



Senator John Faulkner

Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories

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Dear Mr Loughnan

I am writing to you concerning the proposal by Queensland Resort Enterprises Pty and Monte Christo Pty Ltd to acquire leasehold interests and freehold interests in land known as "Monte Christo", Curtis Island, Gladstone, Queensland to be used for a proposed tourist resort development.

As the proposal is likely to effect the environment to a significant extent, Queensland Resort Enterprises Pty and Monte Christo Pty Ltd were designated by the Assistant Treasurer, the Hon George Gear MP, as proponents for the proposal in accordance with the Administrative Procedures under the *Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974* on 18 July 1995.

I have determined, in accordance with paragraph 3.1.1.(b) of the Administrative Procedures, that neither an environmental impact statement nor a public environment report is necessary to meet the object of the Act and I have advised the Assistant Treasurer accordingly. In making this determination I have made a number of recommendations aimed at providing additional environmental protection. A copy of these recommendations is attached.

Yours sincerely

JOHN FAULKNER



**Monte Christo Pty Ltd and Queensland Resort Enterprises- Monte Christo Tourism Resort Proposal.**

**Recommendations for Environmental Protection**

**1. Turtle nesting**

*The proponent shall consult with QDEH (National Parks and Wildlife Service) to develop measures to ensure that there is minimal impact on turtle populations.*

**2. Boating impacts**

*The proponent shall in association with QDEH and the Gladstone Port Authority, monitor the impact of resort vessels on Graham Creek and Hobble Gully with respect to wake erosion, increased turbidity and impacts on seagrasses and fringing mangroves.*

**3. Dugong Protection**

*The proponent shall identify, in consultation with QDEH, any areas used by Dugong for breeding calving or feeding in the operational areas of Hobble Gully and Graham Creek. Any areas identified should be subject to a restriction on boat speed to less than 5 knots per hour.*

**4. Aboriginal Consultation**

*The proponent shall liaise with the Queensland Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) regarding appropriate mechanisms for consultation with Aboriginal communities about the proposal. Following these consultations, reports should be provided to QDEH and DFCS.*

**5. Community Consultation**

*The proponent shall formulate a community consultation plan to be approved by QDEH. Following its implementation, a report should be provided to QDEH for consideration in drafting conservation and management plans for both the leased areas, including the Nature Refuge and Conservation Park, and the proposed National Park.*

**6. Compliance with relevant obligations, commitments and conditions**

*The proponent shall carry out the project consistently with the documents provided and abide by the relevant conditions and undertakings as set out in the Impact Assessment Study 1990, approval from Calliope Shire Council, determination of the Planning and Environment Court 1992, detailed lease conditions for Crown land (including the proposed Conservation Parks and Nature Refuge) and additional information supplied by the proponent to the EPA on 17 October 1995.*