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Mr David Speirs MP
Leader of the Opposition
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Dear Mr Speirs MP

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) received by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on 4 July 2022 seeking access to:

"A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) including "Cabn", from 21 March 2022 to 1 July 2022 (inclusive)."

The statutory due date of this application lapsed on 4 August 2022. In accordance with section 19(2)(b) of the Act, if a determination is not made within 30 days, the agency is to be taken to have determined the application by refusing access to the document. An agency is permitted to make a late determination, as was the intention for this application.

On 9 September 2022, DEW received your application for an internal review. The statutory due date for determining the internal review was 23 September 2022.

On 28 September, you agreed to reduce the scope of the internal review application to:

"A copy of all electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails regarding Cabn, excluding documents to or from external parties, from 21 March 2022 to 1 July 2022 (inclusive)."

On the basis of the revised scope, an extension to 9 November 2022 was negotiated with your office. I understand a further extension was requested to 23 November 2022 and your office advised that it intended to lodge an external review on this matter which would be withdrawn pending receipt of this determination by 23 November 2022. You lodged an external review application on 17 November 2022. Could you please advise the Ombudsman SA if you wish to withdraw your external review application.

DETERMINATION

The department did not provide a determination within the statutory timeframe and your original application for access was deemed as refused access. In response you sought an internal review of this matter.

An internal review has been undertaken and I advise I have determined to vary the original determination. Partial access has been granted to document 1 and full access has been granted for documents 2 to 12. Reasons for the exemption as well as public interest test considerations can be found in the document schedule (attachment 1). An extract of the FOI Act exemption clauses relevant to this determination is also attached for your reference (attachment 2).

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to external review and appeal as outlined in attachment 4. If you decide to apply for an external review you must contact the Ombudsman SA within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Should you believe the agency has failed to identify all of the documents within the scope of your FOI application, you can make a complaint to the Ombudsman under the *Ombudsman Act 1972*. This process is outlined in Attachment 5. Alternatively you can visit: www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au

If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact a Freedom of Information Officer on telephone (08) 8463 6625 or email DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for writing to me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



JOHN SCHUTZ

Chief Executive, Department for Environment and Water

21/11/2022

Encl: 1. Document Schedule
 2. Exemption clauses
 3. Release documentation
 4. FOI Fact Sheet – Your Rights to Review and Appeal
 5. Sufficiency of Search – Factsheet – Ombudsman SA

Freedom of information application: DEW22/042 - David Speirs MP

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No	Date	Author	Document Description	No. of Pages	Determination	Clause	Reason	Public interest Test - Contrary to release	Public interest Test - In favour of release
1	21/03/2022	DEW	Email	6	Release in Part	6(1) - Documents affecting personal affairs	The mobile number of an individual (where not already in the public domain) is only shared with an internal member of staff for purposes of facilitating working from home arrangements during the covid pandemic is classified as their personal affairs and should be afforded protection under this clause	N/A	N/A
2	6/04/2022	DEW	Email	8	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A
3	6/04/2022	DEW	Email	1	Release in Full			N/A	N/A
4	6/04/2022	DEW	Email	1	Release in Full			N/A	N/A
5	6/04/2022	DEW	Email	2	Release in Full			N/A	N/A
6	6/04/2022	DEW	Email	2	Release in Full			N/A	N/A
7	11/04/2022	DEW	Email & draft attachment	14	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A
8	13/04/2022	DEW	Email & draft attachment	15	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A
9	3/05/2022	DEW	Email	1	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A
10	18/05/2022	DEW	Email	3	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A

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11	24/05/2022	DEW	Email	1	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A
12	2/06/2022	DEW	Email and attachments	7	Release in Full		Subject matter not relevant to the request has not been included to avoid time and cost to the applicant for undertaking either third party consults or applying redactions. Any material not relevant to the application but not falling under an exemption has been provided	N/A	N/A

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Relevant FOI Act Exemption Clause - extract

6—Documents affecting personal affairs

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- (3) A document is not an exempt document by virtue of subclause (1) or (2) merely because it contains information concerning the person by or on whose behalf an application for access to the document is made.
- (3a) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—
 - (a) consisting of information concerning a person who is presently under the age of 18 years or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity or concerning such a person's family or circumstances, or information of any kind furnished by a person who was under that age or suffering from mental illness, impairment or infirmity when the information was furnished; and
 - (b) the disclosure of which would be unreasonable having regard to the need to protect that person's welfare.

6A—Exempt electoral records

A document is an exempt document if it is a record of information about an elector obtained in the course of the administration of the *Electoral Act 1985* or the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*; but not recorded on an electoral roll (as defined in that Act).

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From: [O'Brien, Shaun \(DEW\)](#)
To: [Geytenbeek, Andrew \(DEW\)](#); [Leppa, Vanessa \(DEW\)](#); [Wurdeemann, Paul \(DEW\)](#)
Cc: [Burmeister, Kerrie \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: FW: NBT COIF Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:24:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[NBT COIF Status 210322.xlsx](#)
[image002.gif](#)

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FYI.

Andrew looks like John has this already.

Regards

Shaun O'Brien

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Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 10:24 AM
To: Holmes, Justin (DEW) <Justin.Holmes@sa.gov.au>; Irving, Jason (DEW) <Jason.Irving@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Schutz, John (DEW) <John.Schutz@sa.gov.au>; Williams, Mike (DEW) <Mike.Williams@sa.gov.au>; O'Brien, Shaun (DEW) <Shaun.O'Brien@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: NBT COIF Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Justin,

As requested, the financial status of the NBTCIF.

The fund has approx. \$1mn yet to be committed, assuming that the PIRSA fund (Opening Great Outdoors) has funded the \$1.5mn commitment for the Myponga proposals. I haven't seen an executed MOAA between DEW and PIRSA to confirm this, and only a draft one was provided last

week.

Please let me know if you need any further details.

Cheers, Jo.

Jo Podoliak

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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 10:19 AM

To: Podoliak, Jo (DEW) <Jo.Podoliak@sa.gov.au>

Subject: NBT COIF Status

Hi Jo

Attached is the spreadsheet (as at today) I have also included the link to the live document. Let me know if you need anything further

[Reporting \(env.sa.gov.au\)](http://env.sa.gov.au)

regards

Laura Stansfield

A/Manager, Business Partnerships

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NATURE-BASED TOURISM CO-INVESTMENT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS, ANNOUNCED

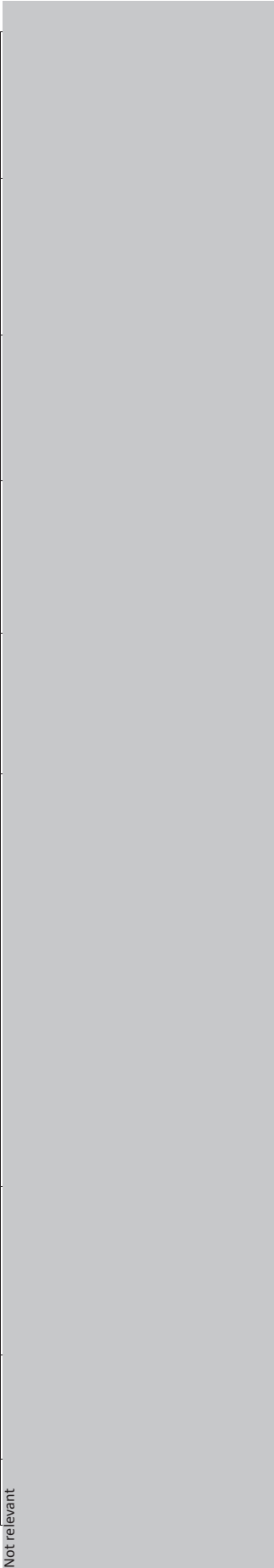
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REGIONAL GROWTH FUND - OPENING OUR GREAT OUTDOORS												
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24	CABN Pty Ltd	CABN Myponga Reservoir Eco-Accommodation Experience	Install and operate 6 luxury cabins connected by above-ground walkways in Stage 1 and a further 6 cabins in Stage 2.	\$1,000,000	\$1,705,222			\$2,705,222	Myponga, SA Water land	Fleurieu Peninsula	23/12/2021	DEW-D0015348
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To: [Hare, Lynne \(DEW\)](#); [Kenny, Miranda \(DEW\)](#)
Cc: [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: Communications Messages for CABN Project Myponga Reservoir [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 1:07:00 PM
Attachments: [FW Final copy of releases for Sun_SECOFFICIALSensitive.msg](#)

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Thanks,
Yani.

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To: [Grbich, Yani \(DEW\)](#); [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: FW: Final copy of releases for Sun [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Friday, 28 January 2022 3:01:50 PM
Attachments: [1-30 Marshall, Speirs, Basham - Myponga Reservoir NBT.docx](#)
[image002.png](#)
[MYponga FAQ Final 28.1.22.docx](#)

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Hi Yani

Here is an embargoed copy of the media release to provide to the assessment panel and a copy of the FAQ approved by SAW for your records.

Miranda is going to provide copies of each to the proponents.

I had a text from Jo to say she has been asked to attend on Sunday – so will also provide copies to her.

From: Johnson, Samantha (DEW) <Samantha.Johnson2@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 28 January 2022 2:51 PM
To: Roelink, Michael (DEW) <Michael.Roelink@sa.gov.au>; Read, Michelle (DEW) <Michelle.Read@sa.gov.au>; Acella, Emma (DEW) <Emma.Acella@sa.gov.au>; Taylor, Fi (DEW) <Fi.Taylor@sa.gov.au>; Hare, Lynne (DEW) <Lynne.Hare2@sa.gov.au>; Kenny, Miranda (DEW) <Miranda.Kenny@sa.gov.au>; Pearson, Renee (DEW) <Renee.Pearson2@sa.gov.au>
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Hon Steven Marshall MP

Premier

Hon David Speirs MP

Minister for Environment and Water

Hon David Basham MP

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Sunday 30 January 2022

Stay even longer at Myponga

Visitors will soon be able to awaken to the sound of nature at Myponga Reservoir, with plans for two new nature-based accommodation experiences unveiled, which will further enhance the Fleurieu Peninsula's reputation as a must-visit eco-tourism destination.

Up to 12 eco-accommodation cabins will be established by CABN within the southern side of the reservoir reserve, with The Lake Lodges constructing eight lodges on two separate peninsulas in the northern section.

The new nature-based accommodation experiences, worth approximately \$6.6 million, will be made possible with the help of \$1.5 million in funding from the Marshall Liberal Government's new \$10 million Opening the Great Outdoors fund.

Premier Steven Marshall said opening Myponga Reservoir for recreational access has transformed nature-based tourism on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"Opening our reservoirs for recreational access has been an incredibly popular initiative with more than 130,000 people visiting Myponga since it first opened in April 2019, providing an environmental, social and economic boost to the region," Premier Marshall said.

"These two new projects are being made possible thanks to our new \$10 million Opening the Great Outdoors fund which is further supporting the nature-based tourism industry and will help create jobs as we continue our strong economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Adelaide has recently been recognised as the world's third most liveable city as well as the second-ever National Park City and it's projects like this which will only enhance this reputation."

Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said the new accommodation projects would allow visitors to Myponga Reservoir to immerse themselves even further in nature.

"With visitors already able to kayak, fish, cycle, hike and picnic at Myponga, accommodation facilities will be an exciting addition which will create an even better opportunity for visitors wanting to enjoy and explore the reservoir and the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula," Minister Speirs said.

"By opening the gates at Myponga Reservoir, we have turned the local township from a drive through town, to a drive to town and with these two projects people will now want to stay even longer at Myponga.

“Opening up our reservoirs has more people connecting with nature as well as providing a boost to regional economies and local businesses, who have reported a significant increase in activity.

“Importantly, as part of the two new projects, both CABN and The Lake Lodges will contribute to a conservation dividend, which will support priority regional conservation programs, including within Myponga Reservoir Reserve.

“These projects are part of the Marshall Liberal Government’s record investment to revitalise our parks, improve conservation, boost nature-based tourism and create jobs across the state.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said the \$10 million Opening our Great Outdoors fund will be a significant boost for regional South Australia and is being funded through the Marshall Liberal Government’s Regional Growth Fund.

“We know South Australians as well as tourists love experiencing the great outdoors and this new funding from our Regional Growth Fund is all about delivering projects which make this even better and easier,” Minister Basham said.

“We want to see nature-based tourism or regional accommodation projects which encourage people to travel to regional areas, stimulate local economies and create jobs.

“These two new projects at Myponga Reservoir Reserve get even more people visiting the popular location and together with the recently created Hindmarsh Valley National Park will further enhance the Fleurieu Peninsula’s reputation as an eco-tourism destination.”

Both successful proponents worked through an extensive assessment process with the Department for Environment and Water and SA Water, to ensure the eco-tourism experiences proposed within Myponga Reservoir Reserve complement existing water quality and environmental management measures. These discussions will continue through the planning, construction and operation stages.

CABN, which has received \$1 million towards its \$2,963,816 project at Myponga, currently has six cabins across South Australia, as well as one in the Yarra Valley in Victoria and has recently announced plans for further sites in the Adelaide Hills.

CABN Founder Michael Lamprell said CABN will design and build a range of cabins, tours and experiences that will transform the region for visitors and surrounding businesses. He says the opportunity to become stewards of this exceptional part of the world is truly special and will help to educate people on conservation and its benefits.

“We don’t want to operate in the region but rather participate, we are committed to delivering conservation dividends and initiatives that will redefine how people appreciate, respect and contribute to the environment in which they enjoy,” Mr Lamprell said.

“We’re designing a very specific product that is locally designed and manufactured with a high importance on blending in with the environment with a light touch. They will all be tastefully designed in keeping with the quiet nature setting.”

Stage one of the project will create six ‘lux’ 41 metre square cabins with the capacity to accommodate two guests each, and feature an outdoor deck that will be predominantly off-grid with solar power, water harvesting and an onsite wastewater system. Stage two of the project will include a further six ‘family’ cabins with a slightly larger footprint of 48m². The project will be located in the southern section of the reservoir reserve to allow for extensive views of bushland and uninterrupted views of the water.

The Lake Lodges, which has received \$500,000 towards their \$3,666,661 project, will offer local, interstate and international guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in a world class nature-based boutique retreat nestled in the forest terrain overlooking Myponga Reservoir.

The Lake Lodges Managing Director Seb Packer said The Lake Lodges will be architecturally designed to provide a diverse range of accommodation options for not only couples wanting a special getaway but also for families and larger groups wanting a unique experience for that special occasion.

“We are excited to bring this new offering to the Fleurieu and hope to create something all South Australians can be proud of,” Mr Packer said.

“We see our participation as an integral part of the partnership as we help to protect, nurture and promote the stunning natural environments surrounding the Myponga region.”

The Lake Lodges will be built on the two separate peninsulas on the northern banks of Myponga Reservoir Reserve, with eight lodges capable of accommodating up to 32 people within the reserve’s northern section.

The eastern peninsula will feature ‘The Farm’, a group of four twin-roomed lodges centrally connected to a pavilion-style shared living zone that allows flexibility for families, retreats or group bookings of up to 16 people.

On the neighbouring peninsula, located 300 metres to the west, there will be four twin bedroom self-contained lodges called ‘The Retreats’.

Myponga Reservoir Reserve is currently open for a range of land and water-based activities such as walking, bike riding, picnicking, kayaking and fishing.

More information about recreational access at South Australia’s reservoir reserves – including conditions of entry – can be found at www.reservoirs.sa.gov.au

Myponga Accommodation Announcement

Internal FAQ for spokespeople



Key messages

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- This is an opportunity to add to the available experiences for visitors to Myponga Reservoir Reserve, which since opening to the public in 2019, has proved to be a hugely popular recreation destination for South Australia.
- The two proposed projects will be a low impact eco-tourism accommodation designed to blend into the surroundings of the reservoir reserve.
- It will be a first of its kind experience for South Australia.
- The investment will further activate tourism in the Myponga region and increase local jobs.
- As part of their investment, both accommodation providers will contribute to a conservation dividend.

Questions and answers

What is the development proposed for the Myponga Reservoir Reserve?

Two new nature-based accommodation experiences are planned.

Up to 12 eco-accommodation cabins will be established by CABN within the southern side of the reserve, with the Lake Lodges constructing eight lodges on two separate 'peninsulas' in the northern section.

When will they open?

CABN: Subject to relevant approvals CABN plan to start construction in June 2022 and be operational in November 2022.

The Lake Lodges: Subject to relevant approvals, The Lakes Lodges plan to start construction October 2022 with an expected build time of approximately 12 months. Their targeted opening is late 2023.

How much will this cost?

The total investment in the two new nature-based accommodation experiences will be approximately \$6.6 million.

The projects will be made possible with the help of \$1.5 million in funding from the State Government's new \$10 million *Opening the Great Outdoors* fund.

The *Opening the Great Outdoors* fund is intended to further support the nature-based tourism industry and will help create jobs as South Australia continues its economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Who are the proponents?

CABN Pty Ltd have been operating since 2017 and provide self-contained, off-grid eco-friendly designer accommodation cabins in unique locations on private and government owned land. They currently have 6 cabins across South Australia, one cabin in the Yarra Valley, Victoria and has recently announced plans for cabins in the Adelaide Hills.

The Lake Lodges is a newly formed arm of established South Australian business Geoffrey Packer and Co.

Will jobs be created as part of this project and if so how many?

Both the projects are expected to create approximately 17 jobs during construction with a further 21 to be employed in ongoing roles.

Can this development take place in a reservoir reserve?

Changes to South Australia's [Planning and Design Code](#) came into effect on 19 March 2021.

Most of the Myponga Reservoir Reserve is zoned with the Adelaide Country Zone. This zone seeks, in part, to facilitate tourist development and accommodation that expands the economic base while also conserving the natural and rural character, identity, biodiversity and scenic qualities of the area.

Tourist accommodation (including eco cabins) such as those proposed for Myponga Reservoir Reserve that entail 'development' (as defined by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, including 'building work' or a 'change in the use of land') must be approved through the development process.

Does it mean that the areas where the accommodation is built will become off limits to the general public?

The two locations within the reservoir reserve proposed for the accommodation offerings are not part of the areas currently accessible to the public.

Will this impact on water quality and the operation of the reservoir reserve?

Both successful proponents worked through an extensive assessment process with the Department for Environment and Water and SA Water, to ensure the eco-tourism experiences proposed within Myponga Reservoir Reserve complement existing water quality, environmental management and safety measures. These discussions will continue through the planning, construction and operation stages.

Will this impact negatively on wildlife and native vegetation?

The projects have been designed in a way that complements the natural character of the reservoir reserve and minimises ecological disturbance.

Will vegetation need to be cleared to make way for the project?

Some vegetation may need to be removed to allow for the accommodation proposals. However, any removal of vegetation will be limited where possible and the development established to complement the natural surroundings. Clearance of native vegetation will be considered pursuant

relevant legalisation, including the Native Vegetation Act 1991 and development requirements. Further information can be found at [Department for Environment and Water - Native vegetation](#).

What is the Conservation dividend that the proponents will provide?

As part of the funding agreement both CABN and The Lake Lodges will contribute to a conservation dividend, which will support priority regional conservation programs, including within Myponga Reservoir Reserve.

From: [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#)
To: [Grbich, Yani \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: RE: Communications Messages for CABN Project Myponga Reservoir [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 1:13:22 PM

Hi Yani

Can we please chat about this. I have been in a 2 hour meeting this morning and did not get to your teams message.

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 April, 2022 1:08 PM
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Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 1:51:00 PM

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Hi all,
Just please just hold on this – I am seeking some further direction.
So no action at this time.
Thank you,
Yani.

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To: [Grbich, Yani \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: RE: Communications Messages for CABN Project Myponga Reservoir [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 2:00:57 PM

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No drama.

From: Grbich, Yani (DEW) <Yani.Grbich@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 1:54 PM
To: Hare, Lynne (DEW) <Lynne.Hare2@sa.gov.au>
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Thanks Lynne – sorry just emailed across you – yes need to get some advice, I just spoke to Laura too.

From: Hare, Lynne (DEW)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 1:50 PM
To: Grbich, Yani (DEW) <Yani.Grbich@sa.gov.au>; Kenny, Miranda (DEW) <Miranda.Kenny@sa.gov.au>
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To: [Kenny, Miranda \(DEW\)](#); [Hare, Lynne \(DEW\)](#)
Cc: [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#); [Johnson, Samantha \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: RE: Communications Messages for CABN Project Myponga Reservoir [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 3:27:00 PM

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Thanks Miranda.

From: Kenny, Miranda (DEW)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 April 2022 2:04 PM
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Cc: Stansfield, Laura (DEW) <Laura.Stansfield@sa.gov.au>; Johnson, Samantha (DEW) <Samantha.Johnson2@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Communications Messages for CABN Project Myponga Reservoir [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Yani,

Just to note, please read the transcript of the Minister's interview yesterday which was sent out via an attachment with News Daily earlier today. It mentioned Myponga, I've pasted a portion of this below:

Speaker B: Okay. Well, that's the view of Susan Close to South Australian Water Minister Glenn has called ABC Radio Adelaide. Good morning, Glenn.

Speaker C: Good morning, David. Susan. Susan, I just want to know whether the Labor Party has still got any interest in this previous government's idea of cheap parks by using our reservoirs as playgrounds. I will not even let my retriever dog drink the water out of Myponga Reservoir, which we got in Goolwa. Nor do I drink it. And not only that, it's just a cheap way of being able to tell people at the previous government created these so called parks, they're adding extra chemicals. I don't want that water. My dog doesn't want that water.

Speaker B: Okay. Will you reverse the opening up the reservoirs?

Speaker A: No, we don't have a policy to say. Every reservoir that was open will now be closed. What I have done, though, is asked for confirmation in writing that the water quality is safe, because that was always the question rumbling in the background. Now, I assume that the confirmation will come. I assume that the last government didn't open up in spite of SAHS view. So I'm presuming that SAHS and SA water have found that was right and you were wrong. Well, SA water spent tens of millions of dollars to upgrade the filtration plants to make them safe. And our concerns leading up to that was there were no plans to do that initially, so that has now happened. And if the water is indeed safe, fine. I have pretty big question mark over the idea of having overnight accommodation, though. There was an announcement just before the election about having people being able to stay overnight. I'm not sure how you manage the interaction with the water people going for a swim in the middle of night because you're not supposed to swim in the water because of crypto. So I have question marks over that. But I've asked for frank and fearless advice from the public service, and I'm sure I'll receive it.

Speaker B: But bottom line is sorry, Glenn, it's really popular policy and you're not going to overturn it unless there's a health reason not to.

Speaker A: Then I won't be. No.

Kind regards,
Miranda

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Sent: Wednesday, 13 April 2022 3:46 PM
To: Grbich, Yani (DEW)
Cc: Leppa, Vanessa (DEW); Stansfield, Laura (DEW)
Subject: RE: Multi Schedule MOAA draft 07042022 DEW [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Multi Schedule MOAA draft 07042022 DEW_DEW feedback.docx

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi Yani,

Have included additional comments in the attached version.

Reference to SAICORP under **9. Insurance** is incorrect. This was changed last year and this should be amended to SAFA in the agreement.

No other changes required in my view and have explained why in my comments.

Cheers,
Paul

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Cc: Leppa, Vanessa (DEW) <Vanessa.Leppa@sa.gov.au>; Stansfield, Laura (DEW) <Laura.Stansfield@sa.gov.au>
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Hi paul,

I understand Vanessa has been away unwell and wondering if you might be able to help with this one too?

As per below and attached - PIRSA have returned the MOAA and there are some changes. Unfortunately they haven't track changed but it has gone past PIRSA legal.

Laura and I have reviewed and made a couple of comments to identify the key changes. I also included the previous version we sent to PIRSA to reference back to if you need.

Hoping you can provide some feedback from finance, given the changes.

Many thanks,
Yani

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Sent: Thursday, 7 April, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Leppa, Vanessa (DEW) <Vanessa.Leppa@sa.gov.au>
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Hi Vanessa,

I just tried to give you a call to have a chat before sending this. PIRSA have just returned the MOAA and there are some changes. Unfortunately they haven't track changed but it has gone past PIRSA legal.

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I understand Finance is quite busy at the moment and that there is pressure to finalise this MOAA agreement also.

Given this we are wondering how soon you would be able to review this and return it?

Happy to catch up this afternoon if that helps.

Thanks again,
Yani.

DATED

DAY OF

2022

MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONS

-AND-

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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SCHEDULE 1 MYPONGA RESERVOIR CABN PTY LTD PROJECT

SCHEDULE 2 Not relevant

SCHEDULE 3 [form of schedule for additional NBT Project funding]

ATTACHMENT A - ASSESSMENT AND APPROVALS OF APPLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM dated day of 2022

PARTIES:

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONS of Level 15, 25 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000 (**PIRSA**)

AND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER of 81 to 95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000 (**DEW**)

INTENT:

- A. The Government of South Australia has established the Opening Our Great Outdoors Fund (**Fund**). The Opening our Great Outdoors pool is funded by the Regional Growth Fund to support economic generating regional tourism initiatives and is administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.
- B. The Fund opened on 17 January 2022 will remain open until 30 June 2023 or when funding has been exhausted, whichever comes first. The Fund comprises two streams:
 - a. Stream 1: regional tourism projects to enhance investments in nature-based, farm-based, rangeland and fishing-based tourism opportunities, and invest in public infrastructure, that support and encourages South Australians to travel to regional areas, connect with agriculture and enjoy our regions, parks, rangelands, reservoirs, waterways and marine environment: and
 - b. Stream 2: Stream 2 – regional accommodation projects to support and stimulate private sector investment in new or improved regional accommodation for quality tourism products and experiences.
- C. Under Stream 1:
 - a. applicants can seek grants for \$20,000 up to \$1 million excluding GST, up to a maximum of 50 percent co-contribution from the State Government of the total project cost (for non-State Government applications).
 - b. eligible projects include regional tourism projects to enhance investments in nature-based, farm-based, rangelands and fishing-based tourism opportunities, and investment in public infrastructure, that support and encourage South Australians to travel to regional areas, connect with agriculture and enjoy our regions, parks, rangelands, reservoirs, waterways and marine environment.
- D. On 18 January 2022 the then Minister for Environment and Water wrote to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to seek approval for funding to be

transferred from Stream 1 of the Fund to provide funding for projects which are eligible for grants under the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund.

- E. Approval of that request was granted by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 1 February 2022.
- F. The intent of this Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement is to describe the roles and responsibilities between DEW and PIRSA in the efficient administration of the Fund in respect of those projects and future projects funded under similar arrangements.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT:

The administrative arrangement is as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

In this memorandum of administrative arrangement, unless the contrary intention appears or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

- 1.1 **Commencement Date** means the date that this Memorandum is signed by the last party being the date set out on page 1 of this Memorandum
- 1.2 **Completion Date** means the completion date for a Project specified in the Schedule for that Project
- 1.3 **DEW** means the Department of Environment and Water
- 1.4 **Fund** means the Opening Our Great Outdoors Fund administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
- 1.5 **Funding Period** means the period starting on the Commencement Date and ending on the latest of the Completion Dates set out in the Schedules, unless this Memorandum is terminated earlier
- 1.6 **Funds** in respect of each Project means the monetary amount specified in the Schedule for that Project and **Funding** has a corresponding meaning
- 1.7 **GST** means the tax imposed by the GST Law
- 1.8 **GST Law** has the meaning attributed in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth)
- 1.9 **Memorandum** means this memorandum of administrative arrangement between the parties
- 1.10 **NBT Program** means the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment grant program administered by DEW
- 1.11 **PIRSA** means the Department of Primary Industries and Regions
- 1.12 **Project** means a project described in a Schedule
- 1.13 **Purpose** means the purpose described in clause 3 of this Memorandum
- 1.14 **Report** means a report required under clause 9 of this Memorandum
- 1.15 **Schedule** means a schedule to this Memorandum
- 1.16 **Special Condition** means a special condition specified in a Schedule

1.17 **Unexpended Funds** means any part of the Funds which are not expended towards the Purpose in respect of the relevant Project by the Completion Date

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PIRSA and DEW acknowledge that this Memorandum records an administrative arrangement between administrative units, agencies or instrumentalities of the Crown in right of the State of South Australia and is not intended to create a legally binding agreement.

3. **PURPOSE**

The Purpose of the Funding is to enable DEW to provide grants approved under the NBT Program for each of the Projects described in the Schedules.

4. **TERM**

This Memorandum will commence on the date of its execution and will continue until each Project funded pursuant to the Memorandum is completed to the satisfaction of DEW or such earlier date as agreed between the parties or on which this Memorandum is terminated in accordance with clause 17.

5. **FUNDS**

PIRSA will pay the Funds to DEW as follows:

- 5.1 PIRSA will make a disbursement of \$1.5 million (GST exclusive) from the Fund to DEW for the grants approved under the NBT Program described in Schedules 1 and 2.
- 5.2 Financial Arrangements for any new applications to the Fund in respect NBT Program grants approved by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development will be recorded in additional schedules in the form of Schedule 3 to this Memorandum.
- 5.3 Following completion of each Project DEW will repay any Unexpended Funds to PIRSA unless PIRSA gives written approval for DEW to retain the Unexpended Funds.

6. **OBLIGATIONS OF DEW**

DEW:

- 6.1 will ensure that the terms and conditions of the NBT Program grants provided with the Funds are properly documented by SAFA in a legally binding agreement with each grant recipient
- 6.2 will ensure that the NBT Program grants are adequately managed by SAFA
- 6.3 will ensure that it consults with PIRSA in the event that a NBT Program grant recipient funded under the terms of this Memorandum:
 - 6.3.1 defaults on its grant agreement; or
 - 6.3.2 requests an extension to the term of its grant agreement

Commented [SL(1)]: Is not clear when the funds will be dispersed. The original draft MoAA stated the \$1.5 will be dispersed on the commencement of this agreement. This is the preference. However, could also be on execution of funding deed.

Commented [WP(2R1)]: "For the grants approved under the NBT Program described in Schedules 1 and 2" implies "on execution of respective funding deeds under the NBT Program described in Schedules 1 and 2."

Commented [YG3]: As above for other applications it's not clear when funds will be transferred, as above could be on execution of funding deeds.

Commented [WP(4R3)]: The date of funds transfers from PIRSA for future funding agreements from the OoGO Fund will be agreed in Section 5 of the form in Schedule 3

- 6.4 will comply with all reasonable directions from PIRSA with regard to the administration of this Memorandum
- 6.5 must comply with any Special Conditions
- 6.6 must provide each of the Reports by the date it is required
- 6.7 will undertake the tasks assigned to DEW in Attachment A to this Memorandum as required and within any specified time frames
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7. OBLIGATIONS OF PIRSA

PIRSA:

- 7.1 will undertake the tasks assigned to PIRSA in Attachment A to this Memorandum as required and within any specified time frames
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8. REPORTING

DEW will provide to PIRSA:

- 8.1 each of the Reports specified in the Project Schedules by the due dates specified
- 8.2 for each Project, within 28 days of the Completion Date a Report on any Unexpended Funds
- 8.3 if requested by PIRSA at any time during the Funding Period, such other information, records and reports as PIRSA reasonably requires about the Purpose and the use of the Funds.

9. INSURANCE

The Parties warrant that they are each entitled to the benefits of the South Australian Government Insurance and Risk Management arrangements administered by the South Australian Government Captive Insurance Corporation (**SAICORP**) in respect of the performance of this Memorandum. SAICORP is the insurance division of the South Australian Government Financing Authority established pursuant to the *Government Financing Authority Act 1982*.

Commented [WP(5): Reference to SAICORP is no longer valid. This was changed last year to be "South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA)". This will need to be updated.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The parties acknowledge and agree that from time to time they will share confidential information. The parties will maintain confidentiality subject to any administrative instructions, directions, Government conventions and obligations under law.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 11.1 The parties agree that the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating funded Projects under the Memorandum must have the prior agreement of both parties.

12. CONTACT OFFICERS

- 12.1 Each party will nominate a Contact Officer to be responsible for this Memorandum. The initial Contact Officers are set out below and may be changed from time to time by notifying the other party in writing.
- 12.1.1 **PIRSA:** Regional Coordinator Outer Adelaide, Primary Industries and Regions SA
- 12.1.2 **DEW:** Manager Business Partnerships, Tourism and Economic Development.
- 12.2 The Contact Officers will be the points of contact between DEW and PIRSA for operational matters.

13. AUTHORISED OFFICERS

- 13.1 For the purposes of this Memorandum, the parties appoint the persons occupying the following positions as their Authorised Officers:
- 13.1.1 **PIRSA:** Executive Director, Industry and Regional Development
- 13.1.2 **DEW:** Executive Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- 13.2 The Authorised Officers are able to vary the terms of this Memorandum.

14. MODIFICATION

Any modification to this Memorandum must be in writing and signed by each party.

15. ISSUE RESOLUTION

Issues requiring resolution will be referred to:

- 15.1 **PIRSA:** Chief Executive,
- 15.2 **DEW:** Chief Executive; and
- or such other persons advised by DEW and PIRSA from time to time.

16. TERMINATION

- 16.1 PIRSA may terminate this Memorandum immediately by notice in writing to DEW :
- 16.1.1 if DEW has failed to remedy a breach of any of its obligations under this Memorandum within the time specified in a notice served on DEW by PIRSA.
- 16.1.2 should PIRSA no longer be able to provide funding.
- 16.2 DEW may terminate this Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement immediately by notice in writing to PIRSA, if PIRSA has failed to remedy a breach of any of its obligations under this Memorandum within the time specified in a notice served on PIRSA by DEW.

Commented [SL(6): To note.

Commented [WP(7R6): Should be fine and simply covers PIRSA if the OoGO Fund is fully spent.

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Construction of twelve luxury cabins at Myponga Reservoir for a total project cost of over \$2,700,000.

2. FUNDS

One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (GST exclusive).

3. COMPLETION DATE

31 March 2023

Commented [BT(8)]: Please confirm completion date

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DEW must provide the following Progress Reports to the Minister, in a format to be agreed on or before the due date specified for the Report in the table set out below.

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Commented [WP(10R9)]: Agreed

Report No.	Report Content	Due Date
1.	Annual Progress Report	[insert]
2.	Final Completion Report including Report on any Unexpended Funds	[insert]

Commented [BT(11)]: Please add date

Commented [BT(12)]: Please add date

SCHEDULE 2

Not relevant



[form of schedule for additional NBT Project funding]

SCHEDULE 3

[INSERT PROJECT NAME]

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

[insert short description of NBT Project]

2. FUNDS

[Insert amount in words and (\$figures)] (GST exclusive).

3. COMPLETION DATE

[insert completion date]

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Commented [WP(18R17)]: Given this is essentially a template for any future funding agreements, I'd suggest that a completion date could be provided (in line with the executed funding deed), along with the agreed transfer date (PIRSA to DEW) under Part 5 below.

5. PAYMENT DETAILS

[insert details of how and when payment will be made from PIRSA to DEW]

ATTACHMENT A - ASSESSMENT AND APPROVALS OF APPLICATIONS

Task	Responsibility	Response Time
Minister for Environment and Water will write to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development seeking funding from the OoGO Fund for approved applications and will provide the following documentation to assist PIRSA's assessment of the eligibility in line with their OoGO Fund requirements; NBT Co-Investment Fund application documentation submitted to DEW; 1. SAFA's financial review of the NBT Co-Investment Fund application 2. NBT Co-Investment Fund Assessment Panel report including any conditions of approval; 3. approval briefing from the Minister for Environment and Water; and 4. Any other documentation required by PIRSA.	DEW	As applications are assessed and approved
PIRSA will consider the approved NBT Co-Investment Fund applications against the requirements of the OoGO Fund.	PIRSA	Subject to assessment and approval timeframes.
The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development will provide a letter to the Minister for Environment and Water notifying of the application assessment outcome.	PIRSA	Subject to assessment and approval timeframes.
Letter of offer from the Minister for Environment and Water to successful applicant	DEW	As applications are approved by MPIRD

From: Wurdemann, Paul (DEW)
Sent: Friday, 22 April 2022 2:56 PM
To: O'Brien, Shaun (DEW)
Subject: FW: Final Draft PIRSA MOAA for Opening our Great Outdoors funding [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: PIRSA DEW Multi Schedule MOAA Final Draft.docx

OFFICIAL

Hi Shaun,

I'm comfortable for this to be signed by both parties.

Just some minor pick-ups post amendments, but would suggest letting these go through in order to get this MOAA signed:

- **9. Insurance:** section has been amended to refer to SAFA as requested (however reference to SAICORP as the branch within SAFA has not been amended.) Not a showstopper and will have no legal ramifications to this MoAA.
- Schedule 1, 2 & 3: All three **Payment Details** sections contain the same typo "...from the Fund to DEW for the by an intra-government transfer." – Again, not a showstopper as it does not change the intent of the statement.

Cheers,
 Paul

Paul Wurdemann

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Apologies, I have attached the document.

Regards
Laura

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Hi Laura,

Can I please have access to this link?

You may need to extend this access to Shaun as well.

Cheers,
Paul

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Subject: Final Draft PIRSA MOAA for Opening our Great Outdoors funding [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Shaun

Please find attached a link to the final draft of the MOAA with PIRSA. The previous version has now been amended to provide specifically for the CABN and Not applications at Myponga and for additional projects to be added should they be approved.

Paul Wurdemann has been consulted and his feedback has been incorporated in the final draft.

If you are happy with the final draft we will send this back to PIRSA. I understand the PIRSA CE will then write to our CE to approve the MOAA.

[PIRSA DEW MOAA](#)

Regards,

Laura Stansfield
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DATED

DAY OF

2022

MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONS

-AND-

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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SCHEDULE 1 **MYPONGA RESERVOIR CABN PTY LTD PROJECT**

SCHEDULE 2 Not relevant

SCHEDULE 3 *[form of schedule for additional NBT Project funding]*

ATTACHMENT A - ASSESSMENT AND APPROVALS OF APPLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM dated

day of

2022

PARTIES:

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONS of Level 15, 25 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000 (**PIRSA**)

AND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER of 81 to 95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000 (**DEW**)

INTENT:

- A. The Government of South Australia has established the Opening Our Great Outdoors Fund (**Fund**). The Opening our Great Outdoors pool is funded by the Regional Growth Fund to support economic generating regional tourism initiatives and is administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.
- B. The Fund opened on 17 January 2022 will remain open until 30 June 2023 or when funding has been exhausted, whichever comes first. The Fund comprises two streams:
 - a. Stream 1: regional tourism projects to enhance investments in nature-based, farm-based, rangeland and fishing-based tourism opportunities, and invest in public infrastructure, that support and encourages South Australians to travel to regional areas, connect with agriculture and enjoy our regions, parks, rangelands, reservoirs, waterways and marine environment: and
 - b. Stream 2: Stream 2 – regional accommodation projects to support and stimulate private sector investment in new or improved regional accommodation for quality tourism products and experiences.
- C. Under Stream 1:
 - a. applicants can seek grants for \$20,000 up to \$1 million excluding GST, up to a maximum of 50 percent co-contribution from the State Government of the total project cost (for non-State Government applications).
 - b. eligible projects include regional tourism projects to enhance investments in nature-based, farm-based, rangelands and fishing-based tourism opportunities, and investment in public infrastructure, that support and encourage South Australians to travel to regional areas, connect with agriculture and enjoy our regions, parks, rangelands, reservoirs, waterways and marine environment.
- D. On 18 January 2022 the then Minister for Environment and Water wrote to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to seek approval for funding to be

transferred from Stream 1 of the Fund to provide funding for projects which are eligible for grants under the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund.

- E. Approval of that request was granted by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 1 February 2022.
- F. The intent of this Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement is to describe the roles and responsibilities between DEW and PIRSA in the efficient administration of the Fund in respect of those projects and future projects funded under similar arrangements.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT:

The administrative arrangement is as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

In this memorandum of administrative arrangement, unless the contrary intention appears or the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

- 1.1 **Commencement Date** means the date that this Memorandum is signed by the last party being the date set out on page 1 of this Memorandum
- 1.2 **Completion Date** means the completion date for a Project specified in the Schedule for that Project
- 1.3 **DEW** means the Department of Environment and Water
- 1.4 **Fund** means the Opening Our Great Outdoors Fund administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
- 1.5 **Funding Period** means the period starting on the Commencement Date and ending on the latest of the Completion Dates set out in the Schedules, unless this Memorandum is terminated earlier
- 1.6 **Funds** in respect of each Project means the monetary amount specified in the Schedule for that Project and **Funding** has a corresponding meaning
- 1.7 **GST** means the tax imposed by the GST Law
- 1.8 **GST Law** has the meaning attributed in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth)
- 1.9 **Memorandum** means this memorandum of administrative arrangement between the parties
- 1.10 **NBT Program** means the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment grant program administered by DEW
- 1.11 **PIRSA** means the Department of Primary Industries and Regions
- 1.12 **Project** means a project described in a Schedule
- 1.13 **Purpose** means the purpose described in clause 3 of this Memorandum
- 1.14 **Report** means a report required under clause 9 of this Memorandum
- 1.15 **Schedule** means a schedule to this Memorandum
- 1.16 **Special Condition** means a special condition specified in a Schedule

- 1.17 **Unexpended Funds** means any part of the Funds which are not expended towards the Purpose in respect of the relevant Project by the Completion Date

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PIRSA and DEW acknowledge that this Memorandum records an administrative arrangement between administrative units, agencies or instrumentalities of the Crown in right of the State of South Australia and is not intended to create a legally binding agreement.

3. **PURPOSE**

The Purpose of the Funding is to enable DEW to provide grants approved under the NBT Program for each of the Projects described in the Schedules.

4. **TERM**

This Memorandum will commence on the date of its execution and will continue until each Project funded pursuant to the Memorandum is completed to the satisfaction of DEW or such earlier date as agreed between the parties or on which this Memorandum is terminated in accordance with clause 17.

5. **FUNDS**

PIRSA will pay the Funds to DEW as follows:

- 5.1 PIRSA will make a disbursement of \$1.5 million (GST exclusive) from the Fund to DEW for the grants approved under the NBT Program described in Schedules 1 and 2.
- 5.2 Financial Arrangements for any new applications to the Fund in respect NBT Program grants approved by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development will be recorded in additional schedules in the form of Schedule 3 to this Memorandum.
- 5.3 Following completion of each Project DEW will repay any Unexpended Funds to PIRSA unless PIRSA gives written approval for DEW to retain the Unexpended Funds.

6. **OBLIGATIONS OF DEW**

DEW:

- 6.1 will ensure that the terms and conditions of the NBT Program grants provided with the Funds are properly documented by SAFA in a legally binding agreement with each grant recipient
- 6.2 will ensure that the NBT Program grants are adequately managed by SAFA
- 6.3 will ensure that it consults with PIRSA in the event that a NBT Program grant recipient funded under the terms of this Memorandum:
 - 6.3.1 defaults on its grant agreement; or
 - 6.3.2 requests an extension to the term of its grant agreement

- 6.4 will comply with all reasonable directions from PIRSA with regard to the administration of this Memorandum
 - 6.5 must comply with any Special Conditions
 - 6.6 must provide each of the Reports by the date it is required
 - 6.7 will undertake the tasks assigned to DEW in Attachment A to this Memorandum as required and within any specified time frames
 - 6.8 will liaise with PIRSA to undertake an annual review of the effectiveness of the arrangements under this Memorandum.
7. **OBLIGATIONS OF PIRSA**

PIRSA:

 - 7.1 will undertake the tasks assigned to PIRSA in Attachment A to this Memorandum as required and within any specified time frames
 - 7.2 will liaise with DEW to undertake an annual review of the effectiveness of the arrangements under this Memorandum.
8. **REPORTING**

DEW will provide to PIRSA:

 - 8.1 each of the Reports specified in the Project Schedules by the due dates specified
 - 8.2 for each Project, within 28 days of the Completion Date a Report on any Unexpended Funds
 - 8.3 if requested by PIRSA at any time during the Funding Period, such other information, records and reports as PIRSA reasonably requires about the Purpose and the use of the Funds.
9. **INSURANCE**

The Parties warrant that they are each entitled to the benefits of the South Australian Government Insurance and Risk Management arrangements administered by the South Australian Government Financing Authority (**SAFA**) in respect of the performance of this Memorandum. SAICORP is the insurance division of the South Australian Government Financing Authority established pursuant to the *Government Financing Authority Act 1982*.
10. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The parties acknowledge and agree that from time to time they will share confidential information. The parties will maintain confidentiality subject to any administrative instructions, directions, Government conventions and obligations under law.
11. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**
 - 11.1 The parties agree that the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating funded Projects under the Memorandum must have the prior agreement of both parties.

12. **CONTACT OFFICERS**

- 12.1 Each party will nominate a Contact Officer to be responsible for this Memorandum. The initial Contact Officers are set out below and may be changed from time to time by notifying the other party in writing.
- 12.1.1 **PIRSA:** Regional Coordinator Outer Adelaide, Primary Industries and Regions SA
- 12.1.2 **DEW:** Manager Business Partnerships, Tourism and Economic Development.
- 12.2 The Contact Officers will be the points of contact between DEW and PIRSA for operational matters.

13. **AUTHORISED OFFICERS**

- 13.1 For the purposes of this Memorandum, the parties appoint the persons occupying the following positions as their Authorised Officers:
- 13.1.1 **PIRSA:** Executive Director, Industry and Regional Development
- 13.1.2 **DEW:** Executive Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- 13.2 The Authorised Officers are able to vary the terms of this Memorandum.

14. **MODIFICATION**

Any modification to this Memorandum must be in writing and signed by each party.

15. **ISSUE RESOLUTION**

Issues requiring resolution will be referred to:

- 15.1 **PIRSA:** Chief Executive,
- 15.2 **DEW:** Chief Executive; and
- or such other persons advised by DEW and PIRSA from time to time.

16. **TERMINATION**

- 16.1 PIRSA may terminate this Memorandum immediately by notice in writing to DEW :
- 16.1.1 if DEW has failed to remedy a breach of any of its obligations under this Memorandum within the time specified in a notice served on DEW by PIRSA.
- 16.1.2 should PIRSA no longer be able to provide funding.
- 16.2 DEW may terminate this Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement immediately by notice in writing to PIRSA, if PIRSA has failed to remedy a breach of any of its obligations under this Memorandum within the time specified in a notice served on PIRSA by DEW.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the)
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES)
AND REGIONS by a person duly authorised)
in that regard in the presence of:)

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Authorised officer signature

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Witness name

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WATER by a person duly authorised in)
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SCHEDULE 1**MYPONGA RESERVOIR CABN PTY LTD PROJECT****1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Construction of twelve luxury cabins at Myponga Reservoir for a total project cost of over \$2,700,000.

2. FUNDS

One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (GST exclusive).

3. COMPLETION DATE**4. AS PER EXECUTED FUNDING DEED.REPORTS**

DEW must provide the following Progress Reports to the Minister, in a format to be agreed on or before the due date specified for the Report in the table set out below.

Report No.	Report Content	Due Date
1.	Annual Progress Report	As per executed funding deed.
2.	Final Completion Report including Report on any Unexpended Funds	As per executed funding deed.

5. PAYMENT DETAILS

On execution of the deed between the grantee and the Treasurer PIRSA will make a disbursement of \$1,000,000 (GST exclusive) from the Fund to DEW for the by an intra-government transfer.

SCHEDULE 2

Not relevant



[form of schedule for additional NBT Project funding]

SCHEDULE 3

[INSERT PROJECT NAME]

1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

[insert short description of NBT Project]

2. **FUNDS**

[Insert amount in words and (\$figures)] (GST exclusive).

3. **COMPLETION DATE**

As per executed funding deed.

4. **REPORTS**

DEW must provide the following Progress Reports to the Minister, in a format to be agreed on or before the due date specified for the Report in the table set out below.

Report No.	Report Content	Due Date
1.	Annual Progress Report	As per executed funding deed.
2.	Final Completion Report including Report on any Unexpended Funds	As per executed funding deed.

5. **PAYMENT DETAILS**

[INSERT DETAILS OF HOW AND WHEN PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FROM PIRSA TO DEW IE: On execution of the deed between the grantee and the Treasurer PIRSA will make a disbursement of *[Insert Amount]* (GST exclusive) from the Fund to DEW for the by an intra-government transfer.

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ATTACHMENT A - ASSESSMENT AND APPROVALS OF APPLICATIONS

Task	Responsibility	Response Time
<p>Minister for Environment and Water will write to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development seeking funding from the OoGO Fund for approved applications and will provide the following documentation to assist PIRSA's assessment of the eligibility in line with their OoGO Fund requirements;</p> <p>NBT Co-Investment Fund application documentation submitted to DEW;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAFA's financial review of the NBT Co-Investment Fund application 2. NBT Co-Investment Fund Assessment Panel report including any conditions of approval; 3. approval briefing from the Minister for Environment and Water; and 4. Any other documentation required by PIRSA. 	DEW	As applications are assessed and approved
PIRSA will consider the approved NBT Co-Investment Fund applications against the requirements of the OoGO Fund.	PIRSA	Subject to assessment and approval timeframes.
The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development will provide a letter to the Minister for Environment and Water notifying of the application assessment outcome.	PIRSA	Subject to assessment and approval timeframes.
Letter of offer from the Minister for Environment and Water to successful applicant	DEW	As applications are approved by MPIRD

From: [Grbich, Yani \(DEW\)](#)
To: [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#)
Cc: [Jenkins, Kaye \(DEW\)](#); [Sutton, Todd \(DEW\)](#); [Millar, Helena \(DEW\)](#); [Garrett, Mardi \(DTF\)](#)
Subject: Anticipated timeframes for completion of Funding Deeds [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 3 May 2022 11:03:00 AM

OFFICIAL

Hi Laura,

Please note this is a guesstimate – following a quick discussion with Mardi.

Group	Timeframe	Deeds
	<i>Please note – this is the time the Deed will be with CE for consideration.</i>	
Not relevant		
3	Mid/Late June	Not relevant) CABN (Myponga, Fleurieu Peninsula)
Not relevant		

Regards,
Yani.

From: [Grbich, Yani \(DEW\)](#)
To: [Stansfield, Laura \(DEW\)](#)
Subject: RE: Nature Based Tourism Transfer to SAFA [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 5:14:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi Laura – to remember tomorrow 😊

From: Grbich, Yani (DEW)
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 10:06 AM
To: Stansfield, Laura (DEW) <Laura.Stansfield@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Nature Based Tourism Transfer to SAFA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Laura,

At the moment it may only be the following highlighted deeds by EOFY given timeframes for approvals (i.e.: SAFA approx. 1 month + DEW timeframe). As per MOAA, transfers to SAFA to be made as the deeds are executed.

Group	Timeframe	Deeds
	<i>Please note – this is the time the Deed will be with CE for consideration.</i>	
Not relevant		
3	16 June 2022	Not relevant
		CABN (Myponga, Fleurieu Peninsula)

Not relevant

Not relevant

Thanks,
Yani.

From: Leppa, Vanessa (DEW)
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 7:50 AM
To: Stansfield, Laura (DEW) <Laura.Stansfield@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Grbich, Yani (DEW) <Yani.Grbich@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Nature Based Tourism Transfer to SAFA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Morning All,

Wondering if you could please assist with query below.

Thanks
Vanessa

From: Geytenbeek, Andrew (DEW) <Andrew.Geytenbeek@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 16 May 2022 8:40 PM
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Cc: Field, Ben (DEW) <Ben.Field@sa.gov.au>; Mehta, Garima (DEW) <Garima.Mehta@sa.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Nature Based Tourism Transfer to SAFA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Vanessa, do you have any intel on the progress of the NBT fund you can advise Ben?

From: Field, Ben (DEW) <Ben.Field@sa.gov.au>
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To: Geytenbeek, Andrew (DEW) <Andrew.Geytenbeek@sa.gov.au>; Mehta, Garima (DEW) <Garima.Mehta@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Nature Based Tourism Transfer to SAFA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Andrew and Garima,

Sorry to bother you – would you have any updates on the Nature Based Tourism transfer to SAFA, or point me in the direction I can find intel?

\$5m expense budget in project 6832 with a \$0.3m spend YTD. Wondering if/when the transfer is likely to happen this year and how much.

Cheers,
Ben

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Sent: Thursday, 2 June 2022 11:14 AM
To: Schutz, John (DEW)
Subject: 02/06 - P1 - For Minister approval - Briefing - DEW-D0017277 - NBT Co-investment Fund - Next steps
Attachments: Attachment 1 - Funding status.xlsx; DEW-D0017277 Briefing NBTCiF options.docx

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Sent: Thursday, 2 June 2022 10:43 AM
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Cc: Stasiak, Monika (DEW) <Monika.Stasiak@sa.gov.au>; Irving, Jason (DEW) <Jason.Irving@sa.gov.au>
Subject: 02/06 - P1 - For Minister approval - Briefing - DEW-D0017277 - NBT Co-investment Fund

OFFICIAL

Hi,

Please find attached an ED approved briefing for CE/OMEW consideration.

Here is the iShare link: [DEW-D0017277](#)

P1 – Critical date for Minister Action – 03/06/2022 – To approve the close of the fund within financial timeframes

Cheers,
Tom

Yours sincerely,

Tom Staggard

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Department for Environment and Water
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DEW-D0017277

Briefing Type: Project or program advice

TO: MINISTER FOR CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

RE: NATURE-BASED TOURISM CO-INVESTMENT FUND – NEXT STEPS

THROUGH: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Critical Date for Minister to Action: 3 June 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you:

1. Approve the closure of the Nature Based Tourism Co-investment Fund.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

2. Note that communication will be sent to key stakeholders including pending applicants to advise them of this decision.

NOTED

Comments	<div>-----</div> <div>HON SUSAN CLOSE MP Minister for Climate, Environment and Water</div> <div>/ / 2022</div>
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BACKGROUND

The Nature Based Tourism (NBT) Co-investment Fund was a pilot grant program designed to partner with eligible organisations to deliver ecologically sensitive tourism experiences on public lands in South Australia. The Fund was launched in May 2020 and is due to close on 30 June 2022, unless funds are exhausted earlier. The Fund applied a high threshold for applicants to meet including consultation with key stakeholders such as Friends of Parks, dedicated contributions to on-ground conservation works and financial sustainability. Many key stakeholders have been involved throughout the development and operations of the pilot program, providing valuable learning and insights.

Successful applications

Of the 45 applications received since the opening of the NBT Co-investment Fund, a total of 14 grants have been approved for a range of projects including new nature experiences and tours, ecologically sensitive low impact accommodation, and new visitor amenities.

A small grants round of the fund was also undertaken and \$300,000 of the NBT Co-investment Fund supported 21 grants (up to \$15,000 each) for new or innovative tourism experiences.

A summary of the approved NBT Co-investment grant projects is included at Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Investment Summary

Total funding committed to date is \$3,928,462 from the \$5 million NBT Co-investment Fund and \$1.5 million from the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund. This combined state government investment has supported \$22.4 million of approved projects. There is currently \$1,071,538 remaining in the NBT Co-investment Fund and this funding will now be reprioritised.

Eight of 13 deeds (14 applications) have been negotiated to date and the projects are projected to yield financial benefits for the state government valued at approximately \$5.4 million, including estimated rental returns, in-kind contributions and investments into conservation projects. All projects undertaken on government land will negotiate use of the land at market value.

The conservation projects are agreed and formalised for half of the approved projects, with the remainder being formalised in the next 2 months. The agreements, if fully realised, will provide a total contribution to date of \$745,000 and include example projects such as on-ground habitat restoration at Reevesby Island off Eyre Peninsula, marine research and revegetation works in the Fleurieu region, and support for southern brown bandicoots in Kuitpo Forest.

Pending applications

A further 2 projects, seeking a total of \$432,850 in funding, are currently undergoing eligibility checking and due diligence, and a summary of these are also noted in Attachment 1. The department is also aware of several applications currently under preparation which were likely to be submitted prior to the NBT Co-investment Fund closing date of 30 June 2022.

Nature based tourism – Election Commitment

We have recently been advised by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) that they will be managing on the government's behalf the election commitment with regards to nature based tourism including the financial commitment. This includes a \$2 million grant program to small businesses offering nature-based tourism experiences in and around SA's national parks. The grants valued between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are for businesses looking to expand their offerings, train staff in how to engage people about the natural world, increase their marketing reach and invest in transport infrastructure they may need to get people around parks. The department will work closely with the SATC and provide you with any further advice.

Next steps

Your approval is required to close the fund early and once this is completed the department will send or update a range of communications including:

- Assessment Panel – to Chair and members to thank them for their time and diligence.
- Pending Applicants – to advise them of the fund closure and that their application won't be progressed as per the Terms and Conditions of the Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund Guidelines 2020.
- Tourism Industry Council – as a key partner in supporting the delivery of the fund.
- Department website – advise that the fund is now closed.
- Nature Based Tourism Reference Group – verbally at its next meeting.

It is expected that there may be some disappointment from the tourism industry and pending grant applicants, many of whom have invested both time and resources into preparing applications. It may be prudent to discuss the funds closure with the Minister for Tourism so that the focus can instead be on the new grant funding available in the near future via the South Australian Tourism Commission.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred within the DEW's Tourism and Economic Development Branch, Finance, and Marketing & Communications.

FINANCIAL/HR IMPLICATIONS

Are there financial or HR implications?

Yes

The total funding committed to date is \$3,928,462 from the \$5 million NBT Co-investment Fund (not including \$1.5 million from the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund). The remaining uncommitted budget of \$1,071,538 will be reprioritised.

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Advice from PIRSA is that the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has not yet approved the Myponga Reservoir Projects and subsequent future funding deeds from the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund. The Minister has requested further information before reconsidering these applications.

If the 2 Myponga projects are not funded from the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund, the NBT Co-investment Fund will have been closed and not available as a source of funding.

Both applicants (CABN Pty Ltd Not relevant) are linked to a number of significant South Australian companies and it is expected that there will be a level of extreme disappointment if the offer of funding is withdrawn.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Status of the NBT Co-investment Fund and NBT Small Grants Program

Approved

Michael Williams

Executive Director, National Parks and Wildlife

Department for Environment and Water

2/06/2022

APPLICATIONS - NBT Co-investment Fund						
Application #	Applicant Name	Project Name	Proposal Summary	Funding Sought (\$)	as at Applicant Contribution(\$)	13/09/2022 Total project Amount Location of Grant expenditure Region

Not relevant

APPLICATIONS - NBT Co-investment Fund

Application #	Applicant Name	Project Name	Proposal Summary	Funding Sought (\$)	Applicant Contribution(\$)	Total project Amount	Location of Grant expenditure	Region
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APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION OF MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Not relevant

24	CABN Pty Ltd	CABN Myponga Reservoir Eco-Accommodation Experience	Install and operate 6 luxury cabins connected by above-ground walkways in Stage 1 and a further 6 cabins in Stage 2.	\$1,000,000	\$1,705,225	\$2,705,225	Myponga, SA Water land	Fleurieu Peninsula
Total				Not relevant				

CURRENT APPLICATIONS - PENDING ASSESSMENT

Not relevant