

## Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Minister for Sport
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Mr Tim Reigel Managing Director QRE Pty Ltd PO Box 1108 CALOUNDRA QLD 4551

Dear Mr Reigel

Thank you for your letter of 6 May 2013, applying for the Australian Government's Tourism Major Project Facilitation (TMPF) service for your proposed Turtle Street resort development on Curtis Island.

The TMPF service demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to delivering better investment facilitation services and a simpler, more streamlined regulatory environment to help achieve *Tourism 2020's* target of increasing overnight visitor expenditure to between \$115 billion to \$140 billion by 2020.

I am pleased to advise that I have decided to grant TMPF status to the Turtle Street Project. A case manager has been assigned from my Department to work with you to identify the range of Australian Government approvals required for the development and to seek opportunities to streamline approvals with Australian and Queensland Government agencies.

It is important to note that while TMPF status provides in-principle support for the development, it does not imply any government guarantee for the commercial success or otherwise of the project, nor does it absolve the project from meeting less than the standard requirements of the relevant Australian, State and local government approval processes. If the project is seeking a public grant, TMPF status does not confer preferential treatment of an application for funding.

The case manager within my Department is Ms Emma McDonald, Manager, TMPF service (<a href="mailto:emma.mcdonald@ret.gov.au">emma.mcdonald@ret.gov.au</a> 02 6243 7531). I understand she has already been in contact with you regarding how the facilitation service might assist the Turtle Street development.

I look forward to being informed of progress of this significant tourism project.

Yours sincerely

DON FARRELL

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