

Date : 19/07/2021 7:04:59 AM

From : "NPAQ Conservation"

To : "KLAASSEN Ben"

Cc : (6) Personal info@outlook.com"

Subject : Agenda

Hi Ben,

Here are the items we'll be looking to discuss.

- [Redacted] 73(2)Irrelevant
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- Conondale NP/Borumba Dam
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See you then.

Laura Hahn

Conservation Principal

National Parks Association of Queensland

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Date : 4/04/2022 5:33:05 PM

From : "Media DES"

To : "Ben Klaassen"

Cc : "Corro DES QPWS DDG" , "Matthew Watson" , "Media DES"

Subject : Ben: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba

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Cheers

Media response

Native title Cooloola Borumba

4 April 2022

From: Arthur Gorrie <arthur.gorrie@gympietoday.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 1 April 2022 12:33 PM

To: Daniel Knowles <Daniel.Knowles@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Francis DelaCruz <Francis.DelaCruz@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

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Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:27 PM
To: Matthew Watson
Cc: Media DES; Tracy Rose
Subject: RE: Cheryl: Native Title response Cooloola Borumba

Suggested edits below.

Regards



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I live and work on the banks of Maiwar
Yillu Yuggera Jagerra yumbarramban, ngawu

This Country is sacred. Everything on the land has meaning and all people are one with it. I acknowledge First Nations peoples' rights and sacred connection to country.

First Nations people speak to Country, listen to Country, sing up Country, dance up Country, understand Country and long for Country.

I acknowledge and thank First Nations people for this enduring relationship, connecting people, Country and ancestors—an unbreakable bond that safely stewarded and protected the land, waters and sky for thousands of generations.

I acknowledge the peoples of the country on which I live and work across Queensland.



From: Matthew Watson <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>
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To : "KLAASSEN Ben"

Subject : Borumba hydro to deliver reliable supply and 2000 jobs



Media release

JOINT STATEMENT

Premier and Minister for Trade

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

Treasurer and Minister for Investment

The Honourable Cameron Dick

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement

The Honourable Mick de Brenni

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From : "Ministerial Media Statements QLD"

To : "KLAASSEN Ben"

Subject : Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community



Media release

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement

The Honourable Mick de Brenni

Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community

One of Queensland's largest renewable energy projects is about to take the next step in consultation with the local community as the Palaszczuk Government continues to prioritise investment in renewables as part of Queensland's plan for economic recovery from COVID-19.

At one gigawatt and 24 hours storage, the Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) project would be Queensland's largest pumped hydro project, with the potential to power up to 1.5 million homes and support 2000 construction jobs.

Tenders are now called for initial engineering and consulting services to deliver design and costings for the project.

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen Mick de Brenni said an essential part of the project was environmental feasibility studies as well as community consultation support.

The Queensland Government has committed \$22 million for a detailed design and cost analysis of the project to support future decisions. A request for information (RFI) will be released for environmental studies and community consultation support at the same time as an invitation to tender (ITT) to be released to secure the role of Owners Engineer and technical advisory services.

“Borumba hydro is an important project for Queensland as we move towards our 50% renewable energy target by 2030,” Mr de Brenni said.

“Pumped hydro will play a key role in complementing solar and wind generation.

“We hope that Queensland-based businesses get involved in the tender process to deliver the relevant work packages.”

Gympie Regional Council Mayor Glen Hartwig said it was vital the community had their say.

“I’d encourage everybody to be part of this consultation process,” Cr Hartwig said.

“This project has the potential to create good jobs in the Gympie region and we support the consultation process.”

Powerlink Queensland will coordinate the work based on its role in the state's power system and experience in delivering large infrastructure on the electricity transmission network.

Powerlink Chief Executive Paul Simshauser said the tender process would ensure the right expertise is secured on the project.

◆ Together with the Queensland Government, we will soon commence engagement with a range of stakeholders, including the local community, environmental groups, Traditional Owners and Seqwater,◆ Mr Simshauser said.

◆ Borumba Dam has the potential to be one of the state◆s largest infrastructure projects, so we need to get the right technical advice now in delivering the design and cost analysis,◆ Mr Simshauser said.

◆ The project is an opportunity to further strengthen the supply of electricity across Queensland, while also driving regional economies recovering from COVID impacts.◆

The studies are expected to take up to 24 months, with a submission expected to Government by mid-to-end-2023.

Go to <https://www.epw.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/borumba-dam-pumped-hydro> for more information.

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From : "Ben Klaassen"

To : "Nick Weinert"

Subject : Borumba

Attachment : DMView_1647244223789_03542-22_1982466_Incoming_Request.pdf;

Hi Nick

Not sure if you saw this. Region is nominating Anthony Ross but we may need an internal governance process within QPWS&P and DES given the multiple areas of interest.

Any thoughts?

Regards

Ben

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Date : 25/06/2021 10:24:30 AM

From : desminanddg.corro@des.qld.gov.au

To : "KLAASSEN Ben"

Subject : For your Approval: CTS No. 12749/21: Concerning (QPWS&P) with input from ESR // MIN LTR / Proposal to build a pumped hydro power plant at Borumba Dam in the Sunshine Coast hinterland may have a significant impact on the regions biodiversity values.

Please click on the [Item Link](#) to view the item on MECS.

CTS No. 12749/21 has been actioned by Corro DES QPWS DDG and is submitted for your endorsement.

They supplied the following comments (if any): **Hi Ben, Min Letter and dot points for your endorsement. Approved by A/ED. Due 28 June. Thanks .**

This item needs to be returned to DES - Minister on or before 28/06/21.

You should either:

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If you have any queries please contact Corro DES QPWS DDG or officers from DES - Minister by emailing to desminanddg.corro@des.qld.gov.au or via the link [Management Team Link](#).

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Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro

The Queensland Government has committed to developing a detailed cost and design analysis for a potential pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) located at Borumba Dam.

Incorporated within the analysis will be a range of studies including geotechnical investigation, engineering design and environmental assessments.

The outcomes of the analysis will be delivered to government to enable the necessary decisions to be made regarding construction of the project.

Site location

Borumba Dam is located approximately 70 km south-west of Noosa in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Due to its proximity to the high voltage electricity transmission network, the Queensland Government previously identified the site as a possible location for the development of a PHES facility. Powerlink has held the site since the 1980s.

Technical parameters

A PHES at Borumba Dam would be capable of generating up to 1 GW (1,000 MW) at maximum output — equivalent to over 15% of Queensland's average electricity demand.

The PHES would store enough water to be able to deliver this output for 24 hours continuously, making Borumba Dam one of the largest PHES facilities in the world in terms of storage capacity.

Creation of a PHES at Borumba requires a new dam to be constructed above the existing Borumba Dam, and expansion of the existing lower reservoir. Tunnels would link the two dams, to enable water to be pumped from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir, and for water released from the upper reservoir to drive turbines to generate electricity.

Metric	
Maximum generation	1 GW
Storage duration	24 hours
Energy storage	24 GWh
Height between dams	325 m
Tunnel length	2.6 km
Upper dam volume	31.5 GL

Why are further studies needed?

While Borumba Dam has been identified as a potential site for a new large-scale PHES, further studies are required in order to fully address the feasibility of a project on the site.

Large PHES projects are major investments with expected lives of over 50 years. PHES projects also have the potential to impact the local environment due to the need to build new dams, drill tunnels to connect dams and new transmission lines to connect the PHES to the electricity network.

Over the next two years, a number of detailed studies will be conducted into Borumba Dam to enable the government to decide whether or not to proceed with a PHES at the site.

Studies will include:

Environmental — a decision to proceed with a PHES at Borumba Dam will only be taken once the project has been assessed consistent with the government's environmental principles for PHES. Environmental and social impact studies will assess the proposed PHES and address potential options to minimise and offset the impact of the project.

Geotechnical — geotechnical studies provide certainty on the engineering requirements for tunnels between dams by providing detailed information on the geology at the site along the length of alternative tunnel routes.

Hydrological — hydrological studies will address issues associated with water. This will provide detailed assessment of sources of water for initial filling of the PHES, impact on other water users, and the impact of climate change on the PHES.

Engineering design — engineering design studies will include dam construction, tunnel design, pump and turbine selection and connection to the electricity network.

Financial — once all the various studies have been compiled, more accurate estimates of the expected total cost of the project will be developed. Financial assessment will enable the Queensland Government to maximise the economic benefits to the state if it decides to proceed with a project at Borumba Dam.

Implementation partner

The government has selected Powerlink to manage the next phase of work to complete the additional studies.

Powerlink is well placed as implementation partner due to their understanding of the electricity system and market, and their experience with developing large infrastructure projects.

Public consultation

Consistent with its environmental principles, the government is committed to transparent and regular engagement with stakeholders when assessing potential PHES projects.

Powerlink will engage formally with stakeholders in the process of undertaking detailed cost and design analysis at Borumba Dam.

More broadly, the government welcomes community and stakeholder feedback at any stage of the project. Email contact: QRET@dnrme.qld.gov.au in the first instance.



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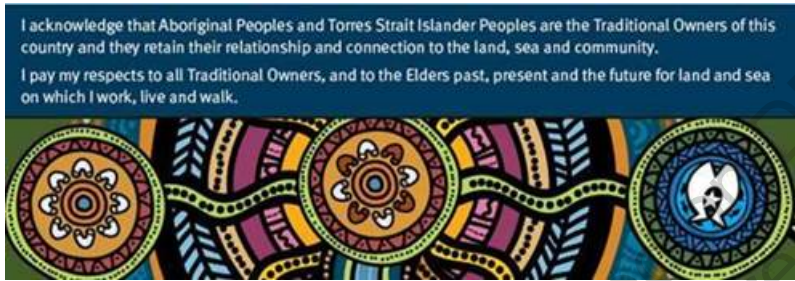
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From: KLAASSEN Ben
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To: Kate Whittle; DLO DES
Cc: WEINERT Nick
Subject: RE: Preliminary position on the Borumba Dam

Hi Kate

Our advice to Energy was as follows:

- DES believes the Borumba Project could provide an opportunity to accelerate the Yabba Links Proposal and secure additional land for the protected area estate if a whole-of-government approach is adopted.
- This has the potential to mitigate against an expected strong negative response to the project from peak and local conservation organisations and (potentially) the Kabi Kabi First Nations people.
- Accordingly, DES recommends the future business case for the PHES proposal, or associated measures:
 - allows for the residual State-owned land (with high cultural and conservation values) to be transferred to the Queensland protected area estate;

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 - provides opportunities for carbon sequestration derived from the habitat restoration on the state dam lands, to partially offset the carbon emissions associated with the development and operation of the Borumba PHES;

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 - Transfer Powerlink lands at Mt Byron PHES to DES for National Park.

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Happy to provide an update at next catch up.

Regards

Ben



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I pay my respects to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders past, present and the future for land and sea on which I work, live and walk.



From: Kate Whittle <Kate.Whittle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 11:35 AM
To: DLO DES
Cc: KLAASSEN Ben; WEINERT Nick
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Cc: Director QCC <director@qldconservation.org.au>
Subject: Preliminary position on the Borumba Dam

Kate,
Below is an agreed preliminary position that has included input from NPAQ, Sunshine Coast Environment Centre, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee and others.

We'll put this into a letter and send it through to Minister de Brenni with some further points to clarify next week.

Cheers

Andrew

Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro proposal

While the investment in renewable energy and storage is welcomed, the proposal to build a pumped hydro power plant at Borumba Dam in the Sunshine Coast hinterland may have a significant impact on the region's biodiversity values.

The proposal is located in the Mary River catchment and involves building a new dam at a higher altitude as well as expanding the existing dam. While little information has been provided it will affect existing national parks, aquatic habitats, native vegetation, threatened species and downstream water flows.

Although it's absolutely essential that we build publicly owned energy storage to enable a transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030, this must not come at the expense of threatened species and environmental values.

A first step in gaining community support for the proposal is to ensure the assessment of environmental impacts potentially caused by the proposal are thorough, which takes into consideration matters of state and national environmental significance.

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To: Kate Whittle <Kate.Whittle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Director QCC <director@qldconservation.org.au>

Subject: Preliminary position on the Borumba Dam

Kate,
Below is an agreed preliminary position that has included input from NPAQ, Sunshine Coast Environment Centre, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee and others.

We'll put this into a letter and send it through to Minister de Brenni with some further points to clarify next week.

Cheers

Andrew

Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro proposal

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To : "Jeffrey McAlister"

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To : "KLAASSEN Ben" , "HEAD Damien" , "BRITTINGHAM Geoff"
Cc : "SMYTH Greg"
Subject : HEADS UP: Potential Borumba Dam announcement
Attachment : image001.png,image002.png;
Hi Ben,

We've just received advice this afternoon that there may be an announcement on Tuesday next week regarding the Borumba Dam proposal.

No info as to what the announcement will entail as yet, but we're meeting with Dept of Energy & Public Works on Monday when they expect to have more details.

We'll also strategise the best approach for managing our Yabba Links stakeholders – which will depend on how certain the announcement is.

I'll keep you updated.

Thanks,
Jen



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To : "Ben Klaassen"
Subject : MECS - For Allocation: CTS No 03542/22 is due on 16/03/22 - Concerning: (QPWS&P) // DG ITEM (DIRECT ACTION) / seek nomination of DES officers for working group for investigating Borumba Dam Hydroelectric Project / Letter from Paul Martyn, Director-G

CTS No. 03542/22 has been allocated to you by Corro DES QPWS DDG for action. This item is due on 16/03/22. Comments provided (if any): **Hi Ben, ED SP&F supports nomination of Anthony Ross for the working group for investigating Borumba Dam Hydroelectric Project. For your endorsement. Timeframe 16 March, 2022. Thank you kindly, Sheldon**

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Item Details

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To : "UNDERHILL Barry"
Cc : "COLLIN Jennifer" , "KLAASSEN Ben" , "WEINERT Nick"
Subject : RE: Early forest transfers in SEQ
Attachment : image001.png,image005.png,image006.png,image007.jpg;
Thanks Barry.

Nick returns to his role on Monday, so I'll ask Nick's EA to coordinate a meeting to discuss Yabba and Borumba.

Angela.

Angela Siggery ([she/her](#))

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Sent: Tuesday, 20 July 2021 3:23 PM
To: SIGGERY Angela
Cc: COLLIN Jennifer; KLAASSEN Ben; WEINERT Nick
Subject: RE: Early forest transfers in SEQ

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To: UNDERHILL Barry
Cc: COLLIN Jennifer; KLAASSEN Ben; WEINERT Nick
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Cc : "SIGGERY Angela"

Subject : RE: Preliminary position on the Borumba Dam

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Sorry Ben – it took a little while to get an answer from DEPW.

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We'll meet with them next week to discuss.

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Thanks,

Jen



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Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 12:12 PM

To: COLLIN Jennifer

Cc: SIGGERY Angela

Subject: FW: Preliminary position on the Borumba Dam

Hi Jen

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Regards

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To : "Ben Klaassen"
Cc : "Timothy Hartz"
Subject : RE: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba
Attachment : image001.png;image005.png;image006.png;image002.png;
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No Daniel isn't in our MO – maybe Min De Brenni's based on the journo's message?

Jeff

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Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:38 PM
To: Jeffrey McAlister
Subject: FW: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba
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From: Cheryl Leavy <Cheryl.Leavy@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:27 PM
To: Matthew Watson
Cc: Media DES; Tracy Rose
Subject: RE: Cheryl: Native Title response Cooloola Borumba

Suggested edits below.

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I acknowledge and thank First Nations people for this enduring relationship, connecting people, Country and ancestors—an unbreakable bond that safely stewarded and protected the land, waters and sky for thousands of generations.

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From: Matthew Watson <Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 4:55 PM
To: Cheryl Leavy
Cc: Media DES; Tracy Rose
Subject: Cheryl: Native Title response Cooloola Borumba

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To : "Jeffrey McAlister"
Subject : RE: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba
Attachment : image001.png;image004.png;image005.png;image002.png;
Yes makes sense given Borumba energy linkage.

From: Jeffrey McAlister <Jeffrey.McAlister@dtis.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:44 PM
To: Ben Klaassen
Cc: Timothy Hortz
Subject: RE: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba

Thanks Ben, that looks fine to me.
No Daniel isn't in our MO – maybe Min De Brenni's based on the journo's message?

Jeff

From: Ben Klaassen <Ben.Klaassen@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:38 PM
To: Jeffrey McAlister
Subject: FW: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba
Importance: High

Hi Jeff

FYI our proposed response on this one.

Is Daniel Knowles in your MO?

Regards
Ben

From: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 5:33 PM
To: Ben Klaassen
Cc: Corro DES QPWS DDG; Matthew Watson; Media DES
Subject: Ben: urgent media response for approval please - Native Title - Cooloola Borumba
Importance: High

Hi Ben,

Please see response below and attached for Gympie Today.
This has been approved by Tracy Rose and Cheryl Leavy, with the information coming from Crown Law and partnerships.
Unfortunately, the deadline is ASAP.
Is this okay to progress to ODG/MO?
Cheers

Media response

Native title Cooloola Borumba

4 April 2022

From: Arthur Gorrie <arthur.gorrie@gympietoday.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 1 April 2022 12:33 PM
To: Daniel Knowles <Daniel.Knowles@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Francis DelaCruz <Francis.DelaCruz@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Native Title query

I have noticed both Minister Scanlon and Minister de Brenni have used the tidal "traditional owners" to describe an apparently favoured Aboriginal corporation which is apparently a Native Title claimant in the Cooloola Coast area.
Their claim is disputed by other Aboriginal groups and presumably is subject to assessment.
This means they are not yet recognised "traditional owners" as their Native Title claim, contested by other Aboriginal people in the area, is not yet determined.
Why has the Kabi Kabi group been chosen as "traditional owners" and not the Gubbi Gubbi group, which also claims Native Title.

Is the government favouring the group which supports its ambitions to develop the Cooloola Recreation Area and the Borumba Dam hydro scheme?
Have the ministers pre-empted the government's native title processes and are those processes any good really, from the point of view of genuine Aboriginal people who have not been offered incentives, including jobs, to go along with what the government wants?
There is no mad tearing rush on this, but close of business Monday would be good, as we have early deadlines.
Thanks

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science spokesperson:

In progressing ecotourism development, the Queensland Government's engagement with First Nations groups is governed by relevant legislation and procedures under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA) and the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

Under the NTA, the Queensland Government is required to work with the Registered Native Title Claimant which in the case of the Cooloola Great Walk Ecotourism Project is the "Kabi Kabi First Nation Traditional Owners Native Title Claim Group", as named in the determination application.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring proactive, genuine and meaningful collaboration with First Nations peoples. It is working with the Kabi Kabi First Nation Traditional Owners across all stages of Cooloola Great Walk Ecotourism Project development. This includes site selection and on-ground ecological and Indigenous Cultural Heritage surveys.

This is a key government priority in the management of protected areas in Queensland, including the delivery of ecotourism projects. The government is committed to developing genuine economic and employment opportunities with First Nations peoples.

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To : "HEAD Damien" , "KLAASSEN Ben" , "BUCKLEY Andrew"
Cc : "Corro DES QPWS Southern" , "Gordon Guymer" , "COLLIN Jennifer" , "SMYTH Greg"
Subject : RE: Yabba State Forest - DAF harvest proposal
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image005.jpg;image006.png;image007.png;
Thanks Damien, I'm supportive of this approach.

I also note that there are related reasons why we would argue for this outcome. In particular (1) the ongoing deliberations within the NTAP process around the sustainable harvest code itself, which links to koala habitat considerations in the EPP space; and (2) the relationship between this landscape and the recently announced Borumba pumped hydro project investigation.

I have been speaking with Gordon Guymer about these matters this morning and he has noted the imperative of some broader discussions across DES fairly promptly prior to the matter of the harvest code being finalised among DGs (DoR and DES). Gordon is going to draft up some briefing material for Jamie that can serve as the basis for this policy discussion.

On this basis, I'm supportive of this letter going back to DAF but would argue that we in fact go a bit harder – ie simply state our objection rather than making the concession that 'if you plan to go into these particular areas, limit your footprint'.

Happy to discuss further.

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I'm sending this message now because it suits me. I don't expect you to read, action or respond out of normal work hours.

From: HEAD Damien <Damien.Head@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 11:45 AM
To: KLAASSEN Ben; BUCKLEY Andrew; WEINERT Nick
Cc: Corro DES QPWS Southern
Subject: Yabba State Forest - DAF harvest proposal

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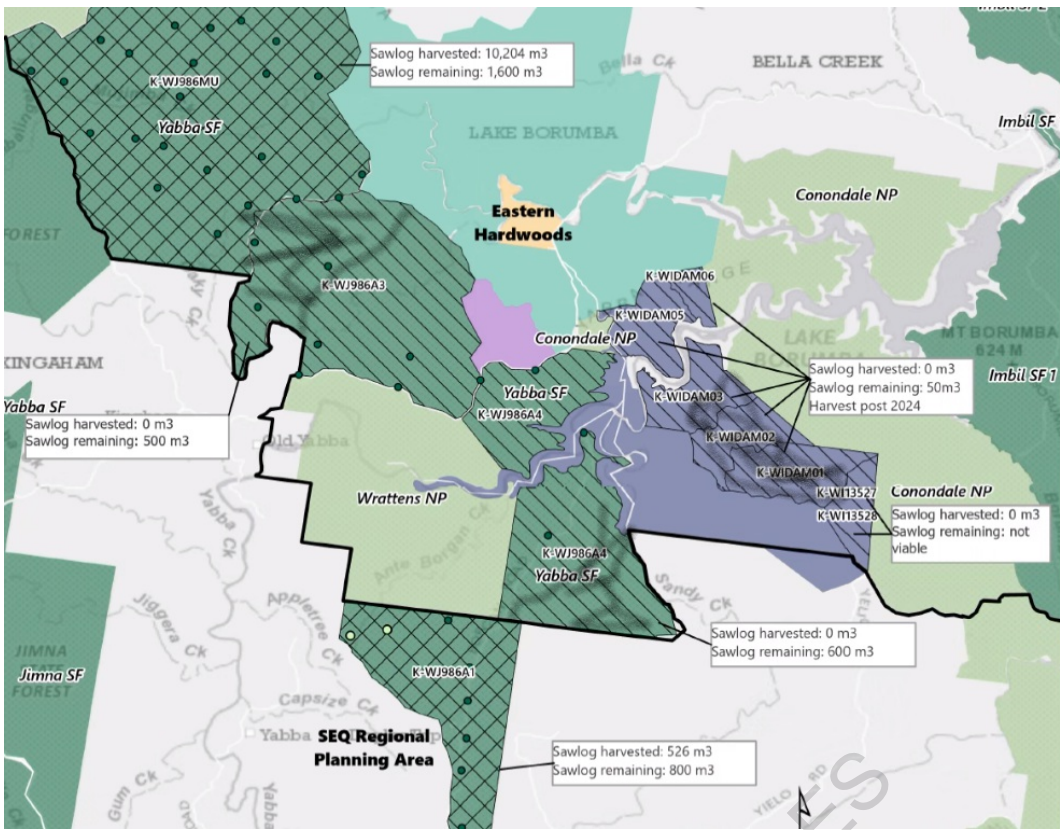
The department has received an advanced timber harvest notification (standard practice) from DAF proposing native timber harvest activities within Yabba State Forest. This proposed harvest intersects heavily with the conservation sectors Yabba National Parks Links proposal which seeks the SF be added to the PA estate and connect Wrattens and Connondale National Parks.

The proposed harvest of this area is also potentially in conflict with the spirit of the SEQFA with this being a 'Part A Area' and an area of last resort and possibly fails to acknowledge the deliberations currently occurring within the Native Timber Advisory Panel.

I flagged DES's concerns with this harvest proposal at the last interagency forestry mgmt group meeting, and committed to putting DES's position in writing, including alternative locations and should DAF choose to proceed with harvesting in the SF, identify within the MUIDs the areas of least concern. E.g. These being the areas away from the two gorges.

Find attached the proposed response to DAF which outlines this position and a map to give context (Purple areas – is a preferred off SF alternative, Green with Black scribble – if harvesting in the SF is to proceed focus on these areas and consistent with the sustainable harvest code (60+ not 40+).

Welcome input/direction on the proposed response and flag that it may require DG/MO notification. I understand that DAF may be briefing upwards too. Not entirely sure.



Apiary sites

- Available
- Booked

Supply zones

- Freehold lot
- Reserve for camping purposes
- Qld electricity transmission corp
- State dam lands
- National Park
- State forest

MUIDs - Harvest Status

- Committed
- Not started

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From : "Jo Zadkovich"

To : "David Woolsey" , "Alison Haycock" , "Greg Smyth" , "Anthony Ross" , "Chloe Gosling"

Cc : "Ashley Williams (DES)"

Subject : Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project

Attachment : image001.png;image003.png;image002.png;

Hi all,

It was good to get an overview from SMEC today. Sounds like we are aiming for March 2022 to have the initial feasibility authorities and arrangements sorted for SMEC.

Apologies, I am still a little unclear on who is doing what, however, thought it would be beneficial to briefly summarise what needs to happen. Please add to this if I left off anything important.

Initial feasibility:

- Investigate Native Title implications and advise ASAP if ILUA is required for geotechnical authority
- Investigate access authorities and potentially PTUKI if interference / ecological surveying is required
- Investigate if there is any existing road access points to proposed drill sites (QPWS to advise SMEC)
- Investigate geotechnical works authority (based on mining templates etc) and obtain the following from SMEC:
 - Drill sites GIS and confirm how flexible they are on site locations/movement (I think 50m either way of the identified location was mentioned)
 - Information on the drilling works expected to be undertaken on NP and SF tenure e.g. scale of drill site footprint, including clearing, drilling activities and machinery, spoil management and stockpiles – noting road access to some of the drill sites is highly unlikely, chopper likely the only way to get to there
 - An initial Environmental Impact Statement if possible – plus once they have more details on the scope of works etc a detailed Environmental Works Plan (considering all impacts and mitigation strategies and site rehabilitation) and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Future requirements if feasible:

- Revocations (land offsets/compensation etc) of inundated lands (parts of Conondale NP and Yabba SF)
- Infrastructure authorities (can this infrastructure be authorised under NCA and FA or does it require leg changes?). Power station proposed to be on park but underground. No above ground infrastructure on park.

Thanks and talk soon.

Jo



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To : "Chloe Gosling"

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Just FYI

From: Anthony Ross <Anthony.Ross@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2022 11:04 AM

To: Jon ALEXANDER

Cc: Leon BEYLEVELD; Alison Haycock

Subject: RE: Boromba PHES project

Hi Jon

Just to confirm the phone discussion we had, where I flagged that this last information (below and attached) left some ambiguity between what is proposed at the drilling sites—some of the images show everything on rigging/platforms with minimal ground impacts, where as the schematics appears to show everything on ground and assumably cut and fill earthworks to facilitate.

I understand you were going to seek further refinement on these matters and come back to QPWS. Ideally the schematics should show how the approach is being designed in regard to actual site conditions on-ground and the relevant locations—e.g. shown against contours, geological features, tree and other significant veg locations, waterways, etc.

Once we have these schematics further clarified, the intent was to issue you with a more detailed information request for any extra information we need to make a general assessment about possible impacts and conditions of any authorities etc. As an aside, I understand there was some discussion with Alison about having data loggers in boreholes, so we will need to pick up on information such as that including how it will be undertaken, accessed and over what duration.

As discussed, we can continue to do this generic assessment in parallel with the process of working out whether there is a suitable authorising pathway (though they will ultimately need to be brought together).

Please let me know if this is your understanding of where we are at.

Kind Regards



Anthony Ross

Principal Ranger, Technical Support

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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 9:47 AM

To: Anthony Ross

Cc: Leon BEYLEVELD; GWYNNE Chris (Powerlink); EVANS Chris (Powerlink); Anna WEST; Jo Zadkovich; Chloe Gosling

Subject: Boromba PHES project

Hi Anthony,

I have attached, for information purposes, some indicative plans of what the layout of a "heli-rig" geotechnical site might look like. I have also attached a couple of photos of one of these sites in use in an isolated area. There are many options for adapting these setups to suit specific site conditions and minimise potential impacts, for example in the photos you will note that much of drill rig setup is on scaffolding rather than on an excavated pad, with a subsequent reduction in vegetation and ground disturbance.

I am aware that discussion regarding the approvals pathway for these works are ongoing and have a level of complexity to them. However, I thought it would be helpful to have a clearer picture of what may be possible in relation to these proposed works.

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Best regards,

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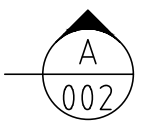
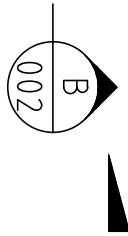
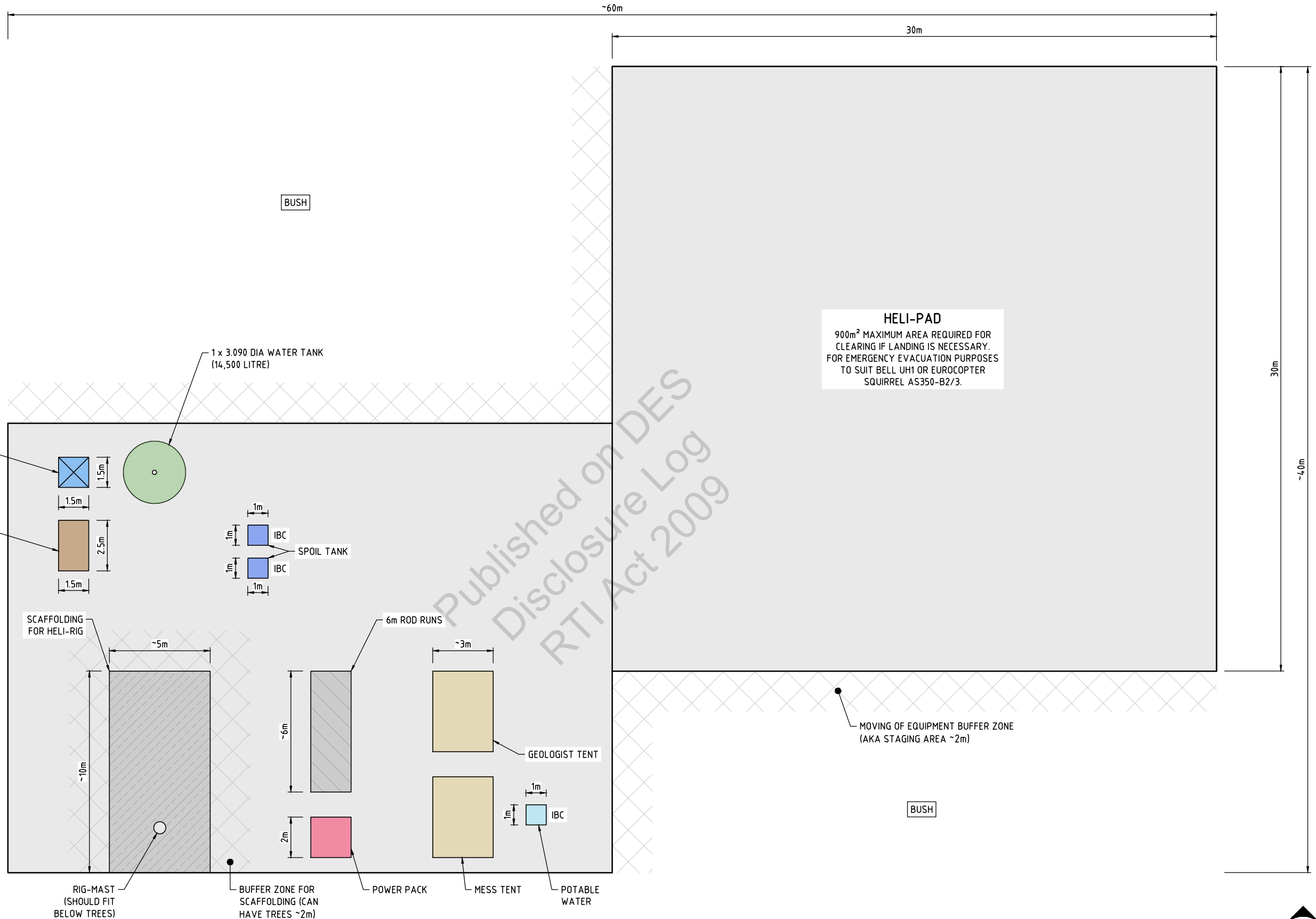
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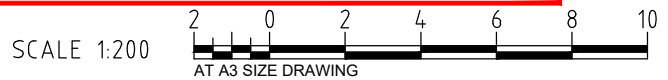
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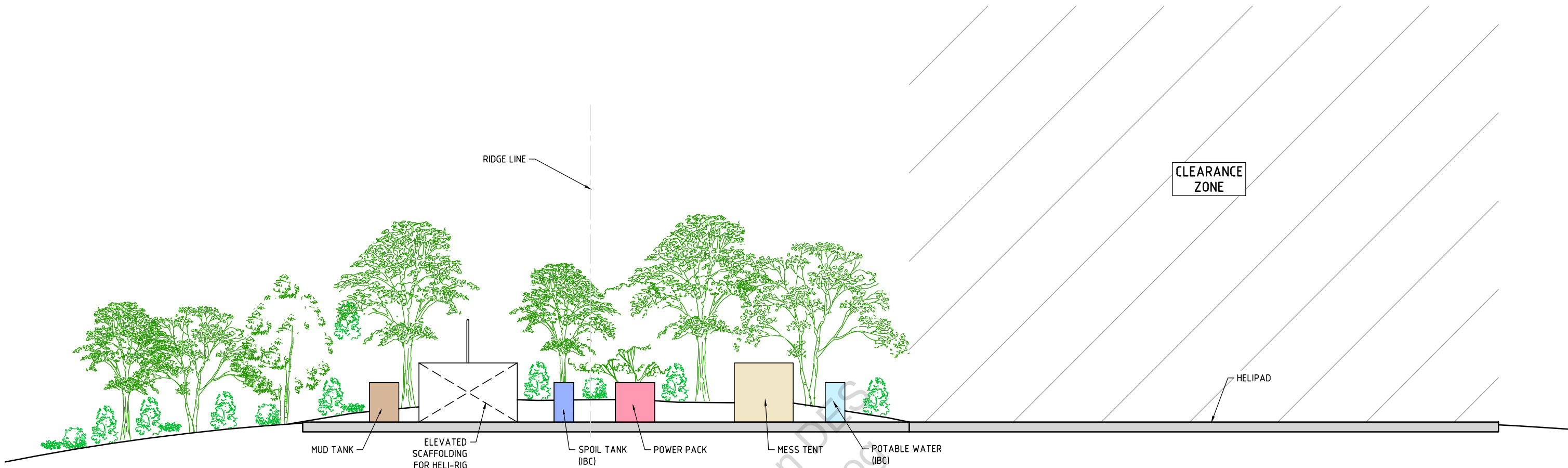
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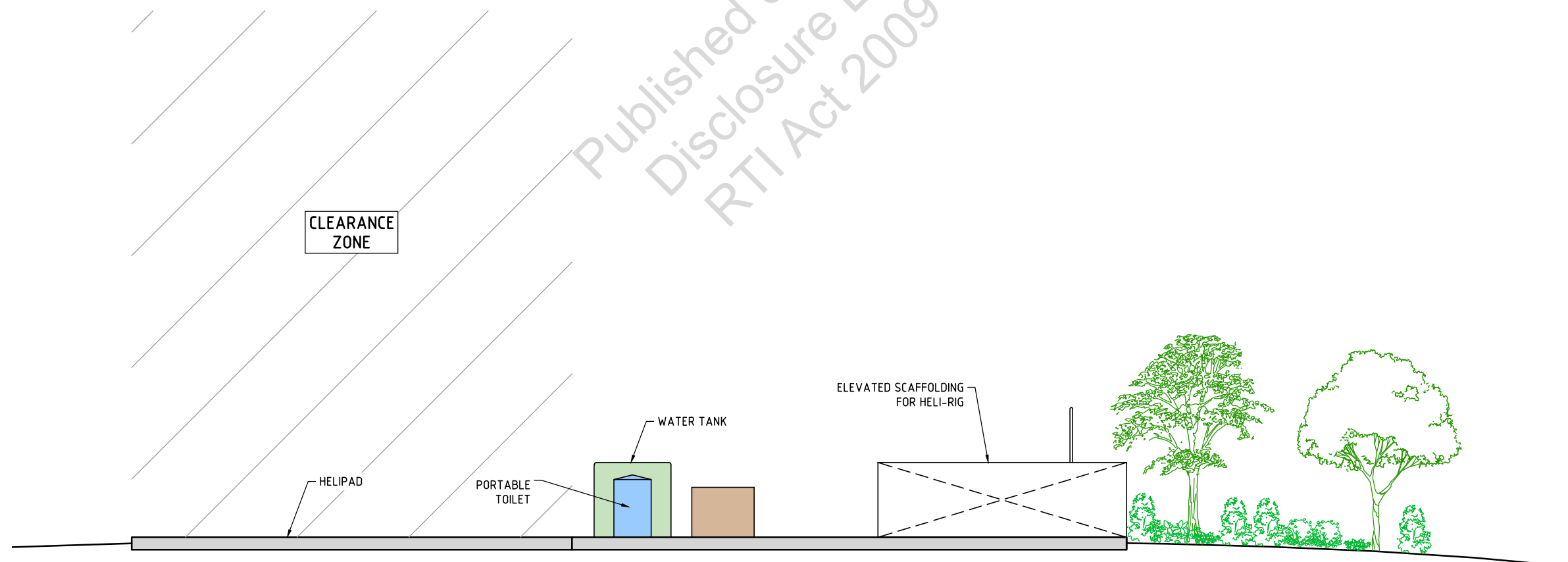
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From: Anthony Ross <Anthony.Ross@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 10:14 AM
To: Alison Haycock
Cc: Jo Zadkovich
Subject: FW: Boromba PHES project

Hi Alison

FYI - see below and attached.

I have tried calling Jon because what is provided is fairly ambiguous—the images show much of the set up on scaffolding—but the diagrams show most on ground/cuttings with a helipad clearing in addition! The diagrams are now showing something like a 60m x 40m impact area (as opposed to the earlier 15 x 15m, then 30 x 30m).

There is quite a bit of gear associated with the activity – but no doubt you already knew that!

I will see what further info I can get from Jon and will ask him to set out further details in writing....

Thanks

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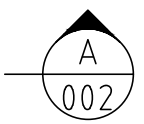
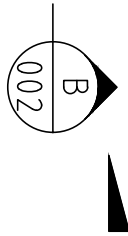
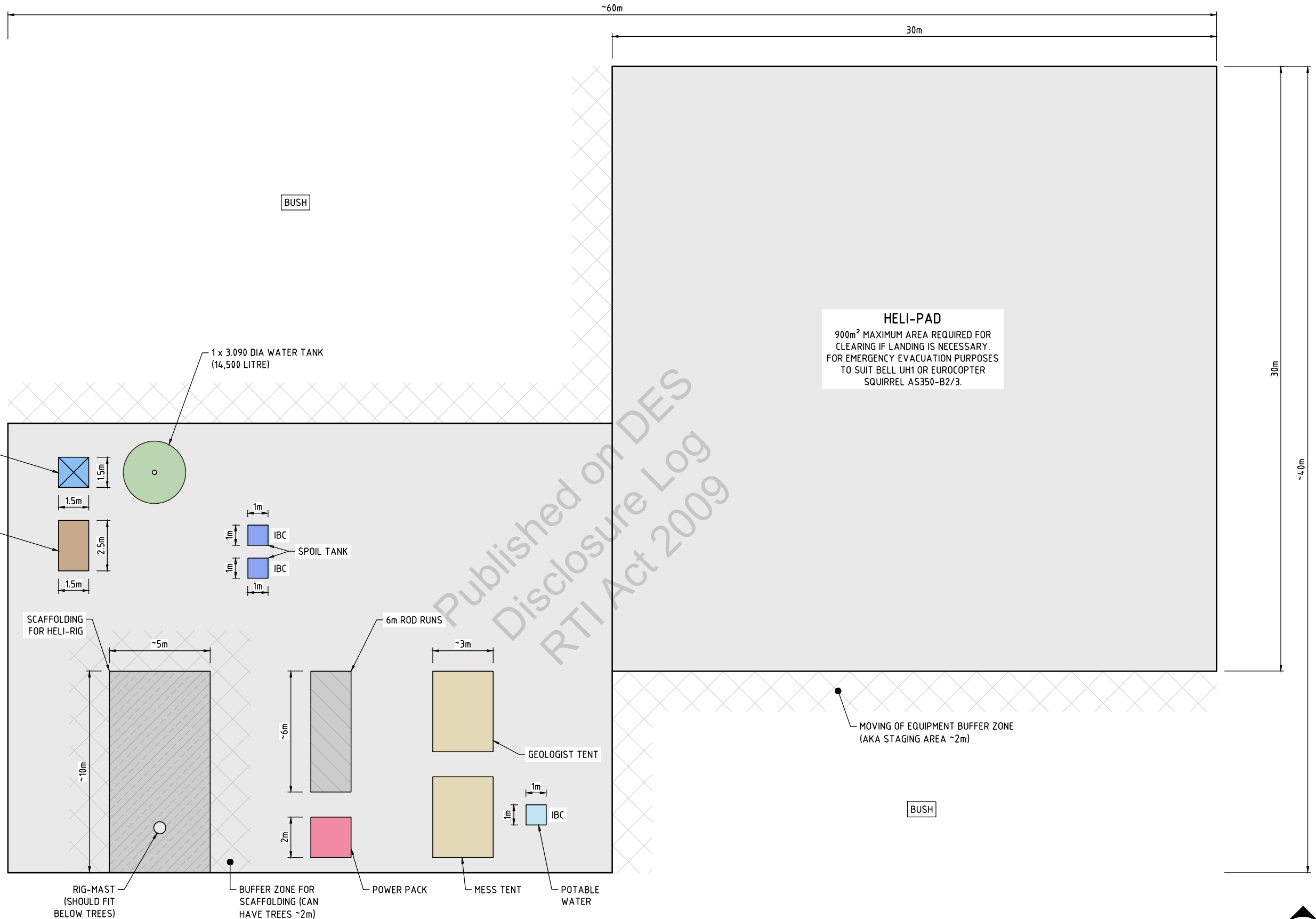
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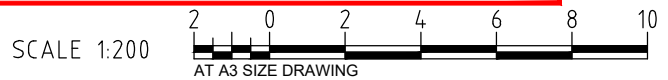


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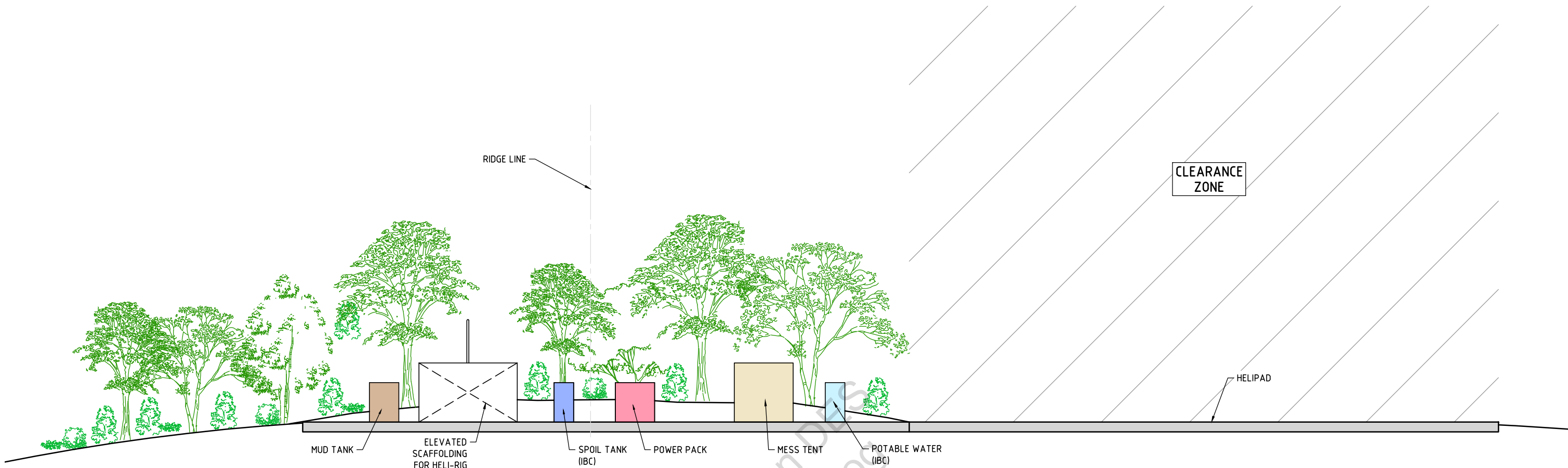
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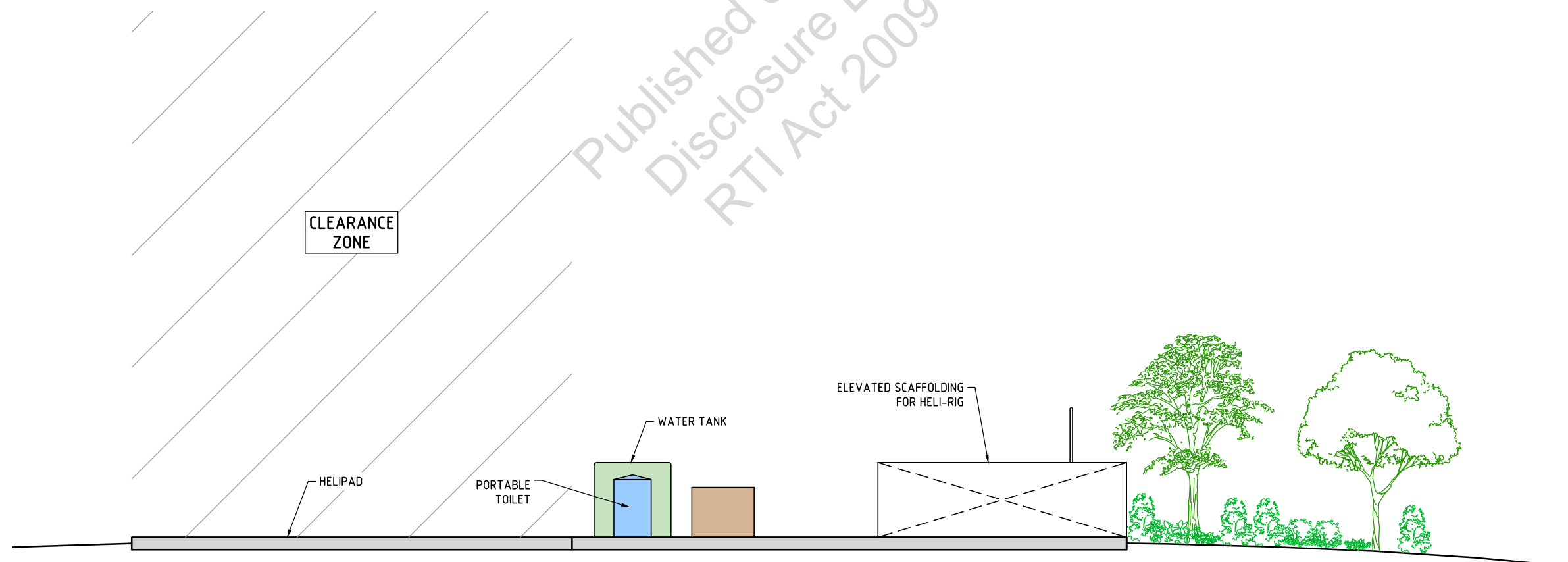
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To : "Chloe Gosling"

Subject : FW: Borumba Dam PHES Geotechnical investigation Sites

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Morning Chloe – FYI.

From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 3:24 PM

To: Jo Zadkovich

Cc: Leon BEYLEVELD

Subject: Borumba Dam PHES Geotechnical investigation Sites

Hi Jo,

Thank you for the offer of investigating potential access to the proposed geotechnical sites within Conondale NP and Imbil SF. Apologies for the delay in getting these through there was a little bit of delay in getting the co-ordinate systems aligned with various elements in the project GIS. That is now been resolved.

I have attached the coordinates of all the Geotech investigations sites, but the ones which will be of interest to QPWS are... NP sites (NB05, TR01, ET01, PC01) and SF site (NB06). I have also attached a Kml with the locations pinpointed. If you would rather have these as a Shape file let me know and I can send that through as well.

Thanks for your assistance.

Best regards,

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From : "Jon ALEXANDER"

To : "HAYCOCK Alison" , "WILLIAMS Ashley (DES)" , "WOOLSEY David" , "SMYTH Greg" , "GOSLING Chloe"

Subject : FW: Borumba Pumped Hydro Introductory meeting

As per the email –

They are hoping to cover in the meeting is:

- Introduction to the propose project
- Context of the current stage of works
- Details of works which would require access to the National Park
- Approval requirements for those works to proceed
- Stakeholder relationships (QPWS is seen as key stakeholder in the wider project)

If you have any items you would like to see included in the meeting agenda please feel free to let me know.

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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Monday, 25 October 2021 9:46 AM

To: Jon ALEXANDER; Leon BEYLEVELD; Jo Zadkovich; Anthony Ross; Rebecca POWLETT

Subject: Borumba Pumped Hydro Introductory meeting

When: Monday, 1 November 2021 11:30 AM-12:30 PM (UTC+10:00) Brisbane.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hi Jo/Ross,

Please pass this invite on to whoever you feel needs to be involved.

Best regards.

Jon Alexander

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Date : 10/08/2021 4:24:25 PM

From : "ROSS Anthony"

To : "NORAMBUENA Sergio" , "ENSLIN Justin"

Cc : "ZADKOVICH Jo"

Subject : FW: Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community

Fyi only – will involve some revocation of Conondale NP and Imbil SF I recall.

We have introduced the Dept ERH to Kabi Kabi...

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From: HEAD Damien <Damien.Head@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 10 August 2021 2:59 PM

To: ROSS Anthony; COLLIN Jennifer; WEINERT Nick; SMYTH Greg

Cc: Corro DES QPWS Southern

Subject: FW: Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community

From: Ministerial Media Statements QLD <no-reply@statements.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 10 August 2021 2:53 PM

To: HEAD Damien

Subject: Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community



Media release

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and
Minister for Public Works and Procurement

The Honourable Mick de Brenni

Borumba pumped hydro project to take next step in partnership with community

One of Queensland's largest renewable energy projects is about to take the next step in consultation with the local community as the Palaszczuk Government continues to prioritise investment in renewables as part of Queensland's plan for economic recovery from COVID-19.

At one gigawatt and 24 hours storage, the Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) project would be Queensland's largest pumped hydro project, with the potential to power up to 1.5 million homes and support 2000 construction jobs.

Tenders are now called for initial engineering and consulting services to deliver design and costings for the project.

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen Mick de Brenni said an essential part of the project was environmental feasibility studies as well as community consultation support.

The Queensland Government has committed \$22 million for a detailed design and cost analysis of the project to support future decisions. A request for information (RFI) will be released for environmental studies and community consultation support at the same time as an invitation to tender (ITT) to be released to secure the role of Owners Engineer and technical advisory services.

"Borumba hydro is an important project for Queensland as we move towards our 50% renewable energy target by 2030," Mr de Brenni said.

"Pumped hydro will play a key role in complementing solar and wind generation.

"We hope that Queensland-based businesses get involved in the tender process to deliver the relevant work packages."

Gympie Regional Council Mayor Glen Hartwig said it was vital the community had their say.

"I'd encourage everybody to be part of this consultation process," Cr Hartwig said.

"This project has the potential to create good jobs in the Gympie region and we support the consultation process."

Powerlink Queensland will coordinate the work based on its role in the state's power system and experience in delivering large infrastructure on the electricity transmission network.

Powerlink Chief Executive Paul Simshauser said the tender process would ensure the right expertise is secured on the project.

"Together with the Queensland Government, we will soon commence engagement with a range of stakeholders, including the local community, environmental groups, Traditional Owners and Seqwater," Mr Simshauser said.

"Borumba Dam has the potential to be one of the state's largest infrastructure projects, so we need to get the right technical advice now in delivering the design and cost analysis," Mr Simshauser said.

"The project is an opportunity to further strengthen the supply of electricity across Queensland, while also driving regional economies recovering from COVID impacts."

The studies are expected to take up to 24 months, with a submission expected to Government by mid-to-end-2023.

Go to <https://www.epw.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/borumba-dam-pumped-hydro> for more information.

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To : "Anthony Ross"

Cc : "Chloe Gosling"

Subject : FW: Borumba update

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Hi Anthony,

Agree with Chloe – leads/aligns with the questions you asked Alison in the meeting today about who is Project Managing / Coordinating – really does fit with MPEM so would be good to clarify with Kamila.

Thanks,
Jo

From: Chloe Gosling <Chloe.Gosling@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 February 2022 2:26 PM

To: Jo Zadkovich

Subject: FW: Borumba update

Hi Jo

As discussed on the phone just now, I think there are some bigger decisions that need to be made by the department about how this project is going to be facilitated. We have been working on the assumption that we would issue temporary authorities with the view that the leg would be amended but there hasn't been any clear direction or advice around that, so probably not appropriate for me to continue down this path with SMEC. Maybe better suited to the Major Projects and Estate Management team?

Thanks



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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 February 2022 1:53 PM

To: Chloe Gosling

Cc: Jo Zadkovich

Subject: RE: Borumba update

Hi Chloe,

As you may be aware the CH clearances for the geotech locations associated with the Borumba project have stalled while a pathway forward regarding Native Title is sorted out with the Traditional owners. There is a current commitment to provide Native Title advice to the Kabi Kabi this month but I am a bit removed from that process (although I think we are both in a meeting about this tomorrow). I am not sure how long this aspect will take to resolve, so in the interests of keeping the ball rolling with regard to the National Park and State Forest access permits, I was wondering if there was value in submitting the resource permit application to you in the next week or so, with a view to you reviewing that information and us getting any non-Cultural heritage and Native Title issues sorted, while we wait for that side of things to be resolved.

If you think this approach would be worthwhile, let me know and I will get the Resource Permit information to you shortly.

Also I have not forgotten the map discussed in the email below, but our project GIS person has been away and the data has not been imported yet. I will send it on ASAP.

Best regards,

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From: Chloe Gosling <Chloe.Gosling@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 25 January 2022 9:07 AM

To: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Cc: Jo Zadkovich <Jo.Zadkovich@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Borumba update

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Thanks Jon – a map with those locations would be great. We would need to ensure there is adequate protection of any EVNT's for the proposed works.

SMEC will need to obtain Cultural Heritage clearance and resolve Native Title constraints with Kabi Kabi First Nations People for the permit. It was my understanding that SMEC was already having discussions with Kabi Kabi?

Regards



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Sent: Monday, 24 January 2022 4:14 PM
To: Chloe Gosling
Subject: Borumba update

Hi Chloe,

Just an update on last weeks field trip to inspect the prospective sites in Conondale NP. The team walked into TR01 and TR02. The proposed location of both sites was altered slightly to reduce possible impacts. More detailed investigations of the immediate surrounding area will follow shortly.

Of interest to you in the short term, we did locate a couple of threatened species. We had two sightings of Koala (both outside the park) and a single specimen of slender milkvine (*Leichhardtia (Mardensia) coronata*) on the ridgeline where the geotech sites would be located but approximately 200m from the nearest site. Obviously no sample was taken but our ecologist who undertook the site inspection is familiar with the slender milkvine and was confident of the identification.

I have attached a shape file of the locations of the sightings FYI.

On another note, with regard to the Cultural Heritage component of the resource permit application. Is the expectation that the sites will have received cultural heritage clearance from the traditional owners or is a site inspection by a qualified specialist consultant acceptable for the purposes of the resource permit.

Best regards,

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To : "Anthony Ross"

Subject : FW: Inform: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

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Sent: Monday, 22 November 2021 8:50 AM

To: Jo Zadkovich

Subject: RE: Inform: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

Hi Jo

Dean Bauer has an SGP (expires 2024) over Imbil State Forest 1 adjoining the NP and Borumba Dam – 270 Haywood Road Moorina. While the proposed pipeline itself won't effect the permit, the potential revocation for flood inundation area may. There is a long history with the Bauer's....

HQP have comms facility authorised under the Operations Deed.

There are 229 apiary sites in Conondale National Park, but we don't have a map (that I'm aware of) which ones will be located within the impacted area. Maybe MPEM could interrogate their database and pluck out the ones for that area?

Thanks



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To: Damien Head

Cc: Andrew Hoffman

Subject: RE: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 12:40 PM
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Cheers
Jane

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 12:21 PM
To: Jane Carey <Jane.Carey@epw.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

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Thanks again,
Nick



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Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 12:43 PM
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Many thanks in advance,

Kind regards

Jane



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Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 8:43 AM

To: Jane Carey; Anthony Ross

Cc: MAIR Holly (Powerlink)

Subject: RE: Inform: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

Hi Anthony

We are yet to undertake any direct engagement with adjacent land holders or lease holders. One of our challenges is not having confirmed height of the lower dam, and therefore extent of inundation. Once this is defined, direct engagement would occur (early 2022). Contact details for any leaseholders on Qld Gov land would be very helpful to assist with this.

Thanks

Chris

From: Jane Carey <Jane.Carey@epw.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 22 November 2021 10:44 AM

To: Anthony Ross <Anthony.Ross@des.qld.gov.au>

Cc: EVANS Chris (Powerlink) <chris.evans@powerlink.com.au>

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Hi Anthony,

Thanks for reaching out and for the information below. I've copied Chris Evans, Powerlink's Project Director who may be able to give you an understanding of what contact there's been with potentially affected land-holders around the area.

Hope this assists,

Kind regards

Jane



Jane Carey

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This area may be impacted by inundation.

Would such an SGP holder just be expected to find out themselves about the general community drop in invite—or should we/Powerlink send them a notice of that?

We did flag with SMEC but not sure if Powerlink have considered.

Cheers

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From: Jane Carey <Jane.Carey@epw.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 12:40 PM
To: Nick Weinert
Subject: RE: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

Indeed, thanks Nick,

Some additional information in blue below:

- Whatever you can on the Gympie workshop (9-12, 2 December)
 - Workshop will be facilitated by Powerlink and take the following format – final program still to be confirmed:
 - Attendees given overview of Borumba project (scene setter & proposed project specifications) – presented by Chris Evans (Powerlink Project Director)
 - Attendees will be assigned a table at random, to ensure a cross section of interests are represented at each table (to stimulate discussion and exposure community members to wide ranging interests/perspectives)
 - SMEC subject matter consultants contracted to undertake environmental/hydrology/cultural heritage/social impact studies to give the audience an overview of the proposed study (5 mins)
 - Table groups to discuss additional items they would like to see included in the study; these will be recorded at each table on butcher's paper (15mins & 5 min report back). Powerlink/SMEC will provide table scribes who will take notes/facilitate conversation (if needed).
 - Proposed studies to be discussed include: hydrological, environmental, socio-economic, cultural heritage, recreational
 - Government departments invited to attend in an observer capacity, also be in a position to provide information on relevant issues, if required.
- Attendance / invite list for the workshop – attached
- Details and location of drop in sessions for Imbil and Gympie
 - Print advertisement currently with MO for approval – will be placed in Sunshine Coast Daily & Gympie Times as soon as possible, to advise information sessions to the community.
 - Imbil, 1 December, 3-7pm – Mary Valley Memorial Hall (Imbil RSL Hall), 127 Yabba Road Imbil
 - Gympie, 2 December, 3-7pm – Gympie RSL, 217 Mary St Gympie
 - Powerlink & SMEC consultants will be available to speak to community and answer questions, invite residents to submit questions/concerns. Posters/factsheets will be available for community.

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Cheers
Jane

From: Nick Weinert <Nick.Weinert@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 12:21 PM
To: Jane Carey <Jane.Carey@epw.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

Hi Jane

Thanks again for following this up and apologies I hadn't replied sooner.

Would it be possible for you to send me the following details so we can confirm best participation etc:

- Whatever you can on the Gympie workshop (9-12, 2 December)
- Attendance / invite list for the workshop
- Details and location of drop in sessions for Imbil and Gympie

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Thanks again,
Nick



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From: Jane Carey <Jane.Carey@epw.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 12:43 PM
To: Nick Weinert
Subject: Borumba - stakeholder engagement

Hi Nick,

Hope this email finds you well.

Getting in touch on the Borumba project – I wanted to let you know that Powerlink will be commencing their community engagement activities in early December.

Powerlink will be holding community 'drop in information' sessions to provide information on the detailed studies, in Imbil on afternoon of 1 December and Gympie on afternoon of 2 December.

As well as community information sessions, an invitation only workshop will be held in Gympie (2 December, 9am-midday). This workshop will be facilitated by Powerlink. The purpose of this workshop is to gather feedback from various stakeholder groups on the project for scoping of the detailed analytical studies. Invitations will be sent to a cross-sector of local environment and industry organisations.

We also have a limited number of places for State government agencies to attend the workshop in an observer capacity. I wondered if you would like to be included in an invitation to attend the workshop, given your involvement in the Yabba links project and previous contact with environment groups in the area?

Please let me know if you'd like to be included on the invitation list and I can ensure an invitation is forwarded to you.

Many thanks in advance,

Kind regards

Jane



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From : "ZADKOVICH Jo"

To : "WILLIAMS Ashley (DES)" , "SMYTH Greg" , "HAYCOCK Alison"

Cc : "ROSS Anthony"

Subject : FW: Meeting to discuss Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project

Attachment :

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Hi all,

We have recently been approached by SMEC – see below – about setting up a meeting to discuss the Borumba PHES project.

I am unsure how familiar you are with this – if you have any additional background it would be great if you could share it with me!

We were thinking it might be beneficial for you or a team representative to attend this initial meeting? Can you let me know if you would like to attend and your availability? The 28th isn't suitable for Anthony or myself – we were hoping to run with the 1st of November option.

Thanks and talk soon.

Jo



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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 5:22 PM

To: ROSS Anthony

Cc: ZADKOVICH Jo; Leon BEYLEVELD; Rebecca POWLETT

Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project

Hi Ross,

I am anticipating that we can cover most of the key things in this initial meeting in about an hour.

In which case, how would the following work for your team:

Thursday Oct 28th – between 12 to 2pm

Monday Nov 1st – Anytime between 11am – 2pm

Thursday Nov 4th – between 12 and 2pm

We would probably do this via Teams given the geographic scatter of the likely participants.

What we are hoping to cover in the meeting is:

- Introduction to the propose project
- Context of the current stage of works
- Details of works which would require access to the National Park
- Approval requirements for those works to proceed
- Stakeholder relationships (QPWS is seen as key stakeholder in the wider project)

If you have any items you would like to see included in the meeting agenda please feel free to let me know.

Best regards,

Jon Alexander

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Cc: ZADKOVICH Jo <Jo.Zadkovich@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Meeting to discuss Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project

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Hi Jon

Could you suggest a couple of suitable dates/times either late next week or the week after?

If you are on Teams this may be the most efficient approach as we have staff in both Brisbane and Maroochydore that will need to be involved. Otherwise Maroochydore will be the best meeting place.

Kind Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 19 October 2021 1:10 PM
To: HOFFMAN Andrew
Cc: Leon BEYLEVELD
Subject: Meeting to discuss Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES) Project

Hi Andrew,

Thanks for your time last week.

As discussed we are looking to arrange a meeting to allow us to introduce the relevant people within your department to the Borumba PHES project and to discuss approval requirements for undertaking geotechnical investigative works within Conondale National Park. I will not attempt to outline all the project elements in this email but by way of very brief summary. Borumba Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage (PHES) project is a 1,000 MW pumped hydropower scheme with 24 hours of generation storage available. It is an integrated energy and water security brownfield development encompassing the existing Borumba Dam as a lower reservoir.

The site was identified as a preferred site for pumped hydro with numerous studies undertaken, including a concept study completed in May 2020. To support the development of a pumped hydro facility at Borumba, front end engineering design (FEED) and detailed project analysis is required to progress the project.

Part of this detailed project analysis would involve geotechnical investigative works, some of which would need to occur in Conondale NP. It should be noted these are short term investigative works and no permanent infrastructure is required or proposed.

Items we would include on a potential agenda include (but are not limited to):

- Introduction to the propose project
- Context of the current stage of works
- Details of works which would require access to the National Park
- Approval requirements for those works to proceed
- Stakeholder relationships (QPWS is seen as key stakeholder in the wider project)

If you have any items you would like to see included in the meeting agenda please feel free to let me know.

You mentioned that QPWS staff from the region and QPWS Land tenure staff would be appropriate to attend. We are hoping to have this meeting within the next two weeks, so if you are able to coordinate with the relevant people and propose some times which suit, we will try and lock it in.

Thanks for your assistance with this. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

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From : "ROSS Anthony"

To : "ZADKOVICH Jo"

Subject : FYI: Borumba/Yabba Links

Attachment : Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro fact sheet.pdf;image007.png;image010.jpg;image003.png;image005.png;

FYI project is progressing and will impact park and forest tenure to a degree. DES was trying to do a deal to get commitments to deliver Yabba Links as a quid pro quo – but not bearing fruit yet.

Strategic Acquisitions and Geoff have been involved. Kabi Kabi is in process of been engaged by Dept Energy

[Borumba hydro to deliver reliable supply and 2000 jobs - Ministerial Media Statements](#)

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From: SMYTH Greg <Greg.Smyth@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 11:14 AM

To: KLAASSEN Ben; COLLIN Jennifer; SIGGERY Angela; BRITTINGHAM Geoff; HEAD Damien

Cc: BYRD Ben; ROSS Anthony; CLIFTON Daniel

Subject: FW: Borumba/Yabba Links

Hey Ben and Bosses

Just a heads up - Borumba Dam is going out shortly (Midday) and DoE are proposing to send advice to QCC, NPAQ and SCEC plus to the Claimants for Kabi Kabi.

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While Yabba Links is not mentioned in the release it points to the DES (National Parks) and Conservation Groups and Traditional Owners as key stakeholders.

DoE have suggested we meet tomorrow to discuss how it has landed with stakeholders.
I imagine Laura (NPAQ) and Narelle (SCEC) may be on the phone to you / us to understand what this means for Yabba Links.

Will keep you all posted if we hear anything.

Regards

Greg



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Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro

The Queensland Government has committed to developing a detailed cost and design analysis for a potential pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) located at Borumba Dam.

Incorporated within the analysis will be a range of studies including geotechnical investigation, engineering design and environmental assessments.

The outcomes of the analysis will be delivered to government to enable the necessary decisions to be made regarding construction of the project.

Site location

Borumba Dam is located approximately 70 km south-west of Noosa in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Due to its proximity to the high voltage electricity transmission network, the Queensland Government previously identified the site as a possible location for the development of a PHES facility. Powerlink has held the site since the 1980s.

Technical parameters

A PHES at Borumba Dam would be capable of generating up to 1 GW (1,000 MW) at maximum output — equivalent to over 15% of Queensland's average electricity demand.

The PHES would store enough water to be able to deliver this output for 24 hours continuously, making Borumba Dam one of the largest PHES facilities in the world in terms of storage capacity.

Creation of a PHES at Borumba requires a new dam to be constructed above the existing Borumba Dam, and expansion of the existing lower reservoir. Tunnels would link the two dams, to enable water to be pumped from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir, and for water released from the upper reservoir to drive turbines to generate electricity.

Metric	
Maximum generation	1 GW
Storage duration	24 hours
Energy storage	24 GWh
Height between dams	325 m
Tunnel length	2.6 km
Upper dam volume	31.5 GL

Why are further studies needed?

While Borumba Dam has been identified as a potential site for a new large-scale PHES, further studies are required in order to fully address the feasibility of a project on the site.

Large PHES projects are major investments with expected lives of over 50 years. PHES projects also have the potential to impact the local environment due to the need to build new dams, drill tunnels to connect dams and new transmission lines to connect the PHES to the electricity network.

Over the next two years, a number of detailed studies will be conducted into Borumba Dam to enable the government to decide whether or not to proceed with a PHES at the site.

Studies will include:

Environmental — a decision to proceed with a PHES at Borumba Dam will only be taken once the project has been assessed consistent with the government's environmental principles for PHES. Environmental and social impact studies will assess the proposed PHES and address potential options to minimise and offset the impact of the project.

Geotechnical — geotechnical studies provide certainty on the engineering requirements for tunnels between dams by providing detailed information on the geology at the site along the length of alternative tunnel routes.

Hydrological — hydrological studies will address issues associated with water. This will provide detailed assessment of sources of water for initial filling of the PHES, impact on other water users, and the impact of climate change on the PHES.

Engineering design — engineering design studies will include dam construction, tunnel design, pump and turbine selection and connection to the electricity network.

Financial — once all the various studies have been compiled, more accurate estimates of the expected total cost of the project will be developed. Financial assessment will enable the Queensland Government to maximise the economic benefits to the state if it decides to proceed with a project at Borumba Dam.

Implementation partner

The government has selected Powerlink to manage the next phase of work to complete the additional studies.

Powerlink is well placed as implementation partner due to their understanding of the electricity system and market, and their experience with developing large infrastructure projects.

Public consultation

Consistent with its environmental principles, the government is committed to transparent and regular engagement with stakeholders when assessing potential PHES projects.

Powerlink will engage formally with stakeholders in the process of undertaking detailed cost and design analysis at Borumba Dam.

More broadly, the government welcomes community and stakeholder feedback at any stage of the project. Email contact: QRET@dnrme.qld.gov.au in the first instance.

Date : 25/02/2022 10:13:57 AM
From : "Anthony Ross"
To : "Alison Haycock"
Cc : "Jo Zadkovich"
Subject : FW: Boromba PHES project
Attachment : 30032677-SKT-001.pdf;30032677-SKT-002.pdf;Photo 5.JPG;Photo 2.JPG;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;

Hi Alison

FYI - see below and attached.

I have tried calling Jon because what is provided is fairly ambiguous—the images show much of the set up on scaffolding – but the diagrams show most on ground/cuttings with a helipad clearing in addition! The diagrams are now showing something like a 60m x 40m impact area (as opposed to the earlier 15 x 15m, then 30 x 30m).

There is quite a bit of gear associated with the activity – but no doubt you already knew that!

I will see what further info I can get from Jon and will ask him to set out further details in writing....

Thanks

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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 9:47 AM
To: Anthony Ross
Cc: Leon BEYLEVELD; GWYNNE Chris (Powerlink); EVANS Chris (Powerlink); Anna WEST; Jo Zadkovich; Chloe Gosling
Subject: Boromba PHES project

Hi Anthony,

I have attached, for information purposes, some indicative plans of what the layout of a “heli-rig” geotechnical site might look like. I have also attached a couple of photos of one of these sites in use in an isolated area. There are many options for adapting these setups to suit specific site conditions and minimise potential impacts, for example in the photos you will note that much of drill rig setup is on scaffolding rather than on an excavated pad, with a subsequent reduction in vegetation and ground disturbance.

I am aware that discussion regarding the approvals pathway for these works are ongoing and have a level of complexity to them. However, I thought it would be helpful to have a clearer picture of what may be possible in relation to these proposed works.

If you have any queries regarding this information or require anything additional to further inform future discussions don't hesitate to contact myself or Leon Beyleveld directly.

Best regards,

Jon Alexander

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From : "Jo Zadkovich"

To : "Anthony Ross"

Cc : "Justin Enslin"

Subject : RE: Borumba tasks and responsibilities

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Thanks Anthony. The bit highlighted was what I was concerned about – we get them to lodge for a resource permit then change the game on them once Alison and Todd thrash it all out.

I think having you as the single point of contact for the region is great – thank-you. And yep I am happy for you to advise Jon to lodge the resource permit application and we will check it all out and let you know if we need more info.

Thanks and talk soon.

Jo



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From: Anthony Ross <Anthony.Ross@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 4:57 PM

To: Jo Zadkovich

Cc: Justin Enslin

Subject: Borumba tasks and responsibilities

Hi Jo

Spoke to Alison late this arvo re Borumba and we agreed:

- MP&E will lead development of authority pathway options for both exploratory/drilling works and the bigger project implementation – including briefing up on options and solutions
- Alison will make contact with the proponent and Crown Law to prompt a meeting to discuss legal matters such as ‘management principles’ under NCA, ‘public works’ under NT, ‘service facilities’ under NCA
- In the interim we will accept a Resources Permit application form from proponent (so in theory they have a ‘properly made’ application) – but we will **caveat saying that the authorisation pathway may change**
- Proponent has provide package 1 info and we are awaiting package 2 (schematics for pad etc) by end of week
- Alison indicated that MP&E may have been working on a draft ‘assessment form’ for Resource Permits (like we have for PTUKI) – Alison to advise but in the interim we would do a ‘freeform’ assessment against usual headings and later tailor to need
- Alison advised a new EMP template/guide is being developed...but don’t think ready. We will simply need to see what proponent gives us this week and request extra as needed.
- We have communicated Gurra Gurra implications to proponent over and above NT issues

Let me know if further clarification needed

I can advise Jon Alexandra to put the RP application in? Do you want me to become proponent contact point for project given way things are going...no probs with your team’s ability but thinking best to streamline contacts at this point?

ta

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Date : 2/02/2022 7:57:34 AM

From : "Jo Zadkovich"

To : "Jon ALEXANDER" , "Chloe Gosling"

Cc : "Anthony Ross"

Subject : RE: Borumba update

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Hi Jon,

I recommend holding off submitting anything to the department just yet – I believe there is a meeting happening today between the State departments to discuss permit and other legislative requirements.

Once we have a clearer idea of the full scope of works / requirements we can then appropriately advise on the authorisation process. Our policy and legislation team are discussing options with the project team and our Executive to determine what is permissible under the current legislation.

In any case, as you have touched on, we would require Native Title and Cultural Heritage issues to be resolved before we could appropriately assess and issue any authorisations – details of how this has been addressed/resolved should be included in any permit applications.

Regards,

Jo



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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 February 2022 1:53 PM

To: Chloe Gosling

Cc: Jo Zadkovich

Subject: RE: Borumba update

Hi Chloe,

As you may be aware the CH clearances for the geotech locations associated with the Borumba project have stalled while a pathway forward regarding Native Title is sorted out with the Traditional owners. There is a current commitment to provide Native Title advice to the Kabi Kabi this month but I am a bit removed from that process (although I think we are both in a meeting about this tomorrow). I am not sure how long this aspect will take to resolve, so in the interests of keeping the ball rolling with regard to the National Park and State Forest access permits, I was wondering if there was value in submitting the resource permit application to you in the next week or so, with a view to you reviewing that information and us getting any non-Cultural heritage and Native Title issues sorted, while we wait for that side of things to be resolved.

If you think this approach would be worthwhile, let me know and I will get the Resource Permit information to you shortly.

Also I have not forgotten the map discussed in the email below, but our project GIS person has been away and the data has not been imported yet. I will send it on ASAP.

Best regards,

Jon Alexander

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From: Chloe Gosling <Chloe.Gosling@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 25 January 2022 9:07 AM

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Cc: Jo Zadkovich <Jo.Zadkovich@des.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Borumba update

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Thanks Jon – a map with those locations would be great. We would need to ensure there is adequate protection of any EVNT's for the proposed works.

SMEC will need to obtain Cultural Heritage clearance and resolve Native Title constraints with Kabi Kabi First Nations People for the permit. It

was my understanding that SMEC was already having discussions with Kabi Kabi?

Regards



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From: Jon ALEXANDER <Jon.Alexander@smec.com>
Sent: Monday, 24 January 2022 4:14 PM
To: Chloe Gosling
Subject: Borumba update

Hi Chloe,

Just an update on last weeks field trip to inspect the prospective sites in Conondale NP. The team walked into TR01 and TR02. The proposed location of both sites was altered slightly to reduce possible impacts. More detailed investigations of the immediate surrounding area will follow shortly.

Of interest to you in the short term, we did locate a couple of threatened species. We had two sightings of Koala (both outside the park) and a single specimen of slender milkvine (*Leichhardtia (Mardensia) coronata*) on the ridgeline where the geotech sites would be located but approximately 200m from the nearest site. Obviously no sample was taken but our ecologist who undertook the site inspection is familiar with the slender milkvine and was confident of the identification.

I have attached a shape file of the locations of the sightings FYI.

On another note, with regard to the Cultural Heritage component of the resource permit application. Is the expectation that the sites will have received cultural heritage clearance from the traditional owners or is a site inspection by a qualified specialist consultant acceptable for the purposes of the resource permit.

Best regards,

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Thanks and talk soon.

Jo



Jo Zadkovich

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Hi Sue,

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From: Corro QPWS Southern SEQR <QPWSsouthernSEQR.Corro@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 4:16 PM

To: ZADKOVICH Jo

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Hey Jo

Do you know if this is in progress?



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thanks

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From: Chloe Gosling <Chloe.Gosling@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 11:11 AM

To: Jo Zadkovich

Cc: Paul Harris (Gympie)

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Hi Jo

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You mentioned that QPWS staff from the region and QPWS Land tenure staff would be appropriate to attend. We are hoping to have this meeting within the next two weeks, so if you are able to coordinate with the relevant people and propose some times which suit, we will try and lock it in.

Thanks for your assistance with this. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

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