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Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 1:24 PM
To: HALL Daniel; KRUGER Andrew; CAMPBELL Ian
CC: PETERSEN Bradley
Subject: FW: Curra State Forest 700 - GYMG70007

Importance: High

Gents,

MUID - GYMG70007 and request for comment below refers. Please advise me of the following points ASAP:

Dan;

- is this a current RBBR sale area
- How much wood is left
- How long to finish it
- Assume we harvested 40+
- How long before we would go back
- Is further salvage required
- Are there any key access routes that are required to remain open in this MUID

Ian / Andrew,

- Do we have any other permits on this MUID – apiary, foliage, SGP, OP etc?
- Are there any unoccupied apiary sites on this muid?

Dave,

- Are there any quarry resources that we are aware of on this site?

Any other issues you can think of add them in as well.

Thanks

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From: Gordon Bill
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 12:36 PM
To: Ludlow John
Subject: FW: Curra State Forest 700

John

Please refer email below dated 24 April 2013 from Andrew Barkham of DNPRSR. Can you please directly answer Andrew's questions and provide other relevant information including about the hardrock resource present. I am happy to have input if required. Please copy me into your reply. I suggest that you need to respond to Andrew's email ASAP.

Regards
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PLEASE NOTE MY NEW CONTACT DETAILS

From: Barkham Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 10:12 AM
To: Gordon Bill
Subject: Curra State Forest 700

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Sorry for all the questions. Your advice is appreciated.

Thanks

Andy

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RTI DL RELEASE - DAFF

From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2013 2:19 PM
To: BARKHAM Andrew
CC: GORDON Bill
Subject: FW: Curra State Forest 700

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Andrew,

Your below email request to Bill Gordon today refers.

I am seeking some information from FP operational staff and will provide you with comment and response to your questions either this Friday or on Monday if that is OK in terms of timeframe.

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Further to earlier email pls see below area of interest for shooting range

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WHEELER Kathy

From: LUDLOW John
Sent: Wednesday, 28 August 2013 11:23 AM
To: CODY Mark
Cc: GORDON Bill
Subject: FW: Curra State Forest 700

Mark,

I understand you are seeking additional info on alternatives to the proposed shooting range in SF700 Curra. Forest Products views on this proposal are outlined in my email below dated 29 April 2013.

If you need any further info or wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards.

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From: Barkham Andrew
Sent: Monday, 29 April 2013 3:49 PM
To: Ludlow John
Subject: RE: Curra State Forest 700

John,

Many thanks for providing this information.

Andy

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From: Ludlow John
Sent: Monday, 29 April 2013 3:41 PM
To: Barkham Andrew
Cc: Gordon Bill; Hall Daniel; Brittingham Geoff
Subject: RE: Curra State Forest 700

Andrew,

Following your request for input to the proposed shooting range at SF 700 Curra I offer the following comments for consideration.

- GYMG70007 is a current harvesting area under sale for sawlogs, poles, girders and veneer. Sawlog harvesting is currently active however intentions are to temporarily relocate operations to other areas in the near future. Best estimates at this point in time suggest harvesting may not be completed for approximately 2 years dependant on weather and log supply requirements. This sale area is being strategically harvested to balance short haul sawlog supply to the current Permittee. Poles, girders and veneer harvesting may be integrated or subsequent to sawlog harvesting.
- This forest is considered productive dry sclerophyll and has future re-harvest potential in about 20+ years following current harvest completion. The current forest harvesting operation is being undertaken in accord with the Code of Practice and as such not all commercial timber is being removed and salvage of further resource would be required.
- This is a natural forest of uneven age, size and species distribution.
- From a timber perspective GYMG70007 is considered one of the most productive areas within the entire SF.
- There are 7 apiary sites located within GYMG70007 all of which fall within or are very close to the proposed shooting range and buffer footprint.
- Shrapnel in trees is a serious safety concern when sawing logs or processing timber.
- Forest Products does not have any SGP holders and there are no permitted foliage harvesting activities on SF 700 Curra at this point in time.
- There are no known quarry resources of significance in GYMG70007
- There are a number of roads and tracks that traverse through the proposed footprint that provide important access for management and fire control
- It is understood the future highway bypass corridor may impact on the southern end of GYMG70007

I understand that GYMG70003 or GYMG70004 was the previous proposed site for this shooting range. Forest Products considers GYMG70003 or GYMG70004 much better alternatives with significantly less impacts on other forest users and values for the following reasons;

- Both have natural amphitheatres where the range could be aligned into the landscape to improve safety within a smaller footprint
- Harvesting has been completed
- Remaining forest is much less productive than GYMG70007 resulting in significantly less impact on future timber production values
- Both have steeper terrain than GYMG70007 resulting in fewer alternative access points thereby improving safety
- There are no apiary sites in GYMG70003 and only 3 in GYMG70004 (2 of which are on the eastern boundary)
- Both areas are further away from state rail and highway road corridors
- There are no known quarry resources of significance.
- Less access tracks and roads of significance to fire and management activities
- Fewer neighbours and neighbouring blocks are generally larger in size.

Is the area proposed to be excised or a lease issued? Any permit, lease, licence etc should be conditioned such that the shooting range must co-operate with other legitimate forest users to ensure safety and that shooting may be restricted to weekends when forest harvesting activities are being undertaken.

I don't believe there are any provisions for compensation for loss of timber production on SF, however I note the State's current commitment to provide resources to support an ongoing native forest timber industry.

A further point for consideration is that there are a number of existing active shooting ranges already established in the Gympie area; Sexton (Lot 109/LX315), Imbil (Lot 135/FTY1911), Sandy Creek (Lot 19/RP226325) and Banks Pocket (Lots 17 & 18/RP221336) and it would be prudent that co-location with these sites be completely explored prior to establishment of a separate new site.

If you require any clarification or have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards.

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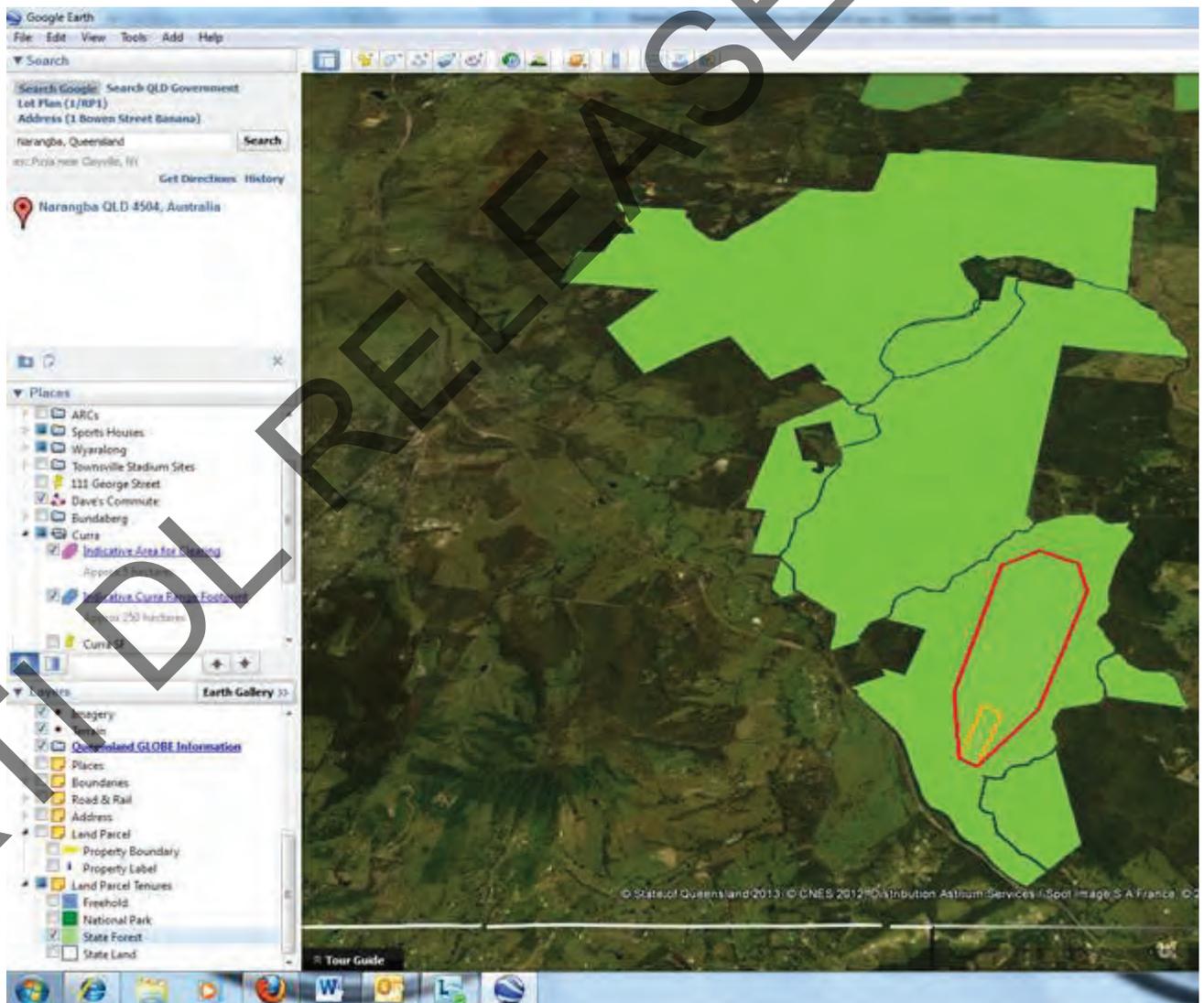
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WHEELER Kathy

From: LUDLOW John
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2013 5:27 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Attachments: SKMBT_C45213120417170.jpg

Scott,

Further to correspondence below and discussion looks like the issue couldn't stay out of the local paper. It must have been ready to roll pre meeting - see attached scan of today's Gympie Times.

I now have a copy of the "Comino" report which is the study I referred to in paragraph 2. It's not a formal study just an assessment of a number of various sites around the district by a DERM officer. Despite Ron Owens assurances this report does not support his claim that it identified GYMG70007 as the preferred site. In fact it indicates a site close to and overlapping my second preference.

Anyway it's all up to our NPRSR colleagues to come up with a solution. Just thought I'd share this additional info with you.

Cheers!

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From: Ludlow John
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 4:23 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Scott,

I met with David Gibson this morning including a visit to the forest. We were accompanied by Mr Ron Owen (Curra Shooters Association, ex councilor and vocal local business man – owns a gun shop) plus regional reps from NPRSR - Mick Cubis from QPWS and Kathy Rogers from Sport and Rec.

Mr Owen is the representative of the Curra Shooters Association and the key advocate for this proposal. He was fairly vocal about wanting the current site in GYMG70007 as they have invested significant resources in identifying the site and overlaying safety templates for their various firearm classes. I learnt today that this proposal is not for a single range but rather a number of ranges all co-located within the larger footprint which makes me even more concerned about its compatibility with timber harvesting and other forest uses. Mr Owen's long term plans are for a national standard shooting complex and for all local Gympie gun clubs to relocate to this site, but not sure this is fully supported by all clubs. There was a study into the area about a decade ago which should provide some additional information about their proposed location and alternative options. Mr Owen has promised to supply a copy of that study.

I put forward Forest Products position and supporting arguments (refer attached email) as to why there are better locations (GYMG70003 and/or GYMG70004) within the SF than the current proposed site in GYMG70007. NPRSR support our position. Mr Gibson was not aware of the variety and intensity of other

users in this part of the forest but now has a much greater appreciation of the issues with this proposed location. GYMG70007 has the highest use of any area within this State Forest as it is closest to Gympie, easily accessible, terrain is undulating and there are lots of existing access tracks. I have since been made aware of some correspondence from Cooloola Trail Care Alliance to the then Minister for Environment in September 2011 raising concerns about dislocation of other legitimate users and need for consultation with other forest users on this matter.

Mr Owen claimed that they were told in the early 2000's that GYMG70007 was Forestry's preferred site but despite repeated requests by Mr Gibson has not been able to produce any correspondence to confirm that. The climate has changed significantly since then as that would have been in the early days of the SEQFA when we were implementing a single harvest and transition to protected area estate.

Mr Owen is looking for the same benefits as all other forest users, being cheap land close to town with good access. The difference with a shooting range is they cannot safely co-locate with other users so they are effectively an exclusive use. Mr Owen did concede that any area of the SF was better than none so I believe he would take the alternative site in order to secure a deal. Mr Gibson was pushing that point as well. I also suggested that the alternative sites would actually be better in the long term from an access point of view once the proposed highway realignment was completed and they were less likely to be crowded out by future urban development.

NPRSR are leading this action and they have been instructed to deal with Gympie Regional Council as the proposed recipients of a lease/permit over the relevant area of the forest.

If you need any clarification or more info please let me know.

Cheers!

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From: Ludlow John
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:51 AM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Done. Meeting David Gibson at 9am Tuesday and doing a site visit.

Will let you know content and outcome of the briefing.

Cheers.

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Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:37 AM

To: Ludlow John
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

John

Just confirming Min's Office is happy for you to contact Mr Gibson's office directly to organise briefing

cheers

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From: SPENCER Scott
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:28 AM
To: Ludlow John
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

John

See below

Can you let me know whether you can do this asap please

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From: Lachlan Millar [mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:21 AM
To: SPENCER Scott
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Scott

Could we organise

Cheers
Lachlan

From: Gympie Electorate Office [mailto:Gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 8:50 AM
To: Lachlan Millar
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Lachlan

Can you please advise if there is any possibility of this briefing taking place in Gympie on either Monday 2nd December (pm) or any time up to 3.00pm on Tuesday 3rd December?

I await your advice.

Regards

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From: Gympie Electorate Office
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 1:05 PM
To: 'Lachlan Millar'
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Hi Lachlan

I will get back to you regarding this shortly.

Cheers

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 12:43 PM
To: Gympie Electorate Office
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Janell

Could you please come back to me and let me know what you would like to do, we can easily arrange a brief in Gympie.

Cheers
Lachlan

From: SPENCER Scott [<mailto:Scott.Spencer@daff.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 9:11 AM
To: Lachlan Millar
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Lachlan,

I have confirmed that the best person to brief the Member for Gympie on the rifle range matter is John Ludlow our SE Forestry Manager. He is actually based in Gympie and could do the briefing locally -- he has appropriate maps etc but if Mr Gibson wanted, he could also show him the site. According to John, the site we have identified may actually be better -- less commercial forestry disruption, a natural amphitheatre, no apiary sites, fewer access points so safety is improved etc etc.

I know its normal protocol for the Minister to have a rep at these sorts of briefing and if you want that, I will arrange for John to come down. But if the Minister and the Member are ok it would be best to do it locally. Let me know the outcome and we will make the appropriate arrangements either way. If its in Gympie, I will ensure John provides feedback for your information

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 5:16 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

No worries Scott

From: SPENCER Scott [<mailto:Scott.Spencer@daff.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 5:08 PM
To: Lachlan Millar

Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Thanks Lachlan

I will have to check who has been saying what -- is it us, or National Parks or it HP Plantations? Rifle range interaction with forestry operations is a long standing issue. Not 100% sure about this one -- we have apparently suggested in one instance an alternative site as it has less impact on quality native forest -- not plantation.

So the answer is obviously yes we can arrange a face to face brief, but we will have to get back to you tomorrow about what we know on this one and who is the best person to talk to the Member about it.

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 4:55 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Scott

Can we organise a time for the Member for Gympie David Gibson to receive a brief from our department on the proposed Corella Range Complex near Gympie, according to Mr Gibson's office our department has concerns about the rifle ranges close proximity to our Forest plantations. Mr Gibson will be down next week for Parliament and would available to meet with our Department.

Cheers
Lachlan

From: Gympie Electorate Office [<mailto:Gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 4:24 PM
To: DAFF; Elisabeth Hand
Cc: Lachlan Millar
Subject: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Elisabeth & Lachlan

I refer to my telephone conversation with Lachlan earlier today.

Mr Gibson is seeking a Departmental briefing from forestry staff regarding the proposed Corella Range Complex near Gympie. It is understood that DAFF have advised that they do not prefer the original range site and Mr Gibson is seeking a briefing on this.

Mr Gibson would like the briefing to be provided during the next sitting week of Parliament.

A representative from Minister Dickson's office will also be attending the briefing.

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

Regards

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Business

Gun range long shot gets 'a little further north each year'

LIKE the Graeme Connors hit song, Gympie's long-awaited shooting range seems to "get a little further north each year".

But Gympie Regional councillors believe it is at least getting closer in time, even if the state government's preferred location is now to the north of the Curra State Forest, rather than at the "historically preferred site" near Tamaree.

The campaign for a permanent regional facility catering for a range of shooting sports has been going on for at least 12 years, but is hoped to receive ministerial approval soon.

The centre would provide a home for Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast shooters and would cater for events up to Olympic qualifying standard.

It may also help replace Brisbane's Belmont shooting complex as a major hub for shooters and archers across south-east Queensland.

Councillors will be urged to allocate \$40,000 for a feasibility study at the new site.

The council says it is intensifying its push to develop the facility in the "next five years or so" and has made a series of deputations to state ministers and shadow ministers to secure about 24ha in the forest, which stretches from outer Gympie to the near-Gunalda area.

INTERESTING FACTS

As far as venomous snakes go, the red belly is quite mellow. A civan snake handler Natalie Costello described the snake as "friendly" and not a nervous nester like the brown snake. When provoked, the red belly recoils into a defensive stance as a cobra, but remains calm. It is difficult to escape at the opportunity. When not hunting, red bellies can be found in thick timber, rocks, and down holes and burrows.

Being a venomous snake is not worthy of great respect. Ms Costello said yes - the red belly black snake is a threat thanks to its venom.

"They are actually quite friendly," she said. "You need to keep their heads about six feet above the ground, inside a room, shut the door and place a towel under the door to contain the snake."

Natalie Costello, snake handler
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From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2013 8:09 AM
To: CUBIS Mick; ROGERS Kathy
Subject: FW: Major regional sports shooting range stalled | Gympie Times

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Mick / Kathy,

Link to article from today's Gympie Times FYI.

<http://www.gympietimes.com.au/news/shooting-range-stalled/2105358/#.Up-UIzwa-gk.email>

Cheers!

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From: Hoffman Belinda
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2013 6:48 AM
To: Ludlow John
Subject: Fwd: Major regional sports shooting range stalled | Gympie Times

John.

Check this out.

Belinda

Sent from my iPhone

RTI DL RELEASE - DAFF

From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2013 8:12 AM
To: UNDERHILL Barry
CC: SPENCER Scott
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Barry,

That's right, looks like it's just getting started see article from today's Gympie Times
<http://www.gympietimes.com.au/news/shooting-range-stalled/2105358/#.Up-UIzwa-gk.email>

Cheers!

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From: UNDERHILL Barry
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2013 7:03 PM
To: Ludlow John
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Thanks John

This one doesn't look like its going away any time soon.

Cheers, Barry

Barry Underhill

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From: Ludlow John
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 4:23 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Scott,

I met with David Gibson this morning including a visit to the forest. We were accompanied by Mr Ron Owen (Curra Shooters Association, ex councilor and vocal local business man – owns a gun shop) plus regional reps from NPRSR - Mick Cubis from QPWS and Kathy Rogers from Sport and Rec.

Mr Owen is the representative of the Curra Shooters Association and the key advocate for this proposal. He was fairly vocal about wanting the current site in GYMG70007 as they have invested significant resources in identifying the site and overlaying safety templates for their various firearm classes. I learnt today that this proposal is not for a single range but rather a number of ranges all co-located within the larger footprint which makes me even more concerned about its compatibility with timber harvesting and other forest uses. Mr Owen's long term plans are for a national standard shooting complex and for all local Gympie gun clubs to relocate to this site, but not sure this is fully supported by all clubs. There was a study into the area about a decade ago which should provide some additional information about their proposed location and alternative options. Mr Owen has promised to supply a copy of that study.

I put forward Forest Products position and supporting arguments (refer attached email) as to why there are better locations (GYMG70003 and/or GYMG70004) within the SF than the current proposed site in GYMG70007. NPRSR support our position. Mr Gibson was not aware of the variety and intensity of other users in this part of the forest but now has a much greater appreciation of the issues with this proposed location. GYMG70007 has the highest use of any area within this State Forest as it is closest to Gympie, easily accessible, terrain is undulating and there are lots of existing access tracks. I have since been made aware of some correspondence from Cooloola Trail Care Alliance to the then Minister for Environment in September 2011 raising concerns about dislocation of other legitimate users and need for consultation with other forest users on this matter.

Mr Owen claimed that they were told in the early 2000's that GYMG70007 was Forestry's preferred site but despite repeated requests by Mr Gibson has not been able to produce any correspondence to confirm that. The climate has changed significantly since then as that would have been in the early days of the SEQFA when we were implementing a single harvest and transition to protected area estate.

Mr Owen is looking for the same benefits as all other forest users, being cheap land close to town with good access. The difference with a shooting range is they cannot safely co-locate with other users so they are effectively an exclusive use. Mr Owen did concede that any area of the SF was better than none so I believe he would take the alternative site in order to secure a deal. Mr Gibson was pushing that point as well. I also suggested that the alternative sites would actually be better in the long term from an access point of view once the proposed highway realignment was completed and they were less likely to be crowded out by future urban development.

NPRSR are leading this action and they have been instructed to deal with Gympie Regional Council as the proposed recipients of a lease/permit over the relevant area of the forest.

If you need any clarification or more info please let me know.

Cheers!

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From: Ludlow John
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:51 AM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Done. Meeting David Gibson at 9am Tuesday and doing a site visit.

Will let you know content and outcome of the briefing.

Cheers.

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From: SPENCER Scott
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:37 AM
To: Ludlow John
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

John

Just confirming Min's Office is happy for you to contact Mr Gibson's office directly to organise briefing

cheers

Scott Spencer
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From: SPENCER Scott
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:28 AM
To: Ludlow John
Cc: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

John

See below

Can you let me know whether you can do this asap please

Scott Spencer
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From: Lachlan Millar [mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 9:21 AM
To: SPENCER Scott
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Scott

Could we organise

Cheers
Lachlan

From: Gympie Electorate Office [mailto:Gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2013 8:50 AM
To: Lachlan Millar
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Lachlan

Can you please advise if there is any possibility of this briefing taking place in Gympie on either Monday 2nd December (pm) or any time up to 3.00pm on Tuesday 3rd December?

I await your advice.

Regards

Janell Cox | Electorate Officer
Office of David Gibson MP | Member for Gympie
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From: Gympie Electorate Office
Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 1:05 PM
To: 'Lachlan Millar'
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Hi Lachlan

I will get back to you regarding this shortly.

Cheers

Janell Cox | Electorate Officer

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 12:43 PM

To: Gympie Electorate Office

Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Importance: High

Hi Janell

Could you please come back to me and let me know what you would like to do, we can easily arrange a brief in Gympie.

Cheers

Lachlan

From: SPENCER Scott [<mailto:Scott.Spencer@daff.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Friday, 15 November 2013 9:11 AM

To: Lachlan Millar

Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh

Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Importance: High

Lachlan,

I have confirmed that the best person to brief the Member for Gympie on the rifle range matter is John Ludlow our SE Forestry Manager. He is actually based in Gympie and could do the briefing locally -- he has appropriate maps etc but if Mr Gibson wanted, he could also show him the site. According to John, the site we have identified may actually be better -- less commercial forestry disruption, a natural amphitheatre, no apiary sites, fewer access points so safety is improved etc etc.

I know its normal protocol for the Minister to have a rep at these sorts of briefing and if you want that, I will arrange for John to come down. But if the Minister and the Member are ok it would be best to do it locally. Let me know the outcome and we will make the appropriate arrangements either way. If its in Gympie, I will ensure John provides feedback for your information

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 5:16 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

No worries Scott

From: SPENCER Scott [<mailto:Scott.Spencer@daff.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 5:08 PM
To: Lachlan Millar
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: RE: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing

Thanks Lachlan

I will have to check who has been saying what -- is it us, or National Plarks or it HP Plantations? Rifle range interaction with forestry operations is a long standing issue. Not 100% sure about this one -- we have apparently suggested in one instance an alternative site as it has less impact on quality native forest -- not plantation.

So the answer is obviously yes we can arrange a face to face brief, but we will have to get back to you tomorrow about what we know on this one and who is the best person to talk to the Member about it.

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From: Lachlan Millar [<mailto:Lachlan.Millar@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 4:55 PM
To: SPENCER Scott
Cc: Bruce Mills; John McVeigh
Subject: FW: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Scott

Can we organise a time for the Member for Gympie David Gibson to receive a brief from our department on the proposed Corella Range Complex near Gympie, according to Mr Gibson's office our department has concerns about the rifle ranges close proximity to our Forest plantations. Mr Gibson

will be down next week for Parliament and would available to meet with our Department.

Cheers
Lachlan

From: Gympie Electorate Office [<mailto:Gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 11 November 2013 4:24 PM
To: DAFF; Elisabeth Hand
Cc: Lachlan Millar
Subject: Corella Range Complex - Request for Briefing
Importance: High

Hi Elisabeth & Lachlan

I refer to my telephone conversation with Lachlan earlier today.

Mr Gibson is seeking a Departmental briefing from forestry staff regarding the proposed Corella Range Complex near Gympie. It is understood that DAFF have advised that they do not prefer the original range site and Mr Gibson is seeking a briefing on this.

Mr Gibson would like the briefing to be provided during the next sitting week of Parliament.

A representative from Minister Dickson's office will also be attending the briefing.

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

Regards

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From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 12:25 PM
To: UNDERHILL Barry; GORDON Bill
Subject: Curra Rifle Range Update
Attachments: 120214 Minister Dickson letter to GRC.pdf

Due By: Monday, 5 December 8907 6:42 PM

Gents,

FYI. MLA is not the only issue gaining traction at the moment. See attached letter from NPRSR Minister Dickson advising GRC that land will be made available within SF700 for a rifle range. Council is tasked with consulting all parties and sorting out the issues.

Cheers!

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

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Councillor Ron Dyne
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Dear Mayor Dyne

I refer to the proposal to establish a shooting range complex within the Curra State Forest.

In order to provide certainty to Gympie Regional Council (GRC) so that it may undertake planning and obtain the necessary approvals, I hereby provide approval in-principle for the provision of land from Curra State Forest for the purpose of a shooting range complex. This approval in-principle is subject to GRC meeting necessary conditions associated with the final preferred authority or tenure and also subject to GRC satisfactorily resolving all issues associated with the provision of such a facility, including Native Title, existing use and forest production issues and development approvals. I am also advised that there are differing views within the community on where the proposed facility should be located.

An on-site meeting was held in December 2013, between Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR), the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and Mr Ron Owen, President of the Cooloola Range Association. During the meeting, Mr Owen expressed his views in relation to the proposed facility, in particular his view that the facility should be located in the southern section of the State forest. At the meeting, the department reaffirmed that GRC is the proponent for the proposed facility and as such all concerns in relation to the location and type of facilities should be directed to GRC.

I am advised that DAFF has some concerns regarding future resource security over certain areas of the State forest in particular the southern section. DAFF's preference to locate the proposed facility towards the central part of the State forest relates to the potential loss of superior forest production qualities (timber and apiary resource) over the area originally proposed.

Further, I recently received a letter from Mr Andrew McLaughlin representing the Cooloola Trail Care Alliance Inc. (CTCA). Mr McLaughlin raised concerns about the proposed facility impacting on existing recreational use of the State forest and suggested that if any such facility was to be considered then it should be located along the northern perimeter of the forest away from the more popular southern part of the forest. I will ensure that in responding to Mr McLaughlin that he is directed to GRC so that the CTCA interests are considered during the planning process.

Despite the views being offered by DAFF and CTCA, I am confident that future consultation and planning will result in an outcome acceptable to all parties.

In order to avoid unnecessary confusion and duplication in the future, I will ensure that all correspondence and negotiations with NPRSR are with GRC, as the proponent of the proposed facility.

While I am supportive of the proposal, the State Government is not in a position to provide a direct funding contribution to the establishment of the proposed complex at this time. However, NPRSR will continue to provide assistance with the proposal as necessary.

I hope this information is of assistance. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3719 7110.

Yours sincerely



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

cc **Mr David Gibson MP**
Member for Gympie
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RTI DL RELEASE - DAFF

From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 4 August 2014 9:45 AM
To: UNDERHILL Barry; SPENCER Scott
Subject: FW: Gympie Times-Sat, 02.08.14 re Shooting Range
Attachments: Gympie Times-Sat, 02.08.14 re Shooting Range.pdf

<<...>> Gents,

Copy of Saturdays Gympie Times article.

FYI - I took the Gympie Regional Council Planners around the bush last Thursday and showed them the entire area of interest in SF700 in order for them to acquire an appreciation of the lay of the land and the issues with various locations before they brief the consultant who will run the process of selecting a site. Council have yet to engage a consultant to identify all of the issues and consult with all stakeholders so the Gympie Times reporting on this matter has been premature and appears an attempt to influence the outcome of the location.

Mr Owen's assertions that the Commimo report identified Wood Rd site as the best site is not correct. The Commimo report refers to a site further to the north along Brady's Rd. There is no way the two sites can be confused in that report.

The Cooloola Trail Alliance (mountain bikers) are meeting with Councillor's this week and have written a letter to the editor as well as they are opposed to the Wood Rd site.

Regards.

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-----Original Message-----

From: JASCH Christine
Sent: Monday, 4 August 2014 8:54 AM
To: LUDLOW John
Cc: HOFFMAN Belinda
Subject: Gympie Times-Sat, 02.08.14 re Shooting Range

Hi John
Please find scanned image of Letters to the Editor from Saturday's Gympie Times.

Regards,
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Decision rests with Dickson

THE Gympie Times' story, Angry shots draw blank (GT, July 30) would have readers believe I am responsible for holding up the establishment of a shooting range complex in the Curra State Forest.

As Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forest, my sole interest lies in the commercial timber in the proposed area and any potential impact the loss of that timber would have on local sawmills and forest and timber jobs that are very important to the Gympie region.

I assure your readers that any communication and dealings on this issue between my Department and Gympie Regional Council has been prompt and solely around the issue of commercial timber. In short, I am not holding up any decision on the shooting range.

The decision on state land being made available rests with the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Hon Steve Dickson MP, who has provided in-principle support to the provision of land from Curra State Forest, and is currently awaiting advice from the proponent, Gympie Regional Council, as to the final location of the facility.

**The Hon John McVeigh,
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry**

Angry shots

REGARDING article Angry Shots Draw Blank (GT July, 30).

When the Cooloolo Range Complex Association Inc was invited to meet with Steve Dickson MP Member for Buderim, Minister for National Parks, Recreation, and Sport, regarding the site for a shooting complex at Wood Rd, Corella we were informed by Council and Mr David Gibson MP that this land concerned the National Parks portfolio as the land had not yet been declared a National Park but had been transferred from the Department of Natural Resources.

Originally, it had been a mining lease. The Cooloolo Range Complex Association Inc. had made two separate applications, a few years apart for the use of land.

The Corella Wood Rd site was selected at first by The Department of Natural Resources.

A project team had been commissioned to report on the feasibility of this shooting complex in the 1990s, not long after the State Government put a railway line through the centre of Victory Rifle



SIGHT SET: Accusations fly as to who is holding up the Corella shooting range.

PHOTO: MAX FLEET BUN250614GUN9

this regions shooting since 1912.

The officer in charge of this State Government commission was project officer Mr Tim Comino. After some years of deliberation Mr Comino produced the Comino Report which was submitted to the State Government Minister. The findings established that the Wood Rd site Corella Forestry was the ideal place, this was supported by Mr Peter Leeson the Senior Forester, the local Council and State and Federal Members of Parliament.

The site had been finally logged and had been waiting to be declared a National Park. As the site was waterless and unattractive, no objections were made by any parties. All were supportive. Then came a change of government and Minister Desley Boyle held it up until she was removed.

After 15 years of negotiating with Government Departments, it is a little late for the Forestry Department to change its mind and raise an objection.

Additional to this, the footprint of the planned shooting areas and shooting educational centre will not take 1% of the area of the land.

The balance has to be segregated for safety zones and noise buffers. Every 20 years when logging is required, ranges are closed during working days and the balance of the area can be safely logged.

After passing through the targets, bullets are captured by the butts or backstop. Rumours of bullets in wood are groundless even if the

into timber, the hard wood is harder than the lead and copper that the bullets are made of. They cannot leap out and hurt anyone, they cannot damage a circular saw, made out of high carbon tool steel. That is why the owner of the Victory Range, the Gympie Regional Council has no problem finding timber mills who wish to buy the logs from it.

This furphy from the forestry government employees is just another hurdle that has been set in the way of the regions law abiding firearm owners.

The Minister for National Parks, Mr Steven Dickson has asked verbally and in writing for the Gympie Regional Council to reply with a proposal on a long-term lease for this site, so it can sub-lease to the Corella Range Complex Inc. If Gympie Regional Council does not want to bear the responsibility, it can advise the Minister that the Cooloolo Range Complex Inc. take up the lease directly with his department. This Shooting Complex can be a great economic benefit for this our region, we do not want to wait another 20 years for it to happen, so have a hard copy petition with a few hundred names on it at the counter of Owen Guns and David Gibson MP has organised an online petition at Parliament house. If you support this project please add your signature to these petitions, which ever is the most convenient.

**Ron Owen,
President Cooloolo Range Complex Association.**

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 August 2014 10:13 AM
To: UNDERHILL Barry; SPENCER Scott
Subject: Gympie Times letter to editor re Curra Rifle Range
Attachments: 050814 Gympie Times letter to editor.pdf

Gents,

FYI copy of letter to the editor in today's Gympie Times. Andrew McLaughlin is Secretary of "Cooloola Trail Care Alliance" which is an advocacy group for public access to trail networks for passive recreation such as mountain bikes, horse riders and walkers. There are a number of these alliance groups around SEQ. CTCA have trail networks all over the southern end of Curra SF and happily co-exist with our timber harvesting operations.

Regards.

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Gympie students?



It will help commemorate the young people who landed at Gallipoli in 1915. – Ivan Friske.



It's a terrific idea – so pleased Roger brought it up. – Vietnam Veterans Association Gympie president Keith Fraser.



It's an absolutely brilliant idea – good for the whole district. – Allan Lutton.



The Vietnam Veteran's committee recognises that a lot of students are finding it difficult financially. - Roger Harding.

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LETTERS | Send us a letter, please include your name and contact details

Under fire

THERE is a serious lack of factual reporting in the article in The Gympie Times this week regarding progress of the proposed combined shooting facility in Curra State Forest.

The State Government has only this year given in-principle support for excising an area of Curra State Forest for a combined shooting facility, on the condition that the council undertakes the necessary planning, feasibility and community consultation.

This is a step that the previous State Government was clearly not prepared to take despite successive lobbying by Mr Ron Owen, the council and our local member Mr David Gibson.

The Gympie Times is now reporting departmental "concerns" raised during this (required) consultation process as being roadblocks, ministerial contradiction and interference.

I would argue that this is misrepresentative and mischievous reporting at best. Please disclose the details and approvals for the facility that your report claims to have been "planned for about 15 years".

The community is aware of a sustained lobbying effort for allowing a combined shooting facility in Curra State Forest over that period, but certainly no concerted or consultative planning.

My understanding is that the planning phase for such a facility is only just commencing following the State Government's recent 'in-principle' and conditional consent. It would be an abject waste of ratepayers' money for the council to have proceeded with any planning process for a facility in that location

Keep the peace

Bella Creek no place for motor

REGARDING the proposed Multisport Park at Bella Creek.

I call on Gympie Regional Council to reject this development proposal for all the same reasons it did in 2012, plus now the proposal of a new access road via Kandanga Creek Rd and all its associated problems.

Bella Creek Rd is an unfenced, dirt road and was the original access proposed in the 2011 development application.

It has the same critical issues of noise, dust, livestock and (un)safety as Kandanga Creek Rd.

As a community, we have seen enough deaths on our local roads in the past several weeks without creating more.

Yes, council, the community and ratepayers will be totally responsible for maintenance and safety upgrades to

As a community, we have seen enough deaths on our local roads...without creating more.

Kandanga Creek Rd and what for?

To satisfy one individual's private business enterprise?

Can totally sympathise regarding the noise issues.

The amount of noise this proposed development will make will make our property unliveable.

We too, left the big smoke for a "quiet, country" lifestyle, which this development will shatter and leave the surrounding hills ringing with

motorsports

There are areas for not Bella Creek Rd

In Mar for Nation Sport and plans for and BMX between the Bruce Mooloolah

This noisy area of our community

WHAT What do propose Bella Creek editor@

No to motor park

I AM a Brisbane resident with family property in the Imbil area. My family has lived here for 30 years.

We, like so many local people, love the local district, its community feel, and the alignment of interests of those who live in and spend time in the Imbil, Bella Creek region. This is a beautiful country where people have settled, live, work, and play.

A motor-oriented sports park in the area would be the antithesis of the reasons this

community present the need current ahead of intention region.

Please propose what the wants. T undesirable regional concern

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Sent: Friday, 8 August 2014 10:36 AM
To: UNDERHILL Barry; SPENCER Scott
Subject: Shooting Range Article
Attachments: GT article 080814.pdf

Gents,

FYI a marked change in position by local councillors from previous reports. Andrew McLaughlin of Cooloola Trail Care Alliance met with Cr Friske and Cr Gate on Tuesday following his letter to the editor on same day.

Cheers!

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Range shot in the dark

Shooters forgotten in talks

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WHEN Gympie Regional Council writes to the Sporting Shooters Association about the proposed Corella shooting complex, it will be the first time anyone has sought the views of the people who would be using it.

A combined site for all shooting sports at the near-Gympie end of the Curra State Forest has been strongly advocated by Gympie gun dealer and enthusiast Ron Owen, although some have questioned the extent of his support among shooters themselves.

Mr Owen claims the project has been talked about for 15 years, but nothing ever seems to happen. Infrastructure councillor Larry Friske says the council is as keen as anyone to make progress on the project, but the problem is finding and insisting on the right site.

SSAA state and national president Geoff Jones says his organisation has never been consulted, despite representing 60,000 Queensland sporting shooters, a number which he says amounts to 10 times the com-

combined membership of all other shooter groups in the state. "I must admit I was one of the original group of combined shooting groups that inspected the site 10 years ago or more," Mr Jones said.

"That was long before the Gympie connections mentioned it and before the council got involved, as far as I know," he said.

"Since that early meeting, we've never been involved or consulted on any development of the project. "I've been president for 10 years and no one's asked me during that time.

"I checked with my predecessor and no one asked him either."

Deputy Mayor Tony Perrett expressed surprise no one had asked the shooters for their opinion, after planning councillor Ian Petersen successfully moved this be rectified.

Council shooting range negotiator Rae Gate seconded the motion, which was also supported by her fellow negotiator Larry Friske.

"We need to obtain the right land, suitable land and not just the land that is being bandied around at the moment," he said.



FORGOTTEN PEOPLE: Plenty of sporting shooters have an opinion about the proposed Corella shooting range, but no-one has thought to ask them.

PHOTO: LYNDON KEANE

Pistol shooters first to go: Friske

"THE pistol shooters will be the first to go," Larry Friske said this week.

The council negotiator involved in talks with the state government on a proposed near-Gympie permanent home for all shooting sports says existing facilities are not long for this world.

He says shooters need to be interested right now in the future of their sport, which claims a substantial proportion

of Gympie region people among its followers.

Residential encroachment and resulting noise complaints are the big problems for shooting sports, he says.

And they will not go away. "There are houses quite close to the pistol range now and noise complaints will shut it down, possibly sooner rather than later," he said.

He says even the much discussed Corella site, ad-

vocated by gun enthusiast and dealer Ron Owen, is not as far out of town as it used to be.

"Noisy sports are getting harder to find homes for," he said, adding there should be no problems with other sporting groups and Forestry Department interests also using shooting range safety areas.

"You just put in the lease that shooting stops during other events or during tree harvesting," he said.

Valley's ambo ranking

KENILWORTH is a front runner for a permanently staffed ambulance station.

But rather than follow the Rainbow Beach model of a temporary service at peak visitor times, Health Minister Lawrence Springborg says the town will have to stick with its first responder service for now.

Mr Springborg was responding in state parliament this week to a question from Nicklin MP Peter Wellington.

Mr Wellington asked if the minister would investigate having an upgraded ambulance service in the town during holiday periods, as occurs at Rainbow Beach.

Mr Springborg said Kenilworth's first responder volunteer model was common in centres too small to justify a permanently staffed ambulance station, but the time would come when it a permanent professional service would be needed.

An assessment was underway and if a decision had to be made now, Kenilworth would be "at the front of the list", Mr Springborg said.

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From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 August 2014 2:22 PM
To: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: Curra Shooting Range
Attachments: GT article 270814.pdf; Gympie Hway bypass map17[1].pdf

Barry,

The coverage of this issue rolls on unabated. I suspect there is a bit of blame shifting to buy time. I have not yet had any contact with Council's consultant and I suspect they have yet to be appointed. Mr Owens continued implying that all Council has to do is ask and a lease will be granted is not consistent with Minister Dickson's 12/2/14 letter to Council which required GRC to undertake appropriate planning and consultation. We are only one of the parties they need to consult with so not sure why they continue to focus on timber only.

Good to see the Mayor now acknowledging that housing development has compromised Mr Owen's proposed site and ironically that development was approved by Council during the period Mr Owen was a Councillor.

Aside from the above issues I also note that the proposed highway bypass cuts through the western side of the SF and this will also potentially impact on Mr Owen's proposed location.

Regards.

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X Factor on Monday. Adrien Nookaduk was sent home after earlier joining Sydnee Carter

riencing the gamut of emotions. "It's not getting easier," she said. The Gympie singer's Muster appearance

"Short and sharp" appearance at the Muster tomorrow morning - without Ronan. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Shooting claims 'not credible'

GYMPIE Regional Council's claims on the long awaited Cooloola Range shooting sports facility were not credible, shooter representative Ron Owen said yesterday.



Ron Owen



Mayor Ron Dyne

Mr Owen said Mayor Ron Dyne seemed to be accusing state forestry officials of defying ministerial authority on the proposal.

Cr Dyne said the council was making progress, but still negotiating the site location with forestry officials.

He also said the council was about to start a government-required feasibility study.

"They don't want us in the southern section because that's where the best timber

is," the mayor also said.

But Forestry Minister John McVeigh has told the Gympie Times his department is only concerned about access to timber, which Mr Owen says will not be a problem, with a harvest-time shutdown able

to be built into the lease.

And he says Recreation Minister Steve Dickson has told him clearly that no feasibility study is required, because he has approved it already.

"All the council has to do is write to the government ask-

ing for a lease," Mr Owen said.

Mr Owen says the mayor's claims reflect badly on the departments.

"Is the council accusing the departments of directly defying ministerial authority?" Mr Owen asked yesterday.

Cr Dyne said another problem was new housing development, approved during Mr Owen's time as a councillor, had now compromised the southern site, because of noise effects on residents.

But Mr Owen says he attended a meeting with the mayor and Crs Rae Gate and Larry Fiske in February agreeing to the southern location.

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From: LUDLOW John [John.Ludlow@daff.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2014 2:24 PM
To: UNDERHILL Barry
Subject: FW: Curra Rifle Range

FYI copy of some more dialogue on this subject from the Gympie Times face book page.

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From: HOFFMAN Belinda
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2014 2:01 PM
To: LUDLOW John
Subject: Curra Rifle Range

John,

As requested, I have taken screenshots of the Gympie Times Facebook re Curra Rifle Range. There were a couple more comments since yesterday.

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Regards,

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Subject: FW: Hansard - Dickson response to DGibson's Petition
Attachments: 141026_HonMin Steve Dickson_Response to DGibson Petition.pdf

Barry,

FYI. Mr Owen and Mr Gibson further attempting to influence the outcome independent of the feasibility study.

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Sent: Monday, 20 October 2014 4:50 PM
To: LUDLOW John
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Hon Steve Dickson MP
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 2014 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 2279-14 (the Petition) tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House immediately excise Corella SF 700 from the Curra State Forest and issue a lease to the local council for the land to be used for a sporting shooters range complex. If the Gympie Regional Council (GRC) is not willing to expedite such a lease for these purposes, the petitioners request the House offer the lease to the Cooloola Range Complex Association (CRCA).

In a letter dated 12 February 2014 to the GRC, I provided approval-in-principle for the provision of land from Curra State Forest for the purpose of a shooting range complex.

This approval-in-principle was subject to the GRC meeting the necessary conditions associated with the final preferred authority or tenure, and also subject to the GRC satisfactorily resolving all issues associated with the provision of such a facility, including Native Title, existing use and forest production issues and development approvals. I understand that there are differing views within the broader community on where the proposed complex should be located.

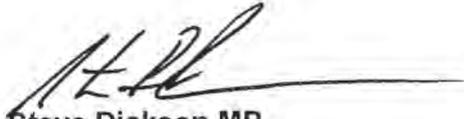
The GRC is the proponent for this proposal and I understand they are conducting a feasibility study on the provision of a shooting complex.

Staff from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing have met with GRC councillors and staff on a number of occasions. They have also inspected the potential sites with them and representatives from the CRCA.

Once I am satisfied that the necessary conditions of the approval-in-principle have been fulfilled, the department will work with the GRC and the community towards a suitable outcome.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3719 7110.

Yours sincerely



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

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Subject: Corella Rifle Range Complex

Dion,

Thanks for the opportunity to discuss forest production values in the planning considerations for this proposed project. The following summarises the forest production values of the various management areas of the forest that we discussed.

Forest management unit GYMG70007 (site proposed by Mr Owen);

- GYMG70007 is a current harvesting area under sale for sawlogs, poles, girders, landscaping timbers and miscellaneous products. Sawlog harvesting is not currently active and best estimates suggest harvesting may not be completed for approximately 2 years, subject to weather and log supply requirements. This sale area is being strategically harvested to balance short haul, wet weather and species mix to the Permittee's sawlog supply requirements. Poles, girders and other timber harvesting may be integrated or undertaken subsequent to sawlog harvesting.
- This forest is considered productive dry sclerophyll and has future re-harvest potential in about 15 to 20 years following current harvest completion. The current forest harvesting operation is being undertaken in accord with the QPWS Code of Practice and as such not all commercial timber is being removed. Therefore salvage of further resource would be required in any areas to be cleared for the proposed rifle range.
- From a timber perspective GYMG70007 is considered one of the most productive areas within the entire SF 700 (Curra State Forest).
- There are 7 current apiary sites located within GYMG70007, all of which fall within or are very close to the proposed shooting range and safety template footprint.
- Shrapnel in trees is a serious safety concern when sawing logs or processing timber, and this has been recently confirmed by several sawmillers.
- DAFF Forestry does not have any current stock grazing permit holders on the proposed site, and there are no permitted foliage harvesting activities on SF 700 at this point in time.
- There are no known quarry resources of significance in GYMG70007.
- There are a number of roads and tracks that traverse through the proposed template area for the proposed shooting range that provide important access for management and fire control that assist to mitigate risk to neighbours.
- DAFF Forestry understand that a future highway bypass corridor may impact on the southern end of GYMG70007 and any subsequent access restrictions are not yet known.

Locating the proposed shooting range at an alternative site in Curra State Forest, possibly at GYMG70003 or GYMG70004, would have significantly less impacts on the forest production values for the following reasons:

- Both sites have natural amphitheatres with high background hills where the range could be aligned into the landscape to improve safety for other forest users, including those permitted for forest production activities in areas surrounding the final design site.
- Timber harvesting has been completed in both areas, although salvage of any cleared areas may still be required.
- Remaining forest is less productive than GYMG70007, resulting in less impact on future timber production values.
- Both have steeper terrain than GYMG70007 resulting in fewer alternative access points and thereby improving the safety of the proposed shooting range.
- There are no apiary sites in GYMG70003, and only 3 in GYMG70004 (2 of which are on the eastern boundary).
- There are no known quarry resources of significance.
- There are less access tracks and roads of significance to fire and management activities on these sites relative to GYMG70007.
- Neighbours to these sites are generally rural landowners. This means that there are less buildings and other assets at risk from uncontrolled wildfire events relative to GYMG70007.

If you require any clarification on these matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards.

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End: Tue 3/12/2013 11:00 AM
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Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Ludlow John

Meet at Mr Gibson's Shannon St office for field visit.

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Subject: Corella Range Shooting Facility
Location: 29 Channon St, Gympie (GRC Planning and Development Building - Internal Meeting Room)
Start: Wed 9/07/2014 3:00 PM
End: Wed 9/07/2014 4:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Marcus Matthews

Item Type: Appointment
Start Date: Wednesday, 9 Jul 2014, 03:00:00pm (E. Australia Standard Time)
Duration: 1 Hour
Place: 29 Channon St, Gympie (GRC Planning and Development Building - Internal Meeting Room)

In regards to the Corella Range Shooting Facility, Gympie Regional Council would like to set up a preliminary meeting to inform on the scope of a feasibility study to be undertaken as soon as possible. Martin, please invite colleagues from state stakeholder departments as you see fit.

Please advise of your attendance or of any potential conflict at this time.

Regards

Marcus Matthews
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RTI DL RELEASE - DAFEE

Subject: Corella Range Shooting Facility
Location: GRC Planning and Development Building before heading out on-site

Start: Thu 31/07/2014 9:00 AM
End: Thu 31/07/2014 11:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Marcus Matthews

Item Type: Appointment
Start Date: Thursday, 31 Jul 2014, 09:00:00am (E. Australia Standard Time)
Duration: 2 Hours, 30 Mins
Place: GRC Planning and Development Building before heading out on-site

Good afternoon

Council is wanting to arrange this meeting to have a look around the Curra State Forest site to inform the brief on the Corella Range Shooting Facility. John will be able to access the sites and we will meet at Council's P & D Office before heading out.

Please advise of availability ASAP so that we can organise cars etc.

Regards

Marcus Matthews
Senior Planner
Land Use, Sport & Recreation and Heritage

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Subject: Dion Collins
Location: Gympie Office

Start: Wed 15/10/2014 9:00 AM
End: Wed 15/10/2014 9:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: LUDLOW John

From ROSS Consulting re Curra rifle range proposal.
Dion Collins Sch4p4(6)
Mobile Number

RTI DL RELEASE - DAF

Copy of work diary pages.
John Hutton.

December 2013

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Tuesday

7:00am - 5:00pm.

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Recon tour of SF700 to familiarise self with roads + tracks.

9:00am meet with David Gibson, Mick Gabis, Kathy Rogers + Ken Owen re Curra SF shooting range proposal.

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Catch up

3pm meeting with GRC re SF700 rifle range proposal.

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9am Marcus + Chris from GRC for tour of SF700 to view overall terrain of area wrt shooting range proposal.

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Office - Jim Collins from Loss Planning meeting re Curra Rifle Range.

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