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Coffs Harbour & District Ex-Servicemen and Women's Memorial Club Ltd.

PO BOX 2068, VERNON STREET, COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450. PHONE (066) 52 3888. FAX (066) 52 6972.

Mr Jim Tedder Pavans Access Via Stuarts Point 2441

Friday 28th June 1996

Dear Mr Tedder,

Thankyou for your call yesterday regarding the available facilities at the Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Club for the conduction of a meeting on Wednesday September 4th 1996.

The club Auditorium has the capacity to seat 600 people theatre style with an elevated stage of 1 m for speakers - in-house public address system - lectern - large 6 ft screen positioned on stage with video projection through the Barco system. The venue hire for the main auditorium is \$500.00 per day.

An additional venue houses 250 theatre style however this venue does not host an elevated stage area and the speakers would remain on the floor level. Within the second venue we are also able to supply lectern - in house public address system. The second venue incurs a hire fee of \$300.00 per day.

These charges relate to the set up - use of audio visual equipment - lighting - air conditioning - cleaning.

I have made note that the equipment required for your meeting shall be an Overhead Projector and screen - television and video - Whiteboard - Slide Projector - Head Table for presenter - lectern - microphones.

My suggestion for the venue that shall cater best for your day would be the Main Auditorium for ease of viewing of the video and the ability to have the speakers and presenters in an elevated position from the guests. Within this venue the morning tea and lunch provisions could also be catered for keeping the entire day within the one venue.

I have for your information enclosed a copy of the selections available to cater for your requirements during the day - Morning Tea - Lunch and Afternoon Tea. The menu selections cater for a variety of tastes and budgets. To cater for these numbers we would set the lunch selection in buffet style with guests serving themselves from the selection.



Coffs Harbour & District Ex-Servicemen and Women's Memorial Club Ltd AC.N. 000 875 516

Karen Caldwell

Vernon St, Coffs Harbour Phone: (066) 52 3888 Fax: (066) 52 6972 To confirm your booking the enclosed agreement is to be completed and returned to myself prior to the event.

Should you require additional information or assistance I shall be only to happy to be of assistance. Please contact myself on 52 3888.

Yours sincerely

K. Caldwell

Karen Caldwell <u>FUNCTIONS CO-ORDINATOR</u>

## CONFIRMATION & DEPOSITS

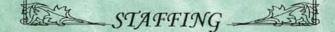
A deposit of \$200 is required to secure your booking. An invoice detailing all final charges shall be mailed to you at the completion of your function. We request prompt attention and payment.

## CANCELLATION

If cancellation is made 4 weeks prior to the event we shall refund your deposit in full. Cancellation inside the 4 week period shall incur a cancellation fee of \$50.00. Inside 2 weeks \$100.00 cancellation fee.

### FINAL NUMBERS

We understand the difficulty in ascertaining final attendance figures, however please understand that to create a successful function final numbers are required 1 week prior to the function. Confirmation of changes no later than 48 hours prior to the function date. This is the figure that we shall apply charges too unless numbers increase.



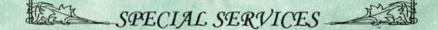
We provide specialised staff to assist with the success of your function. All costs related to staffing are included in the charges as outlined. Sunday's and Public Holiday's may incur additional charges. Please discuss your needs with the Functions Co-Ordinator.

CATERING \_\_\_\_\_

We offer an extensive range of catering facilities and selections. Please discuss any special requirements or dietary needs with the Co-Ordinator. We aim to cater for your tastes.



Our Beverage Department shall cater to your Beverage requirements. We offer a large range of stock at very competitive prices. Should you have special requirements these too can be arranged by the Functions Co-Ordinator prior to the date. Function Prices apply to all Private Functions.



The success of your function is very important to us and for this reason we offer a large range of services.

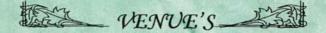
Administration support - photocopying - typing etc is available upon prior arrangement with the Co-Ordinator.

Holding a special event, dinner, conference, entertainment - we would be glad to decorate and theme the venue in line with your requirements. Or allow us to utilise the imagination of our speciality staff - we promise you will not be disappointed.

Additional costs dependant to requirements of your function.

CLUB POLICY

All food and beverage requirements must be catered for by the Club Catering. No outside food and/or beverage shall be permitted on Club Premises & any food not consumed remains the property of the Club. Special conditions relate to Wedding and Birthday Cakes... Confetti is not permitted on club premises. Access to the Club for your function shall be no earlier than 7.30 am unless prior arrangements have been made. We ask that you work with us in preventing any damage or loss of club properties.. should such an incident occur the cost for repair or replacement will be passed onto the client.



### CONFERENCE - FUNCTIONS

VENUE	THEATRE STYLE	BANQUETHIRE		
Auditorium	1000	700	\$800	
Rainbow Room	250	180	\$300	
Bowls Auditorium	300	200	\$300	
Bowls Function Rm	60	40	\$80	
Board Room	15 -20		\$60	
Restaurant	200	130	\$200	
Bistro		150		
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Entertainment Loung	je 200		\$200	
Garden Lounge	150		\$200	

The Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Club caters for many and varied functions from the small meeting to the wedding or corporate dinner for 700 people we have the facilities and services available to you.

The above charges are an estimation only and venue charges are dependent on requirements - audio visual needs - sound and lighting - attendance numbers - set up requirements.

Phone the Club's Functions Co-Ordinator Miss Karen Caldwell on 52 3888 and she will be pleased to offer her advise and services in creating a successful event for you.

### VENUE HIRE CHARGES

Room charges are tailored to meet the specific requirements of your organisation. The charges as stated are a guideline and will vary in relation to your needs. The rates as specified are based on daily room hire 8am - 5pm. We also offer half day rates.

### AUDIO & VISUAL

The club has available for your use the following equipment

Television and Video Overhead Projector White Boards Screens Public Address System The above equipment is included in the room hire charge Lapel Microphone Slide Projector Carousel are available at a rate of \$50 per day.

> The Club proudly hosts the following 7 Bars Cocktail Bar Casino Lounge Keno Full TAB Facilities EFTPOS & Credit Card facilities Entertainment Lounges Bowls Greens - Snooker Tables A-La-Carte Restaurant Great Family Bistro



L'ST MORNING & AFTERNOON\_ COFFEE - TEA & SNACKS

Morning & Afternoon Tea may consist of:

- Coffee Tea (De-Caffeinated Coffee on request)
- Assorted Biscuits
- Skim Milk upon request
- Equal sugar substitute upon request \$2.50 per person

DEVONSHIRE TEA

- Coffee or Tea (De-Caffeinated Coffee on request)
- Scones
- Jam & Fresh Cream
- Skim Milk upon request
- Equal sugar substitute upon request

\$3.00 per person

CONTINUOUS ALL DAY

- Coffee Tea (De-Caffeinated Coffee on request)
- Coffee Tea Biscuits
- Coffee Tea Cream Biscuits
- Fruit Juice

\$4.00 per person \$5.00 per person \$6.00 per person \$1.50 per person



#### S.S.M LIGHT LUNCHEONS\_

Selection of assorted sandwiches Fruit Juice - Tea - Coffee \$5.00

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Selection of assorted sandwiches Mixed Fruit Platter Fruit Juice - Tea - Coffee \$6.00 2

Assorted Open Danish Sandwiches Mixed Fruit Platter Fruit Juice - Tea - Coffee \$6.50 2

Selection of Finger Sandwiches Mixed Fruit Platter Fruit Juice - Tea - Coffee \$6.50 2

Selection of Mixed sandwiches Fresh Fruit Platter Hot selection of Vegetable sticks (crumbed) Marinated Chicken Pieces Fruit Juice - Tea - Coffee \$8.00

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### 🗠 Fishermen's Co-operative Ltd. 🧠

OFFICE ADDRESS: 51 – 55 RIVER STREET, MACLEAN, 2463 AUSTRALIA TELEPHONE: MACLEAN (066) 45 2055 – ILUKA (066) 46 6116 FAX. MACLEAN (066) 45 4155 – ILUKA (066) 46 6568

### Facsimile Transmission

TO: Jim Tedder Acid Sulfate Soils Conference 4/9/96 FAX NO.: (065) 690 802

FROM: Pearl Ryan

DATE: 28/8/96

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(SHOULD ANY OF THIS FACBIMILE BOT BE RECEIVED PLEASE COSTACT THIS OFFICE OF 066 452 055 OR FAX 066 454 155)

> I spoke to you on the phone today to make 2 bookings. Mr B Johnsons cannot attend now. Those attending are as follows:

Mr Barry Cason

Mr Garry Anderson

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact that office, thank you.

Yours faithfully

? Ryan Assistant Secretary

Encl: Cheque for \$50.00 in today's mail with a copy of this FAX.



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### NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

C/- J. TEDDER PAVANS RD., GRASSY HEAD, via STUARTS POINT. 2441 To ABC Mid NC (065) 69 0802 For attention Steve MacDonald Date 28 Aug 96 Thusday 29 Hug is the last day to registe for the Wetlands/ Acid Sulfhate Soil Confrence being held at left Harbour Ex Services Club on 4 Sept 96 Commencing at 0900 hours . This comprence Jointhy hosted by this concil and Ocean Watch will consider matters for discussion at the 2 nd National Conference on Acid Sulphate Sorlo being held on the gollowing two days at Coffs Harber. The conference on 4 Sept will have several. speakers and a chance for fishers, land holders and others to put forward their rows on Where we should be going in dealing with the problems associated with disturbing acid sulphate Soils. Unlike the 2nd national Conference our Conference is adjordable at \$25 for the day including lunch. None 690 802 for a booking

Fegards Junes Tedde

TH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

C/- J. TEDDER PAVANS RD., GRASSY HEAD, via STUARTS POINT. 2441 (065) 69 0802

To Coff Harbour Ex Services Club f.a. Karen Caldwell



James Tedde

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Date 27 August

Booking for 4 Sept. Can we more to Smaller function room as less than fifty people now attending ? Will confirm number for cating on 29 September

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James Tedder 27 Aug 96

Acid Sulphate Soil Conformere 4 Sept Womed about this. I have received two applieations and promises of five others. We need to give numbers of postaparts to venue organisers by 29 at latest. If we concel we must do so now Where are the rest of the postrapants? And I am down with the flu Regards made as the Studies Faint Bowling Club and the Favern charges

Standoy 12th August 10:69 am Markets adjacent to Smarts Paint Hall

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0935 Spoke to Phil - Agreed to go ahead but null use smaller room.

### Yarrahapinni Festival Programme

#### Saturday 10th August

8:30 am Visit the Nature Centre Building at Yarrahapinni SDA Ecology Centre Grassy Head to view exhibits and watch the birds feeding on the upper deck. Then take a walk through the Centre's rainforest.

10:00 am Markets adjacent to Stuarts Point Hall

12:00 noon Parade from Stuarts Point Tavern to Stuarts Point Hall featuring children in colourful animal masks and percussion performers

12:30 pm Opening of the Arts and Crafts exhibition at the Stuarts Point Hall.

2:00 pm Country Music Talent Competition at the Stuarts Point Tavern

5:00 pm Yarrahapinni and Coffs Harbour Acapella Choirs perform at the Yarrahapinni SDA Ecology Centre's Chapel Grassy Head. \$5 entry fee Reservations can be made on 690771

8:00 pm Bands at the Stuarts Point Bowling Club and the Tavern.

#### Sunday 12th August

10:00 am Markets adjacent to Stuarts Point Hall Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Stuarts Point Hall

12:00 noon Concert by the river in Day Visitor area of Stuarts Point Caravan Park featuring local bands "The Roys" "Third Party" and "Small Town Playboys" plus The Yarrahapinni Acapella choir and others.

Conference

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### COLTS HT RBOUR & DISTRICT EX. SERVISEMEN & WOMEN'S MEMORIAL CLUB LIMITED A.C.N. 000 875 516 17-7-1996 NO 21139 RECEIVED FROM OCCON Watch australia the sum of Two hundred dollars cents deposit on function WITH THANKS K. Caldwell \$ 200-00 Secretary



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Coffs Harbour & District Ex-Servicemen and Women's Memorial Club Ltd. A.C.N. 000 875 516 PO BOX 2068, VERNON STREET, COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450. PHONE (066) 52 3888. FAX (066) 52 6972.

18th July 1996

James Tedder Pavans Access Via STUARTS POINT NSW 2441

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed your receipt of \$200.00. Being for a deposit on a function to be held here at the Coffs Harbour Ex-services club. We hope you enjoy your function and we look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully

K Caldwell

Karen Caldwell Functions Co-ordinator

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Five years after Acid suifate soils were recognised as producing

many times larger than the worst cases of industrial acid spills. ever experienced in Australia"

Three years after the first National Acid Sulfate soils conference was held at Coolangatta. Yolande Stone, Department of Planning observed:

It is inequilable for individuals which initiate an activity which creates an environmental hazard, to reap the benefit while the community suffers the losses.

With acid sulfate soils hazard, the community which suffers the losses is invariably the aquatic ecosystem and the fishermen who depend

Two years after the NSW government set up ASSMAC - Acid Sulfate Soils Management Advisory Committee to provide whole of government advice on the issue.

WHAT HAS CHANGED -NOTHING

Every time it rains, floodplains which have been developed and drained, deliver acid to our estuarine systems.

Despite laws, such as the Clean Waters Act, this activity is not monitored, and landholders are not licensed or under any formal obligation to reduce or stop the amount of acid reaching our rivers ...

The community conference will involve speakers covering a wide range of issues associated with acid sulfate soils. These

Overview of government response

- Regulation Environmental Economic/values

Community role in Acid Sulfate Soils

A major objective of this conference is to workshop the community view and choorse a number of resolutions which can be taken. to the Second National Acid Sulfate Soils

These resolutions will be presented to the Premier, Mr Bob Carr, and tabled at the 2 NASS Conference.

an affordable conference.

### Dear Premier Carr,

Would you please honour your commitments to reducing and reversing the current degradation of our rivers and estuaries, caused by acid sulfate soil drainage.

To adequately address the problems caused by acid sulfate soil you need allocate sufficient financial resources, to implement policies such as your Wetlands Management Policy.

Over 5000 structures are impeding tidal flow in NSW (Rob Williams, NSW Fisheries) The community wants to play a greater role in the management of our coastal floodplains. We would like a review of the current flood mitigation structures, which have caused many of our coastal wetlands to be destroyed.

The Brainage Act 1939 needs to be reviewed. It is currently preventing responsible landholder changing their drainage practises. It is outdated and needs to be consistent with current legislation, such as the Clean Waters Act,

Yours sincerely.

NSW Voter

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YES !! I would like to attend the Community Acid Sulfate Soil Conference

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$25 per person. This will include tea and coffee, and lunch

Please send your payment to North Coast Environment Council, c/o Jim Tedder

Pavans Stuarts Point NSW 2441

For more information, call Ocean Watch (02) 660 2262 KATTLY On PHIL MARCH 065 666879 Jim TZDON 065 690202

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# ACID SULFATE SOILS

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9.30 am - 4.30 pm Wednesday, September 4 Coffs Harbour Ex Servicemens Club

# COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

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MEETING TO IDENTIFY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN A REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS OR ALTERNATIVELY AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE RAISING OF THE KINCHELA CREEK LEVEES

Community Organisations invited to be Represented

Belmore-Kinchela Landowners Association Lower Macleay River Ratepayers NSW Dairy Farmers Association - Kempsey Branch Cattlemans Union of NSW - Macleay Valley Branch Macleay River District Fishermans Co-Operative Ltd Trial Bay Sports Fishing Club NSW Farmers' Association - Oyster Branch - Northern Rivers National Parks Association - Three Valleys Branch Macleay River Total Catchment Management Committee **Government Departments** NSW Fisheries - South West Rocks National Parks and Wildlife Service - Port Macquarie Environment Protection Authority - Grafton Department of Land and Water Conservation (Soil Conservation) - Kempsey

Department of Urban Affairs and Planning - Grafton

To Phil From James Tedde Date 2 July Venne CH Exservice Chil - Chip auditorium - seat 600 offers -has stage, PA, 6ft screen for video Overhed projector, white bed, slide projector lectern \$\$ 500 OR smaller voon - 250, no stage lectern PA systen - no screen but otte equip. \$ 300 Lunch etc can be saved in lage room & that is recommended by Chil. (continuos supply) Offee / tea / biscuts \$5 punch - Dandwiches, fruit juice, ter paper \$5.0 - ", fruit " \$6.0 floomend large room Continues toon × 100 Cunch × 100 chyster bosted be occan 10 gr gb 500 500 600 1600 or #16/head

### BUSH HERITAGE FUND LIST OF POSSIBLE AREAS FOR PURCHASE

Name of Land Location Portion No. Owner Cost LG Area Parish & County (provide as much information as possible and indicate how up to date is the information).

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PROPOSAL	SEPP 14	COUNCIL	DATE
Upgrading of a 100 metres access road to all weather standard with culverts. Retrospective	311	Ulmarra	11.2.94
Development of golf range, 9 hole par 3 executive golf course & 40 campsites.	861	Lake Macquarie	27.3.94

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#### WETLAND RED ALERT

#### NSW GOVERNMENT CONDONES WETLAND DESTRUCTION

NSW had lost approximately 60% of its coastal wetlands since European settlement. In the past 8 years over 5300 hectares of land have systematically been removed from designated wetlands status.

State Environmental Planning Policy No.14 is a legally binding document that was legislated to protect wetlands and although it does not prohibit activities in designated wetlands, it does require that proposals be submitted for assessment by the public and local and state governments. Failure to gain council consent and concurrence from the Director of the Department of Planning before developing a designated wetland can be prosecuted in court.

However the NSW Government has failed miserable to protect wetlands, to the contrary, the Minister for Planning has actively approved major tourist developments, golfcourses, draining and mitigation work, heavy mineral mining in wetlands, which have been proposed on the north coast of NSW, the Minister has even been know to invite a developer to submit a new application to a development that had been rejected by two inquiries

Whatever the scheme, approval is forth coming and if restrictions like Regional or Local Environmental Plans get in the way then there are always ways of amending these problems.

Since 1990 there have been 53 Environmental Impact Statements prepared (following list) to destroy or effect wetlands on the NE NSW coast, to the Department of Planning, all have been granted consent and a large number of these were retrospective consents.

Wetlands are often degraded deliberately by illegal activities such as burning, clearing and filling, to a degree that the values of the wetland are so compromised, that many of the original values and plant species are lost. Once this has happened there appears to be no impediments to the removal from the SEPP 14 policy and rezoning usually follows.

There are numerous examples were Council or government departments have requested the perpetrators to comply with the law or create rehabilitation programs, have constantly failed to achieve any action.a few examples;

- \* extensive works in wetland 385 , Nambucca , no action
- \* draining of wetland 494, Hastings , no action
- \* clearing of wetland 436, Kempsey , no action
- \* clearing and burning of wetland 631a, Great Lakes, no action

It is imperative that a concerted effort by the environment movement, and public interest groups apply themselves to stopping the destruction of our coastal (and inland) wetlands.

Please write immediately to your local members of Parliament, the Premier and Minister for Environment and the Dept. of Water resources demanding that the proposed State Wetlands Policy, (being prepared by the NSW Dept.of Water Resources) must be a legally binding document that will be capable of protecting the Wetlands of NSW.

	SEPP. 14 WETLANDS	
Destroyed	or threatened .North East NSW	的情况了日本的问题

					SEPP 14	COUNCIL	DATE
PROPOSAL Ring Rd & Bridge, Koolangbonk Crk. (Cathie rd.Hindman St.)		COUNCIL Hastings		PROPOSAL Construction of By-pass to West- Lennox.(Revised)	87	Ballina	20.12.91
Storm water retention basin. Lot 134 DP 777329	?	Byron .	11.5.90	Extension of 4.7 Hectares to existing sand mining dev,	813	Port Stephens	28.2.92
Extraction of fill from site, & residential subdivision.	545 .	Taree	6.7.90	Construction of Pacific Highway deviation.	370	Nambucca	
Rehabilitation of, & construction of four islands at Karignan Crk.	8906	Wyong	22.10.90	Construction of dwelling.	911	Gosford	21.3.92
Drainage of SEPP 14.	507	Hastings	26.10.90	Construction and revegetation of drainage channel & levee culverts, boundary fence & fire break.	899a	kyong	20.4.92
Chinderah Bypass.Clearing & draining of SEPP 14.	25a.	Tweed. RTA	19.11.90	Retrospective Construction of sealed road with culvert through SEPP.	79	Byron	3.6.92
Residential subdivision.	937	Gosford	14.3.91	Pipeline along the Nth,East edge	90	Ballina	10.6.92
Extension of golfcourse & tourist/ recreation development.	899	Wyong	16.1.91	of North creek & across SEPP		Gosford	20.7.92
Construction of dwelling, (NSW	911	Gosford	22.2.91	Filling of SEPP & erection of dwelling.	44	Gostord	575
Public Trust). Extraction of heavy minerals,	577	Taree	18.4.91	Construction of 157 unit retirement village.	8955	Wyong	31.7.92
Knapingshat Crk,(Crown Reserve) Construction of jetty & mooring,	936	Gosford	30.4.91	Construction of dam & other drainage/filling Retrospective	796	Port Stephens	7.9.92
(Public Reserve) Drainage channels and flood mitigation (Public Reserve)	942	Gosford	16.8.91	Construction of housing,access roads,carpark,wharf & other facilities.	195a	Maclean	22.9.92
Construction & modification of embankments and weir	840	Hunter Wa ter Board		Construction of tertiary level sewerage plant, lagoons, access rds & facilities, adjacent to SEPP.	92.107. 108a	Ballina	9.10.92
Dev, of recreation reserve, golf- course, Tourist/education.	199.206	Maclean	14.8.91	Extension to existing sand &	81? 82?	Byron	21.12.92
Residential subdivision	631a	Great Lakes	9.8.91 .	gravel quarry, two lane underpass bundwalls,stockpiles,sedimentatio rehabilitation of wetland.		,creek r	ediversion
Canal development & residential subdivision (418 blocks)	527. 528a	Hastings	11.10.91	Construction of two lane ,3.5km by-pass, Brunswick Heads	67	RTA	30.3.93
Clearing SEPP & reconstruction of,electricity supply scheme.	769.808 809.810	Port Stephens	29.11.91 .	Partial filling of SEPP for F3 Freeway	841	Newcastl RTA	e 21.5.93
Staged augmentation of Ballina- Lennox sewerage scheme.		a Ballina . 91a. 91b.	20.12.91 93.94.	Construction of two lane, 1.5 by-pass.	1. 3.	Tweed	2.12.93
Heavy mineral extraction	790.791 795.796.	Port Stephens	6.12.91	Secondary sewerage scheme, pipeline adjacent to SEPP	638	Great Lakes	17.1.94

## COAST & WETLANDS SOCIETY INCORPORATED

P.O. Box A225, Sydney South, NSW 2000

23rd March, 1994

W3C

Mr. J. L.O. Tedder, North Coast Environment Council, Pavans Road, Grassy Head, via Stuarts Point 2441

Dear Mr. Tedder,

I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter (to Judy Messer) regarding a wetlands conference.

The Coast and Wetlands Society is very concerned by the failure of the present government to advance the cause of wetlands conservation. In 1988, shortly after election, there was a public promise to develop a state wide wetlands policy. This has yet to eventuate, and along the way the policy seems to have been watered down to 'guidelines'.

There are many issues involved, and they are certainly complex - they include definitions (of both wetland types and boundaries), the requirements for buffers, activities to be constrained, management needs (as distinct from planning, equity to private landholders etc. etc.

The topic could certainly make for a valuable contribution to resolution of some very important issues.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Adam





C/- J. TEDDER PAVANS RD., GRASSY HEAD, via STUARTS POINT. 2441 (065) 69 0802 29 January 94

NPA

TEC

Dr.J.Messer The Chair Nature Conservation Council 39 George St. Sydney 2000

Dear Judy,

Some little time ago we spoke about the need for a State conference to examine a strategy for the protection of wetlands including those not designated and those of the inland. You thought that this might be accepted by the NCC as a suitable subject for one of your three annual conferences.

I have spoken to Ocean Watch and they, with professional fishing groups wish to be involved. I have been told by a member of the environment committee of the professional fishers that they are very concerned about wetlands.

As TEC has been very involved with wetlands through the work of Kathy Fook and others plus of course the Coast and Wetlands Society and the Coast and Marine Network ;I feel they will wish to be involved as joint sponsors and certainly this Council wishes to help . I am copying this letter to the National Park Association to ask if they wish to be actively involved.

It was suggested that the conference/workshop should be held on this coast but that may make it difficult for people from the south coast to attend ,yet the city is expensive. So should we contact the Hunters Wetland Trust and ask if it might be held there-perhaps they may wish to join ?

The idea of the gathering would be to come up with a long term strategy as to how to protect the remaining wetlands in the State and that would include mangroves and seagrass beds. Possible speakers should be eminent professionals, and public relation experts who might be able to suggest approaches to win greater public support. Do we add a couple of politicians

We would be grateful for your reactions

Yours sincerely

James L.O.Tedder Hon.Sec.

Faxed to NCC, TEC, NPA 2130 hm.

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C/- J. TEDDER PAVANS RD., GRASSY HEAD, via STUARTS POINT. 2441 (065) 69 0802



### Proposed NCC Wetland Conference

ATM

To assess the obstacles preventing the more efficient protection and management of wetlands, throughout the State, achieving the maximum benefits of these wetlands for natural systems

To plan a strategy which takes into account these obstacles and the varying interests of those involved with wetlands.

TOPICS The role of wetlands in: \* fish habitat \* nature conservation \* farm management \* flood mitigation \* ground water recharging

The effectiveness or otherwise of SEPP 14 in protecting coastal wetlands and where the problems have occurred as shown by the Government files

The attitude of Local Government to wetland management

What attitude has the farming lobby to protective management of wetlands

STRATEGIES

Is there common ground among the farmers, the fishers, the conservation movement , the public , Total Catchment Management Committees for the protection of wetlands ?

Can a scheme be devised whereby holders of wetlands can be compensated if they can show they have been financially disadvantaged by the legal protection of wetlands or a change in the management of wetlands.

Is there a need for more education particularly at the Local Government level on the need for wetland protection

Should the rights of developers have precedent over those of the community ? How will this be assessed and by whom ?

Can and should the legal protection of wetlands be made stronger '

What are the respective views of the Government and Opposition on the need to protect wetlands and the means of achieving this better management.

SPEAKERS

A representative from the Local Government Association

A Government Minister or member of the Ministers Environment

#### Committee.

A shadow Minister

A representative from the NSW Farmers Association

A representative from the Commerical Fishers

Paul Adam Henry James as he has been searching the Government files under FOI and discovered a lot of "dirt"

A solicitor from EDO

Some one from a conservation group dealing with wetlands Some one with knowledge of ground water and flood mitigation Some one with good bird knowledge and the role birds play in control of insects.

#### FORMAT

Need to allow a minimum of two to three hours for workshops to consider a range of strategies. Such workshops to report to the plenary session with a range of recommendations or motions

#### PLACE

I would favour the Hunter Wetland Trust buildings but if people consider that Sydney has more advantages then so be it

#### FEES

The rate of \$70 seems fair enough though if the meeting is held at Newcastle it might be possible to reduce this for voluntary bodies to say \$45. Lunches should be extra as should provision of papers. Is there any chance of obtaining papers before hand so they can be handed out as people register ?

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James L.O.Tedder Hon.Sec.

4 July 1994

#### Clean Air and Water

A Coalition Government will give a high priority to having NEPA agree to a nationally consistent approach to issues affecting the quality of our environment - such things as purity of water supply, the cleanliness of our rivers and beaches, levels of air pollution and motor vehicle mission standards. NEPA can also be a means of swapping ideas and information, and urging backward areas to improve their performance. It will not be just another layer of control superimposed over the State authorities, but a source of co-operative action, encouraging a national spirit of urgent action to tackle shared problems. The States and Territories would retain the freedom to set more stringent standards to deal with particular problems of social significance to them.

Waste Disposal and Recycling

As well as setting national standards for the quality of our environment, NEPA will be asked to organise co-operative action to reduce waste and encourage recycling. It will also tackle the problem of hazardous wastes (following the report of the Independent Panel on Intractable Waste). The Commonwealth Government will take the lead in resolving the problem of the long term safe disposal of radioactive waste.

The Coalition supports efforts to increase the level of recycling activity in Australia. However, as bodies such as the Industry Commission have identified, recycling programs will be more successful where there is a clear cost benefit to the community. It makes no sense to recycle for its own sake when such activity may in practice mean the expending of greater resource use or involve major uneconomic costs in transport or processing, costs which then must be borne by the general community and as a result of which there is a net environmental minus.

We acknowledge that progress has been made in recycling programs for products such as aluminium cans, plastics, newsprint and rubber tyres and we will encourage industry through our research and development policy to invest in technologies which will make recycling more viable. We recognise that at the moment markets for such products are often marginal.

The **Fightback!** plan is about reducing business costs. We would expect a significant response by industry to recycling as a result of the massive cost reduction to be delivered under **Fightback!**.

The Liberal and National Parties' emphasis on individual responsibility is particularly relevant in increasing the level of recycling. Actions taken at household level such as sorting garbage into separate streams is probably the most constructive single action Australians can take to encourage greater re-use of resources. We will therefore continue to strongly support programs designed to promote the benefits of recycling and to educate the community how best they can contribute.

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### Financial Incentives for Keeping Habitat

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Currently, financial incentives operate so that it is cheaper to destroy habitat than to keep it. In many cases there are more short term profits for the public or private sector where, in the course of development, they destroy or damage habitat.

One step towards creating new markets in ecosystem restoration involves increasing the costs of destroying or damaging habitat to a level that matches or exceeds the cost of keeping or replacing it. This outcome may be achieved by a mix of regulations and incentives.

#### What are the options?

Options for funding habitat restoration and protection include the following:

- tax deductions;
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- \$nil valuations of land bearing a covenant on the title that restricts

development and requires the habitat to be protected;

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- some habitats cannot be restored due to the destruction of their environment or because the period to regrow the habitat requires several hundred years (eg *Posidonia* seagrass takes hundreds of years to grow, while *Zostera* seagrass grows in about 5 years);
- the financial benefits of habitat restoration may outweigh the costs of restoring habitat;
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- other regulations;
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Incentives for private sector investment

There is a simple reason for encouraging private landowners to restore and protect the habitat on their land: much of the land that holds important habitat, or habitat which is critical for aquatic life, is privately owned. Much of this private land needs to be revegetated before it can once again protect or enhance habitat.

As governments do not have the resources to buy this land to restore or protect it, and many landowners would not wish to sell, there is a fundamental need to empower private landowners to invest in habitat restoration and protection.

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### A Guide for Restoring and Keeping Habitat

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