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From : "Jim Burgess"

To : s.73 Irrelevant@environment.gov.au

Subject : Beerwah State Forest Lot 1 AP22457, Sunshine Coast, QLD

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DAF is aware of the legal obligations in relation to the EPBC Act and as advised, is currently in the process of surveying the proposed harvesting site and ground truthing information initially identified via desktop analysis as part of our pre-operational planning. Based on the outcomes of this work, DAF will be undertaking a significance test according to the method outlined in Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1.

DAF appreciates the offer to engage with the DAWE pre-referral team and will be looking to organise a pre-referral meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the proposed harvesting at Beerwah and the assessment process. This will help to inform our decision on the need to refer the proposed harvesting activity to DAWE for consideration under the EPBC Act.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone as per the details below or Steve Pohlmann on Steve.Pohlmann@daf.qld.gov.au / sch4p4(6) Persc

Regards, Jim



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EM Pre-referral meeting

Tuesday, 22 February 2022

2:00 PM

Pre-referral meeting

2pm Tuesday 22 February 2022

Via Teams

DAWE

s.73 Irrelevant information Assistant Director Queensland
s.73 Irrelevant information Assessment Officer Qld South
s.73 Irrelevant information Senior assessment officer Qld South

DAF

Jim Burgess, Alan Ede

Questions from DAWE

What habitat remains after harvesting for Koalas

Questions re: longevity of H-trees

Referral process

Site on website to assist with referral process and template

Pre-referral meeting

- This was one
- Can have more than one
- Not decision makers
- Will not make a call / provide guidance on whether or not a significant impact is expected

Referral

- Submission is validated by DAWE before considered a referral - incl. cost recovery - no stat timeframes (can be quick or slow, depending on follow up requests)
- Referral is 20 business days from acceptance of referral for controlled action or not controlled action

Outcomes

- Not controlled action
- Also not controlled action - in particular manner (condition set that is written into approval)
- Controlled action - through assessment process - timeframe variable

Delegate for decision maker is dependent on nature of the issue

Koala Listing as endangered

- Recovery plan - waiting on response from States and Territories
- Is some info already on SPRAT
- Current referral guidelines are no longer relevant and no intention to replicate current document
- Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 - covers thresholds for impacts
- Are developing new relevant documents - most within federal government

Commonwealth

- Thresholds around impacts on Koalas ??

- Responses to community concerns
 - Depends on the level of comms will determine a formal response
 - General responses to something that hasn't yet taken place, outline obligations of the proponent
 - Will make them aware that they made DAF aware
 - May respond that an issue has been referred
 - Will identify a decision if a decision has been made

Date : 7/02/2022 4:20:39 PM

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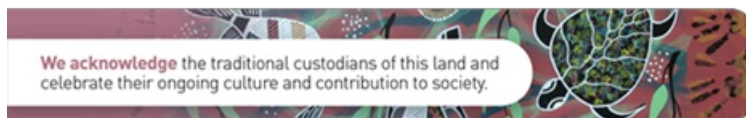
This is great thank you for following up Jim. We will be sure to forward on the provided link to any interested parties and we look forward to a pre-referral meeting.

Kind regards,

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From : s.73 Irrelevant information

To : "Alan Ede"

Cc : "Jim Burgess"

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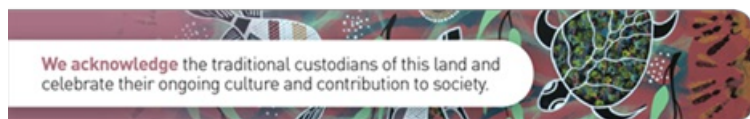
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From: Alan Ede <Alan.Ede@daf.qld.gov.au>

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Subject: pre- referral meeting

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Much appreciated for the update Jim!

Cheers

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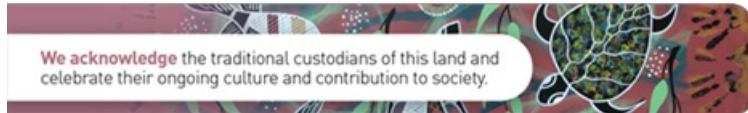
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From: Jim Burgess <Jim.Burgess@daf.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 1 April 2022 11:38 AM

To: s.73 Irrelevant info@awe.gov.au; Alan Ede <Alan.Ede@daf.qld.gov.au>

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Hi s.73 Irrelevant info

We are in the process of engaging a service provider to undertake further surveys and help prepare a Significant Impact Assessment, after which we will decide whether or not to refer. Probably won't be an outcome for a month or two.

Link to eHub below:

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Regards, Jim.

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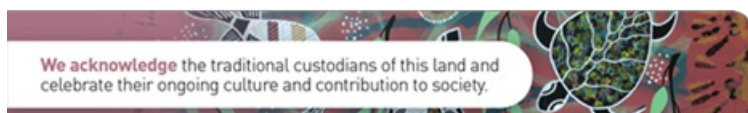
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