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Sub Committee Minutes

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20th North Coast Environment Council
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NORTHERN REGION RECREATION AND TOURISM STRATEGY: OBJECTIVES

- To provide access to nature in an ecologically sustainable manner.
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- To provide appropriate opportunities for nature based commercial tour operators provided such use does not threaten the natural or cultural values of the protected area.
- To minimise actual or potential conflict between recreation user groups.
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- To provide adequate visitor facilities to enable the enjoyment of recreational opportunities but to avoid the duplication of visitor infrastructure provided by the NPWS or other public or private recreation facility providers.
- To ensure visitor facilities are not provided in an ad-hoc manner but are provided in areas where facilities are needed and can be provided without incurring unacceptable economic or environmental costs. Facilities will not be provided where there is no demonstrated demand.
- To minimise the potential impact on environmental and cultural values.
- To retain existing wilderness opportunities and high quality wild and scenic rivers and where possible to expand such opportunities by removing non-conforming uses or infrastructure.
- To establish a walking track classification system detailing construction standards and walker experiences and promote this classification system to walkers.
- To remove visitor infrastructure which is surplus to reasonable visitor needs, presents an unacceptable safety risk to the public, or has the potential to seriously impact on the natural or cultural values of the surrounding area.
- To provide appropriate interpretation and education opportunities as an integral function of providing recreation opportunities on the protected area estate.
- To have well trained presentation staff, including tour operators, discovery rangers, and NPWS staff.
- To give preference to the provision of facilities, such as accommodation and car parking, outside the parks and reserves where such facilities will detract from the scenic amenity or protection of the natural or World Heritage values.

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FROM : Greg Hall & Susie Russell Elands PO NSW 2429

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MAY. 7. 1997 2:10PM P 1
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Council on 19/6. Dirty tricks campaign with 58 jobs advertised for tennis coaches etc, rejections said blame could be laid on applicant and gave his address.

Email

Greg Hall submitted written report outlining how the NCEC email network might work. Also being discussed at northern meeting. The NCEC southern endorsed the proposals.

Forest Report

Regional Forest Forum for Lower North East will be in Taree on 31/5, observers can attend. Meeting for forest activists in Newcastle on 11/5, others will be held in more northern locations over the coming months. Names of people interested in being part of a reference group- providing expertise and assistance to Forum and technical Committee members can be sent to Jim Tedder or Susie Russell. Parts of the NCEC Forest Display will be ready for the Actions on Sustainability Conference in Newcastle June 2-7 and can then go to Taree Envirofair on June 8.

Tom Goodwin has been employed via the NVCA for 5 months and is working on the Forest display and also the preparation of Environs, contributions and information welcome.

Oyster Creek

Disastrous development approved on border of Bellingen and Nambucca Shires approved by Nambucca Council will see 40 septic flow into the only undeveloped catchment in the Nambucca. Valla Coastal Protection Group investigating legal options and liaising with Scotts Head group. The meeting discussed the possibility of these two groups and the South West rocks group doing joint wetlands work and sharing a consultant.

Notices

Review of Spearfishing Laws, questions are biased, not a good summary.
Biodiversity workshop in Coffs H. 12/5, need to book
Nominations wanted for Ministerial Advisory Councils on recreational, commercial and research for fisheries and also for Commercial Fishing Advisory Committees, contact Jim
Natural Heritage Trust, Terry Parkhouse is our nominee
Nominations for Water Conservation taskforce
Marine Conservation Campaign Gp. set up by NPA, discussion paper available.
Commonwealth Ocean Policy due out soon, rumoured to be terrible
State Coastal Policy also due soon, also rumoured to be terrible
Rural Fire Bill, submissions close 5/5, no exemptions for not burning for conservation purposes.
Environmental Defenders Offices have been threatened with withdrawal of funding unless they stop taking actions against Governments. Letters of support for the EDO's should be sent to the Attorney General
Senate Inquiry into Federal Government Environment Powers, submissions close 24/6, see Jim Tedder for details.

Full Council meeting at Grafton on 17/5, probably at Queen St. Primary School.
Next meeting of NCEC Southern at Dunbogan Hall, with date to be decided at full council.

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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

North Coast Environment Council Northern Subcommittee

March 15, 1996

Big Scrub Environment Centre, Lismore

MINUTES

Present: Fiona Parsons (BHPA), Dianne Mackey (BHPA), John Corkill (BSEC), Martin Frohlich (NCEC Convenor), Stephen Duthy (BSEC, Friends of the Forest), Peter Wrightson (Valleywatch), Mitch Looyen (BEC)

Apologies: Stan Scanlen, Leonie Blane, Richard Staples, Chris Jones.

Meeting Commenced: 1045 hrs.

Minutes from previous meeting Feb. 8 1997 - Adopted as a true and accurate record. Mvd. Peter / John Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Cape Byron Consultative Committee Di reported: broader plan about additional lands being discussed with Aboriginal custodians. Difficulty to keep Gov't negotiating with custodians about additions beyond the SRA.

Need to keep up the pressure through the consultative c'tee.

Motion: NCEC write to NPWS acknowledging progress and urging continuation of the process towards integrated management of Public Lands between Cape Byron and Broken Head. Action: Di to draft for NCEC Secretary. Mvd. Di / Peter Carried.

National Environment Centres & Conservation Council Conference John reported: Nimbin in hosting and is requesting help from other Centres. Date changed to 7 - 13 July. Meeting was held last week. Nimbin Env. Centre Committee is presently co-ordinating. Two mailouts have gone out with draft details. Draft budget still need. Should be more people available to help after Nimbin Visions festival (ie. after Easter). Difficult for people to attend steering meetings 5pm Friday at Nimbin.

Timbarra Report by John: matter is proceeding. Brief discussion. Local Aboriginal community organising further meetings. Clarence Professional Fishermen's Assoc. (Graham Darbisher) interested in issued to do with Clarence headwaters.

Far North Coast E mail Network Martin reported: Discussions at NCEC meeting. John tabled forest network list. Big Scrub is compiling E-mail list. Action: Martin to contact Greg Hall (nee Hore) to check on progress with his draft discussion paper.

CRA Process John reported and tabled latest NEFA newsletter / report on Forest Summit. Regional Reference group has met twice. Minutes tabled. Still in "set up stage". Group has taken offices at Big Scrub - John to be employed as Regional Forest Co-ordinator (5 days per week) to work on assessment. Mission Statement has been changed.

Re Forest Forum: Jeremy Bultjens has been nominated by National Parks Association to be the Bushwalkers Representative on the Forest Forum.

Woodchipping John reported on advice from FDO - essentially that we have no case. Murwillumbah Management Area EIS John reported on need to finalise major submission over next fortnight. Draft point summary to be circulated and other submissions sought. Action: John and Steve.

North Ocean Shores John reported that he has not drafted the NCEC letters passed at previous Meeting. Di reported that wildlife corridors will be zoned by Byron Council. Martin reported: Stan Scanlen left a message that a Licence was being sought to destroy a heritage site that has already been partially destroyed. Licence likely to be issued.

Koori Cultural Heritage This matter has still to be acted on. Action: John to draft a letter to NCEC Secretary's action re NPWS advice re developments in progressing statutory requirements. Di to send a copy of NPWS Man. Plan to John.

Pacific Highway Upgrade RTA is holding secret meetings with local councils. Regional Water Project Peter reported that a value management study is being discussed at a meeting this Sunday - Monday. Local groups to discuss future directions shortly.

EPA Northern Rivers Report Martin checked previous E mail from Stuart McConville - no further NCEC action.

Nightcap Thunder No progress. Action: John to proceed with action from Northern Sub Committee Minutes 16/11/96.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggestions for Administrative Workings of the Regional Committees Copies of document from NCEC Secretary circulated and discussed.

Action: Suggestions below to be submitted to NCEC Secretary.

Point 5. add ... "is requested" to send....

Point 8. add ... "e) an Action Summary of above (a-d) in table form."

(Please note NEFA Summary of actions needed document ex John).

f) next Meeting date

g) Agenda item / report deadline.

Draft:

take action on a matter as a Subcommittee where:

- i. Where the Subcommittee is certain that the matter is not relevant to NCEC as a whole;
- ii. By holding meetings with other bodies and reporting to Subcommittee;
- iii. By writing letters on behalf of Subcommittees and providing a copy of all correspondence to Sec NCEC Inc.;

A Subcommittee may issue media statements or generate publicity on behalf of the Council only with the approval of NCEC Executive.

Point 12. Second sentence to read: "After calling for any questions / clarification if there is no motion arising from a report then the Council should note the report and move quickly to the next item."

Point 13. Delete this item -particularly the list. (Note: Intention is supported.)

Additional Point. "Action Summary to be circulated by NCEC Secretary to all Members with Council Meeting Agenda."

Election of Sub Committee Secretary Nominations called: John Corkill (Nom: Steve/Di)

Motion: That we endorse John's nomination and that we ask him to act in a temporary capacity pending the formal appointment of a Secretary at next meeting

Nominations / expressions of interest for position of Sub Committee Secretary becalled.

Action: All Sub Committee members. Mvd. Peter / Stephen Carried.

Letter circulated by NCEC re Membership Subscriptions and Group Information Survey
Peter requested Members to ensure currency of membership and to provide requested details to NCEC Secretary ASAP. Action: All members.

Shallow Channel Peter reported on algal bloom and tabled photographs.

Other groups requested to send letters of concern to Maclean Shire Council.

Peter to send copy of Valleywatch letters to NCEC Secretary and request NCEC letters of support. Action Peter/ NCEC Secretary/ NCEC Members.

Broken Head LEP Motion: That this meeting recommend that NCEC make a submission to Byron Council along lines of tabled leaflet. Action: Di to arrange draft for NCEC Secretary. Mvd. Di / John Carried

Northern Rivers Regional Strategy Martin tabled draft document and letter from (Paul Amar) NOREDO. Reported on his meeting with Katrina Luckie and Fran Toomey (Dept. Urban Affairs and Planning).

Motion: Peter, Mitch and Stan Mussarad to attend NCEC Meeting next Saturday in Grafton as Northern SubCommittee delegates. Action: Peter, Mitch, Stan

Mvd. Peter / John Carried.

Di pointed out that the NR Strategy fails to address the new approval process being

Motion: That this NCEC Subcommittee reply to the letter from Paul Amar and seek a meeting with Noredo to clarify their agenda and objectives.

Suggested date be Saturday April 19 1030 hrs at BSEC. Send copy of letter

to NCEC Secretary. Action: SubCommittee Sec.

Mvd: John /

Stephen

Carried.

Motion: Mitch to attend the Strategy Management Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 March as a NCEC Representative. Action: Mitch. Mvd: Corkill /

Peter Carried.

NPWS Licences to kill Peter reported on a licence to kill birds on a fish farm at Rogan's Bridge. Original DA included to net the ponds. Shooting is being seen as a "cheaper" option.

Motion: NCEC and its Members write to Min. for the Environment Pam Allan, objecting to the issuing of licences to kill protected wildlife at Sunnybrook Fish Farm near Grafton. Peter to Draft for NCEC Secretary.

Action: Peter, NCEC Sec./Members.

Mvd. Peter / Mitch

Carried.

NCEC Members requested to write letter to

Pam Allan re this issue.

Climate Change Conference Maclean 6-7 August Peter reported: organisation proceeding.

Meeting closed: 1350 hrs

Next Meeting: Saturday May 3, 1030 hrs, Big Scrub Environment Centre's Info. office, Lismore.

Meeting with Noredo: Tentatively Sat. April 19, BSEC Info. office 1030 hrs.

Big Scrub Environment Centre Bush Dance with "Feral Folk", Tullcragh Hall, Saturday April 19, 7:30 pm. All welcome.

North Coast Environment Council Inc.
Northern Rivers' Sub-committee
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUIRED
from meeting held on March 15, 1996

ACTION REQUIRED	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
prepare draft letter re integrated management of public lands on Byron coast	Di Mackey	a.s.a.p.
NCEC letter to NPWS re above	NCEC Secretary	a.s.a.p.
Draft budget to be prepared for Nat CC's & EC's Conference	Nimbin EC ManCom & P Wrightson NCEC Treasurer	a.s.a.p.
Contact with Greg Hall re Email discussion paper	Martin Frohlich	a.s.a.p.
Murwillumbah EIS point summary to be circulated	John Corkill Steve Duthy	a.s.a.p.
write letters / submissions on M'bah EIS	all interested people	by 28/3/1997
prepare draft letter re koori heritage protection	John Corkill	a.s.a.p.
NCEC letter to NPWS re koori heritage protection	NCEC Secretary	a.s.a.p.
prepare letters on Nightcap Thunder	John Corkill	a.s.a.p.
forward suggested amendments on NCEC Admin workings	John Corkill / Jim Tedder	a.s.a.p.
canvass potential NR Sub-Committee Secretary nominees	all NCEC delegates	by 3/5/1997
complete membership subs & group info survey form - return to NCEC Treasurer	all NCEC delegates	a.s.a.p.
prepare draft submission on Broken Hd DLFP	Di Mackey	a.s.a.p.
make submission as above	NCEC Sec	a.s.a.p.
attend meeting in Grafton as NR SC reps	Peter, Mitch, Stan	22/3/97
seek meeting with NOREDO on 19/4/97	John Corkill	a.s.a.p.
attend NR Strategy meeting in Ballina as NCEC rep	Mitch Looyen	20/3/97
prepare draft letter re licence to kill protected wildlife at Sunnybrook fishfarm	Peter Wrightson	a.s.a.p.
send letter to Min Env re above	NCEC Sec and all interested members	a.s.a.p.
attend meeting with NOREDO staff at Big Scrub offices	all NCEC delegates	10.30 am 19 April 97
attend next NCEC NR Sub-Committee meeting at Big Scrub offices	all NCEC delegates and interested people	10.30 am 3 May 1997

**NCEC Northern Subcommittee
February 8, 1996
Big Scrub Environment Centre, Lismore**

MINUTES

Present: Melinda Plesman (BSEC, Timbarra), John Corkill (NEFA), Martin Frohlich (NCEC), Stephen Duthy (BSEC, Friends of the Forest), Ruth Harlow (BSEC), Peter Wrightson (Valleywatch), Hazel Bridgett (NPA), Chris Jones (BEC, Forest issues), Mitch Looyen (BEC)

Apologies: Rob Doolan (Whian Whian), Johnno (NEFA).

Meeting Commenced: 1045 hrs.

Discussion of Minutes from previous meeting Nov.16 Adopted as a true and accurate record.

BUSINESS ARISING

Cape Byron Consultative Committee

Hazel reported on information from Area General Manager - State Recreation Area will be gazetted shortly. Additional lands to south to be added. Lighthouse and associated buildings and lands to be transferred to NPWS in March. Site for interpretative centre is being finalised.

National Environment Centres & Conservation Council Conference

Dave Julian has submitted revised proposal. NCEC has received grant money to conduct. Organisers needed. Decision needed as to how the money should be allocated. Melinda has offered to follow up and John to put a draft proposal for NCEC.

Stephen and Melanie (from Nimbin Centre) to be involved in drafting a recommendation to Council.

Timbarra Gold Mine

Melinda reported: Thanks for the FOI money. Tim Robertson and Mannering (assisting solicitor) presently working for aboriginal custodian, Eric Walker re first mining lease being contrary to native title.

Tenterfield Shire Council has approved extension to two open cut mines, new haul road etc. - voted that it was not a new development - rather an extension. Timbarra Protection Coalition (TPC) looking towards action re this.

TPC has written to Gabrielle Kibble and received advice that it has been referred to the Minister.

Melinda to organise a 1 page report to NCEC Meeting.

Far North Coast E mail Network

Dave Julian to commence a list of e mail addresses. Members requested to provide details of current addresses / state of readiness (ie. who has what / who needs what!) Part of NCEC restructure discussion: Please add to NCEC agenda

Forest Issues

John reported on Upper North East NSW - Regional Forest Summit (1/2/97) held at Repentance Creek Hall. Summit Notes tabled.

RACAC has revised Guidelines for Regional Forest Forums (tabled) - now includes 3 conservation representatives. Regional reference groups being established to support Forum representatives. Applications called for positions - to be received by next Friday for endorsement by NCEC Council next weekend. Application forms circulated.

Stephen advised of a meeting at Dorrroughby next Thursday (7:00 pm) to address water quality / forestry issues pertaining to Rocky Creek Dam catchment.

Timber term agreements - resource security

Value adding criteria and direct costs have been tightened as a result of lobbying regarding resource security. Contract have been sent to Tim Robertson for advice. Thanks to those who wrote and generated pressure on this issue.

CRA Process

John reported that the process is regional assessment process is now underway in Sydney and should be up and running locally soon.

Regional boundaries follow local Government rather than catchment areas. We have lost out on this.

\$50,000 grant to NCC and proposed split being discussed to help fund part-time work in region. Application form current for interested people.

\$5,000 has been received by NCEC from the Commonwealth - decision pending as to how this should be allocated.

Woodchipping

John tabled EDO advice received from NCEC Secretary re licences granted to Sawmillers Exports Pty. Ltd. Preliminary advice indicates that there are prospects for a further legal challenge. NEFA and NCEC comments have been provided and further advice should be available for NCEC Meeting 15/2/97.

Additional licences (3 Qld. based) and 1 licence - Tenterfield also need action.

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Harvesting Advisory Board

Steve reported that Board has been sitting for about 5 months. Protocol for timber assessment and minimising env. impact in moratoria areas being finalised. Whian Whian rehabilitation area being negotiated as part of trade-off. Next Board Meeting - February 28 Lismore Workers Club 10:30am. Observers welcome.

Urbenville Management Area - Compartment 279 Mount Lindsay: Bell Bird management program being proposed to address problems. Additional old growth identified in field assessment.

Steve reported on Whian Whian Compartments 75 and 77 that have been wrongly classified as plantation in the proposed Harvesting Plans now being circulated. To be discussed at Dorroughby Meeting.

Harvesting Protocols

Review has been completed and some matters addressed. Document tabled.

Tabled: National Forest Policy Newsletter, Dailan's submission on Technical Working Groups (13/1/97), Forest Practices Code - Forest Road and Trail Construction Use and Maintenance, Conservation Protocols for Timber Harvesting for the duration for the IFA Decision.

Economic Development Board looking for a Conservation Rep. to help Northern Rivers Plantation Committee - applicants sought.

Murwillumbah Management Area EIS

6 volumes have been released. Submissions by March 28. NEFA is drafting a submission. Major inadequacies. NEFA draft summary will be available - further submission needed.

North Ocean Shores

John reported that Byron Shire sought Minister's Heritage intervention. 40 day stop order resulted under interim powers. Work cannot progress until LES process has been completed. Submission has been done by John for Ian Cohen. Extension of Order will be sought to allow sufficient time. ICO will again be sought by Byron Shire. Prospects of success not good.

Motion: That NCEC to write to NSW Heritage Council supporting Byron Shire's request for ICO for North Ocean Shores. (John to draft for NCEC Secretary).

Corkill / Wrightson

Carried.

✓ **Motion:** That NCEC write to BSC thanking them and congratulating them for their recent actions to pursue the protection of the conservation values of North Ocean Shores. That a media release be issued to this effect.

Corkill / Wrightson

Carried.

Activist Training

John reported that February workshops did not proceed. Plan for activist training proposed for National Environment Centres & Conservation Council Conference. Survey for Trainers and Training Needs tabled. John to check if surveys still current - NCEC to circulate with NCEC Minutes if so. Please note for NCEC Agenda 15/2/97.

Tips for Troublemakers - A Resource Package for Green Activists available from NEFA (John) - \$10.

If training to progress through National Conference we need to work in with that to match regional and national priorities. NCEC Northern Subcommittee may be able to workshop program ideas.

Koori Cultural Heritage

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no mla
no bill
John reported at Previous Meeting: Council resolved to write a letter re progress with Parks Service (ref. previous subcommittee notes P4). Check that NCEC letter has been sent. What progress was made at NCEC meeting with Park Service? To follow up at NCEC Meeting 15/2/97.

Pacific Highway Upgrade

no

Has NCEC acted Motion 20/2/14?

Regional Water Project

Peter reported that NPWS has excised 1Km pipe access through National Park for dam through Sheep Station Creek.

500 megalitre Mole River dam proposed near Tenterfield for cotton industry. Request for information by Leonie Blane (CVCC) or Peter Wrightson.

Regional Tip site near Grafton

? Is there any further information re this? Can Clarence Environment Centre provide update. Ref. NCEC Meeting 15/2/97

EPA Northern Rivers Report

Previous Meeting - Stuart Conville to draft a proposal for water testing to put to NCEC Meeting. BEC to check with Stuart on progress - please advise NCEC Vice President Martin Frohlich - Martin to check previous E mail from Stuart

Main Camp - Tea Tree

No Has Paul Brecht developed a proposal to the NCEC?

Nightcap Thunder

Stephen reported that he discussed issue with Caldera NEST group. No progress there. John to proceed with action from Previous Minutes 16/11/96 Northern Sub Committee.

FURTHER BUSINESS

National Park Party

NEFA holding a "peoples' park opening" to celebrate the creation of the New Richmond Range National Park, Cambridge Plateau Picnic Area, 11:00am, Sat. March 1, overnight to Sunday March 2, 1997.

NCEC - letter from Terry Parkhouse re NCEC Future

Discussion:

Council should continue.

Travel and busy agenda noted as concerns. Restructure should mean that Executive and less frequent Council meetings can act. Council should only deal with whole region issues - subcommittees can take on more local focus.

? Suggest formation of an additional subcommittee - maybe Clarence. *?*

Intra information needs to be improved. Circulation and address list needed. Need to advertise / inform so that people know what is on. NCEC calendar should be publicised.

Set up electronic network urgently.

Motion: That yes - NCEC must continue.

NCEC should continue to improve intra regional communications:

Done but not confirmed Update contact list of members

Ad/stories in newsletters incl. calendar of events

Better (earlier?) Notice of meetings

Use / extend electronic means (email / fax.) - maybe better utilise Environet (Byron)
 Provide secretariat in bio regions Provide secretariat in sub region
 NCEC articles for Member Env. Centres' newsletters - coordinated by Sub Committee
 Convener with Centre - member meeting dates / newsletter deadlines need to be surveyed.

Fewer meetings for NCEC as a whole - and better utilise executive or Committee structures.

Corkill / Duthy Carried.

TCM

Regional Meeting in Coffs on Thursday Feb. 13. Peter to represent NCEC.
 Comprehensive Resource Plan process to be discussed. Report will be made to NCEC Council.

Federal Sustainable Energy Policy

NCEC was drafting a response. Copies should be available through NCEC Secretary.

Global Warming Conference

Maclean Shire Council and Skillshare organising a conference in second week in August.
 Sponsored by Maclean Council. Peter involved through Estuary Management Committee. Draft agenda available. Request may be made for some NCEC support.

Feral Folk

Bush band may be available for environment fund raisers. Details from Martin (Ph: 895399 h / 895240 Wk).

Tabled Information on NSW Parliament Sitting Days, letter to NCEC from French tertiary student Corinne Coupoussany seeking work June - August. Suggest NCEC Secretary reply indicating that there is voluntary work available with various regional groups.

Next Meeting: Saturday March 15, 1030 hrs, Big Scrub Environment Centre.

Meeting closed: 14.40 hrs

End/.

18 November 1996

Jim,

I'll give you a copy of the various "attachments" at the Whian Whian Meeting. Please let me know if you require any further details.

Are you organising basic meal supplies for the 30th or do you want me to.

Best wishes,

Martin

NCEC Northern Subcommittee
November 16, 1996
Big Scrub Environment Centre, Lismore

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Dave Julian (BSEC), Paul Brecht (Nimbin Environment Centre), Stuart Conville (Byron E.C.), Stephen Duthy (BSEC, Friends of the Forest), Hazel Bridgett (NPA), Melinda Flesman (BSEC, Timbarra), Dailan Pugh (NEFA), Chris Jones (BEC, Forest issues), Tom Tabart (Caldera E.C.), John Corkill (NEFA), Martin Frohlich (NCEC), Georgia Beyer (Toonembah EC, NEFA).

Apologies: Peter Wrightson, Peter Staples

Meeting Commenced: 10:35 am

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Business Arising

Cape Byron Consultative Committee

Hazel reported still waiting for legal finalisation of land for interpretive centre.

Iron Gates

People arrested are being represented in Casino Court. Various legal procedures underway. Diseased fish and removal of mangroves current issues. Big Scrub is keeping a watching brief. Ph: 015 147 459 Shayne and Denise have further info.

National Environment Centres & Conservation Council Conference

North Coast proposal not received with great enthusiasm. Submission tabled. Thank Melanie for the original proposal. Request David to put up a further proposal with alternative site. Discuss at NCEC Meeting on 30th. Melinda offered to help David.

Timbarra Gold Mine

Melinda reported: Campaign meeting tomorrow. FOI's and TCM presentations underway. Tim Robinson has been out and court action is possible. Keen to push for new EIS. Rehabilitation of Duncan's Ck to commence this week. Water licences about to be granted. Need for Archaeological survey still being pursued. Have been several meetings with Aboriginal people and a good working group going - court action likely. Christine in Sydney lobbying.

NCECAction: Propose that Timbarra Protection Coalition Inc. become a Member of NCEC. May seek money for FOI. Please add to NCEC agenda

Far North Coast E mail Network

Need workshop to organise protocols discussed. Dave Julian to commence a list of e mail addresses. Please add to NCEC agenda

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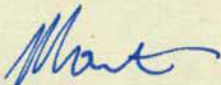
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I have also included my nomination for the AGM. A long standing community commitment means I will be unable to attend.

Best wishes,



(Martin Frohlich)

NCEC Northern Subcommittee

September 7, 1996

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Apologies: Henry James (Calderra), Leonie Blain (CVCC / NPA)

Meeting commenced: 10:45 am.

Minutes from previous Meeting July 20.

Amendment: Item - Cape Byron Consultative Committee

John has written to all the Aboriginal Land Councils in Bundgalung country seeking meeting and discussions with the Land Councils and NEFA re forest assessment process.

Moved: That the minutes as amended be adopted.

Moved: John Corkill Seconded: Stephen Duthy **Carried.**

Business Arising:

Iron Gates

EPA has currently stopped work. General discussion.

1997 National Env. Centre & Conservation Council Conference

Dave Julian has indicated that Nimbin Environment Centre has put in a submission. John to talk to Dave Julian (Big Scrub) and Binna Powell (Nimbin Environment Centre) to check that a submission has been made. NCEC may be called on to lend in principle support.

Timbarra

Concern that there may be scar trees there. EPA is looking at licences for crossings across two creeks. Most people in the Timbarra Coalition want to prevent the mine from proceeding.

NPWS talking of three weeks to complete the assessment - basically up to the mining company to check sacred sites! NPWS Director General has specific responsibility for care and protection of sacred sites. Coalition should present any reliable information they have to the Park Services.

Melinda reported that maps have been sent indicating potential sites and feeling

Concern that Billinudgel catchment is under threat. Residue in catchment illustrated by aerial photograph - flowing into north arm of the Brunswick River.

Brought to attention of EPA, commercial fishing industry and Fishwatch notified.

Stan has just completed a 10 page summary of wildlife, heritage and conservation values of NOS.

12 subdivision applications currently before Byron Council re the unprotected lands.

Groups pleased with recent purchase and will write to the Minister conveying thanks. CONOS currently excluded from Lismore District Advisory Committee NPWS.

Stan to send a copy of CONOS letter to Pam Allan to NCEC Secretary and Big Scrub.

Motion: This meeting requests NCEC Secretary to send a letter of thanks to the Min. for the Environment and encourage member groups to do likewise. File copies might be sent to the NCEC.

Moved: Martin Seconded: Stephen **Carried.**

Motion: Request NCEC to write to Tweed Brunswick TCM and Byron Shire Council to raise the issue of sugar cane and the development of new areas impacting adversely on the catchment and seeking advice of the action being taken.

CONOS to draft the letter for NCEC Secretary.

Moved: John Seconded: Peter **Carried.**

NE State Forest Harvesting Advisory Panel

Developed from NEFA negotiations with industry and State Forests. Paper by Bob Smith tabled.

Stephen reported that Panel has met on three occasions. Dailan (NEFA), Stephen Duthy (Big Scrub) and Georgia Beyer (Toonembar Env. Centre) are conservation representatives. Industry reps. unclear - Big River, FPA and Boral. CFMEU, Parks, EPA, Koori, State Forests also to be represented. Secretary also likely to be appointed - may be John McGregor Skinner previously of Hurfords.

Issues incl. order of works, harvesting plan approval time frames and undercut situation. Rubbery nature of resource assessment results a problem highlighted by ground validation surveys. Preharvesting assessment presently underway in Whian Whian Compartment 68.

Next Parliament Session

Sept. 17 - early December. Ian Cohen and Richard Jones have requested questions and adjournment debate speech material. Office support is offered for campaigners in Sydney.

Parliamentary liaison position still in place to assist information flow. NEFA and NCEC have subscribed to get information. Can be contacted through NCC (Ph. 029 2474206). Brent Hore the incumbent officer.

Activist Training

"Tips for 'Troublemakers' " tabled. Available through NEFA. \$10 cost. John offered to run activist / campaigner training programs. Reasonable fee will apply.

Activist resource kit to be further developed. Legal and media areas to be included.

Considerable discussion followed: Felt that there is a considerable need for courses to improve campaign skills throughout the NC env. movement.

Requested that activities training be included as an item for next NCEC meeting agenda.

Letters to NPWS re Koori Cultural Heritage Protection

Timbarra, Irongates, North Ocean Shores, Clarence Port, Chindera to Brunswick road deviation, Kangaroo Creek Dam, Whian Whian, North Washpool and Ewingar/Bulldog issues all raise concerns re protection of koori cultural heritage.

John to draft a letter for NCEC Secretary.

Motion: That NCEC write to Parks Service ⁴ citing the above issues of concern re koori cultural heritage asking for details of progress on the review of the NPWS Act regarding Koori heritage protection.

Moved: John Seconded: Stan **Carried.**

Acid Sulphate Soils Conference Sept. 4

Many issues raised. Push by fishing / oyster industry to protect wetlands.

Peter is promoting the establishment of a network.

Considerable discussion of flood plain management issues throughout the region.

Chindera to Billinudgel Road Deviation

Stan reported about omissions from the environmental reports. Now proposed to run to Brunswick River. Endangered flora and fauna lists have been ignored. Public submissions to be in by October 4.

Regional Water Project

Community advisory group to be set up. To meet Tuesday 17 Sept. at Grafton District Services Club 7:30pm.

Regional Tip Site - Armidale Road

Greg Clancy has found inconsistencies in the EIS. A full report will be given to next NCEC meeting.

A brief was been tabled.

EPA Northern Rivers Report

Michael advised that this report contains lots of interesting material. Recommended reading.

Next Meeting: **Saturday 26 October at BSEC.**
Further meeting Sat. 30 November.

Meeting Closed: 1:50 pm.

NCEC - Northern Rivers Subcommittee

The next meeting of this sub committee will be held on:

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**At the Big Scrub Environment Centre's information
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Meeting Commenced: 10:35 am

Discussion of Minutes from previous meeting Sept. Adopted as a true and accurate record.

Business Arising

Cape Byron Consultative Committee

Hazel reported still waiting for legal finalisation of land for interpretive centre.

Iron Gates

People arrested are being represented in Casino Court. Various legal procedures underway. Diseased fish and removal of mangroves current issues. Big Scrub is keeping a watching brief. Ph: 015 147 459 Shayne and Denise have further info.

National Environment Centres & Conservation Council Conference

North Coast proposal not received with great enthusiasm. Submission tabled. Thank Melanie for the original proposal. Request David to put up a further proposal with alternative site. Discuss at NCEC Meeting on 30th. Melinda offered to help David.

Timbarra Gold Mine

Melinda reported: Campaign meeting tomorrow. FOI's and TCM presentations underway. Tim Robinson has been out and court action is possible. Keen to push for new EIS. Rehabilitation of Duncan's Ck to commence this week. Water licences about to be granted. Need for Archaeological survey still being pursued. Have been several meetings with Aboriginal people and a good working group going - court action likely. Christine in Sydney lobbying.

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