

**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**

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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/10616  
Document No. Dbc/12/85028

**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 10 May 2012**  
**Subject: New Police Helicopters**

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Date 24/5/2012  
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, requesting that he provide a project plan concerning the implementation of the election commitment for new permanent police helicopters by 2014–15, including key milestones and subsequent progress reports against the milestones.

**• KEY ISSUES**

- The Queensland Police Service (QPS) advises it has commenced the process for negotiating a new one-year lease with the option of a further one-year lease for the police helicopter on the Gold Coast. The QPS is currently reviewing the specifications for the helicopter, in light of the commitment to use twin engine aircraft, and it is likely that the QPS will use a different helicopter to that leased by the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC). It is imperative that these arrangements be in place before 14 August 2012 (which is when the contract with GCCC expires).
- QPS does not appear to have actively commenced planning for the provision of the two permanent helicopters as yet. Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) understands that QPS intends to bed down the interim arrangements before embarking on implementation of the permanent arrangements.

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- The current weekly reporting format on election commitments is too brief to allow for effective monitoring of real progress on this high profile commitment.
- Therefore, DPC recommends that the Minister be asked to provide an implementation plan with appropriate reporting against key milestones.

**• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS**

- During the March 2012 election, the Government committed to an extension of the existing Gold Coast police helicopter for two years and rolling out two permanent police helicopters for the Gold Coast and South East Queensland by 2014–15.

**• BACKGROUND**

- The police helicopter currently operating on the Gold Coast is provided under lease arrangements between the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) and Heliwest. On 20 April 2012, this contract was extended until 14 August 2012.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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## Premier of Queensland

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25 MAY 2012

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Dear Minister

As you know, one of the Government's key election commitments is for an extension of the existing Gold Coast police helicopter for two years and rolling out two permanent police helicopters for the Gold Coast and South East Queensland by 2014-15.

I understand that the Queensland Police Service is currently negotiating the extension of the current Gold Coast helicopter, prior to commencing work on longer term, more permanent arrangements for the Gold Coast and South East Queensland helicopters.

The establishment of permanent police helicopters is a critical part of my plan to revitalise front line policing and, for this reason, I would like to be provided with detailed regular updates on progress with implementation.

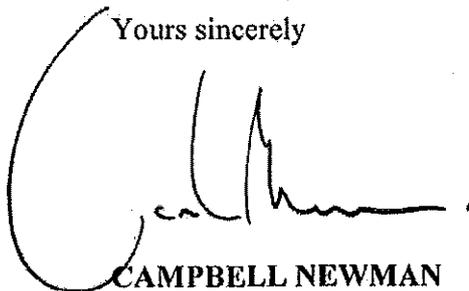
I would, therefore, be grateful if you could ensure that the Queensland Police Service has in place a detailed project implementation plan for the roll out of two permanent police helicopters for the Gold Coast and South East Queensland. The project plan should outline the key milestones required in order to have the permanent helicopter services established within the 2014-15 time frame.

In terms of providing me with regular updates, I am requesting that you provide to me, by Monday 11 June 2011:

- an update on negotiations for the two-year extension of the Gold Coast police helicopter
- a copy of the project implementation plan for the roll out of two permanent police helicopters for the Gold Coast and South East Queensland
- regular progress reports, thereafter, as each of the identified project milestones falls due.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/9563  
 Document No. DOC/12/77615

**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 16 May 2012**  
**Subject: Establishment of a Queensland Government position on three major public safety communications projects prior to the Commonwealth Games in 2018.**

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 Premier .....  
 Date 25.5.2012  
 Date Action Required by: ...../...../.....  
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**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

*see below*

- **note** the issues and timeframes for three public safety communications projects currently being investigated by the Queensland Government

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**• KEY ISSUES**

- Queensland's communications system for public safety agencies has two components — an analogue voice system (radio) and a narrow band communication system that allows small amounts of text to be communicated.
- A third system — mobile broadband, which allows rich information transfer such as voice, data, photo, maps and video — will have the required spectrum made available to jurisdictions by the Commonwealth through the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) by 2015.
- There are currently six different public safety agency networks (Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service – rural and urban networks, State Emergency Service, Queensland Corrective Services, Queensland Police Service) across the State that cannot talk to each other due to the ageing state of the voice system.
- Three projects are currently underway to improve the system:
  - 1) implementation of a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreement for the national harmonisation of voice networks to achieve standardisation and interoperability between jurisdictions
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  - 3) Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB).
- Detailed information on each of these projects is provided in **Attachment 2**.
- In order to effectively manage emergency communications, particularly prior to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018 and, potentially, the G20 Summit in 2014, the Queensland Government needs to adopt a strategic plan that clearly identifies the State's public safety communications needs, and an implementation plan that sets out a cost effective and timely way to meet these requirements.
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- A decision to fully or partially rollout the GWN would fulfil or partly fulfil Queensland's obligation in relation to harmonisation. PSMB capability, however, cannot be adopted without infrastructure which is common to the GWN project.

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- It should also be noted that no work has yet been undertaken by agencies to ascertain the extent to which existing resources could be utilised to defray the cost of these projects.
- Work on the three projects is being managed by different agencies, committees and program boards. The governance of these projects may be better managed by re-invigorating the existing Public Safety Communications Steering Committee (PSCSC) to give them a strategic, whole-of-Government focus. The PSCSC is co-chaired by the Fire Commissioner and the Deputy Police Commissioner and monitors the planning, provisioning and management of agreed joint public safety communications assets. The PSCSC could be asked to report to the Shared Services sub-committee on progress.
- Ideally, membership of the PSCSC should be reviewed to ensure that it comprises representatives from QPS, DCS, Queensland Treasury, DPC, the Commonwealth Games Secretariat and DSITIA.
- Given the critical role of local councils in emergency management, part of this exercise should include consideration of interoperability issues with local councils. This will become a relevant issue with the Gold Coast City Council in planning for the Commonwealth Games.

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**• CONSULTATION**

- Department of Community Safety, Queensland Police Service and Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts



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Comments (Premier or DG)  
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**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**

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Document No. DOC/12/102955

**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 19 June 2012**  
**Subject: Potential involvement of Local Governments in the implementation of a public safety communications system prior to the Commonwealth Games in 2018**

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Premier .....  
Date 25/6/2012  
Date Action Required by: ...../...../.....  
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**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the letters to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) (**Attachments 1, 2 and 3**) inviting them to work with the State Government to maximise opportunities for interoperability between state and local government communications systems.

**• KEY ISSUES**

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- On the corresponding Premier's briefing note (**Attachment 5 – TF/12/9563**), you requested that local governments be advised about the work being undertaken on the Queensland Government's communications requirements, to alert them to the potential for local government involvement in the development of an improved public sector communication system.
- Since then, the Department of Community Safety has initiated discussions with the LGAQ and relevant local governments on this issue. However, it was considered that it would also be useful to formalise a request for collaborative work to be undertaken between the state and local governments, by way of a letter from you to the LGAQ, BCC and GCCC.
- There could be considerable benefits in a partnership arrangement to maximise opportunities for interoperability between state and local government communications systems, particularly with the BCC and the GCCC in planning for the Commonwealth Games in 2018.
- The letters to the LGAQ, the BCC and GCCC seek the involvement of these entities to progress this work. They note that the Queensland Government is progressing work on identifying its communications needs for the short and medium term and options to address those needs.
- The letter suggests that it would be useful for the state and local governments to commence discussions as soon as possible, to explore opportunities for a partnership on this issue, by nominating a contact person to work with the Queensland Government.

**Comments (Premier or DG)**



**Jon Grayson**  
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## Premier of Queensland

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Dear Councillor Bell

I am writing to seek the involvement of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) in progressing work on the use of digital communications for Queensland public sector agencies, particularly in the area of public safety.

I have a firm view that there would be considerable benefit in the state and local governments working together in a collaborative partnership to identify future digital communications needs for public sector agencies and implement solutions for those needs.

My Government will need to make a number of critical decisions about the future direction of public sector communications during 2012, particularly as we prepare for major upcoming events such as the 2018 Commonwealth Games (the Games), to ensure the interoperability of communications networks, digitisation, and an infrastructure upgrade to support these processes.

As you will appreciate, this work will need to be well advanced at least for South East Queensland (SEQ) before 2016-17, to allow sufficient opportunity for security forces to plan their exercises ahead of the commencement of the Games. I imagine that SEQ councils, in particular, will need to assess their digital communications requirements in the next few years as well, in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games.

The work being undertaken by state government agencies is in its early stages, and the Queensland Government will, in the very near future, need to make some key strategic decisions on viable options to meet those needs

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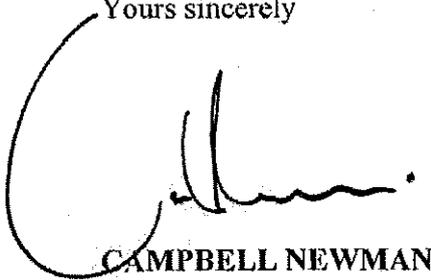
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I think it would be useful for the state and local governments to begin discussions that explore opportunities for a partnership between us on this issue. In particular, I see the potential for considerable benefits arising from a partnership arrangement to enhance interoperability of state and local government radio communications systems, particularly in planning for the Games in 2018.

Therefore, I would like to invite the LGAQ to nominate a contact person to work with the Queensland Government to maximise opportunities for interoperability between state and local government public safety communications systems.

I have asked both Minister Bates and Minister Dempsey to arrange for an officer from each of their respective departments to contact you directly to progress this collaborative work.

Yours sincerely



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## Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: LJP/JS - TF/12/12851 - DOC/12/105434

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Dear Councillor Quirk

*Graham,*

I am writing to seek the involvement of the Brisbane City Council (BCC) in progressing work on the use of digital communications for Queensland public sector agencies, particularly in the area of public safety.

I have a firm view that there would be considerable benefit in the state and BCC working together in a collaborative partnership to identify future digital communications needs for public sector agencies and implement solutions for those needs.

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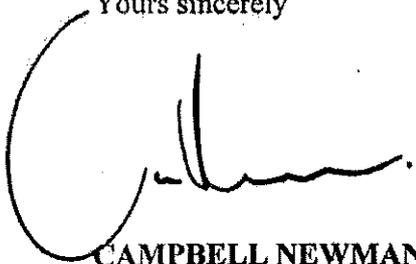
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Therefore, I would like to invite BCC to nominate a contact person to work with the Queensland Government to maximise opportunities for interoperability between state and local government public safety communications systems.

I have asked both Minister Bates and Minister Dempsey to arrange for an officer from each of their respective departments to contact you directly to progress this collaborative work.

Yours sincerely

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**CAMPBELL NEWMAN**



## Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: LJP/JS - TF/12/12851 - DOC/12/105443

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Dear Mr Dickson

*Dale*

I am writing to seek the involvement of the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) in progressing work on the use of digital communications for Queensland public sector agencies, particularly in the area of public safety.

I have a firm view that there would be considerable benefit in the State and GCCC working together in a collaborative partnership to identify future digital communications needs for public sector agencies and implement solutions for those needs.

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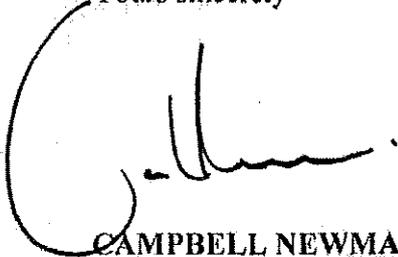
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Therefore, I would like to invite the GCCC to nominate a contact person to work with the Queensland Government to maximise opportunities for interoperability between state and local government public safety communications systems.

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**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**

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**To: THE PREMIER**  
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**Subject: Gold Coast Police Helicopter**

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**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you note that the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has awarded the interim extension of the Gold Coast Police Helicopter service to Westpac Lifesaving Rescue Helicopter Service (the Westpac Helicopter).

**• KEY ISSUES**

- The extension will ensure a helicopter is available for 20 hours per week until 14 November 2012 and includes an option to extend for a further three weeks. This will allow time for the tender process to occur for the 18-month contract (stage 2B).

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- Westpac has a dispensation for low level night flying and the twin engine aircraft that is being supplied will reduce the impact of not having Night Vision Goggles (NVG) capability on operational activities. The other helicopter that Westpac has provided in their specification is NVG capable.
- Following expert advice, QPS concluded NVG capability was not worth a 25 per cent + price differential
- The specification stated that a substitute helicopter was to be available. The Heliwest offer did not provide for a substitute helicopter.
- The offer from Westpac included a FLIR (thermal imaging), of the same capacity as Heliwest, with the option of trying alternative FLIRs, providing the opportunity to trial alternative devices on a short-term basis, to inform the longer-term decision making for the Police Helicopter in Stages 2b and 3 (two permanent helicopters).
- Media reports today indicate some senior police have also questioned the standard of camera, night vision operations and lack of police trained pilots. QPS advises it has a transition plan to manage stakeholder expectations.

**• ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS**

- The continuation of the Gold Coast police helicopter was an election commitment.

**• CONSULTATION**

- QPS has been consulted

**• BACKGROUND**

- Heliwest Pty Ltd has been providing police helicopter services under a contract with the Gold Coast City Council since 4 November 2011. An extension agreed on 20 April 2012 is set to expire on 14 August 2012.
- QPS sought offers from helicopter providers for a further interim three-month extension to allow for a tender for the provision of helicopter services for a further 18-months and awarded the interim extension to the Westpac Helicopter.
- Heliwest contacted the Deputy Director-General yesterday; expressing disappointment it did not win the extension. The result was officially announced 13 July 2012.

Comments (Premier or DG)

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**Jon Grayson**  
**Director-General**

**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**

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Tracking Folder No. TF/12/12506  
 Document No. DOC/12/100693

**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 28 May 2012**  
**Subject: Request for financial contribution to Variety Queensland's 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular**

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 Premier: *[Signature]*  
 Date: *4.6.2012*  
 Date Action Required by: .....  
 Requested by: .....  
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**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- note I have approved funding of \$1320 (GST inclusive) from the Director-General's Reserve to assist 22 children in need to attend the 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular hosted by Variety Queensland
- sign the letter to Mr Les Riley, CEO, Variety Queensland advising him of the Government's contribution. (Attachment A)

**• KEY ISSUES**

- Correspondence has been received from Mr Les Riley seeking Queensland Government sponsorship to enable children in need to attend the 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular. (Attachment B)
- The 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular will be held at Lorraine Ashton's Classic Circus at Noosa Rugby League Club Grounds, Sunshine Coast on 2 June 2012 and at Carrara, Gold Coast on 30 June 2012.
- The Children's Circus Spectacular provides an opportunity for underprivileged, sick and disadvantaged children to enjoy a day's outing. The funds raised will also benefit the ongoing work of Variety, The Children's Charity (Queensland), which provides support for a range of programs for children in Queensland including special types of wheelchairs, computers and educational equipment, special play equipment and Liberty Swings.
- The sponsorship cost of each child attending the Circus Day is \$60. Funding of \$1320 (GST inclusive) will enable 22 children to attend.
- There are no suitable grant programs within Government for this event.
- There are sufficient uncommitted funds available in the Director-General's Reserve to support this commitment.

**• BACKGROUND**

- The department has previously provided \$1320 (GST inclusive) to Variety Queensland Inc for sponsorship of 22 children to attend the circus in 2009 and 2010.
- This department regularly provides grants to a number of similar charities such as the Abused Child Trust's Children's Circus Extravaganza, the SIDS and Kids Children's Variety Spectacular; Rotary Club of Toowong Underprivileged Movie Day and the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Society's Children's Movie Festival.



**Jon Grayson**  
**Director-General**

Comments (Premier or DG)

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Dear Mr Riley

Thank you for your facsimile of 24 May 2012 seeking financial assistance for the 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular.

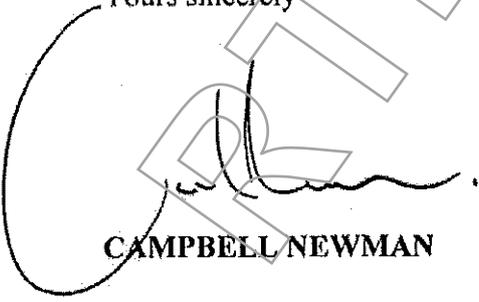
I am delighted to continue Queensland Government support of this event and, therefore, I have agreed to provide \$1320 (GST inclusive) to enable 22 children to attend the Circus Spectacular.

Miss Carly Bachmann from my department will be in contact with you shortly to arrange payment. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Miss Bachmann on telephone (07) 3836 0093 or by email at [carly.bachmann@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:carly.bachmann@premiers.qld.gov.au).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Variety Queensland on their dedication in supporting children in need and coordinating these worthwhile events. I sincerely hope the circuses will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved.

I wish you every success with the 2012 Children's Circus Spectacular.

Yours sincerely



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2012 Children's Circus Spectacular

To: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER CABINET Date: 24/5/12
Attn: MS CARLY BAGHMANN From: WAYNE DOUGLAS
Fax: 322 46915 Phone: 560 99971

Thank you for your interest in our Circus Spectacular for children in need, which will be held by Lorraine Ashton's Classic Circus at Carrara Gold Coast on Saturday June 30th & Noosa rugby league club grounds on the Sunshine Coast on Saturday June 2nd 2012.

The purpose of the Circus Spectacular is two-fold:

- 1. Firstly, we will provide a special day for children in need who, through no fault of their own have very limited opportunities to enjoy outings.
2. The funds we raise will benefit the ongoing work of Variety, The Children's Charity (Queensland) providing support for a range of programs for children in Queensland, such as special types of wheelchairs, computers and educational equipment, Liberty Swings, special play equipment and Sunshine Coaches to name but a few.

We are hoping you can assist this program through the sponsorship of children in your area. The cost of sponsorship per child is \$60. We would ask for your assistance with one of the following sponsorship amounts:

6 tickets - \$360; 8-\$480 10 - \$600; 14 - \$840; 17 - \$1,020; 22 - \$1320; 30 - \$1,800

While these are suggested sponsorship amounts as to how you can assist this project, you can help with any number of children at \$60 each.

Your participation will make a difference to a child's life.

Note: For sponsorship of four children \$240 or more, you will receive a special certificate of appreciation. Major sponsors of over \$1,000 will be able to display a company banner at the circus.

Les Riley
CEO
Variety Queensland Inc

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**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 7 June 2012**  
**Subject: Meeting with Chair of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation on Friday 8 June 2012**

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Premier .....

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*Noted by DG 8/6/12*

**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- note the information below for your meeting with Mr Nigel Chamier, Chair, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (the Corporation) on Friday 8 June 2012.

**• KEY ISSUES**

- The Corporation and its Board are responsible for successful delivery of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (the Games).
- Mr Chamier was appointed as the new Chair of the Corporation Board on 10 May 2012. He is Executive Chairman of NAC Investments Pty Ltd and has extensive experience in the finance, property and development sectors.
- One of the Board's first decisions was to recommend Parklands at Southport as the Games Athlete's Village site, selected for its security, housing and transport benefits. The decision was publicly announced on 29 May 2012. The Office of the Coordinator-General is preparing a business case for the Village, to be completed in July 2012.
- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) will be monitoring the Gold Coast's progress through regular visits over the next six years. The first visit is scheduled for 12-15 June 2012, to be led by CGF President, His Royal Highness Prince Tunku Imran, and CGF Chief Executive Mr Mike Hooper.
- On 22 May 2012, Minister Stuckey wrote to the Premier (**Attachment 1**) about the CGF visit. DPC has been advised that the Premier has agreed to co-host a dinner with Minister Stuckey for the CGF and the Corporation's Board on 14 June 2012.
- The estimated total cost of staging the Games is \$2.440B with a net cost to the Queensland Government of \$1.415B. While the majority of this will be incurred after the State Budget returns to surplus in 2014-15, regular reviews of the Games budget will be necessary to ensure value for money in delivery of the Games.
- There was recent media coverage on the Commonwealth Government's failure to provide a financial commitment to the Games. Minister Stuckey wrote to the Commonwealth on 18 May 2012 seeking a substantial cash commitment but has received no reply as yet.

**• BACKGROUND**

- Seven other Board members were also appointed on 10 May 2012:
  - o Stephen Conry – Australian CEO and International Director of Jones Lang LaSalle
  - o Catherine Tanna – Chairman of BG Australia
  - o Dennis Chant – Managing Director of Queensland Airports Ltd
  - o Sam Coffa – Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA) President
  - o Perry Crosswhite – ACGA Chief Executive Officer
  - o Mick Victor – ACGA Vice-President and President QLD Division of ACGA
  - o Glynis Nunn-Cearns – Executive Director of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association
- The Games are expected to return \$2B in economic benefit and create 30,000 jobs.

Comments (Premier or DG)

Jon Grayson  
 Director-General

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Hon Jann Stuckey MP  
Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business  
and the Commonwealth Games

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22 MAY 2012

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Dear Premier

I write to advise you of an upcoming visit of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) planned for 12 – 14 June 2012. The CGF delegation will be led by the Federation's President, His Royal Highness Prince Tunku Imran of Malaysia and chief executive Mr Mike Hooper.

The purpose of the CGF's visit is to complete a debrief of the Commonwealth Games bid process and to undertake an orientation and initial assessment of planning for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. This visit will be the first of a series of visits to be undertaken by the CGF over the next six years as Games planning progresses.

The visit by Prince Imran and Mr Hooper provides an excellent opportunity for our Government to establish an ongoing relationship with the CGF, a key partner in successfully delivering this event.

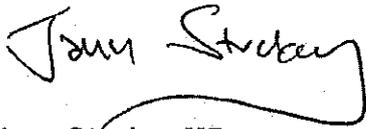
The program for the visit is currently being developed and will feature briefings and workshops on a range of issues including Games vision and priorities, master planning, the infrastructure program, the Games Village, governance arrangements and the budget. Participants will include the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation board and key staff as well as Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council officials.

Given the significance of the CGF President's visit and the opportunity it presents to establish a relationship with our key event partner, I propose that we jointly host a dinner with the delegation and the Games Corporation board. A dinner would assist to establish important relationships between key members of the Government, the Games board and the most senior representatives of the CGF. The proposed dinner could be held on the evening of 14 June 2012 and could be hosted at the Parliament. The cost of the dinner would be met by the Games Corporation.

The CGF delegation will also be guests at a Property Council of Australia (Queensland Division) corporate lunch to be held on the Gold Coast on Wednesday 13 June 2012. I have been invited to speak at that function. I expect that there will be significant media and community interest in the CGF's visit.

Planning for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games is progressing well and I am sure the new Board will provide strong stewardship to the Games Corporation. The visit by the CGF is a key milestone and I am confident they will be impressed by the calibre of our Board and the progress to date in establishing our governance arrangements which will provide a strong foundation for future planning and preparation.

Yours sincerely



**Jann Stuckey MP**  
Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business  
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**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**

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**To: THE PREMIER**  
**Date: 21 August 2012**  
**Subject: Invitation to become Vice President – Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club**

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Premier .....

Date 26.8.2012

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• **RECOMMENDATION**

*PECUNIARY INTERESTS REGISTER*

It is recommended that you sign the letter (Attachment A) to the Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club (the club) accepting their invitation (Attachment B) to become Vice President for the 2012–2013 season, which runs from September 2012 to May 2013.

• **KEY ISSUES**

- The policy regarding the patronage of organisations by the Premier provides guidelines for assessing requests to become Patron.
- While this is not a request for patronage, an assessment of this proposal against the evaluation criteria is provided below:
  - o Be of good standing in the community.  
 The club was founded in 1935. The club currently includes 500 members.
  - o Be active in Queensland.  
 The club offers a wide range of sporting and educational programs for all ages of the community, aimed primarily at enhancing water safety. These activities include teaching basic survival and rescue skills and first aid.
  - o Be appropriately constituted with organisational rules, goals and objectives, and have audited financial statements, office-holders and members.  
 The club's Executive Committee (the committee) currently comprises President Wayne McLennan, Deputy President Peter Walker, Secretary Suzette Sutton and Treasurer Geoff Spranklin. The committee adheres to the club's constitution.
  - o Not be a commercial for-profit enterprise.  
 The club is a non-profit organisation and volunteer community service organisation.
- The club has indicated the role of Vice President is purely a figure-head position. The club traditionally nominates up to eight people to the position of Vice President. This year, along with you, the nominees include:
  - o The Honourable John Paul Langbroek MP, Member for Surfers Paradise
  - o The Honourable Tony Abbot MP, Leader of the Opposition
  - o Councillor Tom Tate, Mayor of Gold Coast
  - o Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Federal Member for Moncrieff
  - o Councillor Paul Taylor, Councillor for Broadbeach
  - o long standing members of the club Mr John Downes, Mr Harold Phipps, Mr Colin Forno and Mr Evan Matthews.
- Based on all the above considerations, it is recommended you accept the offer to become Vice President.

  
 Jon Grayson  
 Director-General

Comments (Premier or DG)

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## Premier of Queensland

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**28 AUG 2012**

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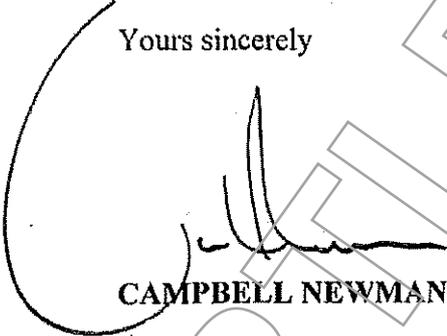
Dear Ms Sutton

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2012 inviting me to become Vice President of the Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club for the 2012-2013 season.

The Surf Lifesaving Association is a uniquely Australian institution and a proud part of the culture of this country. Clubs like the Broadbeach Surf Lifesaving Club play a vital role in providing beach safety for the public and promoting community awareness. I would, therefore, be delighted to accept your kind offer to become Vice President of the Broadbeach Surf Lifesaving Club.

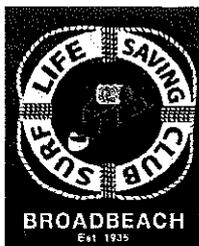
I look forward to hearing more of the Broadbeach Surf Lifesaving Club's achievements and future plans.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN





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22 July 2012

Premier Campbell Newman  
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Dear Premier Newman

In recognition of support for the Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club, you have been nominated for a Vice President position for the 2012-2013 season.

I would like to congratulate you on your nomination and ask you to confirm your acceptance in writing. The volunteer members of the Club would be proud for you to accept this position.

In anticipation of a favourable response,

Yours sincerely

*Suzette Sutton*  
 Suzette Sutton  
 Secretary  
 Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club

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**PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE**  
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**To:** THE PREMIER  
**Date:** 24 August 2012  
**Subject:** Response to [CTPI] regarding public sector reform

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Premier .....  
Date 7.9.2012  
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**• RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that you:

- sign the response to [CTPI] (**Attachment 1**) responding to concerns about housing assistance provided by the former Department of Communities.

**• KEY ISSUES**

- On 12 July 2012, [CTPI] wrote to you outlining [CTPI] experiences and frustrations dealing with the Robina and Gold Coast offices of the former Department of Communities (DOC) and advocating for public sector reform (**Attachment 2**).
- Over the period November 2007 to August 2012, [CTPI] had a number of interactions with the former DOC and the newly formed Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) to source public housing [CTPI].
- [CTPI] [CTPI]. It is for these reasons that alternative accommodation has been found for [CTPI].
- Most recently, on 6 August 2012, an acting Senior Client Service Manager in DHPW contacted [CTPI] to discuss the concerns raised in [CTPI] correspondence.
- DHPW advise that [CTPI] has indicated that [CTPI] is happy with the property [CTPI] has been relocated to and was writing to prevent future inappropriate housing allocations.
- [CTPI] also raised concerns about her treatment by specific staff. As [CTPI] has already been in contact with the Ombudsman (as noted in [CTPI] email), the letter of response does not suggest [CTPI] pursue this avenue in dealing with [CTPI] complaint.

**• CONSULTATION**

- DHPW

  
Jon Grayson  
Director-General

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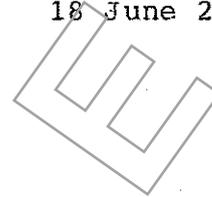
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Hon Dr Bruce Flegg MP  
Minister for  
Housing and Public Works

18 June 2012



Dear Dr Bruce Flegg

RE: Public housing and application process to address occupancy issue.

The premises I currently occupy through public housing is a small, one bedroom unit in a complex of CTPI

The unit space is so confined in fact CTPI

CTPI the restricted internal area within the unit itself does not allow for a simple compact dining table or a fold out bed for a night carer.

CTPI

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The process within the public housing department for placement of applicants into housing, is in my opinion flawed in some important areas, in that there is no medically trained staff to understand medical terminology, CTPI

CTPI

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Other areas for placement, that are in my opinion flawed, is the lack of the confirmation of information given to housing by applicants for acceptance and suitability. CTPI

CTPI

Streamline staff for the initial application process. This may address and prevent conjecture, supposition and misleading information, lending itself to future occupancy issues.

Efficient staffing procedure to verify applications, more importantly, communication and co-ordination between process of officers to create a flow of correct information.

Procedure:

Initial point of ratification through Process 1. or Process 2.

Process 1. Medical officer and Occupational Therapist.  
(If not required, direct to Process 2.)

Process 2. Application verification officer.  
(If verified, direct to Process 3.)

Process 3. Placement officer.  
(Insure all information is communicated correctly and clearly for listing, direct to Process 4.)

Process 4. Administration staff.  
(Record client information accurately and clearly, double check to verify if unsure of information from previous processes)

This PROCEDURE OF PROCESS may reduce the need for staff resources to be redirected or diverted with issues and complaints. Staff skills can be applied to areas that are more productive, thereby quantifies time management and cost efficiency.

Yours sincerely

CTPI



## Premier of Queensland

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Dear CTPI

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 2012 about the issues you've had in your dealings with the Robina and Gold Coast Office of the former Department of Communities.

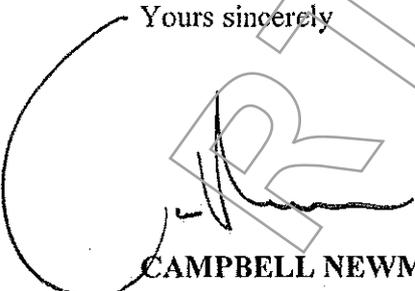
I was very sorry to hear of the frustrations you've experienced trying to secure suitable public housing and your dealings with staff in the former Department of Communities.

I sought advice on your situation from the Department of Housing and Public Works and have been told that your problems have now been sorted out and that you are pleased with the property in which you currently live.

The Government is always keen to hear from members of the public about how we can do things better. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Honourable Dr Bruce Flegg MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, so that he can consider the issues you have raised and respond directly to you. I have also asked that he provide me with a copy of his response and reiterated my expectations that all public service staff act in a professional manner, particularly staff dealing with members of the public.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I wish you all the best in the future.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN



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