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The Hon Trevor Evans MP
 Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction
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 PO Box 6022
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Dear Assistant Minister

Trevor

I enclose a copy of a letter dated 11 July, 2019 addressed to you which was forwarded to me by s47F Agricultural Consultant, s47F in which he outlined his suggestion for the allocation of large scale funding for the construction of waste recovery and recycling plants across the nation as an economic stimulus initiative.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to s47F suggestion in light of the points he has raised in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

① The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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Hon Trevor Evans MHR
Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction & Environmental Management,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA ACT.

Dear Mr. Evans.

Re: Possible economic stimulation project (Waste recycling)

I have noted with interest the recent actions of the Commonwealth Government to stimulate economic activity by various taxation refund measures. I have also seen discussion that perhaps more stimulation may be needed by way of infrastructure projects.

I recall that in the recent past previous governments have introduced stimulation schemes, such as 'pink batts' and 'school hall building' as projects, with varying success. It occurred to me, that if the government contemplates schemes in the future of this nature, that significant economic stimulus may be possible by allocating large scale funding to the construction of many waste recovery and recycling plants across the nation. Such projects could be undertaken by local government or State Government authorities.

I note that at present the Commonwealth has allocated around \$200 million towards waste reduction and recycling projects. With large scale funding or subsidy a big impact could be made on the current nationwide challenge of waste handling and recycling. Projects of this nature would 'kill two birds with one stone' as it could add to economic recovery, and significantly support the movement towards a society which can either recycle or satisfactorily dispose of the various types of waste currently being generated throughout Australia.

Such a scheme would of necessity need to be well planned to avoid the pitfalls of previous schemes such as 'fly by night' operators with pink batts, and State 'handling and consulting fees' with school halls. Perhaps a range of approved designs for various size operations could be considered. I am sure that competent engineers in waste fields could conduct the work.

I trust that this will receive due consideration. Please note that I have also sent a copy of this letter to local member Barnaby Joyce, and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

Yours faithfully,

s47F



**THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MEMBER FOR FARRER**

MC19-008710

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
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Dear Mr Joyce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barnaby'.

Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituent s47F concerning the Weekend Australian Magazine article "The Case of the Missing Frogs" and frog research.

The Australian Government is strongly committed to the conservation of our native species, including over 200 known unique species of amphibians. The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), is central to the conservation of threatened species. We work closely with state and territory governments, scientists, industry, and community group to protect species' habitats and tackle the threats to their survival. I have recently listed 14 amphibian species as threatened under the EPBC Act so that they may receive the appropriate level of protection and conservation efforts that the EPBC Act provides.

As you are aware, many amphibian species in Australia are under threat from the disease known as chytridiomycosis. It was first discovered in dead and dying frogs in Queensland in 1993, and is a highly infectious disease of amphibians, caused by the amphibian chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*. Since 1993, research has shown that the fungus is widespread across Australia and has been present in the country since the 1970s. This highly virulent pathogen is capable of causing sporadic deaths in some amphibian populations, and 100 percent mortality in other populations.

The infection of amphibians with chytrid fungus resulting in chytridiomycosis is listed as a key threatening process under the EPBC Act. In response, the Australian Government has developed the *Threat Abatement Plan for Infection of Amphibians with Chytrid Fungus Resulting in Chytridiomycosis*, which aims to reduce the impact of chytridiomycosis on native frog species. The threat abatement plan establishes a framework that will enable the best use of any resources made available for chytridiomycosis management. More information about the threat abatement plan for chytrid fungus can be found at:

www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tap/chytrid.html.

Thank you for bringing s47F concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sussan Ley'.

SUSSAN LEY

CC: The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Minister for Industry Science and Technology;
Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research
Organisation (CSIRO).



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SA-Receptionist.

Dear Minister

I enclose an e-mail message of 11 June, 2019 which includes a copy of the content of an e-mail message which was sent to the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, from s47F s47F regarding the Weekend Australian Magazine article "The Case of the Missing Frogs", and frog research.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by s47F s47F in relation to these matters and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Minister for Industry Science and Technology, and Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), asking for their advice.

Yours sincerely

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From: s47F
To: [Joyce, Barnaby \(MP\)](#)
Subject: Frogs
Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 6:36:54 PM

Below is a copy of an email I have just sent to The Hon Michael McCorack

"I should like to draw to your attention a fascinating article I read in The Weekend Australian Magazine last weekend "The Case of the Missing Frogs" and the deadliest pathogen ever known is wiping out frogs and whether it can be stopped.

Two youngish scientists, a married couple have done years of research on this though James Cook University where over several years they have six grant applications for funding rejected. The wife, Lee Berger by name, her husband and three young children are relocating to Victoria to try and obtain funds through Melbourne Uni. She claims this shouldn't be their responsibility but the Governments, I whole heartedly agree.

The article instanced that in my area, the New England Tablelands, research is currently being carried out to find a certain frog.

I do hope you will read the article and, hopefully persuade the Federal Government to put funding into research so that the frogs can survive. I was telling a friend about my concerns and his quick response was "frogs are first line of defence against malaria and dengue fever" .

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Case of the missing frogs

The deadliest pathogen ever known is wiping out our frogs. Can it be stopped?

By RICKY FRENCH

From *The Weekend Australian Magazine* June 8, 2019

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At 7am on January 13, 1984, ranger Keith McDonald was driving along a dirt road deep in the rainforest of Eungella National Park, 80km west of Mackay, when one of the most implausible events in the natural world occurred on the passenger seat beside him.

Inside a container of water, a female frog he had collected from a stream the night before opened her mouth and spat out a fully formed juvenile frog. Over the next half-hour, 14 more froglets were born through their mother's mouth. As any child will tell you, frogs don't give birth through their mouth. They don't give birth at all. They lay eggs, which hatch into tadpoles and metamorphose into frogs underwater. It was the first and last time anyone would see the unique birthing approach of the northern gastric-brooding frog. By March of 1985 the frogs, endemic to this one area on Earth, were gone, never to be seen again.

It wasn't the only species to go. Since 1979, scientists had reported that frogs in south-east Queensland were declining. The Mount Glorious day frog was the first to

go missing in action, and the southern gastric-brooding frog — like its northern cousin, it gestated young in its stomach and gave birth through the mouth — vanished in 1981, just seven years after its discovery. It wasn't just Australia. Once abundant frogs of South, Central and North America were vanishing. More worryingly, no one could figure out why.

Worse was to come. In 1993, suspecting that whatever was killing the frogs was marching north, McDonald engaged the services of a pioneering wildlife veterinarian, Rick Speare, and the pair raced to the Atherton Tablelands near Cairns.

“We had a bad feeling about what we'd find,” says McDonald. But it was more what they *didn't* find. The rainforest streams didn't croak at night with the calls of frogs anymore. Once plentiful species of frogs had disappeared. “We couldn't do anything about it — it was gut-wrenching. We didn't know what was going on.”

There was no obvious cause. Nothing appeared to have changed in the environment. Rainfall was average, the streams were pristine and other animals bountiful. It was a complete mystery. Determined to find the answer, McDonald and Speare assembled what would prove to be a remarkable and groundbreaking wildlife research team. Speare had noticed that the pattern of sudden decline in Queensland was consistent with what you'd expect from an infectious disease. In 1997 his PhD student, Lee Berger, finally identified the culprit as an insidious fungus that attacked the skin of frogs. The fungus was named *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, or chytrid fungus. Others call it the doomsday fungus.

Berger cracked the case by approaching it as you would a disease outbreak. In a CSIRO lab in Geelong, Victoria, healthy frogs were infected with the fungus and swiftly died. A few months after that experiment, Berger received news of another mass frog die-off, this time in Panama. She received a fax. It was their fungus. They knew then that it was global. During the mid-2000s, Panama would lose two-fifths of its amphibian species. Other outbreaks have devastated populations in Africa and Europe. Some experts are now calling chytrid fungus the “worst pathogen in the world”.

The fungus is a finely tuned killer that targets a biological weak spot. Amphibians' permeable skin performs a vital role in sustaining water balance, by moving sodium

and potassium back and forth. Once the skin is damaged, the frogs lose potassium and their hearts fail, leading to death. Some species fare better than others, and not all frogs die. But what makes it catastrophic on a global scale is the unusually broad number of amphibian species that are susceptible to it. A close relative of the pathogen has decimated salamander species in north-west Europe.

Chytrid fungus is an ancient organism that has thrived in the modern world. It's thought to have originated in Asia, where it co-evolved to live benignly with native frogs that had developed resistance to it over millions of years. Its spread from the 1970s onwards coincided with the advent of mass air-travel and globalisation. Frogs became accidental stowaways, or were shipped overseas as part of the lucrative pet trade. The fungus hopped on for the ride, likely arriving in Brisbane in 1978; once loose, it spread quickly through amphibian populations that had no inbuilt resistance to it. It favours wet, cool temperate or subtropical climates; stream-dwelling frogs are particularly vulnerable, while resistant frog species can become reservoirs of the disease, hastening its spread.

Yet when Berger published her paper in 1998 postulating the fungus as the cause of the declines, her idea was largely dismissed. It wasn't thought possible that a disease could be responsible for such catastrophic declines, scientific convention being that environmental forces such as climate change or habitat degradation must be the main drivers. Twenty years after her discovery, Berger — who is currently the Frank Fenner Life Scientist of the Year for solving the mystery of frog extinctions — now thinks she may be onto another major breakthrough in saving the frogs from chytrid fungus, this time using tools from animal breeding. And again, she says, Australia is looking the other way.

In March this year, Australian scientists revealed just how devastating this fungus has been on a world scale. It is now known to have decimated global biodiversity more than any other pathogen ever recorded, implicated in the extinction of more than 90 amphibian species worldwide and the severe decline of at least 400 more. In Australia, up to seven species of frogs are thought to be extinct due to the fungus and 43 more are in decline — nearly a fifth of all our native amphibians. Six species — the northern and southern corroboree frog, the Baw Baw frog, the spotted tree frog, the kroombit tinker frog and the armoured mistfrog — are in critical danger of extinction.

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Wildlife disease is only now beginning to be accepted as a global problem. “People didn’t want to know,” says Berger of her initial discovery. “It took 10 years after our discovery to stop arguing about it. People had invested so much in looking at the environment that they weren’t going to stop just because some young woman from Australia said the most likely thing was a disease.”

“If you’re on to a novel thing in science people typically don’t believe it,” says Berger’s husband Lee Skerratt, a leading wildlife epidemiologist and head of the research group that published the paper detailing the extent of the carnage. “Anything that challenges a prior belief, scientists will find ways to reject.”

The northern and southern corroboree frogs living in the sphagnum moss of Kosciuszko National Park were once so plentiful there are reports of fishermen using them as bait. Today there are fewer than 50 in the wild. Michael McFadden is supervisor of herpetofauna at Sydney’s Taronga Zoo. Here, the highly susceptible frogs have been given a lifeline in the form of a captive assurance breeding colony. The only reason these frogs exist in the wild at all is because they’re continually released from this colony, and similar ones at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve near Canberra, Melbourne Zoo and Melbourne’s Healesville Sanctuary. If it wasn’t for them, these frogs would already be extinct.

McFadden pulls at the heavy door of a converted shipping container; we don sterile gumboots and step inside a bland room crawling with colour. There are 350 southern corroboree frogs in this container. Frogs can divide opinion but everyone who sees a corroboree frog immediately falls in love. They are adorably small — about 3cm long — with bright yellow stripes the shade of crime scene barricade tape. McFadden holds one in his glove and it lethargically crawls round, looking vaguely helpless but hypnotically beautiful.

The eggs of the corroboree frogs bred here are released into fenced enclosures within Kosciuszko National Park, designed to keep out other species of frogs that transmit the disease. Within these artificial arks the frogs thrive, but they don’t stand much chance in the wild until they can cope with chytrid fungus. It’s not going anywhere so the frogs need to find a way to live with it. That’s where gene resistance technology comes in.

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Kyall Zenger, deputy director of the Australia Research Council's Research Hub for Advanced Prawn Breeding and a professor at Townsville's James Cook University, has been enlisted by Skerratt and Berger to investigate whether selective breeding technology used in aquaculture is transferable to frogs, to breed chytrid-resistant genes into vulnerable species. "Basically I'm an animal breeder," says Zenger. "In my game you try to identify animals that carry favourable genes — disease resistance for example — and select those animals to breed. That way you end up with the healthiest and most resilient animals. It's the same with crops. They've been doing this for hundreds of years. What has changed is the technology to speed it up." Zenger thinks we may be able to use genomic technology to identify certain genes in frogs that are resistant to the effects of chytrid fungus, then use selective breeding to build a sustainable, healthy population and release those frogs back into the wild, where their offspring would carry the same disease resistance, and so on through future generations. "We're doing it across prawns, barramundi, pearl oysters, a whole variety of animals," says Zenger.

It's hardly groundbreaking science; selective breeding is a standard, proven methodology used all over the world. But this approach has never been used for wildlife conservation, and so has not received anywhere near the same amount of funding. Across aquaculture in Australia the private sector has poured money into breeding disease-resistant animals, often teaming with universities and government. But when it comes to wildlife, Skerratt and Berger say they're hitting a brick wall. They've seen one grant application after another turned down. It's a different story in the US and Canada, where substantial grants have recently been awarded to work on genetic modification of frogs and RNA interference technology for controllers of chytrid.

"This is a blue sky scientific program," says Zenger. "The really exciting thing for me is, all this technology is proven over decades. We know it works, we know the statistics, we know what we need to do. We've got the genomic tools and we can really make a difference to conservation now." It's a question of who is going to pay. For direct conservation action Skerratt and Berger estimate \$15 million will be needed to fund recovery interventions for the six most endangered frog species. "It's simple, really," says Skerratt. "Procrastination will lead to more extinction."

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The house movers are descending on the couple's Townsville home. Unable to secure funding to continue their gene resistance work at James Cook University, they're packing up their possessions and their three children and moving to Victoria, where Melbourne University has taken the opportunity to acquire their research group. For Berger, who had to wait a decade for her initial discovery of chytrid fungus to gain wide acceptance, leaving James Cook University is frustrating, but she remains hopeful. After having six grant applications in a row rejected, they're pinning their hopes on a \$1 million Future Fellowship grant with the ARC being successful later this year.

"This shouldn't be our responsibility," she says. "It should be government co-ordinating the action. But they're not, so we have to do it ourselves."

"It's a great idea," says Taronga Zoo's McFadden. "If we can identify where resistant genes are and selectively breed for that in captivity, or if we can utilise those genes through gene editing, then that could definitely work not just here but all over the world. If we can breed frogs that are resistant then I have no doubt we'll be able to get them back up there in their former numbers."

Up in the New England Tablelands of northern NSW, near the town of Glen Innes, Jodi Rowley, curator of amphibian and reptile conservation biology at the Australian Museum, is in the midst of a search almost certain to end in disappointment. She's trying to find a frog that hasn't been sighted since the 1970s and is believed by some to be extinct due to chytrid fungus: the peppered tree frog. Being about the size of a fingernail and coloured mottled brown, Rowley admits it's the ultimate needle in the haystack. So why bother? Because, she says, the richness of life is worth fighting for. Every species lost punches another hole in the ecosystem. Often we don't know what we're losing, or what we could stand to gain. "Frogs are actually beneficial to crops and farming, but that's a lot harder to quantify for your average Joe," she admits.

Past experience has taught Rowley you can't always write off a frog. In October 2017 she was surveying a stream near here in the dead of night when her torch lit up a clutch of brown frogs sitting on a rock. It was a species Rowley had never seen before but she knew only too well what it was: the Booroolong frog, not seen in the area for more than 40 years. It wasn't the only species to be rediscovered. Back in 2008, the northern Queensland armoured mistfrog was spotted after not being seen since 1991.

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A year later the yellow spotted bell frog was rediscovered in NSW's Southern Tablelands, all areas where chytrid is present. The discoveries have given Rowley hope.

"Now we've found where the Booroolong frog can survive we're hoping maybe in some of these places we may also find the peppered tree frog hanging in there. I'm not ready to give up just yet." Rowley says about 20 per cent of Australia's frogs are undescribed. "It's kind of insane! For a lot of frogs we don't have any records, don't know where they're distributed or how many species we have."

To combat that knowledge gap, while at the same time engaging the public, Rowley has led an Australian Museum initiative through a smartphone app called FrogID. Launched in 2017, the app gives the public a chance to contribute to the scientific database by recording frog calls, which are then GPS location-stamped and uploaded to be identified and scrutinised by experts. "It's a citizen science tool," she says. "I've listened to tens of thousands from across the country because of FrogID." Without public engagement Rowley knows there is less chance of obtaining meaningful funding. Part of her job is to get people enthused about frogs. "This one app has made such a difference. People say they've never seen or heard or even thought about a frog before, and now it's all they see and hear."

Data collected from FrogID recently confirmed the decline of Sydney's green tree frog, the once common backyard frog that's now effectively gone. In this case the culprit is probably human manipulation of suburban landscapes; we're inadvertently destroying suitable breeding habitat by building gutters and efficient drainage, eliminating the areas of natural flooding favoured by the frogs.

FrogID has also revealed some species moving far outside their natural range, such as the eastern dwarf tree frog, detected 400km away from its native range on the NSW-Victoria border. Rowley says FrogID has been a real success in providing previously unknown data on threatened frog species such as the Black Mountain boulder frog and the southern bell frog. In just 18 months the app has generated nearly 20 per cent of total frog records ever collected in Australia.

Rowley admits chytrid fungus is the new reality and says disease is one of the biggest threats to our native species, but she's cautious about endorsing research into gene

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resistance as a priority. “Habitat loss is still the biggest threat facing amphibians around the world,” she says. “I think this gene resistance technology could be beneficial for a few species but it’s not practical on a world scale and certainly not in the time frame we are going to need it. It’s a trade-off and we have to make some horrible decisions. Unless there’s more funding for biodiversity we’re going to be constantly competing. But there’s no doubt that not having Lee [Berger] working in the field is a massive blow for the frogs.”

There are signs that certain frog species are developing a level of resistance themselves. The alpine tree frog that lives in the southern alps of NSW and Victoria was found to be maturing quicker, in order to churn out more offspring at a faster rate, to replace the adult population dying of chytridiomycosis. A study from Panama has shown that some wild frogs are producing skin secretions that ward off the fungus. Certain rainforest stream species in northern Queensland are beginning to bounce back, too, moving back upstream to the cooler climates where they were knocked out by chytrid fungus years ago. Often the reason for the recoveries isn’t clear.

Rowley says that’s all the more reason to focus attention on protecting those habitats, so that the frogs have somewhere to live as they learn to tackle the disease themselves. One thing all experts agree on is that more effort is needed if we’re to have any chance of stopping the rot.

“Unless there’s massive overhaul in political will and public engagement then we’ll continue to lose biodiversity in Australia,” says Rowley. “We’ve got a terrible track record. We’re not looking after this country and its wildlife like we can.”

There’s one last frog I feel I need to visit. It’s destined to spend eternity in a jar on a shelf at the Australian Museum, in the aptly named spirit room. Herpetology technical officer Stephen Mahony carefully passes me a jar containing a specimen of *Rheobatrachus vitellinus*, the northern gastric-brooding frog. It lies on its back in a formalin solution like it’s floating in space, the unmistakable crook of frogs’ legs splayed out, mouth slightly open, bulging eyes fixed on nothing. This frog is special to Mahony, and not just because it’s probably the most special frog to ever exist on our planet. Mahony’s father Michael discovered it on New Year’s Eve 1983, less than two weeks before Keith McDonald saw that most astounding regurgitation. I ask the young Mahony what he feels when he sees this frog. He pauses with emotion.

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“Yeah... a lot of things. We don't really know what could or couldn't have been done.”

Maybe the frogs have a right to exist regardless of their value to us. Or maybe they have value we'll never see. The frog in this jar is a Gondwanaland relic that evolved in Australian streams over more than 30 million years, with reproductive biology not seen anywhere else in the animal kingdom, an animal far more outlandish in design than even the platypus. We'll never know how it turned its stomach into a uterus, or why, and what we could learn from that.

Mahony replaces the jar on the shelf. We leave the aisle of amphibian archives and he spins a wheel to roll the rack along. His father's frog is swallowed among the 180,000 other amphibian and reptile specimens that will float forever here in the spirit room. The last thing I notice is a new order of empty jars awaiting filling, and plenty of room on the rack.

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From: DLO Ley
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Thanks s22

From: Industry DLO [mailto:IndustryDLO@industry.gov.au]
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Hi DLOs

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Andrews to the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP (copied to Minister Ley).

Kind Regards

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Dear ~~Mr Joyce~~ *Barnaby*

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2019, on behalf of your constituent **s47F** concerning the Weekend Australian Magazine article "The Case of the Missing Frogs" and frog research.

As you are aware, the Australian Government provides billions of dollars of funding to universities through Research Block Grants and competitive processes each year. This funding supports excellent work undertaken by Australian researchers across the spectrum of science, including in ecology and environmental studies.

These investments support universities to do foundational and applied research, securing jobs for the best and brightest Australian and international researchers. However, the research system is highly competitive, and many researchers will move between universities, both nationally and internationally during their careers.

I consider that it is critical that universities have the freedom to choose the direction of the research undertaken at their facilities, largely unencumbered by government. In making such choices, universities themselves consider a range of factors, such as international impact and opportunities for collaboration.

I have provided a copy of this letter to the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment, and Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive of CSIRO, given that you have also written to them on this matter.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Andrews'.

Karen Andrews

30/7/2019

CC: The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment
Dr Larry Marshall, Chief Executive of CSIRO



11 June 2019

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Dear Assistant Minister *Trevor,*

I have recently conducted a meeting with Mr Barry Murphy, CEO, Challenge Community Services, PO Box 487, Tamworth, 2340, along with Challenge's Community Services Operations Manager, Mr Victor Collett, regarding the large volumes of unrecycled glass in our region and state-wide following the introduction of the NSW Government's Container Deposit Scheme, Return and Earn, in December, 2017 which has flooded the market.

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Enclosed is a letter, with attachments, received on 11 June, 2019, from Mr Murphy following our meeting regarding this major issue.

I would be grateful if urgent consideration could be given to the concerns raised by Mr Murphy and Mr Collett in relation to this matter and for your advice as soon as possible.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Called in regard this earlier

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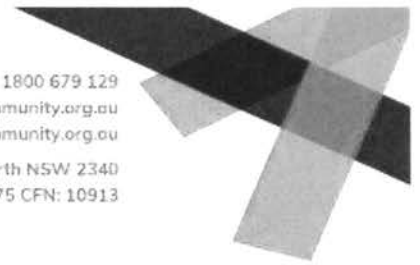




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Att: Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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Dear Mr Joyce,

I would like to thank you for your time on last Thursday regarding the current glass situation in the region, it was greatly appreciated.

Following on from your meeting with myself and Victor Collett, we would like to bring to your attention the following issues that has now become a state wide crisis.

In May 2018, the EPA was quoted as saying "*The NSW **Government's** Container Deposit Scheme, **Return and Earn**, will reduce the volume of litter caused by drink containers that currently **make up** about 44% of all litter discarded in NSW.*"

Since the introduction of the Return and Earn scheme in December 2017, it has flooded the market and in turn has created a state wide crises with glass. Material Recovery Facility (MRF) state wide used to be able to sell container glass as part of the recycling process, but now Cleanaway and Tomra have the market tied up, which means that MRF's now have nowhere to go to sell their glass.

Challenge currently has approx. 400 tons of glass sitting at our facilities that we cannot move and currently we cannot send this product to Queensland as they have shut their borders due to them starting the Collect and Earn system and it is unfeasible to send our product to Victoria due to transport costs.

On the 11 April, Challenge held a Regional MRF Meeting with 6 other Recycling Sites in the region to discuss the current glass situation, it was determined at this meeting that all sites are in the same situation that Challenge is in. With the market the way it is at the moment, no one outside of Cleanaway and Tomra are making a profit and if we manage to break even, then we are doing well.

The purpose of our meeting was to discuss the current glass situation with you and to also ask for your help in finding opportunities for glass to be sold again. This situation is becoming very **urgent** within NSW and especially within Regional NSW.

Yours faithfully,

Barry Murphy
CEO
Challenge Community Services

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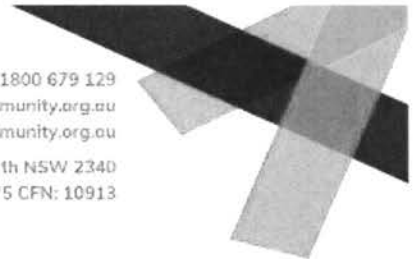
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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND



MC19-008970

1 July 2019

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The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister

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I enclose an e-mail message of 12 June, 2019 from s47F regarding (Warragamba Dam.) - wall

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by s47F in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, asking for his advice, and the State Member for Upper Hunter, Mr Michael Johnsen MP, asking if he could make appropriate representations to the NSW Government on s47F behalf.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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From:

s47F

To:

Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

Cc:

hornsbys@parliament.nsw.gov.au; vauclose@parliament.nsw.gov.au; [Ley, Sussan \(MP\);](mailto:Ley, Sussan (MP);)
wdr@waterNSW.com.au; [Burke, Tony \(MP\)](mailto:Burke, Tony (MP);)

Subject:

Don't flood Sydney's world heritage wilderness

Date:

Wednesday, 12 June 2019 10:28:04 AM

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Dear Barnaby Joyce,

cc. Hon. Sussan Ley MP
cc. Hon. Tony Burke
cc. Hon. Matt Kean
cc. WaterNSW

Raising the Warragamba Dam wall is a developer-driven proposal that will make it easier to build on flood-prone land in western Sydney. Raising the dam wall would inundate 65 kilometres of wilderness rivers and permanently scar 4,700 hectares of world heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park. On the 19th of September 2019 the NSW Government tabled legislation to allow the flooding of NSW National Parks.

The NSW Government has stated that inundation will occur in the World Heritage Area for five weeks at a time. A freedom of information request from the Australian Department of Energy and Environment revealed that they believed: ***"The impact of increased flood water levels within the dam is likely to have extensive and significant impacts on listed threatened species and communities and world and national heritage values of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWH)."***

Hundreds of Indigenous cultural heritage sites belonging to the Gundungurra people are located within the regions of the world heritage area to be inundated by the dam wall raising. These sites are both rare and unique, given the destruction of many Gundungurra cultural sites from the original construction of Warragamba dam in 1960. The [consultation process with traditional owners over the proposal has been disingenuous to date](#). The Gundungurra Heritage Association nominated the valley to be an Aboriginal Place under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act in August 2018 in a bid to stop the dam proposal.

I call on you, as my local member of Parliament, not to support the raising of Warragamba Dam wall. Raising the dam wall will flood one of Australia's most iconic world heritage sites, and destroy hundreds of ancient cultural and natural heritage sites. The NSW Government should not allow further development on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain and should implement international best-practise flood management practices to ensure the safety of existing communities.

Yours sincerely,

s47F



MC19-004002



12 July 2019

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The Hon Sussan Ley MP
 Minister for the Environment
 PO Box 6022
 House of Representatives
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I enclose a letter received on 27 June 2019, with petition and enclosed letter which was addressed to you from students s47F and s47F St Nicholas Primary School, 143-149 Carthage Street, Tamworth, NSW, 2340, regarding their concerns about the (impact of plastic and rubbish on the environment, waterways, and animals and marine life, the environmental organisation, 4ocean, and possible funding to support the work of 4ocean.)

② I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by the students of St Nicholas Primary School in relation to these matters and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

① The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
 Federal Member for New England

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25th June 2019

Dear Honorable Member Mr Joyce,

Can you please give this letter and petition to The Honorable Minister Sussan Ley for us. Thank you for your help.

s47F

Kind regards,

s47F

RECEIVED
27 JUN 2019

BY:

The Hon Sussan Ley MP

Dear Minister Ley,

Our names are s47F

We are Year 4 students at St Nicholas Primary School in Tamworth.

We are writing to tell you how concerned we are here in our rural country area about the amount of plastic and rubbish ending up in our rivers and oceans. We are frightened that many marine and other animals will become extinct by 2020 and beyond if nothing is done about this problem.

We have been researching and we are writing to ask you to help an organisation called 4ocean



This organisation is being very proactive in developing ways to clean up the oceans and remove the plastic and rubbish.

We are only 10 years of age and we can't raise enough money alone so we need your help. Can you ask our Prime Minister to give some of the tax money to this organisation so that we can show the world we care and we can get even better ideas for solving the problem because we are getting scared.

It's affecting our lives too because the chemicals from the plastic and rubbish are leaking into our waterways and also being eaten by the seafood we eat. Can you imagine eating fish that had plastic or chemicals in its body?



We hope you read our letter and can help or reply to us. We have gathered signatures of our school students and teachers to show how important this is to us all.

Thank you for your time.

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This is an example of what plastic can do to our marine life.



**THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MEMBER FOR FARRER**

MC19-008707

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

25 JUL 2019

Dear Mr Joyce 

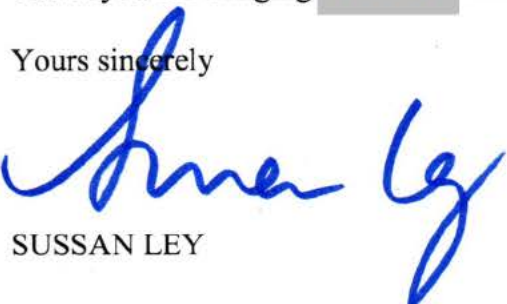
Thank you for your representation of 28 June 2019 on behalf of your constituent **s47F** concerning funding assistance for the restoration of the heritage listed St Andrew's Old Stone Church in Walcha.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the Australian Government is responsible for heritage places listed on the World, National and Commonwealth Heritage lists. Heritage located on Commonwealth land is also protected under the EPBC Act. Other places with heritage value are able to be protected and conserved through legislation established at the state and local government level.

Funding opportunities through the Australian Heritage Grants Program are available for places on Australia's National Heritage List. Unfortunately, St Andrew's Old Stone Church is not included on this list. As such, the issue is best addressed by state or local government, and funding opportunities may be available from these sources.

I would encourage **s47F** to contact the NSW Government Heritage Division in the first instance. The Heritage Division can be contacted by email at: heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au or by telephone (02) 9873 8500.

Thank you for bringing **s47F** concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

SUSSAN LEY



MC19-008707

28 June 2019

The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Min No: MC *H.A.M.O.*
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Covering Brief
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Dear Minister

I enclose a letter received on 26 April, 2019 from **s47F** **s47F** in which he has raised several issues and would draw your attention to his comments regarding funding assistance for the restoration of the heritage-listed St Andrew's Old Stone Church, Walcha.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to **s47F** request in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to the State Member for Northern Tablelands, and Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, the Hon Adam Marshall MP, asking if he could make appropriate representations to the NSW Government on **s47F** behalf.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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26 APR 2019

s47F

BY:

Dear Barnaby,

Just a note to thank you for your letter & to say I am willing to support you every way I can. I still have your copylates from previous elections to put in my corner garden.

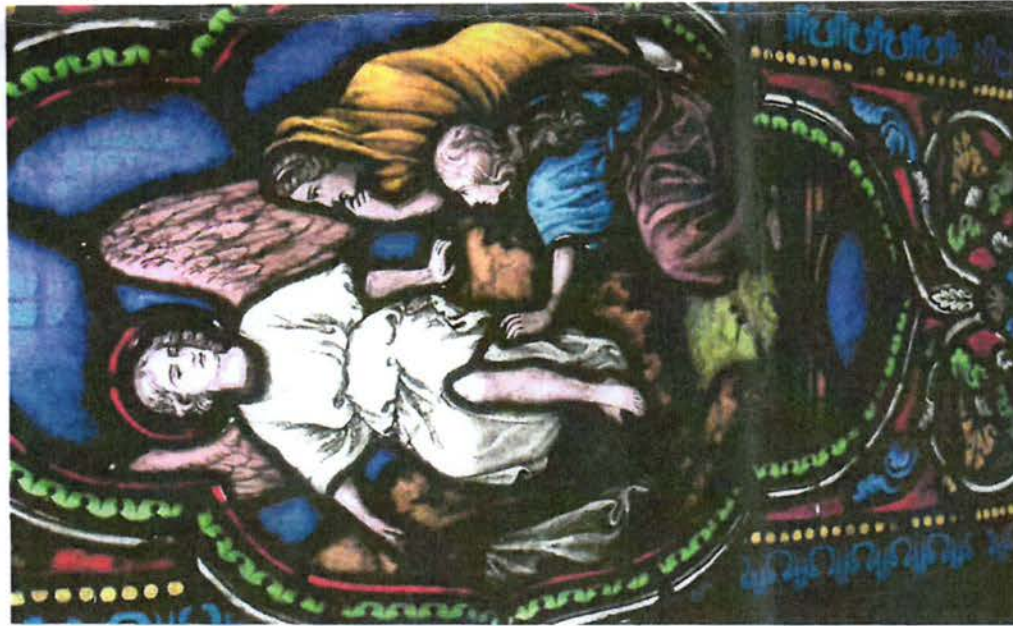
Have enclosed newspaper cutting full of good advice which you may not have had time to read before. Also from a laymans point of view I think electricity costs are a make or break for the coalition, plus water.

We would love your support for our historic church if that is possible

Best of luck

Sincerely,

s47F



ST. ANDREW'S WALCHA

Built to the Glory of God in 1862

Consecrated in 1866

The oldest church in the Armidale Anglican
Diocese

Many past generations have connections
to this beautiful stone church



ST ANDREW'S

Old Stone Church

WALCHA

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Become a 'Friend of the Old Stone Church'
by generously donating to assist in its
restoration.

Friends of the Old Stone Church
25 Oxley Drive
Walcha NSW 2354

or

Donations can be transferred to

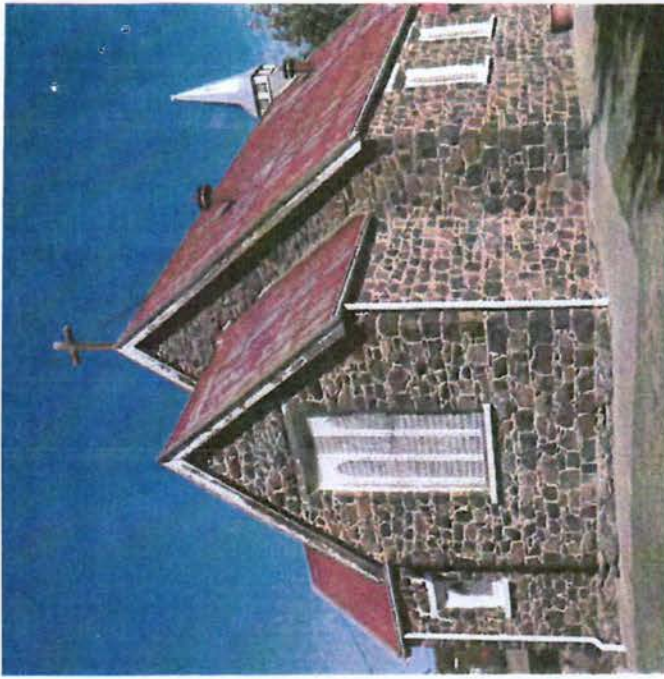
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Please send your details to us via email or post so
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keep you informed of our progress:

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HELP US RESTORE

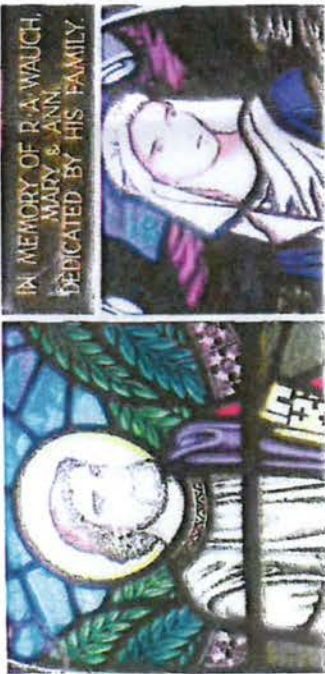
ST. ANDREW'S **COPY**

Old Stone Church

WALCHA

This beautiful, historical building
located in the township of Walcha NSW,
is in a state of disrepair.

Structural cracks along with damage to the ornate,
handpainted, stained glass windows threaten the
integrity of the building. It is sadly no longer used.



IN MEMORY OF R. A. WAUGH,
MARY & ANN,
DEDICATED BY HIS FAMILY.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

East window from Hardman & Co, Birmingham, dedicated to William Denne of Tia and imported in 1862. Windows from the same company are found in St. Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.

Other windows dedicated to pioneer parishioners, including Fenwick, Waugh and Esther Laird

Heritage listed

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

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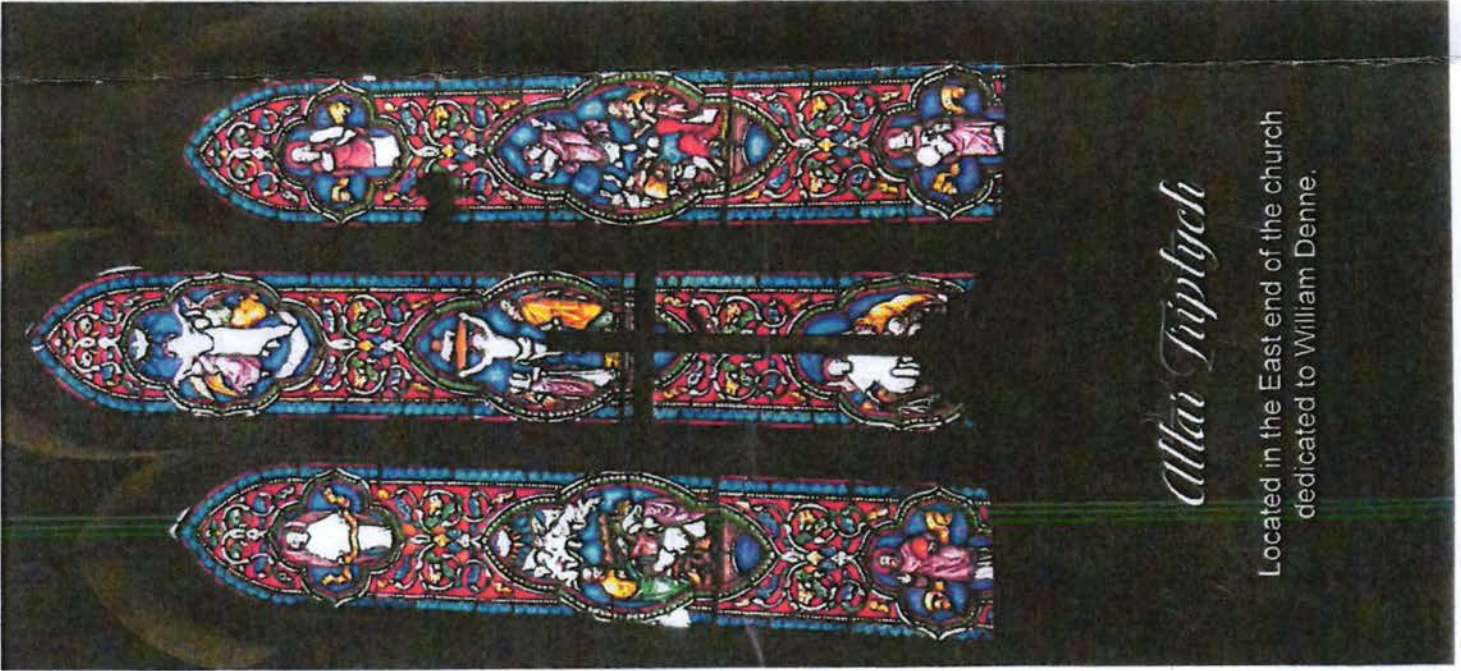
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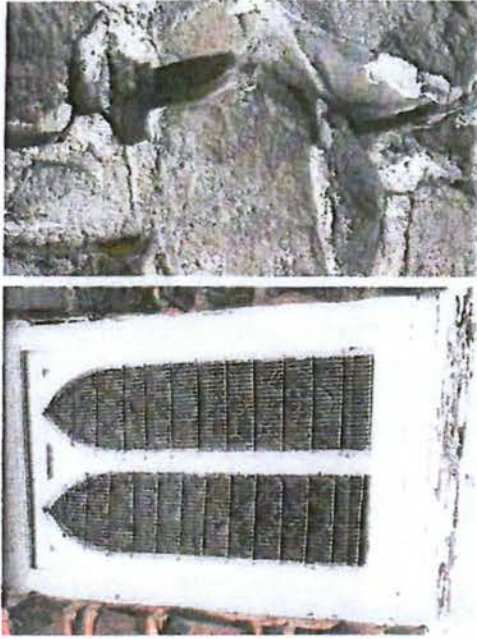
Roof and timbers to be repainted

Guttering to be replaced



Callan Tryptych

Located in the East end of the church dedicated to William Denne.



HELP US COPY MEET OUR GOALS

Your generosity will help us meet our goals. We require a minimum of \$50,000 to receive a matching grant from the Heritage Council of NSW.

Neither the Parish of St. Andrew's Walcha or the community can raise this alone. It has been a very difficult twelve months for our region with our community severely impacted by the state-wide drought.

✠ A.M.D.G. And. in commemoration of the
faithful services of ESTHER ELIZABETH LAIRD
nos. 1862. to 1901. This window is erected 1909



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18 June 2019

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The Hon Sussan Ley MP
 Minister for the Environment
 PO Box 6022
 House of Representatives
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Sussan,*

I enclose a letter received on 19 March, 2019 from Mr Terry Dodds, Chief Executive, Tenterfield Shire Council, PO Box 214, Tenterfield, NSW, 2372, regarding (woody vegetation)

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by Mr Dodds in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

As this issue also relates to the responsibilities of the NSW Government, I have written to the State Member for Northern Tablelands, Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, the Hon Adam Marshall MP, asking if he could make appropriate representations on behalf of the Council.

Yours sincerely



① The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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Birthplace of Our Nation

13 March 2019
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19 MAR 2019

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

BY:

Dear Mr Joyce *Barnaby*

Re: Unsustainability of Woody Vegetation

Council, at the Ordinary Council Meeting of Wednesday, 27 February 2019 resolved as follows:

Resolution 23/19

That Council write to our State and Federal representatives, including the Member for Northern Tablelands, asking for a comprehensive investigation into the unsustainability of excess woody vegetation that covers a large area of the Australian land mass, in particular the effect the woody vegetation is having on stream flows, woodland species, and fire.

Given the implications of the forthcoming State election, letters have not been forwarded to the State representatives. However, it would be appreciated if you could take up this matter on Council's behalf once the election results are finalised.

Yours sincerely

Terry Dodds
Chief Executive

All correspondence should be addressed to:

**The General Manager
Tenterfield Shire Council**

247 Rouse Street (PO Box 214) TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

Telephone: (02) 6736 6000 Facsimilie: (02) 6736 6005 email: council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au website: www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

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**THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MEMBER FOR FARRER**

MC19-007740

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
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25 JUL 2019

Dear Mr Joyce 

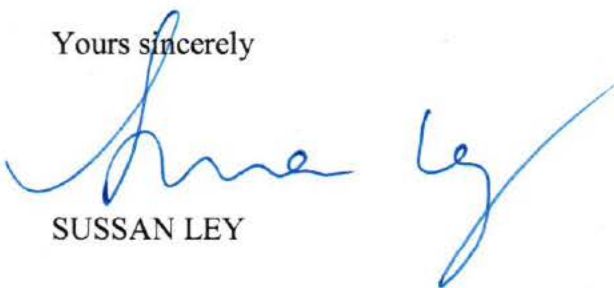
Thank you for your representation of 14 June 2019 on behalf of your constituent s47F of s47F concerning a letter received by s47F from the Department of the Environment and Energy regarding allegations that actions taken on the property located at s47F and s47F on s47F may be in contravention of section 18 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The Department welcomes your advice that you have encouraged s47F to fulsomely engage with the Department in regard this matter. The Department has provided s47F a copy of an independent environmental assessment undertaken on the property, it is available for s47F to provide comment on the expert advice directly to the Compliance Section.

As you are aware, this matter is currently under investigation it would be inappropriate for me to provide any further comment about it.

Thank you for bringing the concerns of s47F to my attention.

Yours sincerely


SUSSAN LEY



FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND

Hardcopy MC19-007740

14 June 2019

The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister

I have been contacted recently by **s47F** ⁽²⁾
s47F regarding a letter received by his Lawyers on 28 May, 2019 from the
 Department of Environment and Energy regarding allegations that actions taken on the
 property located at **s47F** may be in
 contravention of section 18 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act
 1999.

Whilst I have encouraged **s47F** to respond to the Department's correspondence, he has raised concerns in relation to possible biases by the consultant engaged by the Department to provide a report on this matter.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to **s47F** concerns and for your advice regarding any avenues of appeal which may be available to consider the matters he has raised.

Any information you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND



2 July 2019

The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister

I enclose a letter received on 18 June, 2019 from **s47F** ⁽²⁾ St Edward's Primary School, PO Box 5225, South Tamworth, NSW, 2340, regarding her call for a ban on plastic straws to help save the environment.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by **s47F** **s47F** in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

⁽¹⁾ The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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Barnaby Joyce, MP for New England
PO Box 963
Tamworth, NSW, 2340

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18 JUN 2019

BY:

Dear Mr Joyce,

I strongly believe that you should ban plastic straws all across Australia. Have you seen how many deaths straws have caused to the marine life? That's why I'm on this land today to stand up for the marine life now and forever!

First and foremost, our marine life are getting killed because they are mistaking plastic straws for their food. A fact you must consider, when biodegradable plastic breaks down it simply breaks into smaller bits of plastic. This makes it easier for the turtles, seabirds and mistake them for food and fill their stomachs with indigestible waste, which slowly starves them.

Undoubtedly, birds can't dive down extremely deep so they get caught in plastic. Over 100,000 of our beautiful and graceful marine creatures a year die from plastic pollution entanglement. For example.....

Can you believe that every plastic straw you have ever used, is somewhere on the planet .WE NEED TO REUSE and RECYCLE!!!! Data shows that a small plastic straw (it's something that comes most beverages that we order from soft drinks to a glass of water). Though, at first this small straw may not seem like a lot, when it's usage is added up plastic straws are a big problem for the environment. Australians use over 10 million straws a day and about 3.5 million straws are used a year they are used just once for about 15 to 30

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Ban plastic straws !!!! - Google Docs

minutes then it is thrown away that is just a waste of plastic we are using. People can make much better stuff out of plastic but no we are choosing to do the wrong thing with our plastic

In conclusion, I think that we need to ban straws and try our hardest to stop putting pollution in the ocean...So listen up !!!!Do you want our beautiful, mistreated and innocent marine life to be in a humongous risk of extinction? No animals left in the sea nothing, not even a glimpse would you like that ????? I am sure you are very appalled by what we have done.

MAKE A CHANGE, LET'S LIVE A BETTER LIFE!

Yours sincerely,

s47F



MC19-005373

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Special Envoy for Drought Assistance and Recovery
Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Mr Joyce

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituents, s47F, to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Melissa Price MP, concerning the Dartbrook Coal Mine in the Hunter Valley. As the Government is now in caretaker role pending the outcome of the Federal election on 18 May 2019, I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

The Australian Government's national environmental law protects matters of national environmental significance through the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The matters of national environmental significance include nationally protected plants and animals and water resources which may be impacted by large coal mining developments.

On 21 September 2018, the Dartbrook Mine was referred to the Environment Minister for a decision under the EPBC Act about whether the mine would have a significant impact on nationally protected matters. Following a thorough assessment, it was found that the Dartbrook Mine was not likely to have a significant impact on these matters. In making this decision, expert advice from organisations including Geoscience Australia was sought on the potential for water impacts from the Mine. A notice of this decision was published on the Department's website on 17 December 2018 and is available at: epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/_entity/annotation/17893d0e-1e03-e911-9956-005056ba00a8/a71d58ad-4cba-48b6-8dab-f3091fc31cd5?t=1557987394460.

Not all mines require national approval and I note the s47F concerns mainly relate to decisions which are the responsibility of the NSW Government. The NSW Government has primary responsibility for protecting human health and safety in mining through its work health and safety laws and the NSW Environment Protection Authority. NSW also has a range of measures to protect important agricultural lands from mining. These measures are available on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's website at: planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Mining-and-Resources/Safeguarding-our-Agricultural-Land.

I understand that the s47F are aware of the NSW Government's Independent Planning Commission (IPC) (formerly called the Planning Assessment Commission) which is considering the Dartbrook Mine. The NSW IPC seek public submissions on the projects they assess and I note that the IPC recently held a public meeting in Muswellbrook on the 9 April 2019 about the Dartbrook Mine.

If the s47F s have not already done so, they may wish to contact the NSW IPC about the ways they could provide comment. The IPC can be contacted through their website at: ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say, or by email at: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Louise Vickery
Assistant Secretary
Assessments and Waste Branch

16 May 2019



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16 April 2019

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister

I enclose an e-mail message of 5 February, 2019 from s47F regarding a proposal being submitted to the Planning Assessment Commission by Australian Pacific Coal to recommence underground mining operations at the Dartbrook Coal Mine in the Hunter Valley.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by s47F in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to Mr Michael Johnsen MP, State Member for Upper Hunter, asking if he could make appropriate representations to the NSW Government on s47F behalf.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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To: [Joyce, Barnaby \(MP\)](#)
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message

Dear Mr Joyce We are asking that the proposal that will go before the Planning Assessment Commission in coming weeks by Australian Pacific coal to re open Dartbrook underground mine be stopped dead in its tracks as this mine has already proven itself to be an environmental and business failure. Lives were lost, water could not be controlled, the mine towards the end was more time in shut down due to uncontrollable gas emissions and the many men and women who worked this mine were in fear for their lives on a daily basis. My own brother lived with fear for his life before he left this mine which in turn effected his mental health for years following. Like most of NSW the Upper Hunter we are experiencing the worst drought in living history. If you were to visit the Upper Hunter right now and I beg you do, you would see a series of lucerne farms all produced through irrigation drawn from the Dart Brook and Kingdom ponds water sources and their ground tables, these farms extend from Aberdeen right up the Valley. These Lucerne farms are a vital lifesaving support for the greater area in times of drought and are an ongoing source of employment for this area. When Dartbrook coal originally set up the Dart Brook creek and Kingdom ponds ceased as viable water sources that could be used for irrigation and production of feed and became at best sources for stock and domestic use. I remember full well the devastation it caused to agricultural production and the health and wellbeing of the farmers and their families. The mental health and resilience of the agricultural sector of this community is being tested on a scale not seen in recent history, to add now the implications and problems that will be faced if the planning and assessment commission approves this proposal should be given critical appraisal as it will be potentially catastrophic to the already waving mental health of the Upper Hunter community. Farmers compete with mother nature on a daily basis and that is becoming more and more of a challenge for them as our climate experiences a drop in and out of extreme circumstances, surely experimenting underground for short term gain that will permanently damage our environment and industry should not be contemplated. If the government requires farmers to be mentally healthy, self-sufficient and

have a plan for sustainable futures they must allow farmers their natural environment to do so. Most farmers in outlying areas do not have the source of water that is required for storage production and rely heavily on sourcing produce from those that do. The value of the Dart Brook, Kingdom Ponds agricultural sector to the sustainability of agriculture in the Upper Hunter as a whole industry should not be underestimated. Dartbrook coal was a failure as an underground mine, it was an experiment that our communities took on the chin and it failed miserably. Underground mining had never been attempted this high in the Valley before Anglo coal attempted and now history tells us that it is a volatile and dangerous venture. Regardless of how this re opening is presented, changing the methods of extraction will still be an environmental experiment that could have irreparable implications to us all. We believe the Upper Hunter has been more than fair with our Nation in accepting the coal industry to co - locate with us in the Upper Hunter. On a daily basis we experience the effects of dust, unsafe air quality, risks to water resources, blasting and light effects, truck movements and traffic impacts, loss of visual amenity, industry reputational damage and ongoing encroachment of mining activities into agricultural land, but this is wrong. To permanently injure the environment, destroy vital industries that provide ongoing sustainability for agriculture in this area and affect the mental health of a community that is already on its knees is wrong and I am hopeful you as our political and influential voice will do your best to stand with us and say no to this proposal. Best Wishes

s47F

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19 March 2019

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

The State Member for Lismore, the Hon Thomas George MP, has forwarded to me an e-mail message of 9 February, 2019 from **s47F** regarding possible funding for the Sunnyside Rail Bridge over Tenterfield Creek, between Tenterfield and Wallangarra.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by **s47F** in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to Mr Terry Dodds, Chief Executive, Tenterfield Shire Council, asking for his advice.

Yours sincerely



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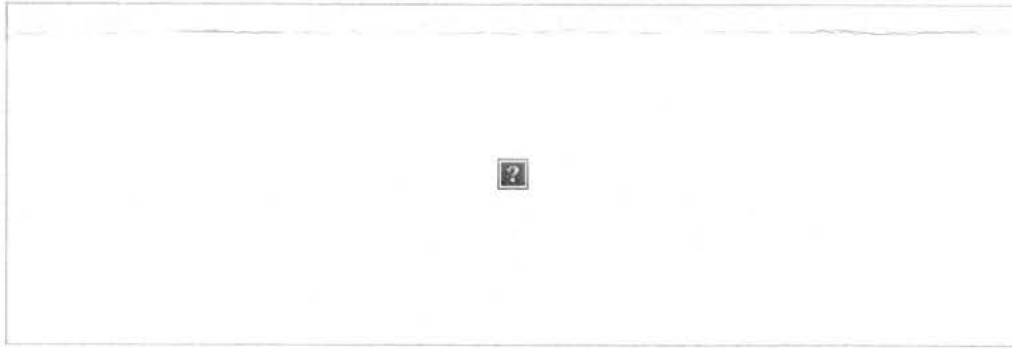
From: lismore@parliament.nsw.gov.au
To: s47F
Subject: Re: The old bridge (Case Ref: LI4669)
Date: Friday, 22 February 2019 4:04:05 PM

Dear s47F

Thank you again for your email regarding Sunnyside bridge. As previously stated the Railway Museum and Council has been looking at options available.

As you have mentioned federal funding, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Barnaby Joyce MP for his attention.

Regards s47F



From: s47F
Sent: 9 February 2019 17:16
To: ElectorateOffice Lismore
Subject: The old bridge

Sir,

Greetings, I would like your help and advise please.

Between Tenterfield and Wallangarra there is an old historic train bridge.

Ok it's in bad shape and I would like to see it restored before it's too late. And once it's restored and a few other small bridges fixed we can bring the tourist trains in.

It's really sad that nobody seems to be doing anything, and I am hoping the federal government can get it fixed. I live in Tenterfield so if there is anything I can do, well I'll do my best. Thanks

s47F

Sent from my iPad



Hon **Barnaby Joyce** MP

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The Hon Melissa Price MP
 Minister for the Environment
 PO Box 6022
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Dear Minister

I enclose an e-mail message of 7 February, 2019 from **s47F** in which she has raised several issues and would draw your attention to her comments regarding climate change, and renewable energy.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by **s47F** in relation to these matters and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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message
Mr Joyce, As you represent me I expect you to advocate policies which will address climate change. Put the money it would take to pipe water from Qld. to NSW into rooftop solar.I find such short term thinking offensive. I expect you to call for a Commonwealth Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Scheme. You must see that it deals with the allegations of water theft, smashing water meters and corrupt public servants and politicians.Because you have been implicated,from your time as water minister, I believe that this will give you a chance to clear your name. I recently heard of a Dam in NSW,(I can't remember the name)where,apparently, the water rites from this dam were owned by a Chinese company. Given that many overseas' companies pay no tax in Australia,and our farmers and taxpayers would have funded this Dam,this news annoyed me. Would you please supply me with a list of any overseas' owned companies that own water rites in Australia? I am particularly interested in the ones that pay no tax here. I would also like to hear you speak up against Adanie's water allocation(last time I looked Adanie was on the ATO list of companies that pay no tax in Aus.) I look forward to your reply. s47F

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THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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PO Box 963
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MC19-000791

21 MAR 2019

Dear Mr *Joyce* *Barnaby*,

Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituent, s47F concerning climate change and weather control.

The phenomenon s47F has described is caused by condensation trails or 'contrails' produced by aircraft flying at high altitude. Exhaust contrails are formed by the mixing of hot exhaust gas from the engines with cold, humid surrounding air, which creates long streams of cloud. Aerodynamic contrails can also be formed by the temporary reduction in air pressure over the surface of the air foil, or in the centre of a wake vortex. Reducing the air pressure means it can hold less water, so condensation occurs. If the right conditions are present, contrails can persist for hours, while growing to several kilometres in width and up to 400 metres in height.

There is no evidence that contrails are harmful to human health or the environment, although they can lead to increased cloud formation, which may affect the climate. A useful fact sheet that provides additional information about contrails, including their impact on the environment and climate is available from the US Federal Aviation Authority:
www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/policy_guidance/envir_policy/media/contrails.pdf.

With reference to the Paris Agreement, climate change is a global problem in need of a global solution and the Paris Agreement is a core part of this solution. The Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, has stated that Australia stands by its international commitments, including the Paris Agreement. More than 180 countries, including China and India, have ratified the Agreement, agreeing to take practical steps to lower emissions.

Thank you for bringing s47F concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

MELISSA PRICE



16 January 2019

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Minister

I enclose e-mail messages of 5 and 10 December, 2018 from **s47F** **s47F** in which he has raised several issues and would draw your attention to his comments regarding the Paris Agreement, and rainmaking technologies such as cloud seeding, and the effect on the environment.)

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by **s47F** **s47F** in relation to these matters and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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message A more balanced view of drought and the fortunes of weather control.
Dear Sir I am not a fanatacist or a conspiracy theorist but I do have an interest in markets and the fortunes being made in any way possible at the expense of the every day global citizen. Perhaps it is timely that the head person of Glencore has chosen the exit door. I enclose a link to a relevant youtube video (speech by President Trump about the Paris Accord) Perhaps the timing of Adani is not good.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUT-p2so_k4 cc to Barnaby Joyce and Scott Morrison

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message	Dear Sir Re: convenient cloud/pocket seeding arrangements I thought you might be interested in the following youtube link with reference to Malcolm Turnbull as Prime Minister regarding cloud/pocket seeding (unproven) arrangements. I must declare my personal dislike of atmospheric poisons (possibly/probably unconstitutional activities. Attached below https://www.abc.net.au/news/2007-11-20/turnbull-pumps-10m-into-rainmaking-gamble/731004 cc to Barnaby Joyce and Scott Morrison
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message The Sum Of All Things Regarding Global Control Cloud seeding, chem trails, geo engineering is yet another symbol of the emergence of the AI dominated rabbit hole. The genie is out of the bottle and seems unstoppable now as more and more of our representatives see a future contract with the enemy as a retirement plan. As an Australian Citizen (GLOBAL CITIZEN INCORPORATED HUMAN COLLATERAL) manifest as a capital form I have clean air and clean food rights under law and constitution. A Syntax Lawyer and an Environmental Human Rights Advocate regarding Jurisdiction at a global level might express the view that the occurrence of lawsuits against the Commonwealth over fire retardant chemicals might just be a warm up compared to the class action lawsuits potentially looming over the rights to sue over the contaminated environment and degraded land mass and water supplies caused by the illegal use of chem trails as either or both a biological and or weather control system that is unproved and unnecessary. Meanwhile the use of pharmaceutical and weather control misuse devices is a wonderful thing to those in the markets using CDO's, Synthetic Derivatives, and AI Deep Learning programs to make fortunes for themselves at the expense of others in any land including their own. Morality, common decency etcetera have no place in these systems as it is purely for profit. A drought to us means that the price of food somewhere else rises somewhere else and arbitrage can be magnificent way to make financial global warfare. As a observer of 'yellow shirt' action it would seem that their use of a prolonged war of attrition was their downfall as it gave their enemy time to make plans. Who of our leaders today will admit that it might just be time to make a stand before it is too late? cc Scott Morrison and Barnaby Joyce

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**THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

MC18-024143

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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PO Box 963
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13 FEB 2019

Dear Mr ~~Joyce~~ *Barnaby*

Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituent, **s47F** concerning a letter received by the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation.

The Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) is tasked with administering the Australian Packaging Covenant, an agreement between government and industry (companies) in the packaging supply chain, to reduce the environmental impacts of consumer packaging in Australia. The Covenant is underpinned by the *National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011* (Used Packaging Materials NEPM). Information on the Covenant can be found at: www.packagingcovenant.org.au.

APCO recently undertook a brand audit to identify companies in the packaging supply chain, with an annual turnover of \$5 million or more, which may be liable under the Used Packaging Materials NEPM. **s47F** **s47G(1)(a)** were identified via this audit process. If **s47G(1)(a)** believe their organisation is liable – that is, it achieves the \$5 million annual turnover threshold – the options are to either meet the compliance obligations under the Used Packaging Materials NEPM and report to the New South Wales government, or join the Covenant and report to APCO. If **s47F** clients do not believe their company meets the threshold, they need to respond in writing to APCO. I understand details of how to do this are within the letter provided from APCO.

For further information about the audit and clarification on whether businesses are eligible brand owners, I would encourage **s47F** clients to speak to APCO member services which can be reached on 02 8381 3700 or memberservices@packagingcovenant.org.au.

Thank you for bringing **s47F** concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely


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22 October 2018

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



(VIP-)

Dear Minister *Melissa,*

I enclose a letter received on 3 October 2018, with attachment, from **s47F** ^①
s47G(1)(a) solicitors and Attorneys, **s47G(1)(a)** on
behalf of his clients **s47G(1)(a)**
s47G(1)(a) regarding **s47G(1)(a)** and a letter from the Australian
Packaging Covenant Organisation requesting a payment of \$800.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to **s47F** correspondence in
relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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26 September, 2018

Mr. Barnaby Joyce,
Member for New England,
5/259 Peel Street,
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Mr. Joyce,

RE: s47G(1)(a)

We are writing to enlist your cooperation and assistance on behalf of our above clients.

We enclose a copy of letter dated 20 June, 2018 from (Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation.)

In the first and second paragraph of the enclosed letter, reference is made to "a co-regulatory agreement with all Australian Governments" by the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation.

The letter then requests payment by our client of \$800.00 in order to meet compliance with its obligations for managing environmental impacts of packaging in Australia.

The purpose of our letter to you is for you to check with the relevant Minister or Department if such a co-regulatory agreement exists with the Federal Government and Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation regarding the management of environmental impacts of packaging.

Our clients are very suspicious of the attached letter and would therefore require formal clarification from your Minister before they pay the amount that is requested to be paid.

We look forward to hearing from you or the relevant Minister at your convenience and thank you for your assistance herein.

Yours faithfully

s47G(1)(a)

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Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation

20 June 2018



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DIRECTOR & COMPANY SECRETARY

s47G(1)(a)

Dear s47F

RE: s47G(1)(a) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A BRAND AUDIT FOR LIABILITY UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (USED PACKAGING MATERIALS) MEASURE 2011

Why am I receiving this letter?

You are receiving this letter as a result of a recent Brand Audit conducted to identify businesses that are liable under the *National Environmental Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011 (NEPM)*. As part of a co-regulatory agreement with all Australian Governments, the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) has been charged with the task of informing you of your packaging related obligations and the options available for compliance with the NEPM. **Please note that you must respond to this letter within 40 days (please see the following page).**

What is the Australian Packaging Covenant?

In effect since 1999, the Australian Packaging Covenant ('the Covenant') is a document that sets out how governments and businesses share the responsibility for managing the environmental impacts of packaging in Australia. Businesses sign the Covenant to signal their commitment to work collaboratively and increase the sustainability of their packaging. The Covenant supports an industry led component of a co-regulatory arrangement underpinned by the NEPM. To view further information on the Covenant, please go to: <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/plastics-and-packaging/packaging-covenant>

What is the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation?

The Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd. (APCO) is a co-regulatory not-for-profit organisation responsible for managing and administering the Covenant. When a business signs the Covenant, they become a Member of APCO and Signatory to the Covenant. APCO manages the delivery of the Covenant Strategic Plan to support the achievement of the goals of the Covenant. It works with, provides feedback to, and seeks guidance from government through the Government Officials Group (GOG) to ensure that progress made against the Strategic Plan aligns with the goals of the Covenant. APCO enters into the Covenant on behalf of Signatories to the Covenant, and is itself bound by its obligations under the Covenant. As part of the co-regulatory arrangement, APCO has an obligation to communicate information to state and territory governments regarding organisations that either do not meet their APCO Membership obligations, choose to withdraw as a Signatory to the Covenant, or choose not to become a Signatory to the Covenant if they have been identified and approached in the annual Brand Audit process conducted by APCO and governments.

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What is a Brand Owner audit?

Under the Covenant, APCO has a responsibility to identify businesses that are Brand Owners and not registered as Signatories to the Covenant. The definition of a Brand Owner is set out in Appendix 2. APCO has an obligation to write to potential Brand Owners to:

- explain the national co-regulatory arrangements (Covenant and NEPM) for the sustainable management of packaging materials, and
- invite your organisation to become a Signatory to the Covenant within 40 days.

Next steps for your organisation:

Step 1 – What is the total annual turnover of your business?

If your business has a total annual turnover of less than \$5 million:

- You can request exemption status from the regulatory requirements - it is required that you forward a statutory declaration to APCO stating that your annual turnover is less than \$5 million and you do not wish to become a Signatory to the Covenant.
- Please send your correspondence to APCO within 40 days from the date of this letter. Once this correspondence has been received by APCO, your exemption status will be recorded and no further action will be required of you. If your business has a total annual turnover of more than \$5 million - please see step 2.

Step 2 – Determine if your business is an eligible Brand Owner under the Covenant

The Covenant applies to all businesses in the packaging supply chain (with a turnover greater than \$5 million), including businesses that sell packaging or packaged products to other businesses or individuals.

These businesses are required to choose between two regulatory requirements:

1. Becoming a Signatory to the Covenant, or
2. Meeting compliance obligations under the NEPM

For clarification, a business is deemed an eligible Brand Owner if it is a business with an annual turnover of \$5 million or more that is:

- Either in the supply chain of consumer packaging (see definition in Appendix 3) e.g. an importer, supplier of raw material, manufacturer or wholesaler, or
- A retailer that is a manufacturer, wholesaler or importer, or offers its branded products to consumers.

The packaging supply chain graphic on the following page will assist you in determining your business' liability under the Covenant.

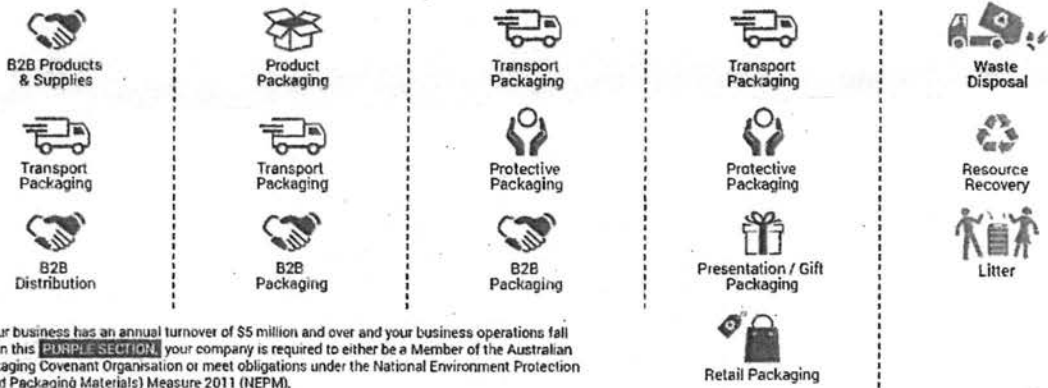


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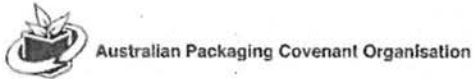
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Examples of packaging in the packaging supply chain sectors:



If your business has an annual turnover of \$5 million and over and your business operations fall within this **PURPLE SECTION**, your company is required to either be a Member of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation or meet obligations under the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011 (NEPM).



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In order to fulfil the legislative obligations of the NEPM, there are two options available to your organisation:

Option 1: Become a Signatory to the Covenant

Becoming a Signatory to the Covenant provides a supported and guided pathway to compliance with the legislative obligations of the NEPM.

By joining APCO, you will connect with a network of leading organisations working together to maximise packaging sustainability and protect Australian communities from the environmental impact of packaging.

At APCO, we provide the framework and support your business needs to reduce the environmental impact of your packaging. We are a membership-based not-for-profit organisation, uniquely positioned to drive collaborative initiatives focused on design, education and the development of end markets to ensure packaging is minimised, reused where possible, recycled or composted.

Businesses can join APCO by completing and submitting an APCO Membership form, which is enclosed with this letter.

What will it cost?

From our financial record search with Dun & Bradstreet, we have determined that your business falls into the \$5 - \$10 Million annual turnover bracket and your FY18/19 annual contribution fee to APCO will be \$800, excluding GST. Your declared turnover bracket can be amended during the sign up process.



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Option 2: Meet compliance obligations under the NEPM

Your business will be required to meet prescriptive recording and reporting requirements for all consumer packaging materials, as set out by obligations and regulations in the states and territories in which your packaging is sold.

For businesses who elect to report to all states and territories in which their products are sold under the NEPM, and not become a Member of APCO, the NEPM requires Brand Owners to record the following information for **each packaging material** used during a financial year by the Brand Owner:

- a) Total weight of material used by material type;
- b) Number of units of packaging by unit and material type;
- c) Total weight of material recovered by material type;
- d) Total weight of recovered material re-used and recycled in Australia by material type;
- e) Total weight of recovered material re-used and recycled by material type through export;
- f) Total kilojoules of embedded energy recovered;
- g) Total weight of recovered material disposed of to landfill;
- h) How consumers have been advised as to how packaging is to be recovered.

Further information on the NEPM can be found at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2011L02093>

<http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy>

The alternative is to become a Member of APCO.

Step 3 – Contact APCO

If you believe your business is not liable and does not need to comply with the NEPM or the Covenant please reply to APCO **within 40 days** of the date of this letter and provide details of your business structure. The contact details are:

Email: apco@packagingcovenant.org.au

Post: PO Box Q1523, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230

If APCO has not received your reply **within 40 days** of this letter, it is obliged to escalate the compliance process. No action from you will result in referral to the relevant regulatory authority in the jurisdiction(s) where your product is sold.

For more information on APCO Membership and fees, please see the APCO website: www.packagingcovenant.org.au

APCO has staff available to support organisations in need of assistance or clarification. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact us at apco@packagingcovenant.org.au.

Regards

s47F

APCO Compliance Manager

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THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MC18-026312

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

8 FEB 2019

Dear ~~Mr Joyce~~ Barnaby,

Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituents and s47F concerning banning plastic bags.

Australia's environment ministers have agreed to look at how we might reduce the number of plastic bags we use. South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have already banned light-weight, single-use plastic bags. Victoria has committed to rolling out a similar scheme in 2019. States' and territories' actions on plastic bags are supported by Australia's major supermarkets that are no longer using single-use plastic shopping bags. The Australian Government (the Government) will keep working with state governments and businesses to support these initiatives.

The Government works with state and territory governments to address the issue of ocean pollution. The Government has supported new packaging targets, a microbeads phase-out and updated the National Waste Policy (2018) which establishes a number of strategies that will help stop ocean pollution. The Government has also developed the *Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on the vertebrate wildlife of Australia's coasts and oceans* (2018). This plan seeks to prevent waste from entering the oceans and becoming marine debris by helping guide activities.

Through the Reef Trust, the Government has engaged Tangaroa Blue Foundation, working in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia, to deliver a five year \$5 million program of local actions to clean up and prevent debris from entering the waters of the Great Barrier Reef. The program will also deliver targeted education and awareness raising activities and develop actions to prevent the flow of debris from its source.

Thank you for bringing s47F concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely


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Hon **Barnaby Joyce** MP

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6 November 2018

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
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(VIP-)

Dear Minister *Melissa,*

I enclose a letter received on 24 October 2018, including petition, from **s47F** ⁽²⁾
s47F regarding a ban on plastic bags in Australian shops.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by **s47F** ⁽³⁾ in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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Mr Barnaby Joyce MP

s47F

Dear Mr Joyce

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24 OCT 2018

BY:

This petition is about banning plastic bags
because they get into the sea and kill animals.
dolphins, seals and turtles and fish eat them and
die.

we collected these signatures in just
2 hours.

From s47F

s47F

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Ban The Plastic Bag

S47F

This petition is to persuade Australian shops to ban plastic bags entirely.

This is the first step to a happy and safe environment for us. If you support this cause now, you will be glad in the future.

By S47F two kids who care about their futures.

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29 August 2018

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

(VIP-)

Dear Minister

Melissa

(2)

I enclose a fax of 6 August, 2018 from **s47F** regarding a proposed solar farm development by French company Neoen, near his property

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to **s47F** concerns in relation to a large solar farm being proposed near his property, and for your advice in due course.

I have also written to the State Member for Northern Tablelands, the Hon Adam Marshall, MP, asking if he could make appropriate representations to the NSW Government, and any assistance or information you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

(1)

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England



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NEOEN

RECEIVED
- 6 AUG 2018

BY:

Sydney, 31 July 2018,

Dear Sir / Madam,

Neoen Australia will shortly begin investigation on a proposed site for a new large-scale solar farm approximately 10 km North of Uralla. (See below figure outlining the extended boundary of the site).

Uralla is one of the Zero Net Energy Town initiative leaders in Australia and has the potential to continue this leadership by using its abundant solar resource to supply vital reliable and responsible energy into the national electricity grid. If built, this project will bring enduring local benefits to the community and to the economies of Armidale and Uralla:

- Neoen Australia will fund community projects in the region throughout the lifetime of the solar farm, and inject millions of dollars into the local economy throughout construction and 25 years of operation;
- At peak construction period, the project will create around 400 to 600 local construction jobs; and,
- The solar energy generated by the facility over its 25-year life will be a major export product for Uralla, and will help to lower electricity costs for energy consumers across the state

We acknowledge that this project may bring questions, concerns and ideas from neighbours and members of the community alike. For that reason, we would value the opportunity to meet directly with you in Uralla in order to discuss the project and address any questions you may have.

If you would like to meet with us to discuss the project, please let me know by email, post mail or by a phone call your preferred date from the following dates:

- 7th and 8th of August; or;
- 18th, 19th or 20th of September 2018.

We'd be grateful if you could provide preferred contact details to facilitate the planning.

My contact details are as follow:

s47F
Project Manager - Neoen Australia
Suite 1 - Level 10 - 227 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

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Alternative number to ring between the 10th of August and the 23rd of August: s47F

Please note we will also host a community drop-in session later in the year to which all will be welcome. In the meantime, we provide below further information on the project and the development process. The solar farm is still in early stage development and yet to pass through the development approval process with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

- The main stages of the development approval process will be:
1. Lodgement of a Preliminary Environmental Assessment;
 2. Emissions of Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements;
 3. Development Approval Studies, including Environmental Impact Statement and community consultations;
 4. Lodgement of Environmental Impact Statement; and
 5. Public Exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement and Project opened to submissions for one month.

I attach to this letter a community leaflet providing further information on Neoen and on the development of a solar farm.

s47F



**THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

MC18-019496

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

17 JAN 2019

Dear Mr ~~Joyce~~ *Barnaby*,

Thank you for your representations on behalf of your constituents, s47F and s47F NSW concerning the proposed development of a solar farm at Arding Road, Uralla.

The Australian Government has a role in the regulation of actions that impact on matters protected by the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Under the EPBC Act, any person proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance must refer their proposal for environmental assessment and approval before it can proceed.

At this stage, the Department of the Environment and Energy has not received a referral under the EPBC Act for the Uralla Solar Farm. It is the responsibility of the proponent to determine whether it needs to refer the action for consideration under the EPBC Act. Not all actions affecting nationally protected matters will have a significant impact and require Australian Government approval. Land use planning and management, more generally, are the responsibility of state and local governments.

I understand that the company responsible for the project, Neoen, submitted an application for assessment of the Solar Farm to the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) under the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. I also understand that the DPE has asked Neoen to undertake further consultation with Uralla Council and the local community to provide more information regarding the proposal's impact on surrounding land uses, prior to issuing assessment requirements.

Should the proposed development be likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance and require Commonwealth approval under the EPBC Act, the Department will work closely with DPE at the appropriate stages as required.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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MC18-019496

2 October 2018

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister *Melissa,*

Further to previous correspondence, I enclose an additional e-mail message of 25 September, 2018 from **s47F** addressed to Mr Franck Woitiez, Managing Director, Neoen Australia, with attached copy of their letter of the same date addressed to the CEO and Board of Neoen, regarding the proposed development of a solar farm at Arding Road, Uralla.

Whilst I have written to Mr Woitiez, I would be grateful if the additional concerns raised by **s47F** could be considered in conjunction with my previous representations and for your advice at your earliest convenience.

I have also written along similar lines to the Minister for Energy, the Hon Angus Taylor, MP, as well as the State Member for Northern Tablelands, the Hon Adam Marshall, MP, for appropriate representations to the NSW Government.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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Tamworth, NSW



Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

From: s47F
Sent: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 8:42 AM
To: contact@urallasolar.com.au
Cc: s47F; Joyce, Barnaby (MP);
northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Subject: The CEO - NEOEN Sydney
Attachments: The CEO.docx

Dear Mr Franck Woitiez,

Please read the above attachment regarding NEOEN's proposed Solar Farm development at Arding Rd Uralla NSW.

Anticipating your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

s47F

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The CEO and Board

NEOEN

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Re Proposed Solar Farm at ARDING RD URALLA NSW,

We have read your Preliminary Environmental Investigation. We draw your attention to Page 8 where it is stated that one of the six criteria for this site being a preferred location is -

“absence of any high value agricultural land”

This is patently incorrect and is a misleading statement. It is misleading to you as a Company, to the Government decision makers to whom you have forwarded it, and the public.

This is one of the reasons this Project has met with such intense and growing opposition from the community. Farmers are incredulous at this statement.

The Saumarez / Alfoxon site is the best, most productive land in the Uralla Shire. It is almost the equal of the most productive agricultural land in all of New England, second only to a few pockets with higher rainfall.

On page 19 Under “Existing Environment “ is the sentence, “The groundcover is a mixture of dry grass and, in places, bare soil.” This is a fair description of most of Eastern Australia at present in a once in living memory drought!!!

We suggest that you seek another opinion as to the value of the Agricultural Land.

Firstly, google Jackson Agriculture Saumarez ---[Jackson Agriculture is the current owner of Saumarez station] which is one of the properties you propose to build your Solar Farm on.

As well as viewing the Gallery, read -----

Saumarez Station

“Arguably the **JEWEL IN THE CROWN**. Saumarez is the largest of our holdings and is located literally a stone’s throw from the city of Armidale which is a bustling regional Centre famous for its cultural and educational facilities.

This historic property has well and truly been catapulted into the 21st century with extensive pasture water and fencing design - **A SHOW PIECE**, showing what a property can become with foresight, determination and hard work.

The expansive flat plains which constitute much of the property are ideal for effective management and precious water retention.

Saumarez is used for beef and Sheep production. Saumarez is also the base for our beef cattle breeding programme."

This is in sharp contrast to your Consultant's report.

You need to be aware of the true position.

We look forward to your Reply,

s47F



**THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

MC18-014112

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

5 NOV 2018

Dear Mr Joyce *Barnaby*,

Thank you your representation to the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP on behalf of your constituent **s47F** concerning the purchase of part of the property at 427 Ma Ma – Lilydale Road, Helidon, Queensland for conservation purposes. Your letter has been referred to me as the Minister for the Environment, as the matters raised fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

There are currently no Australian Government programs that provide funding for the direct acquisition of land for conservation purposes in this particular situation. However, there are Queensland Government covenanting programs available that include incentives for landowners, such as the Queensland Nature Refuge Program and Coordinated Conservation Areas Program. Landowners entering covenants under approved conservation covenanting programs may be eligible for tax concessions.

A conservation covenant is a voluntary agreement made between a landholder and an authorised body (such as a Covenant Scheme Provider) to protect and enhance the natural, cultural and scientific values of certain land. The owner continues to own, use and live on the land, while the natural values of an area are conserved by the landholder in partnership with the Covenant Scheme Provider. I understand that further information about covenanting programs is available from the Queensland Government's website.

Thank you for bringing **s47F** concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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MC18-014112

3 August 2018

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
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Dear Minister

I enclose a letter of 1 August, 2018 from s47F regarding his request for the Federal and/or Queensland Governments to purchase part of the property "427 Ma Ma – Lilydale Road, Helidon" and set it aside as a wildlife corridor.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by s47F in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have also written to the Hon Leanne Enoch MP, Queensland Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, asking for her advice.

Yours sincerely



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1st August 2018

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1 AUGUST 2018

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Minister for Agriculture and Environment

And Tourism.

Canberra. ACT.

Re: 427 Ma Ma – Lilydale Road, Helidon. Qld. 43.....

This may seem insignificant to you, but it seems the 100 acres or so near our old place at Ma Ma Creek is being auctioned this week by a team with a s47F fellow involved, from Toowoomba.

It is part of an old dairy farm which used to belong to my family. (320 acres)

I wrote to the section of the Commonwealth Bank wishing to re-purchase this block, in Brisbane, as I was driving a Taxi in the same place from 4pm to 4am and would often take some important people to the New Farm area and converse with them as we drove along in my B & W taxi about various things. This was most likely in the 1990's or thereabouts. I have done many things to keep Centrelink happy over the years, and am now 64 years of age.

As my family have been centred around this place since 1965, and since my father died on the 1st January 1972, I take quite an interest in Agriculture and Country things which kept me travelling around the continent since 1968, when I first left school.

It is indeed a vast place.

However, I think something more should be retained of the native environment, including Crows Ash trees, a great many which existed amongst the lantana once, and were nourished by their life-giving attributes..... many nitrogen-fixing and organic left-overs that have kept the natural environment going, to an extent. I am particularly fond of most trees, as were my parents.

The s47F and family, who seemed to have vast sums of money, cared little about trees, as they were more interested in the welfare of their Asian breed of cattle they had bought with them from near Clermont, and wished to maintain and improve the fences so that their cattle could be maintained with water and feed while they travelled to America or wherever, so the natural environment suffered greatly as a result.

Then the main electricity line that feeds the grid (Powerlink) I think, decided that an upgrade should be made from 110kw to 330kw. This passed through our place, across the main entrance road, and after the local Council, Lockyer Valley, had conveniently sent a spark from one of their roving tractors and slashers, apparently, into our dead grass, the twelve or so acre block of trees, including those maintained by me over the years, (WA, SA, Qld, mainly) burnt with much of the rest, although many still exist after the quick-thinking actions of the local fire brigade, and one s47F a local volunteer, now dead, and mother. I was out on a block near Goondiwindi at time, driving a tractor or something, for s47F or one of the s47F near North Star.

I have been well educated by the University of Qld. and in particular, QAC, Lawes, over the years in Agriculture and in particular Agronomy, But I always take a junior role as there is so much to learn about re. recent technological trends, etc. So I must keep within my limits.

To keep a long story short, and it is a long story indeed, regarding the **s47F** many others including international people and significant., I intend to travel by bus to Toowoomba with **s47F** to sort a few things out, including some 150mm drill pipe from my cousin in Geham to be sent down here for my new firebox chimney. I have to keep things cheap because I have just donated another \$50 to the Humour Foundation in Pymble to satisfy their needs.

I hope someone takes some notice of this letter, as I am originally a farming family from Norfolk in England, and from Gerswald? in Prussia.(<Perhaps Gurswaldt, Brandenburg area, just north of Berlin.) , with some leanings toward the Lutheran and Anglican Church.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter.

A large, bold, black sans-serif font 's47F' is centered on a solid grey rectangular background. The 's' is lowercase, while '47F' are uppercase. The characters are closely spaced and have a clean, modern appearance.



17 May 2018

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Minister *Josh,*

Further to previous correspondence, I enclose an e-mail message of 16 May, 2018 from Mr Ildu Monticone, Peel Valley Water Users Association, with attached letter from Cr Helen Tickle, Acting, Mayor, Tamworth Regional Council, supporting the Association's request for a review into environmental water in the Peel Valley.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the calls which have been made for this review as outlined in Mr Monticone's correspondence in light of the concerns and points raised by the Association and Council and for your advice as soon as possible.

Any additional assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

From: Peel Valley Water Users Assoc <peelvalleywaterusers@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 May 2018 10:40 AM
To: Joyce, Barnaby (MP); 'Kevin Anderson'
Subject: Review of environmental water in the Peel River
Attachments: TRC letter re environmental water.pdf

Good morning

As foreshadowed previously, attached is a letter from Tamworth Regional Council which supports the request for a review into environmental water in the Peel Valley.

The review should focus on

- (a) Whether the imminent proposed release of 3,870ML before 30th June 2018 is actually required, given that there has been a substantial constant flow in the Peel River during the whole of the current water year which commenced on 1 July 2017
- (b) Whether the longer term volume of 6,257ML of environmental water is actually required on an annual basis for the environment in the Peel Valley

Given that the two major water usage stakeholders in the Peel Valley are now in support of a review, we would appreciate your advice as to when such a review can commence.

Representatives from the Peel Valley Water Users Association are available to meet with you, or with any other relevant members of the Government, or departmental staff to progress this matter, and we now look forward to your response to our request.

Kind regards

Ildu Monticone
(on behalf of the Peel Valley Water Users Association)

The President
Peel Valley Water Users Association
P O Box 952
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Sir/Madam

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW VOLUMES IN THE PEEL RIVER

Ref: *BL/SF514*

I refer to a presentation by representations of the Association, Mr. Ildu Monticone and Mr. Barry John, to Council at the Council forum on Tuesday evening 8 May 2018 concerning the proposed environmental release from Chaffey Dam in the near future. During the presentation Council was asked to support an application for a review of the volume of water held in the Environmental Contingency Allowance for Chaffey Dam and the amount of water presently held by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in the Peel Regulated River, aimed at establishing whether the volume of water held is required to meet environmental requirements in the Peel Regulated River.


I wish to advise Councillors discussed this request following the presentation and agreed Council would be happy to support such a review.

Please contact Council's Director, Water and Waste, Mr Bruce Logan should you wish to discuss this matter further

Yours faithfully



Councillor Helen Tickle
Acting Mayor

Contact: Bruce Logan 

11 May 2018

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3 May 2018

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister 

I write regarding the imminent planned release of 3,870ML of environmental water from Chaffey Dam before the end of June 2018 which I understand is comprised of 2,613ML of Environmental Contingency Allowance water held by the NSW Office of Environment and Water and 1,257ML recently acquired by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

Whilst this volume of water is a reduction of the original volume of 6,257ML initially planned for release, the drought is really biting hard in the Tamworth region and there is obvious angst in relation to the planned release of environmental water flows from Chaffey Dam that might be required for the City of Tamworth and local irrigators.

I would be grateful if we could arrange for some consideration as to whether that environmental flow can be withheld in light of the current drought conditions. We all hope that it will rain soon to shore things up, however I think it creates unnecessary angst to see water flowing past Tamworth for environmental purposes.

In its natural state before the construction of Chaffey Dam, the river would be completely dry until such time as it rains, but by reason of the Dam we have maintained a flow in the river.

This flow will still be maintained without the planned release of water and it is hard to argue to make a good flow better at the expense of no flow later on.

Your urgent consideration of this matter and advice as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

CC Mr Kevin Anderson MP
NSW Member for Tamworth

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**THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

MC18-005965

10 MAY 2018

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England
PO Box 963
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Mr Joyce

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2018 regarding the planned release of 1,257 ML of Commonwealth environmental water from Chaffey Dam, and for letting me know of your concerns about the potential impact of this proposed release on the availability of water in the dam for the future needs of Tamworth and local irrigators.

Like any other Commonwealth asset, water allocations must be used as effectively as possible, and for the purpose for which they were acquired, which is to protect and restore the environmental health of the rivers and wetlands of the Murray-Darling Basin. Water allocations held by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in Chaffey Dam can't legally (under the *Water Act 2007*) be kept in storage if the purpose is only to increase future year reliability of holdings for irrigators, or to enhance the domestic water supply for Tamworth. Nor would that approach satisfy the requirement under the Basin Plan to recover a set volume for use for environmental outcomes. A fundamental premise of water recovery under the Basin Plan is that the entitlements held for the environment are subject to the same rules and allocations as other users and are not a secondary class of use.

To put the proposed release into context, I am advised that the 1,257 ML of Commonwealth environmental water currently held in the Peel catchment is less than 2 per cent of the water currently stored in Chaffey Dam, which is currently 64 per cent full, holding over 67,000 ML of water. As there are no carry-over provisions in the Peel, I understand that the current allocation of environmental water in the dam will be forfeited if it is not used by 30 June 2018.

Decisions about the use of Commonwealth environmental water are made by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, based on rigorous planning processes that consider the environmental demands in a catchment, and the amount of water available. I understand that the proposed releases will provide a number of important benefits for the environment beyond restoring natural flows, including supporting native fish, providing improved access to habitat, and improving food sources for fish in the Peel River.

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Office will continue working with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to carefully consider any potential impacts from this environmental flow identified by the community.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a long horizontal stroke.

JOSH FRYDENBERG

CC: Mr Kevin Anderson MP, NSW Member for Tamworth



THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England
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MC18-006715

21 JUN 2018

Dear Mr  Joyce

Thank you for your letter forwarding requests from the Peel Valley Water Users Association and the Tamworth Regional Council for a review into environmental water in the Peel Valley. This follows your letter of 3 May 2018 on environmental water use in the Peel, and my reply of 10 May 2018.

I understand that environmental managers have met with both the Peel Valley Water Users Association and Tamworth Regional Council on the planned use of environmental water. I have been advised that subsequent discussions occurred on 17 May 2018 between New South Wales environmental water managers and Tamworth Regional Council, who now better understand this planned use.

I am informed that the rules for the Peel environmental contingency allowance have been discussed at length as part of Namoi Stakeholder Advisory Panel, reviewing the Water Sharing Plan. For example, the basis of the environmental contingency allowance was discussed at a meeting of that panel on 13 February 2018. This meeting was attended by representatives of the Peel Valley Water Users Association and Tamworth Regional Council. The environmental allowance is an offset for the environmental impact of the expansion of Chaffey Dam, designed to not affect the reliability of entitlement holders along the Peel.

Following advice from the community, ecologists and fish experts, NSW has proposed using about half of this planned environmental water in the current year. The use of 1,257 ML of Commonwealth environmental water has been part of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's planning and will provide important environmental outcomes within the Peel, including for native fish. This use is consistent with the environmental objectives under the Basin Plan. I am satisfied that there is sufficient transparency and review of the use of environmental water in the Peel valley, both in this instance, and as part of the longer term Water Resource Plan process. Environmental water managers are now getting on with their important work.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



JOSH FRYDENBERG

CC: Mr Kevin Anderson MP, NSW Member for Tamworth

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Adviser: s47F

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- Joyce*
- STANDARD CORRESPONDENCE**
- Urgent 5 day reply
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- ADDITIONAL OPTIONS**
- Standard worded response
 - Referral letter - Minister
 - Referral letter - Chief of Staff
 - Refer to M. Price

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- Minister reply
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 - Chief of Staff reply
 - Departmental reply
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*Refer to
M. Price*

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From: s47F
Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2018 1:16 PM
To: Minister
Subject: Environment Small Grants application
Attachments: 180521 s47F re Environment Small Grants application.pdf

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Dear Carla

Thank you for speaking to me earlier.

s47F contacted this office seeking further clarification/explanation as to why her application for an Environment Small Grant was unsuccessful on the basis that her family partnership with an ABN is not a legal entity. s47F is concerned that this ruling would exclude many farms from successfully applying for these grants, advising she has previously received a Grant from the Commonwealth Government.

Any assistance in the above matter is appreciated.

Thank you
Regards

s47F

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Subject: RE: RE: National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants – application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: s47F

Date: 19/05/2018 6:23 AM

To: s47F

Hi s47F

I agree with you – not fair at all if landholders like yourself cannot access this funding due to trading as a partnership.

National Landcare Program is Federally funded

I will follow this up further and let you know outcomes

Regards

s47F

From: s47F

Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 1:59 PM

To: s47F

Subject: Fwd: RE: National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants – application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47F

This had made me cross!!!!, does that mean no farmers are able to access these grants, because I don't think we are any different.

Is this Federal money or State Money, thinking I might write to Barnaby or Kevin

Thanks

s47F

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Subject: RE: National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants – application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Date: Fri, 18 May 2018 03:38:05 +0000
From: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>
To: S47F
CC: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email of 16/5/2018.

Section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity guidelines for the National Landcare Program - Environment Small Grants stipulates that an eligible applicant must be a legal entity that can enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We do not consider general partnerships (including family partnerships) to be separate legal entities for the purposes of this program. Given this, partnerships are not eligible to apply as they do not satisfy this program requirement. These requirements are detailed in the Environment Small Grants guidelines, available at: www.business.gov.au/nlpesg.

Where the applicant (or one partner) has indicated that they are applying as an individual, they will only be considered eligible where they have provided an ABN related to that specific entity type (individual/sole trader). Applying as an individual and providing the ABN of the partnership does not satisfy the eligibility requirements for this program.

Where we found an error or missing information in the application during the assessment process we were able to ask for clarification or additional information that did not change the nature of the application. However, we cannot accept any additional information that would change the application after the application closing time.

Thank you for your interest in this program. We welcome feedback and appreciate you taking the time to contact us. We will consider your feedback through the design and delivery of future Australian Government programs.

Yours Sincerely

National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants
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From: s47F
Sent: Wednesday, 16 May 2018 2:55 PM
To: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>
Cc: s47F
Subject: Re: National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants – application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s47F

I am a little confused by your letter, saying that we are ineligible (please see below)

Ineligible applicant – not a legal entity that can enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

As a partnership, you are not a legal entity that can enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

We are a farming family and have been in this partnership for the last 20 years, farming is our income as is the environment. We have entered into other Commonwealth grant agreements in the past without been ineligible.

I am happy to provide any other information, just unsure what is needed as s47F
s47F (Farming Family Partnership) run the farm.

Thankyou for your time in this matter

Kind Regards

s47F

On 15/05/2018 2:32 PM, NLPESG wrote:

Dear **S47F**

Thank you for applying for funding under the National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants. Unfortunately your application has been deemed ineligible.

Please see the attached letter for further information.

Yours Sincerely

National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants
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B. Joyce, MP)

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

s47F

Thursday, 24 May 2018 10:25 AM
Joyce, Barnaby (MP)
Fwd: RE: National Landcare Program - Environment Small Grants - application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI

Thankyou for your time, I give up, very disappointing in so many ways.

Kind Regards

s47F

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Subject: RE: National Landcare Program - Environment Small Grants - application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Date: Wed, 23 May 2018 23:58:36 +0000

From: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>

To: s47F

CC: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>

Good morning,

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2018.

We appreciate your disappointment that your application was assessed as ineligible.

As previously advised, the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for the National Landcare Program - Environment Small Grants require that applicants satisfy all eligibility criteria. In order to receive grant funding from the Australian Government through the Environment Small Grants opportunity, applicants must be a legal entity to enter into a formal agreement with the Government and have an ABN that matches the selected entity type. General partnerships are not a legal entity and are not eligible to apply for funding under the National Landcare Program - Environment Small Grants opportunity.

For this program all applicants were required to provide an ABN to confirm that they were an eligible entity type as per the requirements at section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. In your case, the ABN provided was for a family partnership and the program guidelines required that your application be assessed on that basis. The eligibility criteria below does not preclude farmers from this program.

To be eligible all applicants must:

- be a legal entity that can enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth, and
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be 18 years of age or older, where the applicant is an individual.

Entity types that were considered eligible to apply for this program were listed in the application form, as per below:

- A company incorporated in Australia
- Company limited by guarantee
- An incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- Incorporated association
- Incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation
- Individual or sole trader (must be 18 years of age or older)

Once again, thank you for your interest in this program. We welcome feedback and appreciate you taking the time to contact us. We will consider your feedback through the design and delivery of future Australian Government programs.

Yours Sincerely

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From: s47F

Sent: Wednesday, 23 May 2018 11:33 AM

To: NLPESG <nlpesg@industry.gov.au>; Barnaby.Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au; s47F

Subject: Re: National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants – application outcome [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s47F

I find this a little hard to believe, as farmers we are unable to apply for Land care grants.

First I asked the Local Land care officer to go over my application and she said it was all good.

Secondly I asked for clarification from our accountant and she said it was all good.

Both read the guidelines as did I.

I have now taken these emails to our local Federal member Barnaby Joyce, for clarification.

Does this mean that no farmers can access these grants? And if they did what extra should have we given?

Farmers are a major stake holders of the environment of Australia. Very disappointing for farmers if this is the case.

Please show clearly guidelines re grants, do we need to show title deeds?

Doing a application online ticking boxes is always difficult.

Commutation is very difficult only emails and I have been unable to speak with anyone by phone through this process. (Government Department)

Where the applicant (or one partner) has indicated that they are applying as an individual, they will only be

considered eligible where they have provided an ABN related to that specific entity type (individual/sole trader). Applying as an individual and providing the ABN of the partnership does not satisfy the eligibility requirements for this program.

My understanding of this was I s47F a partner of s47F was writing the application, therefore misunderstanding wording!!!!

The Commonwealth are very happy to take our taxes!!!!!!

I'm sorry I need to send this email, but it upset me to think that farmers are not apart of the environmental community, Land Care.

I look forward to your reply's to my question above.

Kind Regards

s47F

On 18/05/2018 1:38 PM, NLPESG wrote:

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Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

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The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
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Dear Minister *Josh,*

I enclose an e-mail message of 12 February, 2018, with attachments, from Ms Michelle Simpson, Executive Officer, Tamworth Community College, 175 Peel Street, Tamworth, 2340, regarding voluntary assistance she is providing to Mrs Beryl Dean, Owner/Curator, Tenterfield Station Homestead, Tenterfield, in relation to the Homestead's preservation project and in which she has enquired about Federal Government funding for these works.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to this matter and for your advice in due course regarding any possible funding opportunities which may be available for this project.

In regard to Ms Simpson's enquiry about the (Tenterfield Station Homestead being included on the National Heritage List,) my office has advised her that National Heritage List nominations are currently open until 26 February 2018 and have provided her with a copy of your media release of 1 December, 2017 regarding the call for National Heritage List Nominations.

I have also written along similar lines to the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, the Hon Dr John McVeigh, MP, and the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Hon Steven Ciobo, MP, and any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

From: Michelle Simpson s47F
Sent: Monday, 12 February 2018 3:43 PM
To: Joyce, Barnaby (MP)
Cc: s47F
Subject: Funding for Place of Australian Heritage Significance - Request for Letter of Support
Attachments: Quote for Preservation of Tenterfield Homestead.docx; List of Groups Visiting Tenterfield Homestead.JPG

Dear Barnaby,

We refer to last week's telephone conversation with Michelle at your local office who mentioned you might be able to provide a letter of support if we were to submit an overview of our project for the preservation of Tenterfield Station Homestead.

As some background, the Dean family, and 80 year old Beryl Dean (owner/curator), have asked if I might be able to donate some time and provide some voluntary guidance regarding accessing grants to **preserve Tenterfield Station Homestead, an important piece of Australian history**. The family is aware that the Tamworth Community College was able to secure a combination of Local, State and Federal Government funding in recent years for the restoration and preservation of the historic Munro's Mill in Peel Street Tamworth.

I'm more than happy to assist, drove up and met Beryl recently and had a look around the homestead. The homestead is absolutely amazing but is in need of some urgent attention. Beryl maintains the property herself (gee she has some energy!) and she is regularly asked to open it up to community groups, visitors to the region, fundraising events, school visits, service clubs etc all with little support and almost no financial assistance. I have attached Beryl's hand-written list of visitors which can sometimes include as many as 10 groups in one week or a busload of 35-40 people. She certainly welcomes these visits and proudly and passionately shares the history of Tenterfield Station and the Homestead but is concerned about the future given her age and the condition of the property and importantly, the safety of visitors.

I was hoping to have a chat to you about the various heritage/tourism/infrastructure grants available and the possibility of working together to ensure the history of Tenterfield and the homestead is preserved.

The project seems to fit the funding mentioned in your media release of 2 February 2018 for "Owners and managers of historic places with outstanding heritage significance to Australia". Whilst I acknowledge Tenterfield Homestead is not yet listed on Australia's National Heritage List, I note there is scope within the funding guidelines for "Strategic or exceptional projects" (Page 20 of the guidelines). In addition, I was hoping for your support to apply to have the historic heritage value of the Homestead recognised and it listed on Australia's National Heritage List. The 13-room homestead still whispers echoes of a past that provided a home for state premiers and received visits from Australia's first prime minister Edmund Barton. It was also the venue for Banjo Paterson's wedding reception when he married the daughter of the owner Alice Walker.

We have a quote for the most urgent work required to repair the verandah, roof and tank stand which totals approx \$120,000.

We have also contacted Thomas George MP regarding state government funding opportunities and he said he can visit the Homestead on Friday February 23rd 2018. We were wondering if perhaps you could visit on that day?

In the interim, we will draft an application for funding to undertake the repairs, assist Beryl to form a "working group" known as Friends of Tenterfield Homestead (which will hopefully ensure she has some local support), arrange for Beryl to have her stories of the Station and Homestead captured on video and work towards the closing date for grant applications of 8 March 2018.

My mobile number **s47F** is my best contact.



Kind regards,
Michelle

Michelle Simpson | Executive Officer

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Date : 21/7/2016
Mrs B Dean
Tenterfield Station
Tenterfield NSW 2372

RE : Quote No 1. To repair verandah on eastern, southern and western sides of brick section of Tenterfield Station. Approximately 130m²

Firstly we will acrow prop up the verandah beams and straighten roof line.

Remove all old floor boards and replace some rotten joists and bearers. The stone wall will be repaired, as it has fallen out in some places. The quote includes an estimate of \$ 4000.00 for the stone wall repairs, Note : this is an estimate only.

New bearers and joists will be fitted where needed on the verandah. The existing verandah posts are only rotten on the bottom so they will be cut off and a steel bracket fitted to take the weight of the roof. A couple of the posts will need fully replacing as they are too rotten. When the floor is fitted around the post a surround skirt trim will be fitted around the post to hide the brackets.

New boards will be fitted to all of the verandah. The boards will be square dressed to match the existing boards.

This is an estimate and when the floor is pulled up more repairs may be required. The floor bearers and joists look to be in fair condition and only a few on the outside need to be replaced.

Price includes 10% GST Total \$ 44034.00

Re : Quote No 2 . Remove and replace all the gutter around the homestead with new quoad gutter to match the existing gutter. Downpipes will be replaced to the ground level only. This work can only be completed after to verandah frame is straightened up, as it is presently up and down due to rotten post and beams.

Price includes 10% GST Total \$ 12855.00

Re : Quote No 3 : Straighten and brace old tank stand.

Firstly this tank stand is in need of urgent attention, as it has a big lean to one side. On investigation of the timber post which go into the ground. I have found that the posts are rotting

just below ground level. The post which are above ground level appear to be in fairly good condition. To restore this tank stand would take a great deal of time and machinery and materials.

I would suggest that the stand be braced firstly, for safety reasons and then leveled up. We would cut off the posts in the ground and dig deep piers under them and concrete new steel supports which would be bolted to the existing posts.

Once this is done the rooms which were built within the tank stand could be restored to original. Some of the existing material is would be reused and some replaced.

The job would require a Crain to lift the tank off the stand while the restoration is being completed and then again to lift it back on. An elevated work platform would need to be hired to work on the job, for safety reasons. An excavator would also be needed to dig footings.

This job could not be quoted due the nature of not knowing what we could find until the started.

Estimate Only \$ 50,000.00 to \$60,000.00

Quote valid for 30 days.

Yours sincerely,

s47F

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THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

MC18-002708

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
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4 MAY 2018


Dear Mr Joyce

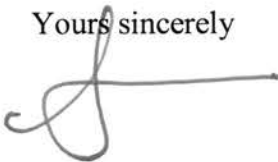
Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituent Ms Michelle Simpson, of Tamworth, NSW, concerning funding for Tenterfield Station Homestead.

Under Australia's tiered system of heritage protection, each level of government has responsibilities along with community and other organisations. The Australian Government is focussed on supporting the recognition and effective management of places on the World, National and Commonwealth heritage lists.

The Department of the Environment and Energy does not have a program that would be available to fund preservation works for Tenterfield Station Homestead. Your constituent may wish to contact the state or local government regarding possible support for Tenterfield Station Homestead.

Thank you for bringing Ms Simpson's concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



JOSH FRYDENBERG

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From: s22
Sent: Monday, 7 May 2018 2:41 PM
To: MinisterialCorrespondence
Cc: s22
Subject: FW: Planned Release of Environmental Water from Chaffey Dam
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: 180503 Rep to Frydenberg re Monticone, Ildu re environmental water from Chaffey Dam.pdf
Categories: Min Reply

For Min reply by CEWO.

(VIP-)

s22 note the CEW aspect.

Cheers.
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From: Joyce, Barnaby (MP) [mailto:Barnaby.Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2018 4:46 PM
To: Josh Frydenberg (Shared) <Josh.Frydenberg@environment.gov.au>
Subject: Planned Release of Environmental Water from Chaffey Dam



*Please find attached correspondence from the office of the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP,
Federal Member for New England*



3 May 2018

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Josh,*

I enclose an e-mail message of 25 April, 2018, with attachments, from Mr Ildu Monticone, Peel Valley Water Users Association, which is addressed to the State Member for Tamworth, Mr Kevin Anderson, MP, regarding the initial planned release of 6,257ML of environmental water from Chaffey Dam before the end of June 2018. ②

Also enclosed is a further e-mail message, with attachment, received today from Mr Monticone regarding the revised release figure of 3,870ML which I understand is comprised of 2,613ML of Environmental Contingency Allowance water held by the NSW Office of Environment and Water and 1,257ML held by the Commonwealth Environment Water Holder.

I would be grateful if urgent consideration could be given to reviewing this proposal in light of the concerns and points raised by the Association and for your advice as soon as possible.

I have also written to you separately on this matter expressing similar concerns to the Association and any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England ①

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(B. Joyce, MP)

From: Joyce, Barnaby (MP)
Subject: FW: Peel ECA

From: Peel Valley Water Users Assoc [mailto:peelvalleywaterusers@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2018 6:26 AM
To: Peel Valley Water Users Assoc
Subject: FW: Peel ECA

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Good morning all

I received the following email last night, and I am forwarding it for your information.

Whilst 3,870ML is still a large volume of water to release at this time, it is an improvement on the figure of 6,257ML which was initially planned.

We will continue our attempts to have the figure properly reviewed to determine whether 3,870ML is actually needed for the environment in the Peel River, however, it may be difficult to have any further changes made before the planned release of the water.

Kind regards

Ildu Monticone

From: s47F
Sent: Wednesday, 2 May 2018 10:06 PM
To: Ildu Monticone
Cc: s47F
Subject: Peel ECA

Ildu

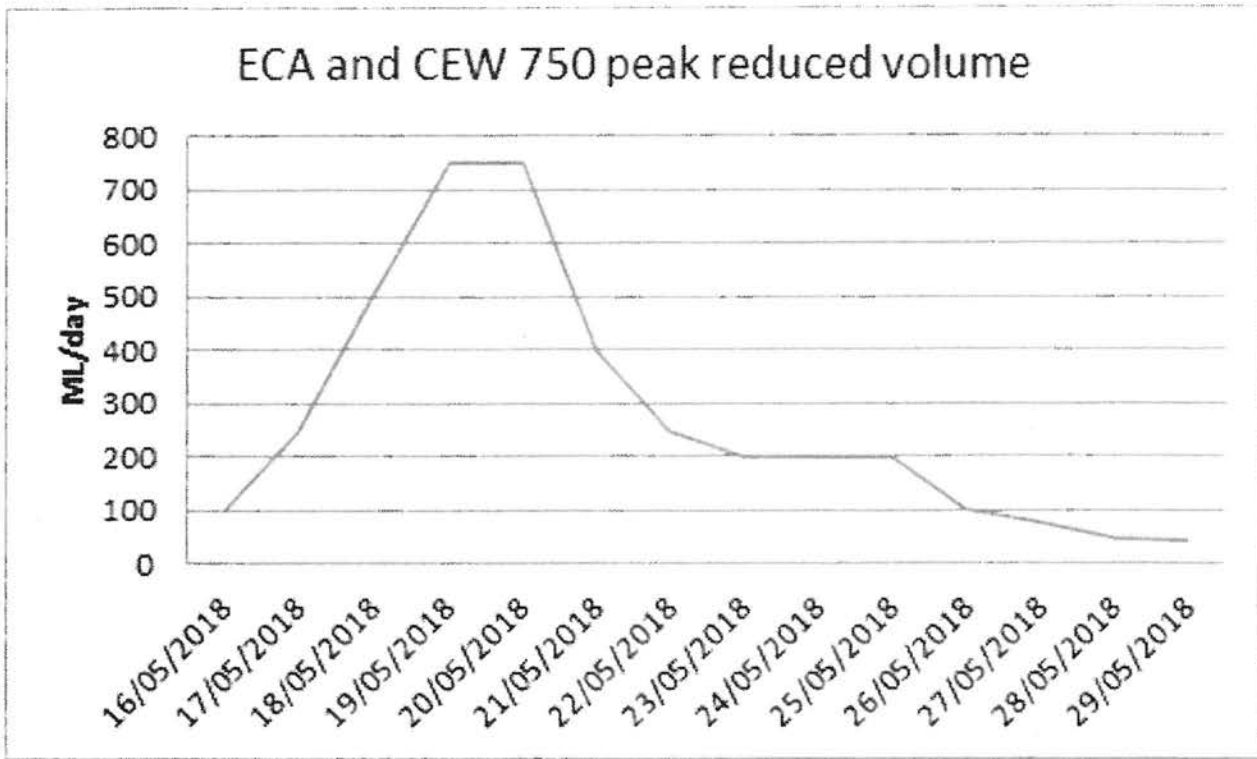
I offer you an apology for a break down in communication following our meeting last Tuesday. The working group, after hearing the concerns from PVWU, sought clarifying information from WaterNSW and reduced the initial ECA release volume from 4,973ML to 2,613ML. I unfortunately didn't inform you of this volume reduction following the decision.

In short, the amended proposal will see a total of 3,870 ML being released from Chaffey, of which 2,613 ML is ECA.

The proposal is to release the 3,870 ML over 14 days, commencing after Wednesday 16th May, 2018 (subject to notification). The proposed release strategy (daily rates) is shown below.

As always, happy to discuss.

s47F



Sent from my iPad

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Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

From: Peel Valley Water Users Assoc <peelvalleywaterusers@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 April 2018 1:48 PM
To: 'Kevin Anderson'
Cc: Joyce, Barnaby (MP); s47F; 'Ian Coxhead'; s47F
Subject: Peel Valley Environmental Water - impact on irrigators and Tamworth residents
Attachments: ECA in the Peel Valley

Dear Kevin

On Tuesday 24th April, Ian Coxhead, David Gowing and I attended a meeting on behalf of the Peel Valley Water Users Association on the topic of the planned release of Environmental Water from Chaffey Dam before the end of June 2018.

In summary, 6,257ML of environmental water will be released from Chaffey Dam before the end of June 2018. At this stage, it is intended that the release will peak at 750ML per day for two consecutive days – that is a minor flood level. The dates of the release have not yet been agreed, and all irrigators will apparently be given at least a week's notice. The total of 6,257ML is made up of 5,000ML of Environmental Contingency Allowance water (held by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage) and 1,257ML of water which was recently acquired by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

As you know, the extraction limit for Peel River irrigators is 6,100ML annually, so under the planned release, more than one year's supply of water for irrigators will be released – at a time of severe drought.

Apart from the flooding aspects, the release of 6,257ML will mean:

- (a) Tamworth Regional Council will need to implement severe water restrictions earlier than otherwise would be the case, and
- (b) Irrigators will get a significantly reduced Available Water Determination next year. Prior to the planned environmental release, irrigators might have received a 60% AWD ('allocation') next year. Following the environmental release, irrigators will be very lucky to receive a 40% AWD, but probably lower. I have requested the probable figures from WaterNSW, and
- (c) Namoi Valley irrigators can pump an additional 6,257ML of water provided by courtesy of water currently stored in Chaffey Dam, which rightfully belongs to all Peel Valley water users, including Tamworth Regional Council. (Chaffey Dam was supposedly enlarged for the purpose of increasing the security of water supply for Tamworth – not for the benefit of Namoi Valley cotton growers).

I have attached an email which I sent to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's Tamworth representative last Tuesday for your information.

The bureaucrats are deciding that this quantity of water should be released, and I suspect that you have not yet been made aware of the proposed environmental release, nor its implications on either Tamworth residents, or the Peel irrigation industry.

Clearly, if we want to change the current proposal, we must act very quickly.

We would be very grateful if you would intervene and have the necessity for this release of environmental water at this stage reconsidered as a matter of urgency – not only on behalf of the Peel River irrigators, but also on behalf of all Tamworth Regional Council ratepayers, who, as a consequence of this environmental release, will be subjected to more severe water restrictions much earlier than would otherwise have been the case.

As usual, we would be keen to meet with you to discuss this matter more fully, if you so desire.

Kind regards

Ildu Monticone
s47F

(on behalf of the Peel Valley Water Users Association)

Joyce, Barnaby (MP)

From: Peel Valley Water Users Assoc <peelvalleywaterusers@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 April 2018 6:11 PM
To: s47F
Cc: 'Ian Coxhead'; s47F
Subject: ECA in the Peel Valley
Attachments: Carrol Gap 24 April 2018.xlsx

Hi s47F

I have just extracted the discharge figures from the DPI Water real time data website for the period 01/07/2017 to 23/04/2018 (namely the current water year) for

- (a) Downstream of Chaffey Dam – 26,307ML, and
- (b) Peel River at Carroll Gap – 21,452ML

I believe that the gentleman from WaterNSW at today's meeting said that the flow at Carroll Gap was about 2,000ML for the year to date, which does not correspond to the figures above. If my figures are wrong, and they may be, then can you please confirm what the correct figures should be.

The above figures indicate a very healthy river flow during a period of drought – particularly with minimal inflows from tributaries below Chaffey Dam.

I am still not convinced after today's meeting that there is a justification for the requirement of a further 6,257ML of environmental water to be discharged from Chaffey Dam before the end of June, (in addition to the normal releases for Tamworth Regional Council and irrigators between now and 30th June), because of the severe third party impacts on the water supply for the residents of Tamworth, and the irrigation industry in the Peel Valley.

Given that you indicated at today's meeting that the mantra of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder is 'Not creating any third party impacts', and given that you are fully aware that Tamworth residents and Peel River irrigators are both third parties who will be significantly impacted by the release of 6,257ML of environmental water, I would respectfully request that you provide written explanation as to how the release of 6,257ML of environmental water at this sensitive time is consistent with your publicly stated mantra.

Thanks and regards

Ildu Monticone

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2017	16	07	0.397	3	188.12	140	5.228	140	4.813	140	5.741
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10 September 2018

The Hon Melissa Price MP
Minister for the Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

(VIP —)

Dear Minister *Melissa,*

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On 4 September, 2018 I conducted a meeting with Mr Ildu Monticone and Mr David Gowing on behalf of the Peel Valley Water Users Association Inc, PO Box 952, Tamworth, 2340, regarding the Association's request for access to water from Chaffey Dam, which would normally be kept aside for the environment, for the production of fodder during the current drought conditions to keep stock alive and assist with milk production.

Enclosed are some notes provided to me by Mr Monticone and Mr Gowing regarding the matters discussed at the meeting.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the Association's request and suggestions in light of the concerns and points which have been raised in relation to this matter and for your advice as soon as possible.

I have also written along similar lines to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon David Littleproud, MP, and the NSW Minister for Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water and Minister for Trade and Industry, the Hon Niall Blair, MLC, and any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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Discussion notes – meeting with Barnaby Joyce 4th September 2018

Background information

- The total of all the general security entitlement for Peel River irrigators out of Chaffey Dam is 31,000ML, the extraction limit for irrigators is set at 6,100ML annually, and the environment benefits from 6,257ML annually.
- Tamworth Regional Council's High Security entitlement out of Chaffey Dam is 16,400ML, of which their average use has been around 4,500ML annually.
- A release of 3,780ML of environmental water from Chaffey Dam took place just prior to 30th June 2018
- At the start of this water year (on 1st July 2018), general security water users were allocated 29% of entitlement. After a review by the Department, the allocation was increased to 36% of entitlement. However, had the Department done the calculation correctly at the start of the water year, the allocation would have been around 55% of entitlement. And if Chaffey Dam had not been enlarged, the allocation for irrigators would have been around 80% of entitlement, given the storage level of the dam at the start of the water year.

The matter that we are currently requesting assistance with:

- During this drought year, the Peel River irrigators are seeking access to some of the water which would normally be set aside for the environment, so that fodder can be produced to keep livestock alive, and to assist in producing milk for human consumption.

The Peel Water Sharing Plan originally provided for 1,600ML of environmental water. Upon the enlargement of Chaffey Dam, this figure was increased to 5,000ML. Since the Water Sharing Plan was introduced, a further 1,257ML of environmental water has been acquired by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

- If access to environmental water can be achieved for the irrigators this year, then some mechanism needs to be introduced to prevent this year's water usage from triggering a breach in the extraction limit (for example, this year's usage should be excluded from the calculation of the rolling 10 year average water usage)



EPBC Ref: 2011/5979

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Decision on approval
Port of Townsville Port Expansion Project

I am writing to you in relation to the proposal by the Port of Townsville Limited to expand the Port of Townsville, by undertaking dredging, land reclamation and construction of infrastructure at Townsville, Queensland.

I have considered the proposal in accordance with Part 9 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and have decided to grant an approval to the Port of Townsville Limited. A notice of my decision is attached for your information.

Questions about this decision can be directed to the project manager, s22 [redacted], by email to s22 [redacted] or telephone s22 [redacted].

Yours sincerely

James Barker
Assistant Secretary
Assessments and Governance Branch
5 February 2018