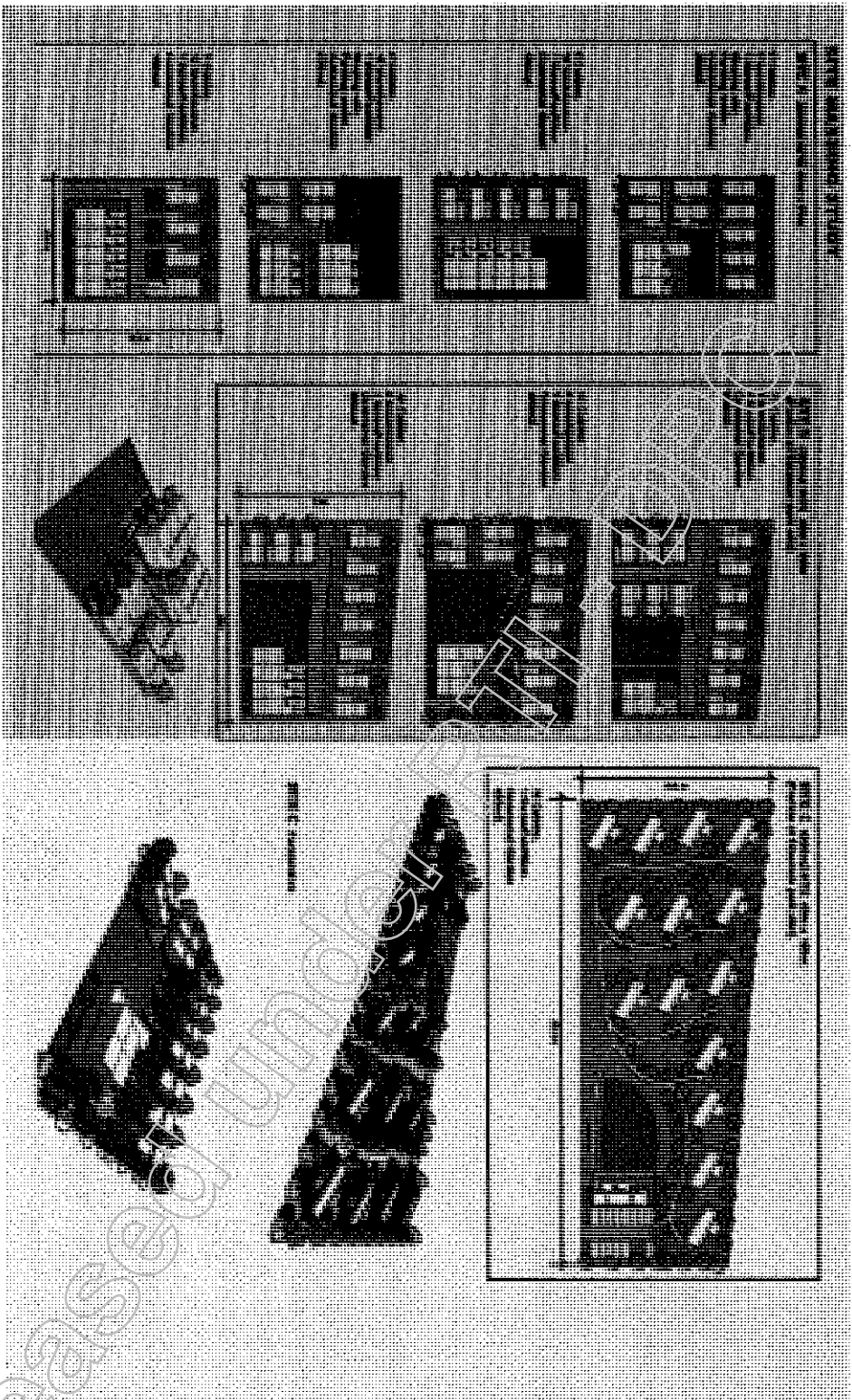
WMB and Mantle Housing will work with partners to build homes in a village environment that will provide the opportunities and support needed by these people in our community. Wesley Mission Brisbane has committed operational funding and capital funding to this project.

**This proposal seeks land from the State Government to build co-located housing.
The capital and recurrent funding are already secured.**

¹ National Mental Health Commission 2012: A contributing Life: the 2012 National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Sydney NMHC

² Browne Graeme, Courtney Mary, Meehan Tom (2004) Type of housing predicts rate of readmission to hospital but not length of stay in people with schizophrenia on the Gold Coast in Queensland. *Australian Health Review* 27, 65-72.

A range of designs are currently in development. The following Site Massing study shows a number of options depending on land size acquired. The studies show design possibilities on 2000sqm, 3200sqm and 8000sqm. Preferred size is 3200sqm and larger.



Land for this project is ideally located within walking distance to shops, public transport and local amenity. The outcomes for this housing are strongly based around social inclusion. Access to existing community infrastructure is important for the success of the project. There are many suburbs throughout Brisbane that would be highly suitable due to the development of suburban shopping centres and local amenities.

Current Housing and Support options in Brisbane

Information from families and an environmental scan of available accommodation options in Brisbane, clearly indicates that permanent and safe housing tailored to the needs of people living with mental illness is not available. In the current housing environment, where support is sporadic and underfunded, there is great difficulty in maintaining the rights and dignity of people living with psychotic disorders.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that individuals with mental illness are not able to maintain their tenancies in public housing due to the negative impact of the illness on their daily lives. This results in increased hospital admissions, loss of tenancy and a return to the care of ageing parents where possible, or into other inappropriate accommodation (unsustainable private tenancies or boarding houses), which perpetuates the cycle of re-hospitalisation. Adults living with mental illness are relying on their families to house and support them emotionally, financially and physically. Many of these families with ageing parents are not in a position to continue this work. Adults with mental illness need and want to be employed, to be accepted by the community and to live their own lives without having to rely on their parents for everyday support and mentoring.

People who have experienced lengthy periods of psychosis require assistance with motivation, initiative, work skills, medication schedules, hygiene and self care. They experience isolation and social exclusion every day.

Benefits of collocated housing

Reducing stress levels of individuals and their families through quality housing will create **opportunities for increased productivity** for carers and consumers. It will also **reduce the strain on families and siblings** in a home environment.

Recent research has also indicated that people living with a mental illness, especially one that involves psychosis, have a life expectancy twenty five years

less than people who do not have a psychotic mental illness.³ The Mantle Village will play a vital role in assisting people to **improve their mental and physical health**, through **increased activity, better diets and targeted information about public health concerns**. Research shows that smoking, diabetes and heart disease are all at an increased rate in people living with mental illness due to their lack of motivation and initiative in self-care.⁴

Similar communities are being built all over the world. Co-located housing arrangements provide people with **opportunities to share resources, support each other and create a better life for themselves and the communities in which they live**. This housing option caters for an age-specific cohort that includes physical and mental illness requiring continuous support. This is a communal environment developed specifically to **increase wellbeing, share resources and improve opportunities for social inclusion**.

³ Coghlan, R., Lawrence, D., Holman, C.D.J., Jablensky, A.V., et al 2001 Duty of Care:

Physical Health in People with Mental Illness – Technical Report. 2001 Centre for Health Services Research, School of Population Health, The University of Western Australia

⁴ Lawn, S. Associate Professor Flinders University 2011 Quoted in a lecture entitled "In It Together" at 13th Annual Woodcock Memorial Lecture for Mental Illness Fellowship, Victoria

The Cost of Mental Illness in Australia

In 2007 almost half of all Australians (45%) experienced a mental disorder at some point in their lifetime.⁵ In Australia in 2010-11, spending on mental health was reported as \$6.7 Billion across the public, private and community sectors.⁶

Hospital Costs

One patient per year per episode cost is \$24,000 assuming a minimum of one hospitalisation per year.⁷ With 220,000 people living with Schizophrenia (1% of population), 150,000 of them require one hospitalisation per year. This equates to \$3.6 billion for patient care for this group alone.⁸

According to the 2006-07 case-mix national average cost weights (for public hospitals only) an episode of schizophrenia costs \$15,237 and acute depressive disorders \$11,220. Using the public hospital separations data above, this would equate to 17,402 episodes of schizophrenia costing around \$265m and 15,658 episodes of severe depression costing just under \$176m.

Loss of Productivity / Cost of Daily care

We can assume that each person living with persistent schizophrenia needs one full time carer – this is approximately \$60,000 per individual in case of a professional carer paid to assist the person or lost income by a

family member. This equates to \$3bn per year on top of hospitalisation costs.

Community-based programs (HASP) provide care and community access to people living with mental illness in the community. Although these programs are helpful, they cannot meet the needs of all people living with episodic illness and cannot guarantee a safe environment 24/7 or support when it is needed. These models of care will complement a safe and permanent home for people living with mental illness provided by Wesley Mission Brisbane in partnership with Mantle Housing Ltd.

Cost to People

Without safe, affordable and permanent homes, people cannot plan their lives; they cannot be part of the community and work is a distant thought. WMB's support in our co-located housing will provide what is needed in a person centred framework so that people living with mental illness can re-engage in the lives of their community, including work and training. Evidence shows that involvement in work has wide ranging positive impacts – being "good for physical and mental wellbeing;" providing regular contact with people outside of your home; an increased sense of worth and financial independence; improvement in social skills and mental health."⁹

⁵ ABS National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing 2007. Summary of results ABS Cat No 4326.0 ABS, Canberra 2008

⁶ National Mental Health Commission 2012: A contributing Life: the 2012

National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Sydney NMHC

⁷ Fitzgerald P, Montgomery W, de Castella A, Filia K, Filia S, Christova L, Jackson

D, Kulkarni J Australian Schizophrenia Care and Assessment Programme: real

world schizophrenia: economics. Aust NZJ Psychiatry 41:10, 819 – 829 2007

⁸ Schizophrenia costs – An analysis of the burden of Schizophrenia and related suicide in Australia. An Access Economics report for SANE Australia 2002

⁹ National Mental Health Commission 2012: A contributing Life: the 2012

National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Sydney NMHC pg 109.

The Proposed Model and Evaluation

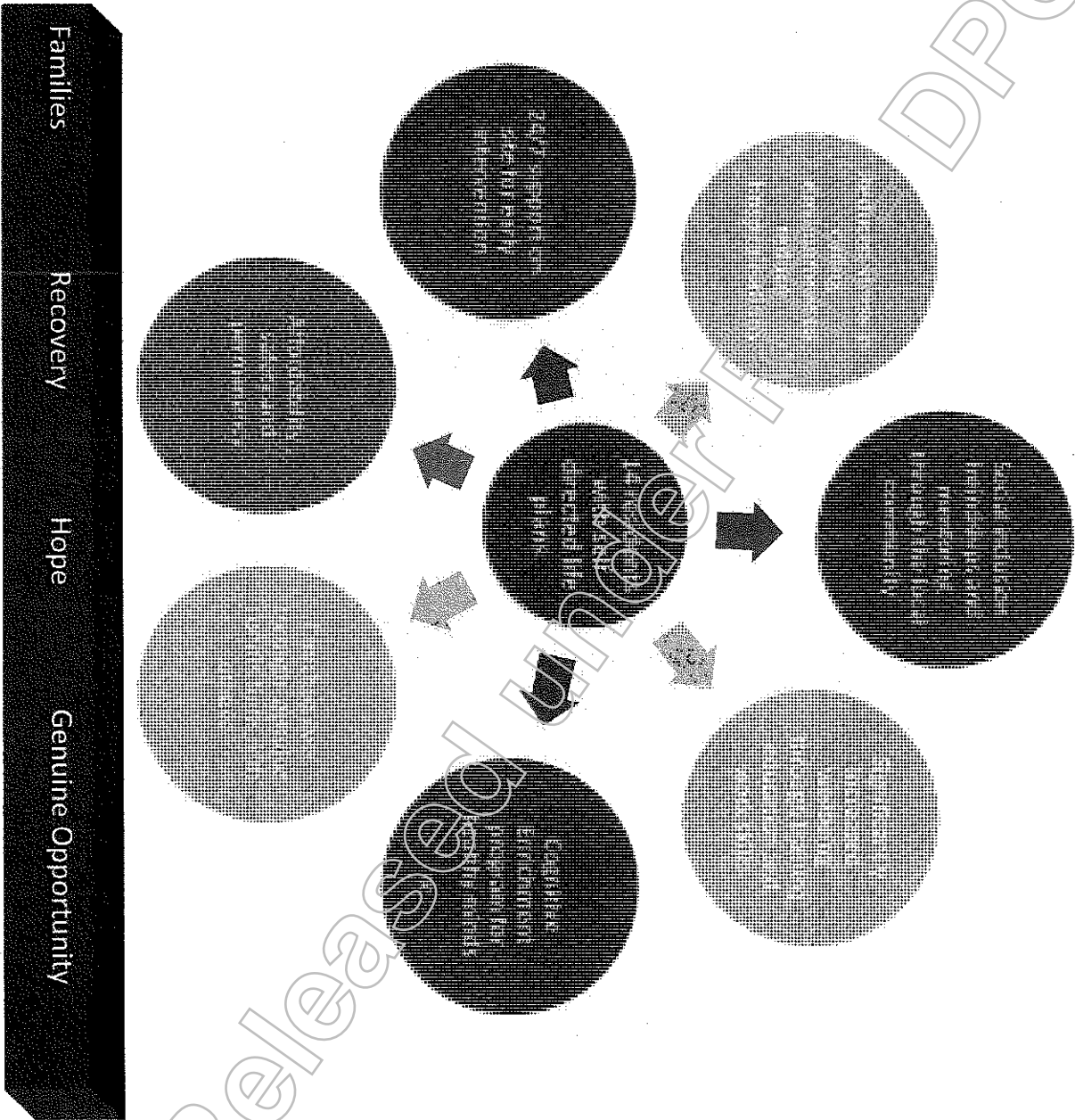
Co located homes

WMB and Mantle Housing propose to develop village like environments where 14 residents will live in private homes with some communal amenity to increase opportunities for social inclusion and natural friendships. The homes will be designed to have private space, with one bedroom and large living areas. Each home will be designed to have its own private outlook, soundproofing and outdoor space for residents to give a feeling of space. These design features are essential elements of keeping the psychiatric episodic triggers for individuals to a minimum.

Research into this co located model of housing does not exist for a single target group. Usually groups are mixed in the community. However, for some people living with psychiatric illnesses, a mix of tenants is the very thing that triggers their episodes, due to the lack of management of tenancies in the community. The environment we propose will create a connected group of people who are known to each other and who are supported by staff who have developed professional care relationships with them.

Evaluation will be undertaken into the following:

Social Inclusion outcomes	Financial Outcomes	Operational efficiency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased family cohesion and support • Increased career workforce participation • Increased client workforce participation • Increased social inclusion • Increased friendships and connections for individuals. • Resident participation and satisfaction • Family participation • Impact on daily living capacity, rehospitalisation and social inclusion. • Social impact for clients and their families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show value for money in terms of the financial impact on the health budget • Reduced hospitalisations and length of those stays • Reduced acute and emergency visits • Increased use of GPs, allied health and social networks • Proven efficiencies at \$36,000 per person per annum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the staffing model • Appropriateness of model of care • Recovery framework and its implementation • Effectiveness of utilising cognitive function and medical diagnosis as a basis for selection of residents • reduced tenancy issues and support required in individual tenancies



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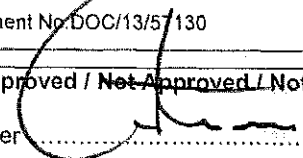
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To: **THE PREMIER**

Date: 15 April 2013

Subject: Reply to s.73 Member of the Public in relation to housing assistance request for her nephew and sister-in-law

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Date 30 April 2013

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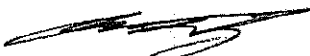
• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you sign the letter to Attachment 1) responding to her concerns about her nephew's accommodation.

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Comments (Premier or DG)



Jon Grayson
Director-General

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Governance

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 2 April 2013
Subject: Telstra IP Telephony (TIPT) roll out for Ministerial Offices

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

- **approve** that Ministerial Services accepts the Telstra incentive offer and commence the rollout of TIPT technology this financial year.

• KEY ISSUES

- Telstra has advised of difficulties it is experiencing in supporting the current Customnet telephone system used in ministerial offices. As a result, Telstra has offered to assist in the rollout of TIPT technology, a digital voice/video telephony system.
- TIPT allows for phone numbers to move with the user, for calls to be transferred to and from mobiles and for desk top videophones, which can interface with other video conferencing units.
- Ministerial Services has trialled and evaluated the TIPT system with positive results.

CTPI - Commercial



- A move to TIPT provides practical and financial benefits. Savings from not having to engage Telstra and contractors for issues such as moves, additional lines and program changes is estimated to be approximately \$120 000 over three years. Overall there is a slight rental saving for TIPT handsets, further savings will be made by the reduction in the number of existing services resulting from the TIPT rollout.
- It is proposed that TIPT technology be rolled out to all ministerial offices based on video phones to ministers (and selected staff, if required) and basic phones (which are video capable with the purchase of an add-on) to staff — approximately 300 to 350 services in total.
- The move to TIPT technology will result in all ministers and staff being allocated a new phone number, however, existing phone numbers will be diverted for an initial period of 12 months, which can be extended as required. Telstra has advised that the first 12 months diversion will be at no cost.
- The payment of the incentive from Telstra is contingent on a commitment for the roll out to the TIPT services being carried out this financial year. Telstra has not guaranteed that the same offer would be made next financial year.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General

Action Officer: Ian Street Approvals by Director / ED /DDG
Area: Ministerial Services documented in *notes* in TRIM
Telephone: 322 46922

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 22 April 2013
Subject: The estates of ^{s.73 Member of the Public} [redacted] and [redacted]

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Date 22/4/2013

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter to de Groot's Wills and Estate Lawyers waiving the requirements set out in the deed poll made by the late [redacted] regarding her receipt of a grant from the Cyclone Larry Disaster Relief Fund (CLDRF) in 2007 (**Attachment 1**)
- in relation to the estate of [redacted] sign:
 - o the Trustee resolution under the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund (PDRAF) to renounce any interest granted under [redacted] Will (**Attachment 2**)
 - o letters to the other PDRAF Trustees, the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and the Honourable Jack Dempsey MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety requesting that they also sign the resolution (**Attachments 3 and 4**)
 - o the letter to Marin Family Lawyers advising of the Trustee's resolution (**Attachment 5**).

• KEY ISSUES

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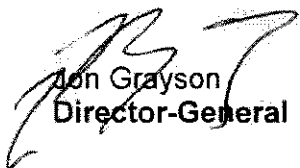
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• **CONSULTATION**

- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet Legal Services; and Queensland Treasury and Trade, Legal Services Unit.

Comments


Jon Grayson
Director-General

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 12 April 2013
Subject: Queensland 20 (Q20)

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you

Option 2 - Treasurer Tim Kitcholls will be our rep.

- agree to option two for Queensland Government participation in the Q20 or advise your preferred option
- advise your preferred Queensland Government representative for the Q20
- note that engagement has commenced with Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT), Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) and Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) regarding the opportunities for the State to be derived from hosting the G20 and associated meetings.

KEY ISSUES

- On 27 February 2013, the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, announced the formation of the Q20 (Attachment A).
- The Q20 will focus on areas including the resources, construction, education, agriculture and tourism sectors. The work and objectives of the Q20 in these areas has not yet been fully developed, however, it will focus on highlighting Queensland as a great place to visit, learn and do business.
- The areas of focus include the four pillars as identified in the Government's Statement of Objectives for the community.

CTPI - Relations with other Governments

- I recently met with Ms Catherine Tanna, Chair of Q20 to discuss the role and objectives of the Q20, and possible Queensland Government participation. Her initial thoughts on the objectives and participation are at Attachment B.
- In relation to the Q20 we could either:

[Redacted]

- I recommend option two as it will facilitate Queensland engagement with the Q20 process and the broader Business 20 (B20) which is expected to be held in Brisbane immediately prior to the G20 Summit.

[Redacted]

Action Officer: Terry Crane
Area: G20 State Coordination
Telephone: 43685

Approvals by Director /ED / DDG documented in notes in TRIM

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CTPI - Relations with other Governments



- Ms Tanna met with the Treasurer, the Honourable Wayne Swan MP and senior officials in Canberra on 20 March 2013 to discuss participants. We have been advised that an announcement is expected within the next few weeks.

• **BACKGROUND**

- The G20 Summit will be held in Brisbane on 15 and 16 November 2014.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson
Director-General



New Q20 Group To Maximise G20 Benefits For Queensland

WED 27 FEBRUARY 2013

Prime Minister

Brisbane

The Gillard Government is pleased to announce the formation of the Queensland 20 (Q20) - a new peak group of Queensland business leaders to ensure the state reaps the maximum benefit from next year's G20 Leaders' Meeting.

The Q20 will be chaired by Ms Catherine Tanna, Chairman of resources group BG Australia, based in Brisbane.

Queensland's role as host state for the summit in Brisbane and a G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Cairns provides an opportunity to showcase not only these locations, but the entire Sunshine State.

The G20 brings together leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors from major emerging and advanced economies to address the critical economic and financial challenges facing the world.

It is expected to attract 25 world leaders, 4,000 delegates and up to 3,000 members of the world's media.

It is the premier forum for global economic co-operation and decision-making and its member nations account for more than 85 per cent of global economic output.

There are enormous benefits that will flow to Australia and Queensland from hosting this global event, both now and into the future.

Led by Ms Tanna, the Q20 will help make sure that the whole of Queensland reaps the benefits of this tremendous opportunity.

The Q20 will work to ensure that all of Queensland can make the most of hosting the G20 by highlighting the state's diverse economy, including the resources, construction, education, agriculture and tourism sectors. It will highlight Queensland as a great place to visit, learn and do business.

It will help Queensland business to directly engage and work with the E20 - the advisory body headed by Mr Richard Goyder AO to lead business engagement for the G20 - to help facilitate the significant contribution Queensland business can make.

Ms Tanna brings invaluable experience to the role. Raised in Gladstone, Queensland, Ms Tanna has forged a successful career as a leader in the resources industry.

Ms Tanna joined BG Group in 2009 after a long career with Shell and BHP Billiton. Ms Tanna has been a member of the Reserve Bank of Australia Board since 2011 and is a member of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Board.

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Q20

The G20 brings together leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors from major developing and advanced economies to address the critical economic and financial challenges facing the world. Chairing the G20 will put Australia at the centre of world affairs and will culminate in the leaders' meeting in Brisbane on 15-16 November 2014. Finance ministers and central bank governors will meet several times during our host year – one of these meetings will be held in Cairns in September 2014.

The Queensland 20 (Q20) is a practical way to promote Queensland business to the national and international investment community; showcase successful Queensland enterprise to the world; and shape international economic priorities with a particular Queensland flavour.

The Q20 will draw together key leaders from Queensland business, the Queensland state government, the city councils of Brisbane and Cairns and the Queensland community to engage with the B20 and other G20 stakeholder groups.

Objectives

Queensland's role as host state for the summit in Brisbane and a G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Cairns provides an opportunity to showcase not only these locations, but the entire sunshine state.

The Q20 will develop and implement a strategy to ensure Queensland makes the most of hosting the G20 by highlighting the state's diverse economy, including the resources, construction, education, agriculture and tourism sectors. It will highlight Queensland as a great place to visit, learn and do business.

Q20 will have direct links with the two Queensland host cities, Brisbane and Cairns. The connections made and the momentum created will have lasting benefits long after our G20 host year has finished in 2014.

Participation

The Q20 will be led by Ms Catherine Tanna, Chairman of BG Australia and a member of the Australian B20 group.

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE
Priority Project Division

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To: THE PREMIER
Date: 26 March 2013
Subject: Invitation for members of Parliament to attend second briefing on *The Queensland Plan* on 18 April 2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **approve** the email inviting all members of Parliament to attend a second briefing session for *The Queensland Plan* on Thursday 18 April (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- A second briefing for members of Parliament will be held from 1–2 pm on Thursday 18 April 2013 at the Undumbi Room, Parliament House.
- You will welcome the members and outline your aspirations for the Mackay summit. The Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, will then provide a project update including an outline of the Mackay summit agenda, member roles and responsibilities, provision of support for members at the summit, and logistical arrangements. He will also be available to answer member questions.
- Twyfords will provide further detail about the proposed summit activities and the deliverables required of each member of Parliament. A short capacity building session will follow, offering advice on community engagement hints and tips, and tools and techniques that may assist members throughout the process.
- The invitation will be distributed via email by *The Queensland Plan* Project Team.

• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- Minister Powell announced that there would be a second briefing session for members of Parliament at the first session on 7 March 2013.

• CONSULTATION

- Deputy Chief-of-Staff; Max Hardy, Twyfords; Events Coordination, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

• BACKGROUND

- Members of Parliament received an initial briefing outlining the development process for *The Queensland Plan* and encouraging their involvement on 7 March 2013.
- Information was provided via email to all members who committed to participating in the development of *The Queensland Plan* on Thursday 21 March outlining the delegate selection process, provision of the delegate nomination form, nomination of 18 April for the second member of Parliament briefing, extension of an invitation to all Queensland mayors to attend the Mackay summit, and organisation of a briefing session for peak bodies.

Anne Moffat
in lieu of Ricketts
Jon Grayson
Director-General
Signature on behalf of
DG

Comments (Premier or DG)

Action Officer: Natasha Neale
Area: Priority Projects Division
Telephone: 303 30675
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Dear Member

Arrangements are well underway as we progress the development of *The Queensland Plan*.

You are invited to attend a second briefing at 1 pm Thursday 18 April in the Undumbi Room, hosted by the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier and the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and project champion.

The briefing will be an information session, during which we will cover:

- a project update addressing key milestones, issues and future activities
- an outline of the Mackay summit, in particular how the event will run, the outcomes to be achieved and logistical arrangements
- advice about what should take place in your electorate in the lead up to the Mackay summit
- advice from Mr Max Hardy, Twyfords, regarding community engagement hints and tips, and tools and techniques that may assist throughout the process

The briefing will also provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions about *The Queensland Plan*, the engagement process and the Mackay summit.

If you are unable to attend you are welcome to send a senior staff member as your representative.

Please confirm your attendance, or delegate, at the briefing by email to queensland.plan@premiers.qld.gov.au by Friday 12 April 2013.

Kind regards

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Commonwealth Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (the committee), enclosing a Queensland Government submission (**Attachment 2**) in response to their inquiry into the Asbestos Bill.

• KEY ISSUES

- The committee wrote to you on 25 March 2013 seeking submissions about the Asbestos Bill (**Attachment 3**).
- The Asbestos Bill proposes to establish a national agency, the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, which would implement a national strategic plan to regulate and eradicate asbestos.
- The draft national strategic plan (**Attachment 4**) has been available for public comment on the national Office of Asbestos Safety (OAS) website and incorporates a recommendation regarding the staged removal of all asbestos containing materials from government and commercial buildings by 2030. This particular proposal is of most concern to the Queensland Government.
- The Queensland Government submission:
 - o notes Queensland's concerns that this legislation is being rushed and requests that it should be withdrawn until the potential unintended consequences can be fully reviewed by the Commonwealth, states and territories
 - o emphasises that it is essential that a national response to address the widespread use of asbestos in workplaces and homes be developed with representatives of all governments, including representatives of local governments.
- The submission flags some specific concerns with the proposal, including:
 - o the significant costs to implement the initiative (likely to be billions of dollars for government and building owners in Queensland alone)
 - o the relatively limited time to implement the proposal could disrupt goods and services to the public and private sectors
 - o concerns associated with the capacity for the disposal of asbestos waste.
- On 3 April 2013, key Queensland stakeholders, including representatives from the asbestos removal industry, NGOs and the Local Government Association of Queensland, attended a workshop conducted by the OAS. Many similar concerns raised in the submission were also expressed at the workshop by various participants.

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- Queensland's submission has been prepared by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) in consultation with the Government's Interagency Asbestos Group (IAG).

• CONSULTATION

- DJAG and IAG.

• BACKGROUND

- In 2010, the Australian Government established the Asbestos Management Review to make recommendations for the development of a national strategic plan to improve asbestos management and awareness across the country. The review recommended the establishment of a national body to administer the strategic plan.



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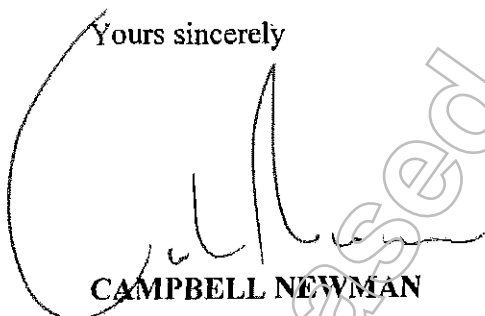
Dear Senator Marshall

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2013 providing the opportunity to make a submission on the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013 (the Bill).

Please find attached a submission from the Queensland Government on the Bill. The submission also provides comments on the draft National Strategic Plan which has been developed by the interim national Office for Asbestos Safety.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Bill. I look forward to hearing of the results of your inquiry.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Queensland Government submission on the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013

The Queensland Government is committed to safe and orderly management, removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials in the community. However, the Government is concerned that this legislation is being rushed and considers it should be withdrawn until the potential unintended consequences can be fully reviewed by the Commonwealth, States and Territories.

It is essential that a national response to address the widespread use of asbestos in workplaces and homes be developed with representatives of all Australian governments, including representatives of local governments. The proposed composition of the Council as outlined in the Bill will not achieve this objective.

The Queensland Government submits the following specific comments on the Bill and the draft National Strategic Plan on asbestos being developed by the interim national Office for Asbestos Safety.

Removal of asbestos from government and commercial buildings by 2030

- The draft National Strategic Plan available for public comment on the national Office of Asbestos Safety website incorporates recommendation 4 from the national *Asbestos Management Review Report – June 2012* regarding staged removal of all asbestos containing materials from government and commercial buildings by 2030;
- The Queensland Government considers that this proposal, which attempts to bind state, territory and local governments and industry to commit significant resources to the proposal through a strategic plan, is not appropriate. It would also appear to be beyond the ambit of the stated functions of the proposed Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency to ‘encourage, coordinate, monitor and report on the implementation of the National Strategic Plan’;
- The allocation of \$12.3 million over four years to establish the proposed Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency is inadequate to implement many of the deliverables outlined in the draft National Strategic Plan. Further, it has not been made clear how the Australian Government intends to fund the proposed strategies.

Concerns about compelling removal of all asbestos containing materials from government and commercial buildings by 2030 include the following –

- This is an arbitrary hazard-based approach which is inconsistent with the draft National Strategic Plan’s stated principles of ‘risk management’ and ‘evidence-based decision making’;

- There will be significant costs associated with implementing this proposal. Costs are likely to be billions of dollars for government and building owners to ensure safe removal of all asbestos containing materials from their buildings in Queensland. Further, how this proposed prioritised asbestos removal program will impact on commercial buildings owned by the not-for-profit sector/community and volunteer associations has not yet been investigated;
- A broad-scale asbestos removal program in a relatively limited time period will potentially result in a significant disruption to goods and services provided by the public and private sectors. For example, during removal works, children would need to be relocated from their school classrooms, patients from their hospital beds and electricity sub-stations turned off;
- Costs associated with a prioritised asbestos removal program are not limited simply to the removal of asbestos but will also include the cost of refurbishment and building work to replace a significant amount of asbestos containing material with asbestos-free products;
- The current numbers of asbestos removal licence holders, businesses, tradespeople and professionals in Queensland are insufficient for the type and volume of work to remove all asbestos containing materials from government and commercial buildings by 2030. A shortage of properly trained and licensed asbestos removalists could drive up removal costs. It could also create a risk of 'rogue' operators carrying out asbestos removal work in order to meet an imposed deadline;
- There are also concerns associated with the cost and capacity for the disposal of asbestos waste. For example, the proposal would place pressure on local councils, as the owner and operator of the majority of disposal sites in Queensland, to receive a significant volume of asbestos containing material at their existing sites and also plan for and develop future disposal sites. If not managed appropriately, this could lead to a significant increase in illegal dumping of asbestos and costs to all levels of government associated with the clean up, as well as the health consequences to persons exposed to asbestos fibres from illegal dumping of asbestos;
- There are concerns that an accelerated asbestos removal program may inadvertently expose a single generation of asbestos removal workers to a greater risk of exposure to asbestos fibres, and increase background levels of fibres in the air in the immediate vicinity of the removal areas or buildings; and
- A prioritised asbestos removal program for government and commercial buildings could give rise to community concerns about living in domestic premises containing asbestos materials and increase demands and expectations for a complementary prioritised asbestos removal program for domestic premises. This could compromise the safety messages that regulators have been conveying to the community about when it is safe to leave asbestos undisturbed and when it should be otherwise treated or removed safely.

An Australian Government publication released in 2008, *Asbestos Management and Control: A review of national and international literature*, concluded the following:

'There is consensus amongst these countries that while the ultimate goal is for all buildings to be free of ACM, in some circumstances, such as where ACM is in good condition and assessment reveals it does not pose a significant threat to health, maintenance in situ is a better alternative than removal. Unnecessary asbestos removal may pose a higher risk than simply maintaining asbestos in place, particularly in light of concerns that a lack of awareness and knowledge may be resulting in non-compliance when handling and removing asbestos. No information was found to suggest that the systematic removal of ACM over maintaining these materials in situ is recommended in any country.'

'The advice available suggests that asbestos should only be removed if it is found to pose a significant risk to health or if the opportunity for removal arises due to demolition or refurbishment works in the affected building. In either situation, the appropriate guidelines for asbestos removal or maintenance must be followed.' p13

The Queensland Government notes that the national *Asbestos Management Review Report – June 2012*, in making its recommendation about staged removal of asbestos from government and commercial buildings referred to a 'target date' of 2030. Use of the term 'target' appears to have been omitted from the documentation being developed by the national Office of Asbestos Safety. The report also acknowledges that the program would *'entail cost implications for the businesses and government entities concerned...and its structure and implementation should be designed to minimise and spread costs wherever possible'* p30. In its liaison with Queensland to date, the Australian Government has not addressed fundamental questions about the significant costs, who should pay for these costs, and other concerns associated with a prioritised asbestos removal program in government and commercial buildings by 2030.

'Encouraging' removal of asbestos from government and commercial buildings by a target date of 2030 is quite different to imposing a prioritised asbestos removal program on owners of government and commercial buildings by 2030. If the Australian Government is seeking a mandatory prioritised asbestos removal program in government and commercial buildings by 2030, it would be necessary for jurisdictions to introduce legislation to this effect. This would require a regulatory impact statement to assess the costs and benefits. If the Australian Government wishes to pursue this recommendation, a national regulatory impact statement should be prepared which properly assesses the costs and benefits for all Australian jurisdictions and present this for consideration at the Select Council on Workplace Relations.

Key Queensland stakeholders, including representatives from the asbestos removal industry, non-government organisations and the Local Government Association of Queensland, attended a workshop conducted by the national Office of Asbestos Safety in Brisbane on 3 April 2013. Many of the concerns raised in this letter were also

expressed at the workshop by various participants, and it is requested that the Australian Parliament give careful consideration to addressing these concerns.

Title of the Bill

In relation to the title of the Bill, use of the term 'eradication' in the name of the proposed new agency is questioned. Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral and there are background levels of fibres in the air that will always be present. Eradicating asbestos from the environment is impossible and, in any case, the functions of the proposed agency in section 8 of the Bill do not appear to canvass the agency having a role in 'eradicating' asbestos from society. Using the term 'eradication' may also give the community an unrealistic expectation about eradication of asbestos being feasible, in the short term.

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Dear Premier Newman

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013

The Senate referred to the Education, Employment and the Workplace Relations Legislation Committee the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013, for inquiry and report by 14 May 2013. The bill would establish a national agency, known as the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency to implement a national plan to regulate and eradicate asbestos, following from the Asbestos Management Review 2012.

Asbestos regulation currently spans multiple areas of government, including health, environment, urban planning and workplace health and safety. The involvement of multiple governments across these diverse areas means that efforts to address asbestos issues have been fragmented and duplicative. In 2010 the Australian Government established the Asbestos Management Review to make recommendations for the development of a national strategic plan to improve asbestos management and awareness in Australia. The Review report was released in August 2012 and made 12 recommendations. In addition to recommendations on the structure and content of a national strategic plan, the review also recommended the establishment of a new national body to administer that plan. The bill provides that the agency would:

- a) encourage, coordinate, monitor and report on the implementation of the National Strategic Plan;
- b) review and amend the National Strategic Plan as required by the National Strategic Plan or at the request of the Minister;
- c) publish and promote the National Strategic Plan;
- d) provide advice to the Minister about asbestos safety, if requested to do so by the Minister;
- e) liaise with Commonwealth, State, Territory and local and other governments, agencies or bodies about the implementation, review or amendment of the National Strategic Plan; or asbestos safety; and
- f) commission, monitor and promote research about asbestos safety.

The Agency would comprise a CEO and Staff. The CEO would manage the Agency and be responsible for the performance of its functions. The bill would also establish a council, to be known as the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council (the Council), which will have the functions of providing advice to the CEO and Minister. It

would consist of: a Chair; one member representing the Commonwealth; two members representing state, territory and local governments; and four other members appointed by the Minister.

You, or your organisation, are invited to make a submission, the closing date for which is 15 April 2013. Should you wish to seek an extension, you should contact the Secretariat before the due date to make that request.

Further information on the inquiry can be obtained from the committee secretary on 02 6277 3520 and from the committee's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/asbestos_safety/index.htm

The Committee prefers to receive submissions in **electronic form submitted online** or sent by email to eevr.sen@aph.gov.au as an attached Adobe PDF or MS Word format document. The email must include full postal address and contact details.

You should address some or all of these in your submission, and may include related matters you believe to be relevant.

I look forward to your submission, should you choose to make one.

Yours sincerely



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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to ^{s.73 Member of the Public} who wrote to you stating that the expansion of the centre would provide employment opportunities and encourage more people to buy locally (**Attachment 2**).

• KEY ISSUES

- QIC Global Real Estate (GRE) bought the centre in April 2012 from the original developers, Stockwell.
- The centre's anchor tenants are Woolworths Supermarket and Big W and it has 83 specialty stores, 22 commercial tenancies and various other tenancies and services.
- At the time of purchase, a QIC GRE spokesperson said that it viewed the acquisition as an opportunity for strategic growth in the region.
- Any expansion of the centre would be at the discretion of QIC GRE based on commercial considerations.
- If an expansion involved town planning assessment this would be carried out by the local government, which will be the Noosa Regional Council from 1 January 2014 (following de-amalgamation).

• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- The 'Buy Locally' campaign was launched by you and the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games on 25 March 2013.

Jon Grayson
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Dear s.73 Member of the Public

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2013 about the Queensland Government's 'Buy Locally' campaign and expansion of the Noosa Civic Shopping Centre (the centre).

The recently announced 'Buy Locally' campaign is one of many initiatives we have introduced this year to help small businesses. We recognise that shopping locally to support business and industry also supports local communities through flow-on benefits such as employment opportunities. This is why we are asking communities to shop locally where possible.

I understand that the centre offers a range of retail shops and commercial businesses for the local community. This centre was sold to QIC Global Real Estate in April 2012. At that time, QIC said that it viewed the acquisition as an opportunity for strategic growth in the region. However, any future expansion of the centre, or change in anchor tenants, would be a commercial decision for QIC Global Real Estate to make.

If QIC Global Real Estate decides on further development at the centre, this would be assessed by the local government in accordance with its planning scheme. I can assure you that the Queensland Government is totally committed to reforming the planning and development assessment process and, in particular, we are making changes so that, as far as possible, state intervention is kept to a minimum and local communities are able to determine their own futures. We intend to streamline assessment and approval processes, remove unnecessary red tape and re-empower local governments to make decisions.

I would encourage you to share your views about the expansion of the centre with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the future de-amalgamated Noosa Regional Council.

Again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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To: The Premier
Subject: Buy Local: Sunshine Coast
Attachments: Noosa Civic.docx

Dear Premier,
Please find attached letter concerning "Buy Local" Sunshine Coast

Thanks

s.73 Member of
the Public

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Premier Hon. Cambell Newman

Dear Premier,

It was announced yesterday by the media after the cabinet meeting at Yandina, that your Government was supporting a "Buy Local" campaign for the Sunshine Coast in order to address the impact of internet trading and high unemployment on the Sunshine Coast.

Premier can I draw your attention to a situation here in Noosa where currently approximately \$45.00 million per year of business trading is lost to the Maroochydore Plaza complex as equivalent businesses are not available at the Noosa Civic Business centre. This loss is also compounded by the fact that Noosa residents must travel 80 kms return trip to Maroochydore.

The need to have equivalent trading businesses and significant anchor tenants such as Myers or David Jones at the Noosa Civic Business Centre was recognized and planned by the previous Centre owner Mark Stockwell . However due unrealistic demands from the old Noosa Council and extreme environmental campaigns, extensions to the Noosa Civic Business centre never happened. The need for new additional businesses at the Noosa Civic Business centre is needed more than ever in order achieve more local business.

The expansion of the Noosa Civic Businesses centre would also provide the much needed trade employment during the construction phase and significant local employment opportunities once completed.

Yours faithfully

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PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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Document No. DOC/13/50626

To: THE PREMIER
Date: 3 April 2013
Subject: Youth delegation for *The Queensland Plan* Mackay summit

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Premier

Date 9 April 2013

Date Action Required by:

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- **approve** a youth delegation to attend *The Queensland Plan* Mackay summit
- **approve** the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment to coordinate the youth delegation in conjunction with the Member for Mackay, Mr Tim Mulherin MP
- **approve** the letter to Minister Langbroek (**Attachment 1**) and letter to Mr Mulherin (**Attachment 2**) requesting their assistance in coordinating the youth delegation
- **approve** *The Queensland Plan Mackay Summit Fact Sheet* to be enclosed with each letter (**Attachment 3**)

• KEY ISSUES

- *The Queensland Plan* will be developed through a statewide, facilitated engagement process, starting with a summit in Mackay on 10 May.
- Members of Parliament have been asked to nominate three community representatives to join them at the summit. The summit delegate selection guidelines stipulated that all nominees be over the age of 18 years for ease of travel and supervision arrangements.
- It is recommended that a youth delegation attend the summit to represent the views of young Queenslanders in the process. The delegation would consist of up to 30 secondary school students from the Mackay area. For example, two student leaders from the 14 secondary schools in Mackay could be invited to attend.
- To facilitate the selection process in the limited time available before the summit, it is recommended that Minister Langbroek and Mr Mulherin work collaboratively to select and invite the students.
- *The Queensland Plan* Project Team and Events Coordination in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet will assist with event and attendance arrangements for the youth delegation.

• CONSULTATION

- Deputy Chief of Staff; Max Hardy, Twyford; Events Coordination.

• BACKGROUND

- You announced the launch of *The Queensland Plan* in Townsville on 26 February 2013.
- A briefing to Members of Parliament was held on 7 March 2013 and a further briefing will be held on 18 April 2013.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Minister Langbroek 

As you aware, the Government will host *The Queensland Plan* summit in Mackay on 10 May to start the statewide process to develop a long-term shared vision for Queensland. Further information about the Mackay summit can be found in the attached fact sheet.

I am writing to request your assistance in organising a youth delegation to attend the summit. We would like to invite up to 30 students from the Mackay area to represent the positions of young Queenslanders. One way to achieve this could be to invite two student leaders from each local secondary school, though I defer to your advice on the best approach given the limited timeframe.

In the bipartisan spirit of *The Queensland Plan*, I request you work with the Member for Mackay, Mr Tim Mulherin MP to coordinate the arrangements for the host city youth delegation. I will write to Mr Mulherin to inform him that I have asked you to undertake this task and to request his assistance.

The Queensland Plan project team will assist with event and attendance arrangements for the students. To facilitate this process, it would be appreciated if you would confirm the names of the youth delegates by email to queenslandplan@premiers.qld.gov.au by Friday 26 April 2013.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Sue Rickerby, Deputy Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on telephone (07) 3224 2330.

Minister, I thank you in advance for your assistance, and look forward to seeing you at the summit in May.

Yours sincerely


CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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10 APR 2013

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Dear Mr Mulherin

As you are aware, the Government will host *The Queensland Plan* summit in Mackay on 10 May to start the statewide process to develop a long-term shared vision for Queensland. More information about the Mackay summit can be found in the attached fact sheet.

We would like to invite a youth delegation to the event, with up to 30 students from Mackay area to represent the positions of young Queenslanders.

Given the limited time before the summit, I have asked The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, to consider options for selecting the youth delegates, such as inviting two student leaders from each secondary school in Mackay. As member for the host city, we would value your input in deciding how the youth delegates are selected. Minister Langbroek will be in contact shortly to discuss possible approaches.

The Queensland Plan Project Team, in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, will assist with event and attendance arrangements for the students. To facilitate this process, we ask that the names of the youth delegates be confirmed by Friday 26 April 2013.

Should you have any queries I would encourage you to contact Ms Sue Rickerby, Deputy Director-General Priority Projects, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on telephone (07) 3224 2330.

I thank you in advance for your assistance, and look forward to seeing you at the summit in May.

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The Queensland Plan

A 30 year vision for Queensland

Mackay Summit

On 10 May 2013, more than 400 people from across Queensland will gather in Mackay to discuss how *The Queensland Plan* will help shape Queensland's future. Delegates will consider major trends likely to affect our state and identify what issues we need to discuss in our electorates to develop our long-term vision.

Who will be there?

A cross section of Queenslanders from across the state, from varied backgrounds and workplaces, from those just starting out to those with decades of experience, will join together at the Mackay Summit. So whether you are a community worker, a small business owner, a grandmother or an experienced politician – everyone will have an opportunity to have their say in shaping Queensland's future. Each Member of Parliament has been invited to attend the summit along with three community representatives from their electorate. All Queensland Mayors have also been invited to attend.

What will I need to do?

Delegates may have never participated in such a forum before, or they may be community leaders with substantial experience in future planning. We will provide a range of materials to delegates prior to the Summit, including future trends and issues facing Queensland. This information will also be available on the website. Take the time to reflect on your vision for Queensland, and then consider these trends, and how they could shape our future plan.

How will it work?

The summit will include three sessions:

- What is a long-term vision, how do we prepare for the future and what challenges and opportunities are facing Queensland over the next 30 years?
- What questions do we need to ask Queenslanders on both a local and statewide level to help shape how we respond to the future?
- How can we engage our communities to discuss these issues and respond to the questions?

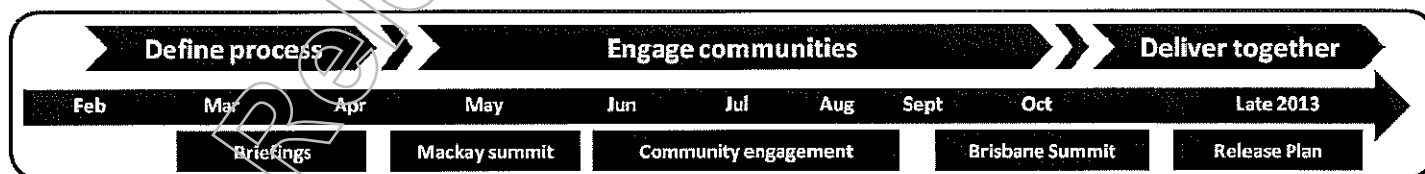
Delegates will work in both electorate and thematic groups to discuss issues and prepare questions.

Next steps

The Mackay Summit is just the beginning of the process. Over the following three months, community engagement activities will take place in each electorate to facilitate local conversations about Queensland's future. All Queenslanders will be invited to have their say and respond to the questions whether by attending local community events, joining a focus group or completing an online survey.

Each Member of Parliament will collate their electorate feedback and submit to The Queensland Plan Project Team. This information will be compiled with feedback from Queenslanders via a statewide online survey.

A second summit will be held in Brisbane on 9 October 2013 to discuss Queensland's collective response to the questions and determine how this information will inform *The Queensland Plan*. The summit outcomes will direct the draft plan which will be released in late 2013.



More information

Event: Friday 10 May 2013 at Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

Visit www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan or email queensland.plan@premiers.qld.gov.au

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To: THE PREMIER

Date: 29 April 2013

Subject: Correspondence from s.73 Member of the Public
about negative impacts that changes by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) to disability funding have had on her family

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Date 6.5.2013

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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [redacted] (Attachment 1).

• KEY ISSUES

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• CONSULTATION

- DCCSDS.

Comments (Premier or DG)



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To: THE PREMIER
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Subject: National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) – request for further Category C clean up and recovery grants

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Date **10/4/2013**
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• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP seeking her agreement to the expansion of existing Category C assistance from partial to whole local government areas.

• KEY ISSUES

- A number of primary producers in the Toowoomba, Western Downs, Somerset, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton and Goondiwindi regions, who have properties near other producers already eligible for NDRRA Category C assistance, have raised concerns with Agforce, mayors and government agencies about their inability to claim disaster relief assistance.
- To remedy this situation the Honourable John McVeigh MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has proposed that entire local government areas in the abovementioned regions should be activated for assistance rather than part areas as is currently the case (**Attachment 2**).
- Minister McVeigh is also requesting Category C activation for small businesses in Chinchilla.
- As the extent of damage and number of producers affected has not been quantified, the Federal Government may decide not to approve this request due to the lack of supporting evidence. However, under current NDRRA arrangements, this is a call for the Prime Minister.

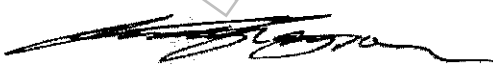
• CONSULTATION

- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

• BACKGROUND

- You wrote to the Prime Minister on 22 February 2013 (**Attachment 3**) seeking activation of Category C grants for partial local government areas stating that while you did not anticipate seeking any further activations, some minor adjustments to boundaries may be considered as more information becomes available.
- This request was approved on 27 February 2013 (**Attachment 4**).

Comments (Premier or DG)


Jon Grayson
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Dear Prime Minister

As foreshadowed in my earlier correspondence regarding assistance for primary producers and small business in the areas impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, I am writing to seek your agreement to variations of the boundaries of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Category C Activations for the Disaster Event – Tropical Cyclone Oswald and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 21–29 January 2013.

I indicated in my last letter concerning this matter in February 2013, that I did not anticipate seeking any further areas for Category C activation, although I flagged that if more information came to hand, some minor adjustments to boundaries or eligible enterprises may be considered.

Since the activation of 27 February 2013, Queensland agencies have reported significant numbers of requests from producers adjacent to or near areas activated for NDRRA Category C assistance measures. These producers generally acknowledge that damage may not be widespread in their area, but they claim their properties are more severely impacted than many within the currently activated areas. Most requests for support are coming from areas adjacent to part-council area activations. This event has highlighted a potential problem with the design of the NDRRA interim guidelines for Category C activations — it determines activation on community-based criteria, yet makes assistance available to individuals. To individuals, the relevance of community based criteria is difficult to accept.

The Queensland Government defined boundaries within council areas with a view to meeting the interim guidelines. Areas with more isolated cases of damage less clearly meet the interim guideline thresholds due to the number of neighbouring unaffected properties.

In response to persistent reports of damage from parts of council areas where Category C assistance is not currently available, I propose that a number of part-council area activations be extended to include the remaining parts. This would be more equitable. In return I will ask QRAA, which delivers this assistance on behalf of our governments, to ensure that only eligible, impacted producers receive assistance. QRAA will undertake assessments and subsequent random audits to ensure the assistance is provided for legitimate need.

The councils where I propose to expand activations to include entire council areas are Toowoomba, Western Downs, Somerset, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton and Goondiwindi.

In the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) area, it is clear that the impacts along the Condamine River were broader across the flood plain than original advice indicated, and thus it is proposed to add the southern portion of the council area not already covered by the Category C activation. Similarly, in the northern part of the council area near the Bunya Mountains, flash flooding along the rivers and streams flowing to the Condamine River caused damage. While the central part of the council area may, as a whole, predominately benefit from the rainfall it has received, it is recommended to activate the whole of the council area to ensure that impacted producers do not inadvertently miss out.

The Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) has quite similar issues to TRC, with the emergence of cases in the northern (below the Bunya Mountains) and western parts of the council area that are able to demonstrate similar impacts to those within the currently activated area. While there are many producers in the non-activated parts of the WDRC that are not severely impacted, there are a number that have sustained hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

The original activation request for the Somerset Regional Council did not include the northern parts as no information had been obtained for that area in time for the request. Subsequently many local cattle producers have come forward to say that they have had significant damage to fencing and other on-farm infrastructure. They do not understand why the area was not included as they are in the headwaters of the areas downstream that have been activated.

Since the activation for Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) was made, a number of lifestyle horticulture producers such as turf producers in the southern part of the SCRC area along the Mooloolah River, and other horticultural interests such as macadamia producers near Yandina have come forward with evidence of damage to their businesses, including significant erosion damage that will need to be repaired to have their fields and orchards operational again. These producers did not approach their industry organisations, the local council or the Queensland Government to discuss their circumstances until the activations had been made. I propose, therefore, to include the remaining portion of SCRC in the current activation.

In Rockhampton Regional Council (RRC), horticulture interests in the eastern portion of the RRC area and cattle producers along the Fitzroy River, have all presented evidence of significant damage. Given that the Fitzroy River meanders through a large proportion of the RRC area, it is considered prudent to activate the entire area.

As flood waters receded in the Goondiwindi Regional Council (GRC) area, it has become apparent that erosion damage has occurred over a wider area than the GRC first reported. I am, therefore, requesting the entire GRC area be included in the current activation.

I propose a slight modification of the Southern Downs Regional Council (SRDC) activation area boundary as it has become clear that the boundary should accommodate a slightly bigger area in the southern part of the activation area. This modification changes the boundary description to the area of the SDRC to the east and north of a line formed by the New England Highway from Cottonvale to Warwick, and the Cunningham Highway from Warwick to the boundary with GRC.

I also request Category C activation for small businesses in the township of Chinchilla. At least 34 small businesses were impacted in the township of Chinchilla. These businesses were already impacted by a small event prior to activation for ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, and had just begun to clean up when they were again flooded. The main impacts were inundation of ground floor premises with loss of structures and furnishings, resulting in loss of business income during the floods and post-flood repairs.

All of these proposed new Category C areas are already activated for assistance under Category B of the NDRRA. However, I consider that Category B assistance is not sufficient given the impacts of the extensive flooding to these areas and, therefore, request both Category C grants and Category D grants/loans for these areas as per previously agreed arrangements.

Subject to your approval, I recommend that the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet work with the Director General of my department to finalise administration arrangements for the Category C grants and Category D grants/loans programs.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Premier

I am writing to you requesting that you consider further activations for clean up and recovery grants under Category C of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). These additional activations are for the *Disaster Event - Tropical Cyclone Oswald and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 21-29 Jan 2013*.

As Category C activations require the agreement of First Ministers, it is recommended you write to the Prime Minister, seeking her agreement. I have enclosed a draft letter, including information on the proposed areas and the impact of the event on primary producers in these areas to support the request.

You have already written to the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, on three previous occasions seeking Category C activations for this disaster event. On the first occasion no evidence was provided for a limited number of council areas as the severe impact of the event in those areas was not in dispute. The next two requests were for additional areas as more information came to hand. Industry organisations and local councils have been central to the collection and collation of this information.

In the most recent request to the Prime Minister you indicated that you did not anticipate seeking any further areas for Category C activation, although you flagged that if more information came to hand, some minor adjustments to boundaries or eligible enterprises could be considered. This information has been obtained.

Since the last activation, Queensland agencies have received many requests for assistance from producers adjacent to or near areas activated for NDRRA Category C assistance measures. The highest incidence of these calls is coming from the non-activated parts of councils with existing part-activations, with aggrieved producers contending they have suffered comparable damage and that they are all part of the same community. I propose that these part-council area activations be extended to include the remaining parts of those council areas. I recognise that this proposed extension will include many properties undamaged by the rainfall associated with ex Tropical Cyclone Oswald. To ensure only eligible producers receive assistance, the Queensland Government, through QRAA, will screen applicants for flood impacts before providing grants.

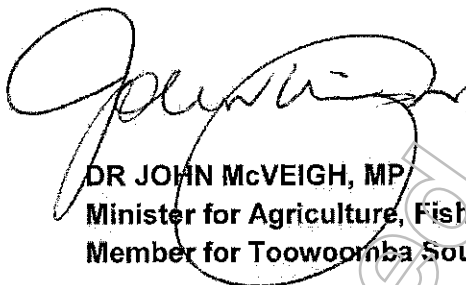
This activation request does not include any new councils. The request is for primary producers in the remainder of the council areas of Toowoomba, Western Downs, Somerset, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton, and Goondiwindi. The request also includes a minor adjustment to the part-council area activation for Southern Downs Regional Council.

On behalf of the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, I am also requesting Category C activation for small businesses in the township of Chinchilla. At least 34 small businesses were impacted in the township of Chinchilla. These businesses were already impacted by a small event prior to activation for ex Tropical Cyclone Oswald, and had just begun to clean up when they were again flooded. The main impacts were inundation of ground floor premises with loss of structures and furnishings, resulting in loss of business income during the floods and post-flood repairs.

For consistency with previous requests, I recommend that you request both Category C grants and Category D grants/loans for the proposed new activations.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr Bruce Mills, Chief of Staff, in my Office on telephone 07 3239 3000.

Yours sincerely



DR JOHN McVEIGH, MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Member for Toowoomba South

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In Rockhampton Regional Council, horticulture interests in the eastern portion of the Council area, and cattle producers along the Fitzroy River have all presented evidence of significant damage. Given that the Fitzroy River meanders through a large proportion of the Council area, it is considered most prudent to activate the entire Council area.

In Goondiwindi Regional Council area, as flood waters receded, it became apparent that erosion damage is over a wider area than the Council first reported. Thus, I am requesting the entire Council area is included in the current activation.

I propose a slight modification of the Southern Downs Regional Council (SRDC) activation area boundary as it has become clear that the boundary should accommodate a slightly bigger area in the southern part of the activation area. This modification changes the boundary description to the area of the SDRC to the East and North of a line formed by the New England Highway from Cottonvale to Warwick, and the Cunningham Highway from Warwick to the boundary with Goondiwindi Regional Council.

I also request Category C activation for small businesses in the township of Chinchilla. At least 34 small businesses were impacted in the township of Chinchilla. These businesses were already impacted by a small event prior to activation for ex Tropical Cyclone Oswald, and had just begun to clean up when they were again flooded. The main impacts were inundation of ground floor premises with loss of structures and furnishings, resulting in loss of business income during the floods and post-flood repairs.

All of these proposed new Category C areas are already activated for assistance under Category B of the NDRRA. However, I consider that Category B assistance is not sufficient given the impacts of the extensive flooding to these areas and therefore request both Category C grants and Category D grants/loans for these areas as per previously agreed arrangements.

Subject to your approval, I recommend that the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet work with the Director General of my Department to finalise administration arrangements for the Category C grants and Category D grants/loans programs.

Yours sincerely

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