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Mayor and Councillors  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974  
AYR QLD, 4807

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

**Re: National Ride2School Day – Friday 23 March 2012**

We are excited to run the 6th annual National Ride2School Day and we would like to invite your direct involvement in the day.

The event last year involved 140,000 children from 1050 schools, many of who were riding to school for the first time. The day is all about fun, excitement and lots of movement but is underpinned by the serious purpose of enabling children to be more active as part of an effective response to the diseases that threaten our inactive children including obesity and diabetes.

Many of the best performing, most active schools in the Ride2School program took their first step by participating in National Ride2School Day and we would very much appreciate your leadership and support in promoting this important work.

**Please help us to promote National Ride2School Day in at least one or more of the following ways:**

- **Be present at a local media opportunity in your local government area:** We will provide a list of participating schools in your municipality along with a media release template upon request.
- **Write a letter of support to schools in your municipality:** Contact us for a draft letter which can get you started.
- **Display the enclosed posters around your local community to promote the day to your community.** Please let us know if you would like us to send you more.

All schools that sign-up for the event at [www.ride2school.com.au](http://www.ride2school.com.au) will be sent posters, stickers and other resources to help make their National Ride2School Day a success.

Please feel free to give the Ride2School team a call on (03) 8376 8888 if you would like further advice about how you can assist in increasing registrations or provide support on the day. Any involvement you may have is much appreciated and will contribute to supporting healthier, happier students.

Regards,

**Scott Whiffin**  
**Ride2School Program Director**  
(03) 8376 8888  
[ride2school@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:ride2school@bicyclenetwork.com.au)

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BURDEKIN MACHINE KNITTERS CLUB.

P.O.Box 1267,

AYR. 4807.

18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

The Mayor,  
Burdekin Shire Council,  
P.O.Box 974,  
AYR, Q. 4807..

Dear Mrs. I. McLaughlin,

Due to lack of members the Burdekin Machine Knitters Club find it necessary to disband and request that your records be adjusted accordingly. The Members wish to thank the Members of the Council for the interest and assistance you have given the Club over the years. With our best wishes for the future of your endeavours to develop the Shire.

Yours faithfully,

*Joyce Land*  
Secretary

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# Circular

## Standardised Operation of School Zone Times

### For Information/Action

**Circular:** 2012-034

**Release Date:** Friday, 17 February 2012

**Authorised by:** Greg Hallam PSM Executive Director

The Queensland Government has mandated standardised school zone times to improve compliance within school zones and remove confusion for motorists travelling between Local Government Areas.

The new school zone operating times for all schools in Queensland will be standardised to 7-9 am and 2-4 pm, unless specifically signed.

Key dates:

By 16 April 2012, signage for all school zones across south-east Queensland will be upgraded to 7-9 am and 2-4 pm;

By 9 July 2012, all schools outside south-east Queensland will have standardised school zones for their council area.

To cater for school and regional circumstances, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will consider exemptions to this policy and extensions to the times.

TMR Regional Road Safety Managers are working with councils outside south-east Queensland to help determine the appropriate times for each area. Time adjustment application forms are available through these representatives or on the [TMR website](#).

If your Local Government Area is outside south-east Queensland, and you haven't yet been contacted by TMR to discuss your needs, contact your regional manager on the details provided on the [TMR website](#).

The website also provides detailed fact sheets relating to the school zone reforms.

Your LGAQ contact for this issue is Tony Appleyard, Senior Advisor – Roads Alliance, (07) 3000 2249, [tony\\_appleyard@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:tony_appleyard@lgaq.asn.au).

# Circular

## Infrastructure Charges Advisory Panel to be Created

### For Information/Action

**Circular:** 2012-035

**Release Date:** Monday, 20 February 2012

**Authorised by:** Greg Hallam PSM Executive Director

LGAQ has confirmed its participation on a panel to provide advice on the implementation of the infrastructure charges reform program.

On 12 April 2011, the State Government released its response to the Infrastructure Charges Taskforce final report, outlining a three year reform package to implement the 10 Taskforce recommendations for reform. In response to the Infrastructure Charges Taskforce recommendations, an infrastructure charges advisory panel is being formed by the State Government. This advisory panel is expected to provide advice on the implementation of the infrastructure charging reforms, including:

- the introduction of a deferred payment mechanism;
- the role of infrastructure related development conditioning; and
- the application of infrastructure 'credits and offsets

The advisory panel will also **perform an evaluation of the interim infrastructure charging reforms including consideration of the maximum adopted infrastructure charges.**

The State has requested representation from LGAQ on the panel, which will also include representatives from the development and legal industries as well as the various relevant State Government departments.

The Association is in ongoing discussions with the State Government regarding increasing local government representation on the panel, albeit no formal decision will be made until after the State Government elections.

The LGAQ will also be forming a local government infrastructure charges working group to support our advisory panel representative by providing comprehensive, technical and timely advice. Further information and details on the working group will be provided shortly including formal invitation;

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however we would welcome your council nominating its early interest in participating in the working group.



# North Queensland Sports Foundation

*Proud to be North Queensland*

Established in 1983 by the Local Government Authorities of North Queensland

20 February 2012

Mr Ken Holt,  
CEO,  
Burdekin Shire Council,  
PO Box 974  
AYR QLD 4807

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Dear Ken,

## **Board Membership - North Queensland Sports Foundation**

At a recent Board meeting of the North Queensland Sports Foundation, future Board membership of this organisation was raised.

In particular, the fact that the next Local Government elections, to be held on April 28 2012, will occur just 2 months prior to the "2012 RACQ Insurance North Queensland Games" in the Mackay region from 22 to 25 June 2012.

With due recognition to election results, it would be appreciated if your Council would consider agreeing to Cr Lynette McLaughlin being retained as the Burdekin representative on the NQSF Board until the 2012 North Queensland Games are closed. This request is made out of the need for continuity of management over the period of the Games, and to recognise the contribution of current members of the Board.

Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me at the North Queensland Sports Foundation.

Yours sincerely

Col Kenna  
Manager

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Dear Council

I am a 12 year old boy living in Giru. My friends and I all want a skate park, and here is why.

Firstly, the closest thing we have to a skate park is a storm water drain which is located opposite to the Invicta Mill where mill mud trucks and other traffic pass frequently and it's not safe.

Secondly, the nearest real skate park is in Ayr and it's a 20 minute drive. I don't know about you but I don't want to drive all the way to Ayr just to go to a skate park.

Thirdly, we have got a set of swings and a little fort at the park, but that is more aimed at younger children and as I stated before, I'm 12. There are approximately 80 students in my school who would enjoy a skate park at the park in Giru. There are also many high school students who would enjoy a skate park.

Finally, after school, lots of kids stay inside and watch TV. If we had a skate park in Giru lots of people would go out, use it and get some exercise.

I hope my letter has persuaded you all to put a skate park in Giru.

I have attached a signed petition from all of the people who think that a skate park in Giru would be awesome.

Thank you for your time. I look forward in hear from the council soon.

Sincerely yours  
*Thomas Papadimitriou*  
 Thomas Papadimitriou  
 4 Carey Street  
 GIRU Q 4809

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# SKATE PARK PETITION

I agree that a skate park in Giru would be an excellent idea.

Name	Address	Signature
1 Thecla Papadimitriou	Carey St, Giru	2.
2 Dion Papadimitriou	Carey St, Giru	DP.
3 Thomas Papadimitriou	Carey St, Giru	DP.
4 Elin Papadimitriou	Carey St, Giru	DP.
5 Ken Lamb	45 Luxton Street Giru	KL.
6 Warren Hamilton	28 mill st Giru	WH.
7 Bradley Wood	34 baird + left Road	BRW.
8 Sonen Walsh	Smith road, Sharnbrook	SW.
9 Bernie Poletto	17 baird rd Giru	BP.
10 Jordan Spencer	1 Brook St Giru	JS.
11 Jesse Fierman	6 Deane St Giru	JF.
12 Zeeva Steings	14 Barbary St	ZS.
13 Jacob Poletti	Maritally Drive	JP.
14 Nicholas Fotinos	23 Barbary St	NF.
15 Casey Manson	Mail Box 36 Giru	C.M.
16 Caitlin Danziger	Woodstock Rd Giru	CD.
17 Mackenzi Briggs	29 Lyons St Giru	MB.
18 Breannah Hamilton	24 Mill St Giru	BH.
19 Amaya Manson	Lot 50 radio rd Giru	A.M.
20 Julia Todeschino	222 Link Rd Giru	JT.
21 Ani Poletti	17 Sharnbrook Rd	AP.
22 Jesse Hall	doneagh	JH.
23 Jack Sheather	61 Sharnbrook Rd	JS.
24 Emma Lyons	33351 Bruce Highway	EL.
25 Bianca Pontarelli	32644 Bruce Highway Giru	BP.
26 Jordan Griggs	9 Lyons St Giru	JG.
27 Angela Todeschino	222 Link Rd Giru	AT.
28 Devecha O'Neill	209 Pichowski Rd Giru	DO.
29 Scott Grant	145 Pirella Rd Giru	SG.
30 Ben Grant	81 Pirella Rd Giru	B.G.
31 Brody Stephens	37 Sandy Camp rd	B.S.
32 Chiara Pontarelli	32644 Bruce Highway	CP.
33 Ashton Carter	202 Pirella Rd	AC.
34 Beau SHEPHERD	13 Lyons St Giru	BS.
35 Cameron Forbes	101 Pirella Rd Giru	CF.
36 Paige Griggs	9 Lyons St Giru	PG.
37 Boyd pope	7 blee st Giru	BP.
38 Lorian Shepherd	7 blee st Giru	LS.
39 Doltan Shepherd	7 blee st Giru	DS.
40 Julian hamilton	28 mill st Giru	JH.
41 Tracey Shaw	Giru/Woodstock Rd Giru	TS.
42 Jack Shaw	Giru/Woodstock Rd Giru	JS.
43 Paula Scardel	135 Link Rd Giru	PS.



# SKATE PARK PETITION

I agree that a skate park in Giru would be an excellent idea.

Name	Address	Signature
44 Simone Myles	1046 Woodstock Rd, Giru	
45 Adrian Westwood	38 Danaghe St, Giru	
46 Meg Westwood	38 Danaghe St, Giru	
47 Jamie Westwood	38 Danaghe St, Giru	
48 Anita Danciger	819 Woodstock Rd, Giru	
49 Liam Carner	24 Lyons Road, Giru	
50 Amanda McAliff	1543 Woodstock Rd, Giru	
51 Katie Anne McAliff	" " " "	
52 Jack McAliff	" " " "	
53 Robert Hollis	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
54 Sharon Hollis	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
55 Jaynika Hollis	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
56 GEORGETTE HOLLIS	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
57 DIMITRIOS PAPADIMITRIOU	4 CAREY ST GIRU	
58 Gloria LAZZARINI	106 Rita Island Rd, AYR	
59 STEFANIE HUSTON	612 UPPER HAUGHTON RD GIRU	
60 JACK HUSTON	612 UPPER HAUGHTON RD GIR	
61 Renee Kelly	5 Calhope close Darglan	
62 KRIS GRIGGS	9 LYONS ST GIRU	
63 DAMIEN GRIGGS	9 LYONS ST GIRU	
64 Timothy Reents	26 Lyons St Giru.	
65 Nathan Richards	13 bottle brush crt. NOME	
66 RAMON FENN	26 LYONS ST GIRU	
67 JOHN MARE DONALD	DEANE ST	
68 RUBY HINDOM	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
69 MARSHALL BAGGIO	6 CAREY ST GIRU	
70 JODY GRIGG	16 Deane St Giru	
71 M Gault	16 Deane St Giru	
72 K Kempshell	16 Deane St Giru	
73 A. AREND	4 CAREY ST GIRU.	
74 R. AREND	4 CAREY ST GIRU	
75 S. FRILINGOS	48 Rundle St.	
76 D. FRILINGOS	48 Rundle St.	
77 G. FRILINGOS	48 Rundle St.	
78 A. PAPADIMITRIOU	BRUCE HWY GIRU.	
79 P. PAPADIMITRIOU	GIBSON ST AYR	
80 R. PAPADIMITRIOU	GIBSON ST AYR	
81 M. GIANOUIS	Warland St Giru	
82 C. GIANOUIS	Warland St Giru	
83 K. GIANOUIS	Warland St	
84 J. GIANOUIS	Warland St	
85 S. AREND	ALPINE CRT	
86 S. AREND	ALPINE CRT	

24 February 2012

Mr Ken Holt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974  
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Holt

The change of the Local Government election date from 31 March 2012 to 28 April 2012 also has unavoidable follow on consequences for the term of both the LGAQ Policy Executive and Board, necessitating further change to the LGAQ Constitution.

The LGAQ apologises for the inconvenience of asking members to vote on another "rule" change, but the matter and timing are completely out of our control. Moreover, if we don't amend our Constitution it would result in the Association having no Policy Executive or Board for a considerable period of time.

Please be advised that a resolution of Council is not required under the LGAQ's Constitution. However, if the Council wants to take it to a General Meeting, that is lawful, but entirely a matter for the Council.

Please find attached the Notice of General Meeting pursuant to Rule 4.2 and the specific ballot paper for your council.


As indicated on the Ballot Paper it can only be signed by the Mayor or CEO of the Council. All Ballot Papers have been forwarded to Councils by Registered Mail and must be returned to me in my capacity as Returning Officer either by **hand** or in the **registered post envelope** provided by **5pm on 26 March 2012**.

It is most important your council votes on this matter because under the Corporations Act 2001 a vote in favour of proposed changes must achieve 75% support of all eligible votes.

In the event that you do not receive or lose the Ballot Paper sent by registered mail on receipt of a statutory declaration to that effect I will reissue the Ballot Paper. We will be conducting a search with Australia Post on **Friday 16 March 2012** to ascertain whether all dispatched registered mail has been signed for.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact me via email [greg\\_hallam@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:greg_hallam@lgaq.asn.au) or telephone (07) 3000 2221.

Yours sincerely

  
Greg Hallam PSM  
RETURNING OFFICER

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# PLEASE VOTE ON EVERY MOTION

## VOTING PAPER

**MEMBER: Burdekin Shire Council**

**VOTING ENTITLEMENT: 2**

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR VOTING INTENTION BY PLACING A MARK IN THE BOX ADJACENT TO THE WORD "FOR" IF YOU ARE FOR THE MOTION OR ADJACENT TO THE WORD "AGAINST" IF YOU ARE AGAINST THE MOTION**

### **Motion 1**

That rule 5.2 of the Constitution of the LGAQ be amended as follows: -

*In rule 5.2(1)*

1. *At the end of sub-paragraph (a), insert the word "or";*
2. *After sub-paragraph(a), insert a new sub-paragraph as follows: -  
"(b) That person was, immediately before a Quadrennial Election held in the past ninety days, a councillor of a Member; and";*
3. *Re-number existing sub-paragraph (b) as sub-paragraph (c);*

*In rule 5.2(2): -*

1. *Delete existing sub-paragraph (a) and replace it with the following new sub-paragraph: -  
"(a) his or her resigning as a councillor of a Member prior to a Quadrennial Election; or"*
2. *Inserting a new sub-paragraph (b) as follows: -  
"(b) Ninety days having passed since a Quadrennial Election after which he or she ceased to be a councillor of a member; or"*
3. *Re-numbering existing sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) as sub-paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively.*

MOTION 1	
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## PLEASE VOTE ON EVERY MOTION

### Motion 2

That rule 6.1 of the Constitution of the LGAQ be amended as follows:

*Delete existing sub-paragraph (4) and insert a new sub-paragraph (4) as follows: -*

*“(4) A person holding office as President vacates that office immediately upon: -*

*(a) his or her resigning as a councillor of a Member prior to a Quadrennial Election;  
or*

*(b) Ninety days having passed since a Quadrennial Election after which he or she  
ceased to be a councillor of a member.*

MOTION 2	
FOR	
AGAINST	

### Motion 3

That rule 5.4(1) of the Constitution of the LGAQ be amended as follows:

1. *In sub-paragraph (a), delete the words “the first day of June in each year in which a Quadrennial Election is held” and insert, in their place, the following words: -*

*“ninety days after a Quadrennial Election is held”*

2. *In sub-paragraph (e), delete the words “on the first day of June in the year of election or appointment” and insert, in their place, the following words: -*

*“ninety days after the date of the Quadrennial Election”*

3. *In sub-paragraph (e), delete the words “the thirty first day of May following” and insert, in their place, the following words: -*

*“eighty-nine days after”*

MOTION 3	
FOR	
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## PLEASE VOTE ON EVERY MOTION

### Motion 4

That rule 6.15 of the Constitution of the LGAQ be amended as follows:

*In rule 6.15, sub-paragraph (8), sub-sub-paragraph (c), delete the words "1 June in the year in which" and insert, in their place, the words "ninety days after".*

MOTION 4	
FOR	
AGAINST	

### Motion 5

That rule 1.2 of the Constitution of the LGAQ be amended as follows: -

*In rule 1.2 (Definitions), definition of "Quadrennial Election", delete the words "Local Government Act 2009" and insert, in their place, the words "Local Government Electoral Act 2011".*

MOTION 5	
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## **Notice of Special General Meeting – Postal Vote**

### ***Proposed business: Amendments to the Constitution of the LGAQ***

#### **To be conducted by postal voting in accordance with rule 4.14 of the Constitution**

In accordance with rule 4.1 of the LGAQ's Constitution, and following the decision of the LGAQ Board on 22 February 2012, all members are notified of the holding of a Special General Meeting of LGAQ Ltd, to be convened at **5pm on 26 March 2012** at LGAQ House, Evelyn Street Newstead.

In accordance with rule 4.14 of the LGAQ's Constitution, the chief executive officer has determined that this special general meeting be convened by postal voting.

As a consequence, all voting papers (as attached) must be received by the chief executive officer (returning officer) by not later than 5.00 pm on Monday 26 March 2012.

**The business of the Special General Meeting is as follows: -**

#### **Motion 1**

**Purpose: To enable retiring or defeated councillors who are Executive Representatives on the Policy Executive (and Directors appointed to the Board) to continue in their roles for a maximum period of 90 days after the conclusion of a quadrennial local government election**

#### **Actual text of proposed amendments:**

In rule 5.2(1): -

1. At the end of sub-paragraph (a), insert the word "or";
2. After sub-paragraph(a), insert a new sub-paragraph as follows: -  
    "(b) That person was, immediately before a Quadrennial Election held in the past ninety days, a councillor of a Member; and";
3. Re-number existing sub-paragraph (b) as sub-paragraph (c);

In rule 5.2(2): -

1. Delete existing sub-paragraph (a) and replace it with the following new sub-paragraph: -  
    "(a) his or her resigning as a councillor of a Member prior to a Quadrennial Election; or"
2. Inserting a new sub-paragraph (b) as follows: -  
    "(b) Ninety days having passed since a Quadrennial Election after which he or she ceased to be a councillor of a member; or"
3. Re-numbering existing sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) as sub-paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively.

## **Motion 2**

**Purpose: To enable a President who has retired or is defeated to continue in the role of President for a maximum period of 90 days after the conclusion of a quadrennial local government election**

### **Actual text of proposed amendment:**

In rule 6.1, delete existing sub-paragraph (4) and insert a new sub-paragraph (4) as follows: -

“(4) A person holding office as President vacates that office immediately upon: -

- (a) his or her resigning as a councillor of a Member prior to a Quadrennial Election; or
- (b) Ninety days having passed since a Quadrennial Election after which he or she ceased to be a councillor of a member.

## **Motion 3**

**Purpose: In relation to appointing Executive representatives to the Policy Executive, removing the requirement to have the appointments filled by a specified date (presently 1 June) and, in its place, require the appointments to have occurred within 90 days of the date of the Quadrennial Election**

### **Actual text of proposed amendments:**

In rule 5.4(1): -

1. In sub-paragraph (a), delete the words “the first day of June in each year in which a Quadrennial Election is held” and insert, in their place, the following words: -  
“ninety days after a Quadrennial Election is held”
2. In sub-paragraph (e), delete the words “on the first day of June in the year of election or appointment” and insert, in their place, the following words: -  
“ninety days after the date of the Quadrennial Election”
3. In sub-paragraph (e), delete the words “the thirty first day of May following” and insert, in their place, the following words: -  
“eighty-nine days after”

## **Motion 4**

**Purpose: A amendment consequential to the amendments proposed by Motions 1, 2 and 3 in relation to the timing of appointment of an alternate director**

### **Actual text of proposed amendment:**

In rule 6.15, sub-paragraph (8), sub-sub-paragraph (c), delete the words “1 June in the year in which” and insert, in their place, the words “ninety days after”



### **Motion 5**

**Purpose:** A minor amendment to update the statutory reference in the definition of “Quadrennial Election”

**Actual text of proposed amendments:**

In rule 1.2 (Definitions), definition of “Quadrennial Election”, delete the words “Local Government Act 2009” and insert, in their place, the words “Local Government Electoral Act 2011”

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The date for this year's local government elections has changed to 28 April 2012.

It is understood that no local government election results will be declared until 8 May 2012.

As a consequence, it is highly unlikely that the LGAQ's members will have sufficient time to consider election of policy executive representatives within the timeframes presently prescribed by the LGAQ's constitution and rules (i.e. 1 June 2012).

The constitution and rules have been reviewed and amendments are being proposed to resolve this difficulty. In fact the amendments proposed will not only extend the timelines for this year's policy executive elections, they will no longer link the requirement to conduct the elections to a specified date. Rather, the changes proposed will require elections for policy executive members to be concluded within 90 days of the quadrennial local government elections, whenever that date might be.

The amendments proposed also confirm that existing policy executive members (and the President) remain in office until the next policy executive has been elected.

The final amendment is a minor one, merely updating a legislative reference (in relation to the definition of "Quadrennial Election").



Cr Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974,  
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## Port of Abbot Point – Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to advise of a new environmental initiative underway at the Port of Abbot Point. The port is located north of Bowen in northern Queensland and is adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

The current port operator and the proponents of new port capacity at Abbot Point are committed to best practice in environmental design and management. The companies have come together to undertake a comprehensive investigation of environmental impacts from their proposed projects at the port through a Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment.

The Port of Abbot Point is one of three existing coal ports in Queensland and has been identified by the Queensland Government as a preferred port to support further development of the coal export industry. It is seen as critical to economic development in Central and North Queensland, as underlined by the Government's designation of a State Development Area at Abbot Point.

The Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment process will be wide ranging and involve 15 detailed studies in the following areas:

Shipping	Lighting
Marine Water Quality	Coastal Hydrodynamics
Dredge Plume Modelling	Species and Habitat Assessment
Operational Noise	Dust
Groundwater	Climate Change
Wetland Hydrology and Water Quality	Fishing
Underwater Noise	Joint Offsets Strategy
Visual Amenity	

The studies are being undertaken by recognised scientific experts in their fields and in turn will be independently reviewed and then consolidated into one overall report. The draft report will be available for public comment before finalisation and submission to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments.

Responsibility for individual studies is being shared among the project proponents. For example, BHP Billiton has carriage of a reef wide study of shipping. This study is looking at current and potential shipping movements through the reef and in consultation with ports, maritime safety organisations, and the shipping industry will examine future management arrangements to ensure protection of the reef.

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Further details on the individual studies, including the shipping study, are outlined in the attachment to this letter.

The Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC), the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Queensland Government have been consulted in the preparation of the impact assessment framework and schedule.

The information from the Abbot Point Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment study in turn will inform the assessment of the different projects at Abbot Point under national and state environmental law.

The information gathered at Abbot Point will also be available to feed into the two strategic assessments recently announced by the Federal and Queensland governments on future development in or near the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The Abbot Point Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment will therefore be complementary by providing an information baseline for subsequent project proposals.

Interested stakeholders and members of the public will be invited to comment on the draft Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Advertisements seeking comments will be placed in *The Courier Mail* and local newspapers in July or August this year. Anyone wishing to register interest beforehand or seeking further information at this stage should contact Gary Campbell at NQBP on 07 3336 8084 or email [gcampbell@nqbp.com.au](mailto:gcampbell@nqbp.com.au).

We look forward to delivering this work which we believe will set a new standard for assessment information on port developments.

Yours sincerely



**Brad Fish**  
**CEO, NQBP**  
**On behalf of BHP Billiton, Adani and Hancock Coal**

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## Port of Abbot Point

### Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment Studies

The table below outlines the scope of the technical studies underway that will inform the cumulative environmental impact assessment being conducted at the Port of Abbot Point. The studies cover proposed expansion of the current port facility (T0), new terminals and offshore berths proposed by BHP Billiton (T2) and GVK-Hancock Coal (T3) as well as the new terminal capacity (T4 to T9) at that forms part of a proposed Multi Cargo Facility (MCF) being managed by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBP).

Study	Scope of cumulative assessment work
<b>Dredging and dredge plume modelling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of the combined footprint, turbidity, sediment plumes, seabed (seagrass and benthic) and habitat impacts of dredging activities associated with all proposed developments.</li> <li>Sediment testing and analysis.</li> <li>Analysis of dredging risks to marine mammals, turtles and other species.</li> </ul>
<b>Spoil disposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full multi-criteria analysis of spoil disposal options including onshore and offshore options.</li> <li>Analysis includes consideration of environmental, engineering, social and cost factors.</li> </ul>
<b>Underwater noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of the sound propagation and environmental risks associated with piling works for new offshore trestles; sheet piling and rock placements for MCF.</li> <li>Temporal and spatial effects of overlapping activities and/or effects of consecutive activities.</li> <li>Mitigation measures relevant for different scenarios and sensitive environmental factors (e.g. whales, dolphins).</li> </ul>
<b>Species and Habitat Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of the impact to migratory bird habitats, threatened species and vegetation communities in and near the port.</li> <li>Habitat modification from light, noise, dust and water quality changes on migratory birds etc.</li> <li>Ecosystem function and health.</li> <li>Identification of infrastructure design and mitigation methods to reduce impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Groundwater</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpretation of existing data to determine impacts on groundwater storage and movement, wetlands and flows.</li> <li>Development of a groundwater monitoring plan.</li> <li>Identification of infrastructure design and mitigation methods to reduce impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Operational noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculation of the noise envelope emanating from the construction and operation of new terminals and MCF (separately and collectively) on port and nearby environments.</li> <li>Particular focus on wetland (listed migratory birds) and nearby beaches (turtles).</li> <li>Identification of noise limiting technologies and impact reduction strategies.</li> </ul>
<b>Coastal hydrodynamics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment and modelling of any resultant changes to coastal processes, tidal/current movements and sediment transport as a result of terminal jetties and the MCF.</li> </ul>
<b>Wetland Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build a current data set of wetland and overland flow hydrology dynamics</li> <li>Determine changes resulting from new terminal and MCF construction, including effects of sedimentation pond overflow risks and water quality impacts.</li> <li>Identify design improvements and mitigation measures to reduce any unacceptable impacts.</li> </ul>

Study	Scope of cumulative assessment work
<b>Visual amenity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expert view representation of proposed port developments.</li> <li>• Analysis of visual aesthetics from a number of viewpoints including Bruce Hwy, Bowen and offshore.</li> <li>• Assess whether landscape at Abbot Point is materially changed.</li> <li>• Examine against existing landscape character and values; human access and appreciation; WHA values of universal outstanding value as demonstrated in other parts of the Great Barrier Reef.</li> <li>• Identify measures to reduce visual impact on local residents and key user groups (e.g. fishers, tourists)</li> </ul>
<b>Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model light shed on wetland, beaches and marine environment.</li> <li>• Assess impacts to birds, turtles and other wildlife.</li> <li>• Identify design improvements and mitigation measures to reduce any unacceptable impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Dust</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model dust deposition from terminal operation on listed threatened and migratory species, wetland, marine environments and human settlements.</li> <li>• Identify design improvements and mitigation measures to reduce any unacceptable impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Shipping</b> <i>Reef wide component</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the international, national and regional controls relating to shipping.</li> <li>• Outline current shipping management arrangements in the Great Barrier Reef.</li> <li>• Analyse current and future shipping activities in the Great Barrier Reef.</li> <li>• Identify potential environmental implications at a reef wide level.</li> <li>• Determine and articulate likely shipping environmental risks.</li> <li>• Analyse likelihood and consequence of ship groundings and collisions.</li> <li>• Identify risk management measures.</li> </ul>
<i>Abbot Point component</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine anchorage locations, waiting times and impacts.</li> <li>• Outline the potential for transfer of exotic marine species (via both ballast water and biofouling).</li> <li>• Examine ship waste management (garbage, sewage, oily waste).</li> <li>• Calculate atmospheric emissions (pollutants and greenhouse gases).</li> <li>• Consider port vessel movements during construction and operational phases.</li> <li>• Visual and lighting impacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Fishing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the implications to commercial and recreational fishers during construction and operation of an expanded port.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the carbon emission footprint of the port's design, construction and operation.</li> <li>• Identify mechanisms to reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions from the port.</li> <li>• Ensure port design has accounted for possible climate change effects such as sea level rise.</li> </ul>
<b>Joint Offsets Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a coordinated offset program involving all port operators at Abbot Point to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ address all residual impacts and provide a net gain</li> <li>○ enable proponents to contribute proportionally</li> <li>○ focus on Abbot Point, wetlands, nearby locations and MNES</li> <li>○ provide scalability for future projects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO,

I am writing to invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 17 – 20 June 2012.

The theme for this year's NGA is **'National Voice, Local Choice – Infrastructure, Planning, Services'**.

The three elements of the theme allow us to explore the key priorities and challenges facing local government and our local communities and how we work with other levels of government:

- 'Infrastructure' allows delegates to focus on the local and community infrastructure provided by local government and seeks to develop innovative ideas for the provision of this infrastructure now as well as into the future;
- 'Planning' recognises the important role local government plays in planning for local communities. It asks delegates to consider how best to provide this critical role and the impact it has on shaping the future of communities in Australia; and
- 'Services' refers to the wide range of services provided by local government and the need to ensure the delivery of these services caters to the needs and opportunities in Australia's diverse communities.

Enclosed is the NGA Registration Brochure which contains full details of the program, business agenda and associated events.

You will see from the program that this year's NGA will be critically important in driving the local government agenda at the national level and influencing federal government policy. The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP and the Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water, Senator Barnaby Joyce have already confirmed they will address the NGA.

The Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Health and Leader of the Greens have also been invited to address the 2012 NGA.

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Your council's involvement in the NGA is vital to assist ALGA to maintain the renewed focus on local government and to drive improved outcomes for local government at the national level. A number of important policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates and is able to have its say.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Genia McCaffrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Genia McCaffrey  
**PRESIDENT**

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Dear Members,

The March 2012 [Policy Executive Business Paper](http://www.lgaq.asn.au/group/guest/policy-exec-board-papers-council) is now available for viewing or download from LG Online (<http://www.lgaq.asn.au/group/guest/policy-exec-board-papers-council>).

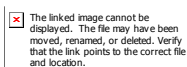
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Please find following information which may be of interest to you or your organisation. DHL Supply Chain (Australia) Pty Ltd has been approved as the first organisation able to deliver the TV and computer recycling scheme.

Kind regards

**Debbie Yee**

**Office of the Hon Senator Jan McLucas**

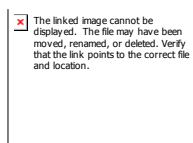
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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

6 March 2012

## **FIRST APPROVED ARRANGEMENT ANNOUNCED FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION AND COMPUTER RECYCLING SCHEME**

Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Don Farrell, today announced that DHL Supply Chain (Australia) Pty Ltd has been approved as the first



organisation able to deliver services under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.

The Scheme will provide Australian households and small businesses with access to free collection and recycling services for televisions, computers, printers and computer products.

As administrator of an approved co-regulatory arrangement, DHL is now able to sign up television and computer manufacturers and importers, and collect and recycle products on their behalf. It is also responsible for ensuring the arrangement meets the scheme's recycling targets.

Senator Farrell said the approval of DHL is an important next step for the industry-run National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, and further announcements of successful applicants are expected shortly.

"Having a variety of providers is expected to lead to more options, both for the community in how they dispose of unwanted televisions and computers and for manufacturers and importers in terms of which provider they join," he said.

"It is vital to the scheme's success that organisations applying to establish a co-regulatory arrangement are able to demonstrate that they can meet the scheme's strict operating criteria, and I congratulate DHL for doing just that."

DHL will administer the first of a number of co-regulatory arrangements that will be able to deliver collection and recycling services for televisions, computers and computer products nationally. Services under the new scheme are on track to commence in mid 2012, with access to services expanding across Australia by the end of 2013.

The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme aims to boost the recycling rate for televisions and computers from 17 per cent in 2010 to 80 per cent by 2020-21, and to provide a long-term solution to television and computer waste

"Televisions and computers contain valuable non-renewable resources including gold and other precious metals as well as hazardous materials including lead, bromine, mercury and zinc. By recycling them, we can recover useful materials and at the same time reduce health and environmental risks."

Approved co-regulatory arrangements are required to:

- achieve annual targets, starting with a 30 per cent recycling rate for computers and televisions in 2012-13 and rising to 80 per cent in 2020-21;
- complete rolling out reasonable access to free collection services across Australia by December 2013;
- meet a material recovery target of 90 per cent by 2014-2015 onwards;
- and ensure that appropriate occupational health and safety and environmental practices are in place.

The industry funded and run National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme is regulated by the Australian Government under the landmark *Product Stewardship Act 2011*.

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