QUEENSLAND HEALTH BRIEF FOR NOTING

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TO

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health

FROM

Deputy Director-General, Health Planning and Infrastructure

Division

SUBJECT

Operation of Queensland Government State Land Freeze

Requested by

Mr Aaron Broughton, Policy Advisor

RECOMMENDATION(S)

• That you note the contents of this brief and the attached letter of response to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability (Attachment 1 – MI165028).

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- In December 2008, the Queensland Government released a response strategy to address the rapid decline in the koala populations in South East Queensland (SEQ).
- The Koala Crisis Response Strategy (KCRS) provides in part for a freeze on the clearing or disposal of State owned land in SEQ until a new State Planning Policy is finalised in late 2009.
- In order to ensure the delivery of urgent social infrastructure, Cabinet has exempted the clearing or disposal of land for this purpose from the freeze.
- To provide for the consistent application of this exemption, a protocol has been put in place which requires that all projects for which this exemption is claimed is to be considered by the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, through the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), following the consideration and endorsement of the Minister responsible for the portfolio.

ISSUES

- The freeze on the clearing or disposal of State owned land in SEQ could impact on the proposed Queensland Health infrastructure delivery project on the Redland Hospital site.
- A site options study has been completed for the vacant Queensland Health site adjacent to the Redland Hospital, Lot 30 on SP106226 and incorporated into the Redland Hospital Master Site Plan.
- The site options study has established the appropriate position on the site for the project. This involves the relocation of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, a 15 bed adolescent rehabilitation facility from the Park Centre for Mental Health, as well as to determine the area to be set aside for future growth of the Redland Hospital.

- SPP which is designed to provide long term protection measures for koala habitat in SEQ is presently being developed to replace the Queensland Government Land Freeze Protocol.
- Health Planning and Infrastructure Division plan to meet with the Koala Conservation Unit, DERM mid-January 2010 to further discuss the proposed development. HPID may then seek the endorsement of the Deputy Premier to apply to the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, to claim an exemption for the projects in accordance with the Queensland Government Land Freeze Protocol.
- If the project for Lot 30 on SP106226 proceeds after the introduction of the proposed SPP, it and any subsequent projects and disposals of Queensland Health land in SEQ will be undertaken in accordance with the SPP.

CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- In December 2008, the advice of the "Freeze on the Disposal of State Land", was received from Property Services, Department of Natural Resource and Water (DNRW).
- Health Planning and Infrastructure Division officers have consulted with the responsible DERM officers, including the Manager, Koala Conservation Unit, Threatened Species Branch, during the period of the land freeze.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Smartmap of Redland Hospital site, Lot 29 on SL11549 and Lot 30 on SP106226.
- Attachment 2: Redland Hospital Master Site Plan.
- Attachment 3: Letter of response to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability – MI165028.

NOTED or APPROVED / NOT A Deputy Premier and Minister for Health Comments	PPROVED	
Paul Lucas Deputy Premier and	Principal/Senior Policy Advisor	Policy Advisor
Minister for Health	15, 1, 10	15, 1,10

Political Representatives

Local Government

Councillor Craig Ogilvie, Redland City Council.

State Government

Mr Peter Dowling, MP, Member for Redland.

Federal Government

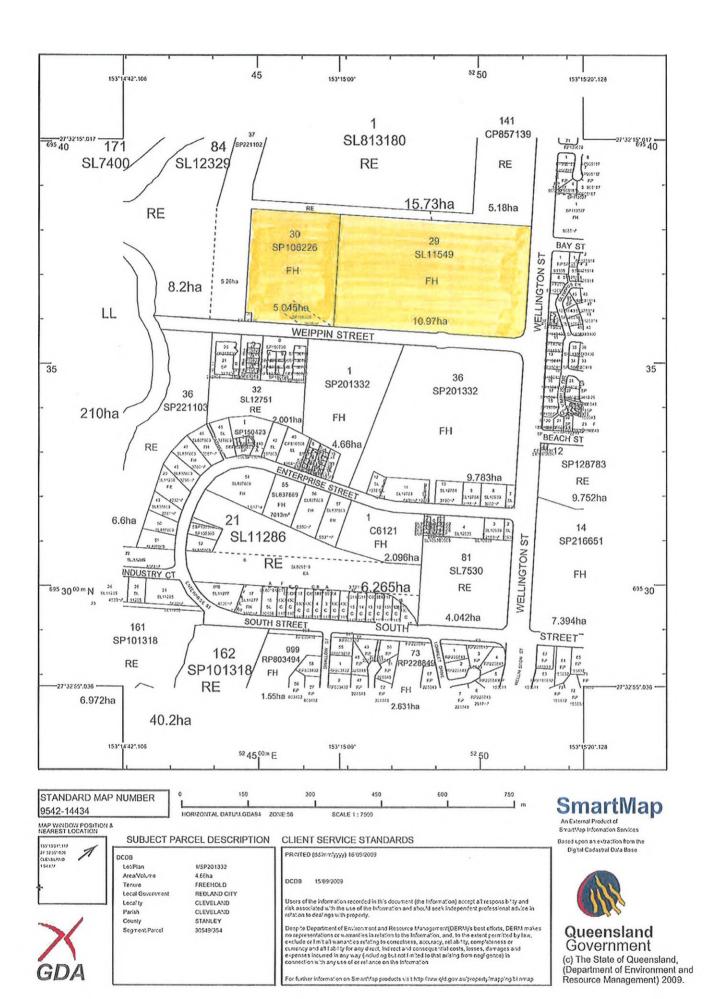
Mr Andrew Laming MP, Member for Bowman.

☐ Election Commitment

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Deputy Premier Minister for Health

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The Honourable Kate Jones MP Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability Member for Ashgrove PO Box 15155 CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister Kate.

I write in response to your recent letter regarding the operation of the "Queensland Government State Land Freeze" on the clearing or disposal of State owned land in South East Queensland, which is an element of the Koala Crisis Response Strategy released in December 2008. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Thank you for providing a copy of the Koala Crisis Response Strategy, which aims to address the rapid decline in Koala populations in South East Queensland, as well as a copy of the protocol requiring that all projects for which an exemption, on the basis of being urgent social infrastructure is claimed, are to be considered by you.

Queensland Health supports the Koala Crisis Response Strategy and officers of Queensland Health will ensure that any proposed Queensland Health project that involves the clearing or disposal of land in South East Queensland will be forwarded with my endorsement to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) for assessment and your subsequent consideration in accordance with the protocol.

Queensland Health is presently undertaking a site options study for a planned project to construct infrastructure on the Redland Hospital site, which will require the clearing of part of the site. Officers of the Health Planning and Infrastructure Division, Queensland Health, have been consulting with the officers from Koala Conservation Unit, DERM over the past six months with respect to this proposed project.

Following the availability of the results of the site options study, which will determine the extent of the clearing of the site required for the project, consultation will continue with the Koala Conservation Unit, DERM. This will ensure that Queensland Health complies at all times with the requirements of either the Koala Crisis Response Strategy and the protocol, or the State Planning Policy, which ever is appropriate at the time to progress the proposed projects.

19th Floor State Health Building 147-163 Charlotte Street Brisbane GPO Box 48 Brisbane Queensland 4001 Australia Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mr Aaron Broughton, Policy Advisor, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP Deputy Premier Minister for Health