

Rural Board

Holy Goat 20/9/97

Graham Gordon will take me

- His report
- Copy of letter from the Board.

Barry

- Land = 10ha (is small)
- is steep & subject to land slip
- to clear as they would degrade the land.
- They refused to pay & went to Court
- inspected by Board in detail
- They argued support (incl £) should be put into Roger. The area eg reforestation which they were doing.
- There is no quarrel that the Board is a non profit useful service in some rural areas eg nesting districts.
- Ministry of Environment absorbing the Board.

Re Holy Goat housing estates. Not on 10
1/2 their houses have been approved
as acceptable houses. All houses
meet building standard but none in
height of 30m radius.

DENISE

29/9/97

Tan B Rural Land Protection Board

Get Exception

- Bodhi tree farmants Hand Copy of this.
- Conservation Agreement poss grounds for exemption.

Get copy to Tan B.

"Holy Goat"

Graham Jordan

Re Community Land (Sent Describing Paper)
Tan B to get to me for agreement for BSC
Deed of Agreement - v. etc. etc.

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FAX DOCUMENT FROM PETER HAMILTON

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TO: *John Beale - Linfield NSW*

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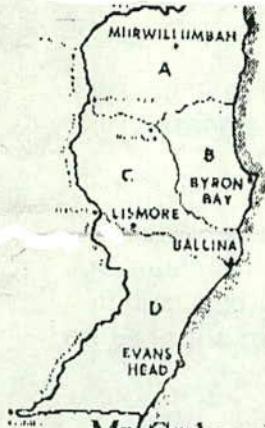
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SUBJECT: Rural Lands Protection Board

COMMENTS: Herewith details from Graham just to
hand for your information. Note - Holy Goat
is NOT an m.o.

Peter

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Tweed—Lismore Rural Lands Protection Board

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YOUR REF.: _____

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18th December 1996

Mr. Graham Jordan
Holy Goat Ranch Inc
Dorroughby Road
Dorroughby.....2480

Dear Mr. Jordan,

Further to the inspection of your property on 13th December, your visit to the Board meeting on 16th December and subsequent discussion at the Board Meeting, the Board has now resolved to set the carrying capacity of your property at 30 stock units. This is below the required carrying capacity to make the property ratable.

Inspections and assessments of the property in the past have always resulted in a different decision, and in the case of a property such as yours which is a borderline situation, the outcome is dependant on interpretation of a section of the Act which relates to land which is reverting to its former undeveloped state. Advice given to the Board in the past has consistently advised a particular interpretation which resulted in your property being ratable. In this instance contrary advice has been received which indicates that your property is now not ratable.

Your property will now not attract any further rates from this Board unless there are changed circumstances in respect of your property use, or unless there are changes to the Rural Lands Protection Act which affect the rating of your property.

Thankyou for the hospitality shown to the Board members who inspected the property on 13th December.

Yours faithfully

R. L. Timbrell
Administrative Officer

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We have a large landslip on the property this together with its steepness I think has been in our favour. In this Lismore-Tweed area about half the rateable properties are small holdings and thus the board relies on these rates. I suggest those people with small properties go through the 'correct' procedure of appeal and argue their case for lower stocking rates.

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