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To: Paul Leven
Subject: New focus on Abbot Point expansion

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
The Honourable Jeff Seeney
21/05/2012

New focus on Abbot Point expansion

The Queensland Government has moved to end uncertainty over the proposed expansion of the Abbot Point coal port.

It was becoming abundantly apparent industry was not supportive of the multi-cargo facility (MCF) put forward by the previous Labor Government, Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney said.

"As a government we have a responsibility to ensure that any plans for the port at Abbot Point take into consideration the short and long-term needs of industry."

Instead of the MCF, the Newman Government will immediately focus on development of the T2 and T3 terminals and an extension of the existing T1 facility.

In the long term, the government will work with the industry to provide additional capacity at Abbot Point.

"We consider that expansion at Abbot Point should be incremental. We will proceed with T2 and T3 and will discuss with industry what additional capacity is needed as that expansion is underway," Mr Seeney said.

"The proposals outlined by the Bligh Government were unrealistic and undeliverable. They were never going to come to reality."

Mr Seeney said the recent Federal Government decision to push the approval process for Abbot Point back to the end of 2012 indicated that the T4-T9 and MCF proposals might never pass the regulatory approval process.

"The significant scale, complexity and potential impacts of the proposed infrastructure are extensive and it would be many years before the whole of the planned additional capacity would realistically be warranted."

"Our focus on T2 and T3 is a more practical and efficient approach to expansion of infrastructure at Abbot Point," Mr Seeney said.

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QLD:Abbot Point expansion was "unrealistic"

BRISBANE, May 21 AAP - The Abbot Point coal terminal's expansion has been downsized to ensure the project goes ahead at all, the **Queensland government** says.

Deputy **Premier** Jeff Seeney has announced the multi-cargo facility and six extra terminals planned under the former Labor government would not go ahead.

Mr Seeney says the **government** would instead build two new terminals and expand the existing one at the north **Queensland** coal port.

"The proposals outlined by the Bligh **Government** were unrealistic and undeliverable," he said in a statement on Monday.

"They were never going to come to reality."

Premier Campbell Newman said his government had to come up with a "sensible" proposal for the port to combat the "poor leadership" of former treasurer Andrew Fraser.

"If this government had not been elected ... frankly I would have been concerned if these projects would have even gotten off the ground," he told reporters in Brisbane on Monday.

"That's what we're endeavouring to do.

"This is about making it happen, but making it feasible because it won't happen otherwise."

Mr Newman said Abbot Point could be expanded again in the future once it was "feasible" to do so.

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Gents,

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Start: Wed 6/06/2012 5:00 PM
End: Wed 6/06/2012 5:30 PM
Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Campbell Newman
Required Attendees: Ben Myers; Daniel Harris

Importance: High

Attendees:

The Honourable Tim Nicholls
The Honourable Scott Emerson
Ben Myers
Jon Grayson
Helen Gluer
Gerard Benedet
Hugh Funder

Brett Moller --Far North Queensland Bulk Ports
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Subject: Facilitator to pinpoint needs for Abbot Point

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
The Honourable Jeff Seeney
02/08/2012

Facilitator to pinpoint needs for Abbot Point

The State Government has appointed a facilitator to test coal companies' appetite to proceed with new coal handling facilities at the Port of Abbot Point.

Mr Barry Golding will begin work immediately.

He has more than 45 years' experience in the mining industry both locally and overseas and has expertise in project management and infrastructure development.

Mr Golding will meet with coal companies to discuss their immediate and longer term plans and port capacity requirements and do so in conjunction with government officers and North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation.

He will report back to the Government later in the year on options about how to best go forward in expanding Abbot Point's coal handling facilities.

Abbot Point is an important strategic asset for the State and its successful future development will play a key role in Queensland's future economic growth.

Earlier this year the Newman Government scrapped Labor's proposals for up to nine coal terminals and a 12-berth Multi-Cargo Facility.

The Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Jeff Seeney, said the Government considered those proposals as an unworkable proposition which was never going to stack up commercially.

"The significant scale, complexity and potential impacts of the proposed development and infrastructure were extensive and given current information it would have been many years before the planned capacity would be realistically warranted," he said.

"The potential environmental impacts of such a large proposal had led to major delays in gaining Commonwealth approvals.

"For this reason the State Government last May scrapped any further support for the proposed development of Terminals 4 to 9 and the Multi Cargo Facility.

"The focus now will shift to the incremental expansion of port capacity to meet any future demand and Government will be indicating its preference for multi-user terminals as a way to meet short to medium term development.

"Our clear preference is to refocus the discussion with industry around locating future port infrastructure in

the vicinity of the existing Terminal 1 and the well advanced proposals for Terminals 0, 2 and 3.

"We want to see port capacity built up incrementally in a scaled way to meet the actual demand of miners.

"We believe there are some new opportunities to site stockpiles and other port related infrastructure beside T0-T3 and Mr Golding will be actively discussing this with industry.

Mr Seeney said the purpose of the Abbot Point State Development Area was to reinforce the further development of the regions between Mount Isa, Townsville and Bowen as a triangle of industrial development and mineral processing.

He said that the Government's clear preference was to see any future port infrastructure developed in a way that ensured that port infrastructure does not compromise the objectives of the SDA by using land in a precinct set aside for industry.

He said this included a number of specific areas in the SDA where proponents had proposed developing coal stockpiles and conveyor systems and would be one of the key issues that Mr Golding would address during his considerations and discussions.

Mr Seeney said scaled back developments at Abbot Point were consistent with the Government's recently announced preferences for Galilee Basin rail infrastructure development, with proponents to now align their rail plans in one or both of two common rail corridors from the Basin.

He said what was proposed was a west to east common rail corridor for short to medium term connection onto QR National's existing railways and a south to north common rail corridor to allow for large vertically integrated mining operations in the medium to longer term.

[ENDS] 2 August 2012

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BACKGROUND

Barry Golding

Mr Golding has more than 45 years' experience in the mining industry. He has worked in metalliferous and coal mining in Australia and gold and chrome mining in South Africa. He has expertise in project management and infrastructure development and has held the position of Project Manager for the Gladstone Coal Exporters Executive for over 10 years.

He completed a Postgraduate Diploma of Applied Economics followed by a Master of Economics by Research in 2002. The focus for both degrees was applying cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness techniques to resource management incorporating risk analysis and sustainable development. He was awarded his PhD from the University of Queensland in 2011 for his Doctoral thesis on Metals Energy and Sustainability.

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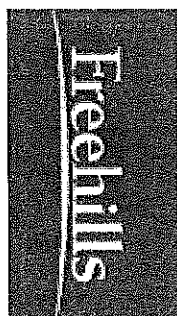
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The Current Challenges

Project Capex Funding

- Users want ToPs
- Govt. weak balance sheet
- No package for 3rd party

Project Feasibility

Funding

- Quantum
- Refundability
- Level of control
- Timing

Project Oversight

- GOC or Government?
- User involvement
- Risk v control

Project Scope

- Staging of construction
- Individual v project/state requirements

The Solution Requires...

- All Users to agree on preferred solution
- A coordinated, solutions-based approach to Government
- Solution not only led by Government
- The continued involvement of the GOC
- A quick turn-around
- Change in perception that Users can fund everything

IF NOT...

Projects at high risk of significant delay/collapse in next few months

What is Workable?

Model	Govt. Funding	Private Funding	E.G.
<p>Historical Government Delivery (no longer available):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Government owns, controls, funds and operates facility -Users enter into ToPs with Govt. 	100%	0%	X50
<p>Private Infrastructure Investor Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Third party infrastructure investor (eg. Brookfield) owns, controls, funds and operates facility -Users enter into ToPs with infrastructure investor 	0%	100%	DBCT/ DPPM
<p>Shared Investment (Users/Private):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Users own and control facility -Users enter into ToPs with financier 	0%	100%	WICET

Why Do These Work?

All three solutions can work because:

- Risk and control are allocated appropriately
- Project governance arrangements are transparent and acceptable
- Individual users are not funding directly: no cross-user financing risk
- Financial model is transparent (albeit sometimes expensive)

But Which is Best?

Something that:

- Is affordable (better than other current alternatives on the market)
- Allows both Users and Govt. a measure of control
- Allows for Govt. objectives to be met
- Has low stranded asset risk for financier
- Allows for a staged development approach

None of the above solutions meet all of these requirements...

A New Structuring Approach

- Shared Investment Model (Govt./Private)
 - Govt. grants concession for development, operator and funding of facility, with Govt. retaining control over shared facilities
 - Users enter into TOPs with Developer (and Govt. if shared facilities to be operated by Govt./GOC)
- Government invests in project components that are for the benefit of the State, and takes future expansion options (and gets to recoup its investment)
- Private sector invests in immediate requirements for users

The Base Process

Users/Govt./GOC determine project scope and preferred technical solution via a formal steering group (Project Brief)



Users develop Top Agreement



Govt. determines \$ stake in project



Users/Govt./GOC progress feasibility studies and approvals



Users/Govt./GOC seeks private sector investment in balance \$



Private Sector develop project to Project Brief, Govt. retains control over shared facilities

Problems Resolved

Project Capex Funding

- ✓ Majority 3rd party finance plus small investment by Govt.
- ✓ Users develop TOPs with long term price path (eg. 45Yr) – transfers stranded asset risk to developer, but developer compensated for taking this risk
- ✓ Users get long term certainty without capital investment

Project Feasibility Funding

- ✓ Foundation Customer Rights
- ✓ Costs to date funded by Govt.
- ✓ Joint funding of future studies shared btw Users & Govt.
- ✓ Joint control over scope and timing
- ✓ Commence when model agreed

Project Oversight

- ✓ Joint control btw Govt./Users/ NOBP
- ✓ GOC leads technical works
- ✓ Users/Govt. lead commercial arrangements

Project Scope

- ✓ Staged to realistic requirements
- ✓ Facilities shared btw users
- ✓ Govt. controls expansion options and shared facilities

Who Pays for What?

Model	Govt. Funding	Private Funding	E.G.
Traditional Government Delivery	100%	0%	X50
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Proposed Model: Shared Investment (Govt./Private)	eg 10%	eg 90%	New projects



Who Gets What?

Government

- Control over development process
- Investment in State Development priorities
- Royalties

NOBP

- Control of technical aspects and port operations
- Port authority revenue and other commercial opportunities

Users

- Substantial control of commercial terms
- Long term capacity certainty
- Staged development

Abbot Point Example

Users/Govt./GOC determine project scope and preferred technical solution
Agree MCF or Jetties. Agree staging of MCF and Terminals



Users develop Top Agreement
Users with FWA/APRA are Foundation Customers



Govt. determines \$ stake in project
As determined by Govt. for Stage 1, with expansion options for MCF Stage 2



Users/Govt./GOC progress feasibility studies and approvals
Agree cost sharing arrangements and project governance



Users/Govt./GOC seeks private sector investment in balance \$
Run competitive process for balance



Private Sector develops project to Project Brief (and if desired by Govt., hands
back MCF at construction completion for GOC to operate)

Abbot Point Example

Item	Details	Total Cost	Stage 1 Costs	Additional Stage 2 Costs	Additional Stage 3 Costs
MCF & CUI	- Shared infrastructure	MCF: \$3B	MCF: \$600M	MCF: \$900M	MCF: \$1.5B
	- Economies of scale				
	- Basis of future development	(12 berths)	(2 berths)	(4 berths)	(12 berths)
	- Once chance to build big port: need to maximise development	CUI: \$200M	CUI: \$100M	CUI: \$50M	CUI: \$50M
	- Caters for non-coal trades				
Coal	- Specific to users	\$12.5B	\$3B	\$6B	\$3.5B
Terminal	- Can build as many as needed, as required	(5 x 30mtpa)	(45mtpa)	(100mtpa)	(150mtpa) ++
TOTAL	- T4-9 Projects - T2/T3 Projects - Berths for other coal projects or other commodities (LNG, alumina etc.)	\$15.7B	\$3.7B	\$6.95B	\$5.05B

Abbot Point Example

Stage 1: Established Bowen Basin miners seeking additional capacity from 2017

NQCT Anglo

BHP Rio

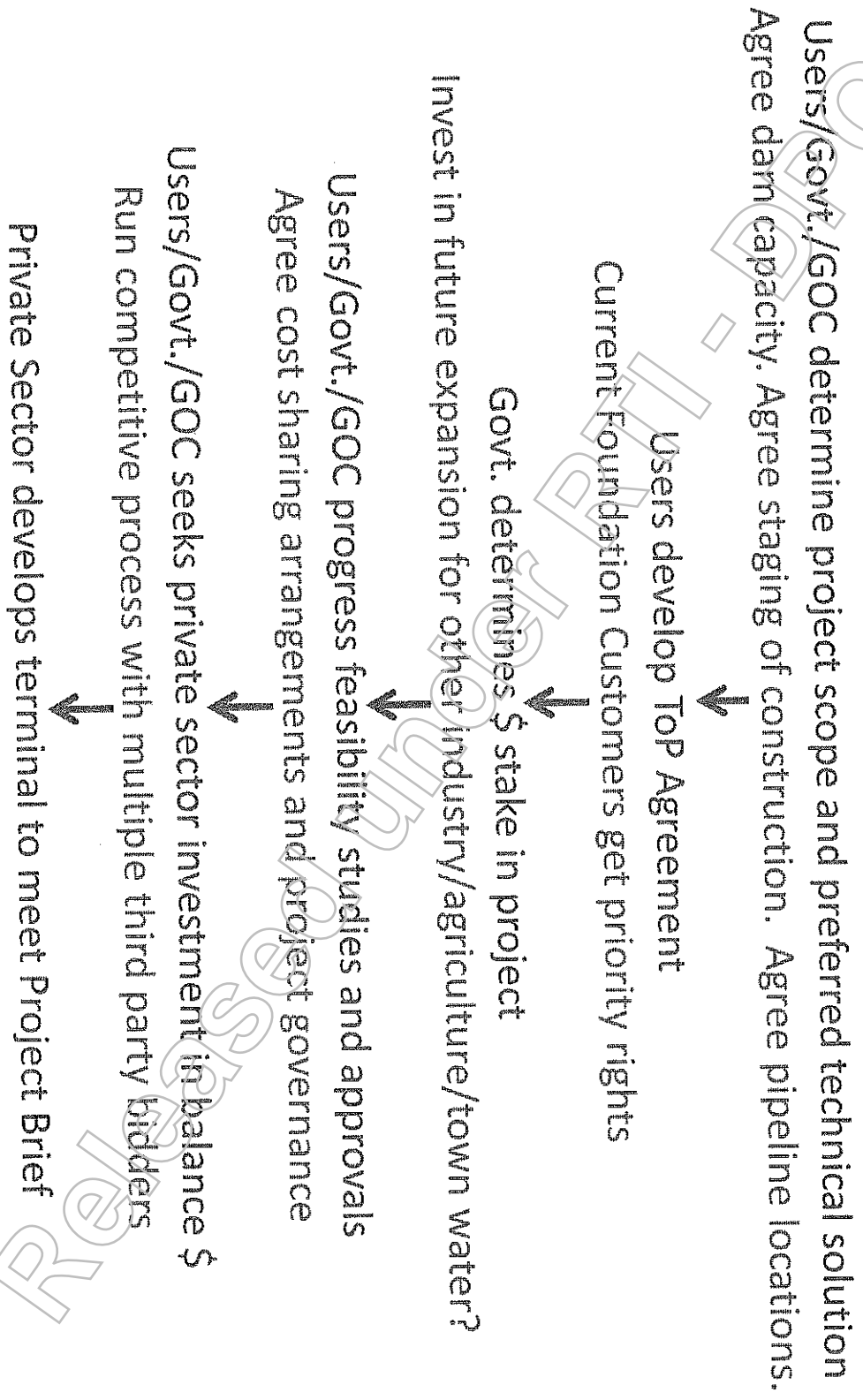
Stage 2: Galilee Basin miners with new projects coming online from 2020

Hancock Waratah

Macmines Vale

Adani

Connors River Example



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**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
THE HON. CAMPBELL NEWMAN
DOORSTOP INTERVIEW
COEN, CAPE YORK
Tuesday 22nd May 2012**

Subjects: State Government handover of Aboriginal Mungkan Kandju National Park, Alcohol Management Plans, Mayors concerns for funding in Cape York, Abbott Point Coal terminal, State Of Origin game in Melbourne,

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REPORTER

What time did you have to leave this morning Premier to get here?

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Oh, we were in Cairns last night

REPORTER

Why did you feel the need to apologise today?

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Well, let's be very clear what I'm saying. The people up here have been through a lot over 35 years and I was specifically referring to the stress and the angst of their fight. I think all reasonable Queenslanders who'd heard what had happened back in those days, back in 1977 and subsequently, would feel as I expressed today.

REPORTER

Are you apologising for your predecessor Joh Bjelke-Petersen's actions? He was one of two Premiers' you named in your maiden speech to parliament.

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I was apologising to the people here, the traditional land owners for what they've been through and I'm not going to get into any more detail than that. But they are people who have been through a lot – it's been a long struggle and today it was important that I be here with some of my relevant Ministers to actually demonstrate the importance of this event, and the significance of it.

REPORTER

Is this a sign of your government's commitment to joint management schemes for national parks?

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Absolutely it's a sign of our commitment to the way that we will go about redressing old wrongs in Cape York and improving the lot of aboriginal people.

REPORTER

Shouldn't the Bligh Government get a fair bit of credit for this handover?

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Well, essentially I acknowledged that in my comments today, particularly to the hard working public servants who made this happen. But, you do have to note what Mister Pearson said as well, that they had a previous ceremony up here, a very similar ceremony, as I take his complaint today then the Premier sort of essentially took away with the other hand. We're not going to do that. Because our approach to working with aboriginal people in Cape York and indeed, with other Australians, other Queenslanders, is work collaboratively, to give people up here a real economic future. We can't continue to have a welfare society, one based on complete government funding. There has to be a proper economy up here and that's the best way to sort out many of the social problems as well.

REPORTER

But are you usurping a bit into their negotiations? The deal was already before the election.

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Look, I think I've made it clear that I've acknowledged the work that was done. And that's what I've said today, certainly more than happy to acknowledge other people's efforts. Particularly, the public servants and the community who have worked together up here, but, the point is, that Wild Rivers, which the Bligh Government brought in over the last few years, or the Declarations I should say, really have made a very negative impact and certainly left a sour taste in people's mouths up here in this part of the world. That needs to be addressed as well and it will be in a proper way and environmentally responsible way.

REPORTER

You've been very popularly received here today – is this the mark of you as a man of all colours? a Premier of the people?

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I'll leave it to others to judge that. But I'll just say I will always call the issues as I see them, and I believe this something that had to happen if we had been the government we would have done this in terms of the lead-up negotiations. We would have definitely done that. We are committed to dealing with problem which is Wild Rivers. We will protect the environment with bio-region management plan, we're starting work on that, but we will allow people up here on the Cape to have an economic future and that's a very important part of our vision for Cape York.

REPORTER

What about alcohol management plans? That's obviously the other big one.

PREMIER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Well, I can only restate as I've said in the past – it's like this – it's that one day up here, in this town and indeed in other communities across the Cape, we'd like to see something that all Queenslanders and Australians can enjoy and that is the ability to go to a real job, a real pay packet at a mine or plantation or on a cattle station and come home to a house that you actually own, to your family with all the amenities and the features that you'd want to enjoy and have an alcoholic drink.

That surely is a vision that everybody wants for people across this State not just in the places remote from Cape York.

JOURNALIST

Do you think that prohibition works in any form? Your Indigenous Affairs Minister says he personally believes it does not.

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Prohibition didn't work in the 1920's in the United States. We had a very strong temperance movement in Australia in the 1890's through to the 1920's/1930's. These were significant restrictions on alcohol sales in terms of pubs opening and closing times right up through to the 1950's and they've gradually been unravelled. My point is that ultimately we've got to teach people to be responsible to have their own way of controlling their behaviour and their own destinies. That's where we want to go. I stress, there is no suggestion that this Government is going to take away AMP's tomorrow, next week, next year. But, we need to have a plan to make sure they're effective now and in the future. In the longer term, ultimately they go. But, that is when we have an economic future in these communities.

REPORTER

Who specifically would the Government be consulting? Will you be talking to health care workers and police officers on the ground who might have varying opinions on whether they're effective?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Yes, we'll be talking to all the relevant people who need to be consulted. You've named some of them and obviously we're interested in talking to indigenous leaders. I can tell you that we won't be doing anything in a hasty or silly way. I promise you that.

REPORTER

One of the gripes from the Mayors on the Cape have been that they were not consulted by the previous government in funding talks to non-government organizations. Is that something you hope to rectify – to get Mayors involved more?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Well, this is the first I've heard of this today, so I'm not exactly sure of the details of that. But, if you were listening to what I said in the speech, we have a philosophy of running Queensland that's different. Often my political opponents try to say that somehow I want to pull our authority in centrally. That's not the case at all and I'm demonstrating that every day with my Cabinet. We want to devolve authority and responsibility in so many different ways. Independent public schools, local hospital boards, and also the way that we'll empower local government. I can only give you the principle, because that's what we're doing. We're re-writing the Local Government Act starting right now. And the City of Brisbane Act. To give Mayors and councils greater authority to run their own affairs for local communities as we'll get better decision making. If it's about funding, well, I'll have to hear what the particular gripe is, but that's the way we'll go about it. I think perhaps what they're talking about is money going to NGO's to pursue various projects which perhaps aren't the ones the Mayors and councils see as the higher priorities. If that's the case, I'll be very interested to hear their views.

REPORTER

Do you have any plans to look at where the funding has been going over the past ten years or so and see if it has worked?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

In relation to the specific issue, I'd like to hear from the Mayors and councils concerned about what they think is going wrong. I'm more than happy to do that. The Government is prepared to listen and take their advice on these things. We see them as truly the representatives of the community. That's really the only way I can answer that today.

REPORTER

Your Minister met with the Mayors two weeks ago...

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Yeah, he did.

REPORTER

Has he not reported back to you on what their concerns were?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I've read a very long list of issues that were discussed at the meeting. What I've written on the back of that set of minutes was "What's the action plan to deal with these things?" So, until I see the Ministers action plan, I can't really comment on how we'll deal with those things.

REPORTER

Richie Ah Mat congratulated you on righting this wrong, but said there are still more wrongs on Cape York in terms of tenure resolutions. Is there anything the Queensland Government can do to speed up that process of land hand-overs?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

The particular one that I am concerned about, and I've spoken to Richie again after the ceremonies today, is one we've spoken about before the election. And that is the issue of land ownership, particularly in these townships. You can't have an economic future if people can't own their own homes, and if they can't own the land under their own business. The banks won't lend, for example. That is something we want to deal with. People have talked about it for years. We want to resolve it. The way forward is that we need a willingness in the Queensland Government to do it. We do. We need the Federal Government to get on board. We want Minister Macklin to support us. I believe she will. There's no reason to suggest otherwise.

Also, for Aboriginal people on the Cape, we need an agreement. We need a deal where this will be supported and we won't have Native Title issues. In layman's terms, those three elements have to be delivered. Particularly the last one, that's the job for people like Richie and other Cape York leaders to deliver on.

REPORTER

What do you mean "won't have Native Title issues"?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

In layman terms, the issue is granting freehold title, or a 99 year lease in some of these communities is that someone may have a Native Title claim over that, yet someone else is currently living there. We need to resolve that. If we're going to grand freehold title, or a long-term lease, we need an agreement with the traditional owners that it is an appropriate thing. Essentially, in some cases, it's going to be a compromise as these things often are. I'm not going to get into the technical speak that is used by people who are right into the middle of this land tenure issue. I think it's better put into layman speak. There needs to be an agreement that if we grant freehold or long-term leases, those traditional owners, the Native Title claimants, will actually get on board with that. That's the other ingredient. We need the Queensland Government on board and we need the federal Government supporting it as well.

REPORTER

Just on the issue, there were suggestions this morning from green groups that Clive Palmer may have had something to do with the decision by the Government to scrap the Abbot Point coal terminal expansion.

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

That is absolute nonsense. Let me explain today what we've done at Abbot Point. The previous Government has, through poor leadership and poor management, created a situation where, frankly, I'm very concerned that if we had not acted, the whole thing would have fallen over. Let me explain. You had a Port concept which was a multi-billion dollar concept with no financial backing. You had huge capital costs at that Port that were commercially non-sensical. You have five separate railway lines involved in getting coal out of the basin. Three from directly from the coal mines on the coast and another two crisscrossing the countryside. It was madness. It was not going to work. What we have done in the last eight weeks as a Government is said "we want one railway line along a corridor and we want a plan for the Port that actually gets coal from these new mines being shipped" That's what we've done. If we had not done that, then, frankly, I was really worried about the project falling over. Or a number of projects falling over. This is about making it happen. It's not about any particular company. It's about actually getting this off the ground. I totally reject that. In fact, again, I've never talked to Mr Palmer about his projects. Certainly not while I've been the Premier and only in the way I've alluded to in the past.

REPORTER

Should the State of Origin be played in Melbourne at all?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Absolutely not. It's an outrage. Let the record reflect that I'm saying it with a smile on my face. I'm not ranting, but it is an outrage. It is completely unacceptable that the game, this special game. A special contest that is owned by the fans of New South Wales and Queensland has been taken for commercial reasons to Victoria. And I'm really disappointed the NRL have chosen to do this. It's the game, the contest, owned by Queenslanders and New South Wales.

REPORTER

Would you support Queensland vs. New Zealand?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I noted that.

REPORTER

Would you put taxpayer's money where your mouth is? Would you pay to get the game back in Queensland?

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Certainly not. That's not the point at all. How dare they be bribed by Victoria to take it to Victoria? We were very happy yesterday to see Qantas coming to Queensland with their heavy engineering and maintenance and we were quite clear that we wouldn't offer cash incentives for that. It's not generally going to be our practice. We will for direct flights and the like, but a business should stand on its own two feet.

But, I am really disappointed the NRL have done this. It shouldn't be in Melbourne. That's what the fans think.

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Importance: High

Attendees:

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The Honourable Scott Emerson
Ben Myers
Jon Grayson
Helen Gluer
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