

**"SMART TRAVEL CHOICES FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND"**

VIA

**ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY (ECO – COM), SELF-FUNDED (USER-CONTRIBUTION) AND MATCHED LOCAL/STATE GOVT. FUNDING,**

*UTILIZING;*

**URBAN GREEN SPACE ECONOMICS, (ECO – ECO). THROUGH THE USE OF PRE-PLANNED GREEN BELT URBAN ENVIRONMENT PASSIVE TRANSIT CORRIDORS, (WALK/RUN/RIDE/WHEELCHAIR TRACK), SAFE AND SECURED FOR ALL TIME, FOR ALL GENERATIONS.**

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**Foreword:**

In the past I have submitted many a submission to local government and state government as a member of the public as a social conscience effort in order to help better the world; *"save the planet, start locally"*. It just feels to me after 12 years of effort using my free time, *perhaps a waste of time*, as no feedback or acknowledgement of effort is received in return. Many a time I never get to see the finished report, nor do the department receiving the submissions ever bother to get back to me for follow up on suggestions or ideas put forward. In all honestly I think to myself, that government or the bureaucrat workers are looking for ideas to justify their jobs.

So please, do not let my efforts or other individual people's efforts go unacknowledged, because as normal people do, we just give up and say; *"oh well, what difference can I make; the government and the bureaucrats run this world, I'm just a pleb who makes no difference"*.

**INTRODUCTION:** *This is the unpublished viewpoint letter as sent to Gold Coast Bulletin.*

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In-door youth centres costing millions of dollars is not the only answer for generation anarchy minority. Give the youth paid work through innovative conservation encompassing ecological economics; (*urban greenspace economy*) by utilizing long distance green belt environmental corridors (*walk trails*) following along urban creek/rivers.

Environment greenbelt corridors that generate minimum sustainable economy where school children, disgruntled youth, the unemployed and the members of community will be able to have paid work or give voluntary work. Environment ethos enhanced by strong liaison communications between estates developers, council and community, creating a safe home living sanctuary environment for all time.

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## **"THE FUTURE BIG PICTURE"**

**Under the principals of Ecological Economics:**

Since 1993. Brett Dawson B. Hotel Management Graduate of Griffith University Gold Coast Campus Queensland has put together many submissions (f.o.c.) for many different levels of Australian Government, Federal, State and local council. The years of research and theories put to paper have been within the context of Ecological Economics (*Eco- Eco*).

The goal has always been for local communities managing and maintaining their local green space environment (*becoming involved*) as the local communities' environmental asset for all time. For local communities (*residents*) to take overseeing rights as to their ownership and partnership in maintaining and retaining urban (*suburbia*) second generation bushlands and green space environment corridors.

The local community by utilizing long distance green belt environmental corridors of which in the main follow along urban creek/rivers watercourse would voluntarily contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.

**“Creating a home living sanctuary environment”.**

The end achievements will show on paper an environment green space which generates a minimum sustainable economy where school children, disgruntled youth, the unemployed and the members of community will be able to have paid work or give voluntary work, contribute and be proud with the respect earned through effort input in the preservation of their urban environmental assets, natural or rehabilitated.

This submission paper, (on-going not completed) is presented in a multi-volume form from selected submitted submissions. This paper is based on new researched studies of "Ecological Economics" (*Eco-Eco*), "Ecological Community" (*Eco – Com*), "Ergonomic Ecological Economics", Erg-Eco-Eco, (EEE). The author acknowledges the institutions and the established associations of Ecological Economics fellowship in the main ANU (*Australian National University*).

The author puts notice to the reader the author is unaffiliated with any institutions or environmental associations and is independent and only a constituent of McPherson/Mudgeeraba/Gold Coast/Reedy Creek 4228, (*member of the public*).

The author is looking into solutions for environmental greenspace preservation within designated urban development. Please note, the author is looking at the small picture (*emerging local community*) moving towards the larger picture, (*regional urban development*).

**"Ecological Economics"**

*("Eco – Eco")*

*"The practice of sustainable environment conservation.*

*Preservation of the wilderness through sound eco-tourism permanent  
employment programs.*

*Development in co-existence, with the creation of  
employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our  
regional natural environment for all generations.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy through showing the  
economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in  
it's present state without degeneration".*

Leading to:

**"Ecological Community"**

*("Eco – Com")*

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks  
with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications  
between estate developers and local council.*

*An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and  
volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded  
and self-reliant  
in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community  
for all time for all generations.*

*"Creating a home living sanctuary environment".*

Giving to;

## **Ergonomic Ecological Economics**

**"Erg-Eco-Eco", (EEE).**

*(new meaning?)*

*Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community  
as our children are now being taught!*

*Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green  
Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain.*

*Producing green employment through community support.*

*Living with environment by utilising all renewable resources by harmonizing  
with community and environment through voluntary financial/association  
support. The best practice of sustainable conservation via preservation of the  
community remnant bushlands through sound green funded employment,  
i.e. Maintenance/Security/Track Leaders.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable ecological economy,  
showing the economic possibilities through leaving our suburbia  
natural/remnant environment as it is, in its present state, with out future  
degradation.*

*Natural watercourses saved and maintained by community ownership.  
"Environmental Green Belt Walk/Run/Ride/Wheelchair Track" (spoke) to  
community centres (hub) via green belt and open woodlands.  
(research on-going)*

## REEDY CREEK COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

### PROTECTION GROUP

22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2000

### COMPILATION AND RESEARCH

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

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Developers

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### **REFERENCES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The following is the collaboration of loose flowing ideas on a self-funding community environmental protection group within the area of Reedy Creek Environment Wildlife Corridor (Reedy Creek itself), bordering the housing estate "Kingsmore" and Woodland Drive, Reedy Creek. (Gold Coast Street Directory Maps Ed. UBD 1999; Maps 58 & 59).

The following is a non-commissioned submission as presented by B. Dawson B.Bus Griffith G.C.. The following is a private resident submission of 1 / 2 Navars Street Reedy Creek, opposite the areas of the Woodland Drive Old Growth Parklands and the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor.

The following is a one person submission follow up to the previous supplied letter of introduction on the idea of "Community Ecological Economics Environmental Protection" that is self-funding (*Eco-Com*; encls page 18), per the response on a questioned response questionnaire as provided by Gold Coast City Council Community & Recreational Services. Ref: Pn208921/16/-(p1)



**The crux of the report, is on the environmental protection of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor and Reedy Creek itself towards a sustainable suburban community protection agency complemented and encourage by City Council and Property Estate Developers. The community environment protection being volunteer self-funding by the community residents with committee formation and monthly or bi-monthly volunteer labouring within the council designated environmental protection areas.**

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks with community pride and spirit, enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council. An Ecological Community who are self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations. ("Eco-Com").*

The idea could be said to be germinated from the Gold Coast City Council initiated "Nature Conservation Strategy" released 01/09/1997. The nature conservation strategy identifies and assesses the city's ecological assets and provides guidance for their sustainable management. The final draft report consists of three volumes: "The Strategy Plan" (Vol. 1) "The Resource Inventory and Ecological Assessment" (Vol. 2) and "Consultation and Community Involvement" (Vol. 3) "Nature Strip" Sept. 1997 – Newsletter No.3 prepared by the Development and Environment Branch Gold Coast City Council)

The following private submission will also lean heavily on the information as supplied within the "Living City" Draft Planning Scheme, release dated; January 2000. "Advancing Ecologically sustainable land use and development on the Gold Coast" (1.0 Introduction: Shaping the Gold Coast Planning Scheme Pg. 3. Para. 3.). No greater sentence could be used by a City Council in the benchmark "*Gold Coast Draft Planning Scheme*", **then the desire to maintain and enhance residential amenity and the overall quality of life.**

## STAGE 1

### *Research*

*The character of the Reedy Creek area is in sharp contrast to the high density of the urban environment, characteristic of the coastline, as it is still relatively undeveloped.*

(5.7 Reedy Creek Structure Plan 5.7.1 "Purpose" Paragraph "Living City" Draft Planning Scheme, Jan 2000).

Research of the upper reaches of Reedy Creek on physical inspection is easily obtainable due to land holding area between Reedy Creek and Bonogin still being virgin scrub land as under ownership by developer investors within the Gold Coast City Boundaries. A 3 kilometre walk into the upper reaches of Reedy Creek has been detailed on report letter paper supplied with photographs to Mr R.McNab Manager of Community & Recreational Facilities Gold Coast City Council. Ref: Pn208921/16/-(p1) (enclosed).

Extensive Gold Coast City Council, (G.C.C.C.) maps in colour are now readily publicly available, one such map the "Reedy Creek Boundary Map EC-7.1" shows the emerging community of Reedy Creek in particular the current open area of undeveloped virgin scrubland currently under ownership of developers.

Although this submission only centres on the Reedy Creek emerging community, one suburb will not enhance its own quality of lifestyle for the residents if the adjoining suburb is not also carefully developed and consistencies of environment protection are maintained and/or recognised. Therefore the whole of the emerging city "Gold Coast" must as the council daft plan is trying to communicate, be a "Living City"

Further research will be required. It would be more then likely the research is already complied by the Gold Coast City Council Environment Advisory Committee "Gold Coast City Nature Conservation Strategy"; (Pamphlet enclosed).

**Council has recognised the need to formulate a structure plan that can guide development of this area in a coordinated and sustainable way.**

*The key objectives of this structure plan are:*

- **Environmentally sensitive urban development that maintains high level of amenity for residents and contributes to the character, identity and quality of life of Reedy Creek and minimise bushfire risk.**
- **Protect species biodiversity and habitat and minimise disturbance to habitat including enhancement and protection of watercourses, riparian zones, existing vegetation and prominent ridges.**
- **Development consistent with the availability of infrastructure and services to serve a population of approximately 17,000 people.**
- **Housing styles consistent with the physical and environment constraints in the area**
- **Community activity centres such as local shops, schools and active open space located on the major collector road network shown on the structure plan.**

*All the above objectives are copied direct from (5.7 Reedy Creek Structure Plan. 5.7.1 Purpose; "Key Objectives of Structure Plan". "Living City" Draft Planning Scheme, Jan 2000 G.C.C.C.).*

Future research is required in order to ascertain the local Reedy Creek Community reaction to a community volunteer funding idea, self volunteer labour towards environmental enhancement and protection of the Reedy Creek Environment Corridor. Research is also required for the communication process between Community, Council and Developers.

Research will be obtained by the studying of maps, land ownership, door knocking, physical inspection and previous surveying studying. G.C.C.C. Environment Assessments and Future Planning Maps.

Further research has been compiled by the G.C.C.C. within the *"Living City Draft Planning Scheme"* on Reedy Creek Community. 5.7 *Reedy Creek Structure Plan*". 5.7.3 *Valuable Features*. **Section 5.7.3.2.** reads: *"In addition to the creek systems, the hills, associated ridges, valleys and waterholes, which are important for habitat and natural open space reasons, contribute to the local character of the area"*.

*"Vegetation in the structure plan area consists of a large area of blackbutt open forest, and large tracts of regrowth of native species. There are some riparian (riverbank dwellers) communities located along Reedy Creek tributaries"*.

*"The need for retention of existing vegetation particularly in the elevated central areas has influenced the location of open space throughout the Structure Plan area"*.

**5.7.3.3.** Reads:

*"The Structure plan respects the areas of high conservation value identified in the Reedy Creek Planning Study"*. (Woods Bagot, June 1997).

### ***Compilation of research***

Most home residents now have home computers therefore all research compiled can be kept on floppy disk and transferred via the internet as well as mailing list. Personal recommendation is that of which was established by the Nature Conservation Strategy *"How to get involved"* (Pamphlet enclosed).

Within stage one compiling of research should be first undertaken with physical inspection and then a detail report of what will be needed to be done in order to preserving the environmental qualities of the Reedy Creek Wildlife Environment Corridor"

I.e.

- + Recognition of current status of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Derogatory aspects of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Labour requirements expectations of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Investigations of boundary markings areas of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Safety aspects of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Workers insurance aspects of volunteer labour working on Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor
- + Corridor

### **PHOTOGRAPHING**

Amateur photographing would suffice. One person or a group of volunteers would take photographs of the areas of Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor, take photographs of the required areas in need of maintenance, *a type of before and after shots*. The added benefits of photographs would be in the communication/liaison process between community/council and developers. The photographs can show the maintenance required and will communicate the physical pictorial aspects leading to on-site inspection towards a 3 way party mutual agreement of procedures towards the maintenance, environmental protection and on-going environment protection. Discussions can then take place between the parties Developers/Council/Community, leading to the actual work taking place with the consent of all parties involved. It would be anticipated the photographing would be the main recording keeping of a community environmental protection program.

Further aspects of the photographing will be the communities recording what they believe are areas of neglect and areas in need in of maintenance. Where as most individual adults and children own and know how to use a camera, they will be the ones who will bring to the notice of the Developers/Council/Community spot record pictorial evidence with location notes and personal notes. The photographing will also serve as a pictorial record of the wildlife/birdlife as photographed within the wildlife corridor.

Photographing will serve for printing of those photographs for the Developers/Council/Community record keeping and newsletter of which would a good communicative tool for letter drop or mailing list and/or E-mailing.

***DISTRIBUTION OF REEDY CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS***

Distribution of idea will have to be instigated by community and once a core group of community support is establish i.e. Head Committee, then formal communication through a committee secretary would be able to begin with Council and Developers. It should be emphasise that at all time the community initiative will be a non-political and environmental only group, (the role of the local area Councillor (Area 12) is not discussed within this submission).

In the first instance a computer print out flyer eventually leading to a monthly communication sheet much like what Gold Coast City Council produced in 1997 called "Nature Strip". (encls).

Advertising such a core group formation would be done by door knock, pamphlet drop, notice advertising at local shop.

Onus of idea germination will when formed is community not council or developers' idea germination. Community must have ownership of the nature conservation strategy idea although nature conservation strategy idea is a G.C.C.C. initiative initiated in 1997/98 and incorporated within the "*Living City Draft Planning Scheme*" (Jan 2000) as a local council initiative.

*The nature conservation strategy has been fundamental importance in underpinning the policy direction embodied in the new Gold Coast Planning Scheme. Where a balance has been struck between development and nature conservation conflicts, the information provided on the relative nature conservation significance of land within the city has been used to help determine the appropriate level of development that should be allowed if any.* 1.6 New Research (a) nature conservation strategy Para 7 page 11 Living City Draft Planning Scheme Jan 2000).

The ownership of such ideas must be retained by environmental protection community group as the protection groups' ethos mission statement with trusted and respected core committee group members being the communicative facilitators. Mission Statements of a community protection group should be left up to the general consensus of such a group formation.

Once a respectable and recognised committee group is established then council and developers mass communication to local residents can be discussed and agreed upon.

### ***NATURE CONSERVATION STRATEGY***

Nature Conservation Strategy is a Gold Coast City Council initiative of which the author of this report finds inspiring. The author's personal recommendation is that all strategies incorporated with the nature conservation strategy remain in place and all guidelines adhered to. Years of good work and compilation have gone into G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy as headed by Carmel Peacock, David Corkill and Evan Thomas of which to this day it is believed that the Nature Conservation Strategy is still in place. If G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy is still in place then G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy will be a leader in the whole process of a Reedy Creek Environmental Protection Group. The difference between G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy and a Reedy Creek Environmental Protection Group will be, *if it can be shown*, that Reedy Creek Environmental Protection Group will be self-funding and a separated identity from G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy.

**G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy should always give the leadership and communicative role to a local community environmental protection group.**

## ***DEVELOPERS***

In regards to the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor it is understood that the main power brokers are the Developers, as they own most of the land and it will be with their consent if any environmental protection group will be able to proceed or not. *There is absolutely no point in any group Community/Council or Developers being at loggerheads with each other. All three groups must work hand in hand with each other.* The developers of Kingsmore Estate bordering on the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor and the current owners of the virgin scrubland reaching from Reedy Creek to Bonogin Valley, (*unconfirmed information*). Espoused on their television advertisements, ***"Kingsmore designed to blend with nature"***.

The directors and emerging community planners of Kingsmore Estate are integral to involvement in the Planning Stage and Implementing Stage and the Maintaining Stage of a Community Environmental Protection Group. *The Developers are the community leaders it is their estate development that will show the suburban equity worth.*

It should be the community environmental protection group that will show what quality of life that they require for their harmonious living environment standards they live in. It is the local city council of who are the overseer of development and environmental protection. **Meaning that all parties will not be able to work independent of one another and liaison must be established from the forefront and maintained as long as a community environmental protection group is solid.**

## **STAGE 2**

### ***INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER***

Council initiative as already been given guidelines of which to follow through:

- ✚ "Nature Conservation Strategy" 1996 -97
- ✚ "Gold Coast City Transport Plan" September 1998,
- ✚ "Living City Draft Planning Scheme", Jan 2000.
- ✚ "G.C.C.C. Corporate Plan" 1996 – 2001.



Other inspired comment from G.C.C.C. can be found in the seven key objectives of which were adopted in their publication of the G.C.C.C. Corporate Plan 1996 – 2001.

**Two of the seven key objectives are;**

- **Environment:** to conserve the nature environment, maintain biodiversity and create a functionally and visually desirable built environment.
- **Local character:** to recognise the importance of neighbourhood identity in the Gold Coast and its role in developing a distinctive character and urban form.

Gold Coast City Council also shows initiative through the publication of the **"Gold City Transport Plan" September 1998.** (The city's transport master plan for 1999 to 2030).

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SECTION AS MOST IMPORTANT**

*Looking at the Gold Coast Transport Plan in the areas of:*

**8: "ATTRACTIVE NON-MOTORISED TRANSPORT",** page 83.

**8.1 Element: Walking, and;**

**A8 Actions: "Walking Policies for making walking more attractive".**

**Policies for making walking more attractive.**

*Rather than an adjunct to transport planning, walking will be seen as the central mode of movement around which others are organised.*

*Urban design and provision of public infrastructure will incorporate facilities which identify walking as the preferred mode of access to public transport and local activities.*

**Planning**

*A8.1 audit and improve pedestrian networks within the catchment areas of town centres, schools and major public transport modes.*

*A8.2 provide for recreational and commuter walking paths along safe and aesthetically pleasing routes.*

*A8.3 design local road and pedestrian networks to ensure permeability for pedestrians and cyclists.*

*A8.4 establish and classify walking trails to provide a range of choices matched to physical abilities and social needs.*

**Urban design**

A8.6 encourage provision of connected boardwalks, verandas and footways which contribute to physical continuity of walking paths.

**Education and support**

A8.10 support the establishment of community walking groups.

A8.11 publish a consolidated pocket guide of all walking opportunities similar to the Gold Coast Cycling Guide.

A8.12 implement an ongoing media campaign to promote walking benefits and opportunities.

**G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy and "Gold Coast City Transport Plan" are in place to be used and this is the model that community environmental protect groups can use. Both community and council in all reality are one and working hand in hand partners.**

### ***LETTER DROP***

In the first instance, best practice would be a low key approach to the developers of the emerging community of Reedy Creek in order to gauge approachability and feelings in regards to involvement of working with such a group as Reedy Creek Environmental Protection Group.

The author of this submission will make an initial approach and show the finished submission as an individual with a community environment protection group idea in mind. The same type of approach will be made to members of G.C.C.C. Planning and Environmental committee planners with concerns with for community environmental issues within G.C.C.C.<sup>1</sup>

A letter drop informing the neighbouring residents of the formation of a Community/Council/Kingsmore Estate Environment Protection Group will not be required until such time a guide frame and core committee partners are ready. *I.e. one person from Kingsmore Estate, one person from G.C.C.C. one person from Reedy Creek residents as consolidating founding partners.*

Sowing the seeds needed to bring all parties to only group objectives as established: *i.e. the long term permanent Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor" track. Once informal contact and meetings have been made and a respective of all parties is received then all can proceed to put in place a **plan of action**.*

Through the letter drop a communication process with the community will have begun. The communication process is vital as the medium term strategy of a Reedy Creek Environmental Protection Group is needed to be self funding in order not to be caught up in any political or corporate biases web. The community will be asked to volunteer donations and time to their own community environment group. It will be their ownership of their own park lands and community spirited working bee get together and group meetings, put in place for all time with the safe protection of the environmental and neighbourhood children as the objective of the highest priority.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note carbon copies as sent to possible interested parties.

***COMMUNITY/COUNCIL/DEVELOPERS COMMITTEE FORMATION  
AND FOUNDATION.***

**Everybody has a stake in how his or her future environment will be in 10 years time.** There is no point just hoping that the local surround environment will be maintained in safe keeping by local city council. Or that the local environmental protection will be up to the developers of whose objective is maximum profits for lands sold.

Perhaps time has come whereas the most stable group of the living environment area has control and major say as to what is to be with their environment 10 years down the track, before all environmental care is thrown out the window.

**The residents are the permanent stakeholders they choose to live their lives in the said area.** It is they who will most use the environmental aesthetics and environment wonder in order to pacify their lives and maintain a *home living sanctuary*.

Every person on the planet marvels at nature's wonderful gifts and they who walk through the bush in total safety finds uplifting experience away from walking the footpaths beside other people's homes and occasion barking dog. A walk along a track through a wilderness corridor establish within a close walking distance from their own home will serve as a pleasant way to wind down after a days work. *A pleasant way in which to stroll with family and neighbours. A pleasant way in which to enjoy life and natures wonderful gifts. All without having to hop into the car and drive to a national park. Residents could now have a mini national park right beside their own home of which they contribute and give volunteer labour to. It will be their/our world to keep it safe for all in their community for all time for all generations. ("Eco-Com").*

Council has endorsed the above sentiment in their Corporate Planning 1996 – 2001 and G.C.C.C. Nature Conservation Strategy. Alas the council is not always a permanent resident of a local community because of voter habits and council environmental practices as well as development approvals. G.C.C.C. has shown a method of giving community ownership and on-going protection of a communities own local environment as shown in the **“Living City Draft Planning Scheme” Part 2; 2.1 THE STRATEGIC PLAN, 2.1.3 Principal Elements, 2.1.3.3 community Development, Key Issues: “An important aim of the Strategic Plan is to support the development of a local sense of identity and a network of viable communities”**. (Para. 4, 2.1.3.3 Community Development; Key issues “Living City Draft Plan G.C.C.C. Jan 2000).

Living City Draft Planning Scheme within the key issues (Paragraph 6) goes on with the council initiative as saying; *“Land use and development initiatives can contribute to community development. The design of urban areas and the location of facilities and services can have an enormous impact on people’s sense of place, social interaction and access to resources”*.

***Community/Council/Developers Committee formation and foundation cont.....***

Paragraph 8 of the Living City Draft Planning Scheme within the key issues backs up the previous pages statement with; *“its is also about fostering community spirit and bringing people closer together to engender greater confidence in living on the Gold coast and calling ‘the Gold Coast’ home”*.

**Paragraphs 9 & 10 reiterate the above council and this submission sediment:**

(2.1.3.3 Community Development; Key issues “Living City Draft Plan G.C.C.C. Jan 2000).

*“Achieving a high level of social harmony is essential under the City Vision. While land use and development policy is unlikely to be the principal determinant of social relations, it is clear that an attractive and safe physical environment can encourage positive perceptions and behaviour. Also the personal interactions that are fostered by favorable distributions of activity can be conducive to improved social integration”*.

*"The implementation of community development objectives in terms of planning and land use is largely directed through the medium of urban design. This relates not only to the aesthetic appearance of urban areas, but also to the mix of uses supported, the function of public and private spaces and the distribution of important facilities and services centres".*

### **DEO<sub>2</sub>/SOC<sup>3</sup>**

*The establishment, conservation and enhancement of local urban character and the promotion of a distinctive local identity and a sense of place for the communities of the Gold Coast, that facilitates the celebration of cultural heritage and provides opportunities for community activity, interaction and participation.*

### **Planning objectives to support DEO Soc 1**

(2.1.3.3 Community Development; Key issues "Living City Draft Plan G.C.C.C. Jan 2000).

**Soc1.1** to create urban areas that include landmarks and design elements which enhance character and offer people a choice and variety of activities and experiences.

**Soc1.4** to promote sensitive urban design which reflects the values and aspirations of residents and creates an individual and recognisable community identity.

**Soc1.6** to encourage processes which involve the community in the urban design process in order to create urban environments which reflect community values and identity

Councils are in fact hard pressed for monies at any given time so with a self-funded local community effort perhaps local council will smile upon those residents' efforts. As the added bonus of self-reliance within the self-funding power of such a community environmental protection group and local environmental protection grouping.

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<sup>2</sup> Desired Environmental Outcomes.

<sup>3</sup> Social sense of place

The residents will be empowered with local council blessings through prior approval and across table in-dept communication process of a self reliant, non-political/non-profit community resident group, working with estate developers' co-operation and with council guidance.

Developers may approve of a local community environment group as then it will be seen that that developer is also one of the same community, *which of course they are*. It is they who design what is to be the demographics of that suburb/emerging community and to what price the land holding will have and where the parklands are to be. Developers working within a frame work of community/council/developers environment protection grouping will receive good publicity and good sales attributes. Through showing that they are not the masters of the community environment but the facilitators of a harmonious aesthetic happy community with land holding values that can only increase as years go by.

The developers are a lynch pin to any community environmental protection group. It is they who decide what trees come down and what trees stay. Now the developers have the opportunity to work hand in hand with their own created emerging community with strong liaison contact with council. *The housing/environmental corridor estate will be the leader in community environment protection with the flow on effects of happy contented landholders with no areas of conflict from with any source due to the community environmental process being a 3 way group communication and agreement consultation.*

### ***FUNDING***

In order to give the Reedy Creek Self-Funded Environment Protection Group autonomy and self-reliance a well as a true sense of community ownership a formation of volunteer economic funding shall have to be established. One way would be to ask each resident within a 1 km radius of the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor to contribute 50 cents per household weekly or \$2 per month or 10cents a head per week.

The contributions would somehow have to be made GST free. Funds generated would contribute to a permanent supply of equipment and gardening supplies required for environment protection or environment enhancement. It may even be possible that the environmental protection group could match dollar for dollar the G.C.C.C. on approved environment protection projects. It may even be possible that local gardening business may have an interested in a community sponsorship agreement.

### ***TOOLS AND MACHINERY***

Most Home Owners have their own lawn mowing and gardening implements. An inventory stocktaking as to what is available as permanent equipment will stand in steadfast as Reedy Creek Environment Protection Group Inventory: ***"tools available"***. When machinery equipment is necessary then submission to local council authority will need to be made. Some of the local community members may in their own business/occupation have light heavy equipment such a ride on lawn mowers or bob cat of the like, many home owners own ute's or trailers of which is useful in the carting away or dead weeded matter.

### ***DEVELOPERS***

The developers are absolute to the integrity of a community environment protection group and therefore must maintain a leadership role, as it is they who are building our communities with the council approval. With the developers co-operation then the community members will be able to inform the developers of what they like/expect of the suburban design. This is triple fold beneficial;

- Developers hear and see what a community wants and need in initial community infrastructure
- Council overseeing is lessened, due to community real perceived/ownership of parks and open space, working with the developers from whom, are listening to the community environmental protection group.



- Community gets the developers ear and support from developers with out land space confrontation.

*Win win situation.*

### **Possible drawbacks**

- 1 Developers cost of infrastructure building is increased.
- 2 Council may lose control over parks and open spaces.
- 3 Community may make alterations to council or developers properties without permission.

## **STAGE 3**

### ***IMPLICATION***

Implication would take place after one round of communications

One round of one on one door knocking.....Community instigation.

One round of group get together.....Community/Delevopers/Council.

One round of committee formation.....Community/Delevopers/Council.

A final round of developers/council/ protection group meeting.

***End result being the beginnings of a conservation kitty and monthly working bee.***

### ***HOW SO***

Communications would be done by letter mailing list or newsletter, placed on the counter at the local store; "The Proposal for a Reedy Creek Environment Protection Group" to be put into place on a permanent basis. For such a grouping to go ahead developers involvement is absolute, as an important integral partner to such an enterprise. Council's only involvement would be that of guidance and implication of approval to environment protection group working bee work programs, (*areas in need of attention*). Council would also be required for professional services such as surveying and environmental engineering consultation. The local open spaces must be given over to the protection and responsibility of the community. A community watchdog if you like.

## ***END RESULT***

### **Community:**

- Community ownership of the local environment, with ecological education ongoing environmental protection practices from the community in the near surrounds.
- Community/Developers/Council work ethos of togetherness.
- Community communication on their requirement for a harmonious suburban lifestyle leading to less compliant of overnight style developments where as the community will finally be the biggest stake holder thorough their own community committee.
- Self-funding environmental projects that will induct community pride therefore higher quality of life.

### **Developers:**

- Insight to community needs.
- Higher community profile with liaison.
- High stake holder and community leader with community endorsement.
- High profile with the city at large, *showing the way*.
- Greater respect from emerging community through hearing community needs.

### **Council**

- Community should 70% look after the open spaces environs.
- Community will have high profile communication with council.
- Council will have a lessened workload with in the protected areas.
- Council will be able to address the community needs as seen from the environmental protection group communication.

## **STAGE 4**

### ***ON-GOING.***

If we get all this far, we have done well.

All with an agreement together.

Benchmarking for others.

*Correct banking procedures would require most strict implication  
transparency for the Reedy Creek Area Conservation Kitty.*

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### ***Ecological Community***

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council.*

*An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.*

### ***"Creating a home living sanctuary environment"***

c.c. Ray McNab, Manager Community & Recreational Facilities G.C.C.C.

c.c. Carmel Peacock Nature Conservation Strategy, Development and Environment Branch  
G.C.C.C.

c.c. Directors of "Kingsmore Estate", Old Coach Road, Reedy Creek.

c.c. Councillor Sue Robbins, Chairperson, Advisory Committee, Nature Conservation Strategy.  
G.C.C.C.

*14<sup>th</sup> August 2003*

**Hon. D.Reilly MP**

**Member for Mudgeeraba.**

**P.O. Box 415.**

**MUDGEERABA 4213.**

*Constituent Representative, MP. Mrs Reilly,*

The effort, you have put in to allay my fears regards environmental mismanagement of proposed Reedy Creek Railway location site through pre-development democratic process via sound communicative means and feedback from Ministers' responsible, is very impressive.

Only recently a community meeting was held (*information enclosed*) and to my own admission, Reedy Creek Community must now show interest in the developing a suburbia environment management communicative liaison group. Our community through given means as shown by yourself and Cr. Peter Drake of G.C.C.C., need to embrace democratic communicative opportunities with the trusted community representees guiding guardians (*decision makers*) of our given remaining suburbia environment.

**Local and State Government have provided impetus through their as shown community consultation process, will interested permanent residents of Reedy Creek partake?**

*Thank you Member for Mudgeeraba, for doing your job and doing your best, your response to my concerns has been very considerate and environmentally consciences.*

COMMUNITY FLYER DISTRIBUTED AUGUST 03

"ARE YOU INTRESTED IN REEDY CREEK ENVIRONMENT"?

- + COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESTS.
- + REEDY CK. ENV. MGMT. PERM. PROTECTION FOR THE FUTURE.
- + REEDY CK. ENV. GREEN BELT CORRIDOR WALK/RUN/RIDE.
- + BURL. - REEDY CK. - BONOGIN - MUDGEERABA WALK TRAIL.

BECOME PART OF A TEMPORARY, SUPPORTED STEERING COMMITTEE.  
ALL WELCOME..

LETTER DATED 01/08/2003

*Hon. Member D.Reilly,*

All I'm attempting to put across to the decision makers such as yourself, that the time has come for correct Reedy Creek environmental management now, and for an environment plan at least for 5 years forward. Will the Pacific Highway be the barrier to small lot high density housing development moving westward, will the Pacific Highway be the respective buffer to no natural green environment aesthetics to managed green environment aesthetics west of the Pacific Highway.

I know politicians have a strong link with one another when they form a chain within a circle of communication. Will you as the local member be a strong link for managed environments west of the Pacific Highway with returned communication to constituents as you have shown to me already. Will we all work together and brainstorm together to protect current community environmental assets and further the community environmental assets management, back to the community as community owned and managed with strong guidance and encouragement from the levels of local and state government.

Will the ministers responsible see and understand ecological economics for the Reedy Creek area through maintaining a *Reedy Creek Green Belt Corridors* per a Hubs and Spokes walk/run/ride trail that is away from the roadside and safe for all persons to use. A hubs and spoke green belt walk trail that creates green employment through community funded economics of scale, (*ecological community*). It is possible? Yes it is possible!

I shall attempt very hard to prove in a realistic method, that what is as written on paper submissions, can be true to word through galvanising the ecological community, successful. But ecological economics will not happen if the already in place green belt corridors (*natural creek watercourses*) are not given a pre-development management plan giving to long distance walk/run/ride trails leading to other away from the roadside, inter-suburbia environmental green belt corridors connectivity.

Reedy Creek future railway station may have credential to become a possible eco-tourism stop off point. Whereas eco-tourist may begin their nature base environmental green belt walk corridor (*Great Walks of Queensland*) from Reedy Creek Railway Station, (*5kms from Burleigh beach*).

**But**, if the current industrial zoning and the clear cutting of the current mature stands of remnant bushlands beside the proposed railway station site continues, well forget it. Future opportunities for a wooded suburbia embracing the concepts of ecological economics coupled with nature based tourism walk trails from the hub point of a railway station, will never be. Or will Reedy Creek destiny be to population and industrial commercialisation without regards for healthy society living.

Hon. Member, I shall go through what the Ministers responsible have provided me through you and report back to you. I shall keep you informed of what success I may be able to have in forming a Reedy Creek Environment Protection Group (*temporary steering committee*). Could Reedy Creek Railway Station serve as a possible location for the espoused "*Rainforest Interpretation Centre*", (*submissions soon to be called for*).

***Thank you once again for your efforts and impressive work done, very commendable.***



## MASTER PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND'S PARKS SYSTEM

DISCUSSION PAPER DATED: 2nd MARCH 2001

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE

A Queensland National Parks Management System that incorporates the true principals of Eco-Tourism within the sphere of non-commercial but government and community operated and controlled walking tracks. That generates minimal profits re-invested to the parks management systems and generates Nation Parks Employment.

**(ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS) as vision by ----- (non-affiliated)**

*The practice of sustainable environmental conservation. Preservation of the wilderness through sound Eco-Tourism permanent employment programs. Development in co-existence, with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional natural environment for all generations for all time.*



*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy showing the economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in its present state without degeneration.*

As such ----- comments will pertain to the above vision as encompassed within the Queensland's Parks System Draft Masterplan Discussion Paper.

### THE PARKS FUTURE - OUR COMMITMENT

*Executive Summary Pg.IV. Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.*

#### **Recognising:**

-  That parks are cornerstones of an integrated strategy to conserve nature, including biological diversity and cultural heritage in Queensland.
-  That indigenous peoples maintain strong links with the land on which many parks have been established.

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"PASSIVE URBAN TRANSIT ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDORS"**

- ✚ That parks should ensure the conservation of natural and cultural values for all time.
- ✚ That continuing engagement between the community and parks, including opportunities for all people to visit and enjoy parks, is fundamental purpose of management.
- ✚ *Queensland is committed to maintaining for future generations a parks system which:*
- ✚ Protects and conserves comprehensive, adequate and representative samples of the state's natural and cultural values;
- ✚ Inspires and encourages the community to engage with, understand, appreciate, and conserve parks, nature and cultural heritage;
- ✚ Is recognised and supported by the community as an important part of Queensland's social, cultural and economic life.

**END STATEMENT**

**The above are most definitely the core principals.<sup>4</sup>**

**THE PURPOSE OF PARKS; EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

*Excutive Summary Pg.VI &VII. Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.*

Queensland's identity is associated with its natural landscapes and natural, scenic and cultural values significant to our culture are protected in the parks system.

The scenic landscapes, cultural values and historic sites in parks represent the living history of our relationships with the land. They are unique, irreplaceable parts of our identity, and should be protected and interpreted for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

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<sup>4</sup> "The general public of Queensland must be made aware of the above presented core principals at all times. Perhaps the above could well serve as the "Mission Statement" of Queensland National Parks".

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Presentation of Queensland parks provides visitors with enjoyment, inspiration nourishment, nurturing a deep appreciation and respect for nature or attachment to the natural environment, and respect for traditional indigenous culture.

Protected areas are community accessible resources which provide for recreational use through a range of opportunities, and as a specialised and significant part of the state's nature-based tourism activity with access based on the capacity of the resource and maintenance of park values.

END STATEMENT

**(Authors' thoughts in courier font)**

"I feel that all must remember, "Biodiversity is everything in which keeps us alive and the Planet Earth functioning". Biodiversity: The total variety of life on Earth and the absolute dependents on that variety of life, for existence for sustainable life.

Parks are benchmarks for achieving ecologically sustainable management across all lands.

Where surrounding properties have been cleared or grazed for many years, parks remain as places where the natural diversity of plants and animals can be seen and monitored, and where the landscape remains healthy.

"Places where grazed properties border Queensland National Parks are "Ecologically Sensitive". "Perhaps a turnaround in commercial activity can be made through new profitability via Eco-Tourism, subsidised by Commercialism, Community and Government all working together"

"Grazed properties must leave some defence border between them and the National Parks for the sake of Biodiversity.

**Parks are necessary elements in environmental education.**

An Necessary element for better understanding the importance of the natural environment for sustaining human life. Not only do they provide opportunities for further scientific research, but they also provide benchmarks for environmental standards in areas outside park boundaries. Queensland's protected areas provide valuable benchmarks against landscape changes can be monitored.

**"If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed,**

**If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree,**

**If you are thinking a hundred years ahead, educate the people".**

*Chinese Poet Kuan Tzu 500 BC.*

## **SUSTAINING RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES**

### **EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY Pg X.**

*Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.*

The parks system will be managed to provide substantial and sustainable environmental, economic and social benefits to the Queensland community while maintaining the intrinsic values of all parks.

While parks have a fundamental conservation purpose they make a major contribution to the economic and aesthetic well-being of Queensland and require investment for each of these purposes. This should be increasingly recognised by Government, community and industry. The primary function of conservation should never be made subordinate to any commercial use of parks.

**END STATEMENT**

What of user contribution, ie "the community, the Eco-Tourist, the commercial accredited eco-tourism operator" should pay.

Once Environmental Education programs are instilled, no right minded Eco-Tourist will mind paying for the safe guard of a National Park location. So long as the money is for that areas National Park and the accounting collecting/spending procedure is transparent.

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Via allowing the local community's control of their National Parks environs, will lend to accountability of the progress and formation of environmental sound management practices as overseen by State Government National Park Management. The fact that user-contribution spent funds in local Eco-Tourism will go towards the conservation and preservation of the local environs parks system via the contribution of Eco-Eco funds from the visiting Eco-Tourist. Will serve towards the local community intrinsic pride and joy of showcasing their local National Park and further provide environmental protection to that local parks system for all generations, through the re-investing monies contributed.

## **EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Pg X. Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.*

Community awareness, appreciation and involvement in conservation will be encouraged through interpreting and presenting the Parks system.

Queensland Parks will provide current and future generations with enjoyment, inspiration and spiritual nourishment arising from appreciation and respect for nature or attachment to the natural environment. The community will be involved in park management through a range of partnerships, including participating in research and monitoring programs, volunteering in a range of park activities and active community involvement in planning and management of parks.

**END STATEMENT**

"All of the previous page is criteria for the now and the future, so very very important, as the community park carers (volunteers) will come to love and care for their National Parks. Please make sure that the above paragraphed presented statements as made come true."

**SMART TRAVEL CHOICES FOR S. E. QLD: INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.  
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Employed National Parks Personnel should become very visible within the local community as respected leaders and environmental advisers, (they are the people who will control our natural heritage now and for all time). The same people I feel, should have a high public profile through liaison within community groups through community group presentations with good media access, weekly. National Parks Personnel will be the Directors of Environmental Management giving to Environmental Strategy leading to Best Environmental Practices.

It will be the National Parks Personnel of whom must be seen as in control, as the respected knowledgeable Environmentalists with high public profile image. Community groups will seek out National Parks personnel for best environmental practices and advice, to the first step towards any community involvement of the Parks systems environment programs.

I feel that National Parks Personnel must have high esteem about themselves and confidence in the back up from all levels from Queensland National Parks Management in quintessential sacrosanct in their belief of their work, be they Indigenous, Environmental Scientist, Park Rangers, Parks Management.

Queensland National Parks Personnel must believe in their work as quintessential sacrosanct and at all times have a high morale; otherwise, low esteem will lead to poor work practices, bungled bureaucracy, poor public perception and public interference to national parks management, leading to unauthorised unsupervised environment programs without guidance.

## **ENHANCING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Pg X1. Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

The Queensland Parks system will be planned and managed skilfully, effectively, adaptively and efficiently to maintain park values in conjunction with other private and state lands.

**SMART TRAVEL CHOICES FOR S. E. QLD: INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.  
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The Parks system will be managed through a comprehensive, integrated and transparent planning and policy framework. Park management will be based on plans, policies information systems and agreed standards which outline the basis for effective and efficient management.

**END STATEMENT**

"Very very important. Don't forget the stakeholders, us the people we want to help".

"Transparency is the keyword".

"Have open communication channels and you will find many capable members of society are willing to supply information and management help free of costs, free information"!

"Most well-meaning members of the public have a social conscience".

"What is my social conscience to my community and country"?

"Why do I make a long informative submission towards this discussion paper on my free time"?

The taxpayers paid for 1/3 of my Tertiary Education so as I may give free pay back as duty and thanks. "Lest we forget" no not ever. Many people think likeminded.

## **ENHANCING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES**

### **EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Pg X1. Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

Good management decisions will be made, based on high standards of information and wisdom and community involvement in decision-making.

Management actions will be based on good science and sound knowledge. Management will provide wise environmental stewardship based on applied science, a thorough knowledge of eco-systems and their components and park usage and impacts, and, where possible, indigenous and community knowledge and experience.

**END STATEMENT**

**SMART TRAVEL CHOICES FOR S. E. QLD: INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.  
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Please please do abide by the above as written. Our bio-diversity is dependent on it, our every future is dependent on it. Environmental draft studies are absolute. Many minds with many brains bring to the consensus of the right way of doing things. They who put in their free time, their free labour, their knowledge, are major stakeholders and deserving of hearing and the reward of acknowledgment".

**PARKS GIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS**

**Pg. 20, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

For every \$1 of government funding invested in their management national parks generate more then \$40 worth of economic activity in Queensland economy.

**END STATEMENT**

"This is a great ratio. With extra help through free community labour and sound Eco-Tourism work infrastructure programs, (not work for dole), much employment can and will be created in environmental care, in which pay for itself and return profit into re-investing in our National Parks towards Queensland 5% unemployment. Eco-Eco".

**THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS - NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW CHALLENGES**

**Pg 24, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

Increased Tourism

It is estimated that the total number of trips taken in Queensland (by both domestic and inbound tourist) will more then double by 2020, with the numbers of visitors from interstate and overseas increasing up to five-fold. If the proportion of tourist visiting parks remains the same as at present, this means a very substantial increase in people in our parks.



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Increased numbers of visitors could bring benefits but also pose very significant management challenges to some parks. Crowding soon disrupts the peaceful and natural atmosphere of parks, and can affect the environment and the plants and animals. Well-designed walking tracks, camping areas, car-parks and toilets can reduce these impacts, but can attract more visitors and soon become over-crowded too. Many parks agencies throughout the world are faced with the necessity to plan for these increasing numbers and to limit numbers to limit visitors.

END STATEMENT

**ANSWER :**

- ✚ Managed Eco-Tourism lodges with Government and Community and private enterprises groups.
- ✚ Managed and controlled Walking Tracks with paid Rangers controlling groups of Eco-Tourists in sustainable numbers.
- ✚ Eco-Tourist must become User-contribution.
- ✚ Queensland State Government must address this immediately In order to stay 20 years ahead and become the bench markers.
- ✚ Please think of Ecological Economics, (I believe I have some solutions).
- ✚ Work on the small picture now see if it works, then take it To the big picture.
- ✚ No good thinking of it, solutions are required now.

## **A FRAGMENTED LANDSCAPE**

**Pg 24, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

With increased populations and development, many parks have become pockets of protection in a wider landscape of cleared and settled land, isolation from other natural areas makes it more difficult for parks to conserve their full range of plants and animals. Small parks are under most pressure, are some animals, especially meat-eaters such as quolls and birds of prey, must range wildly in search of their food. Fire management is very challenging when neighbours are densely settled on the park boundaries, and invasions of pest plants and animals and domestic pets threaten the parks' integrity.

The challenge is to protect parks from constant 'erosion' of their values as their edges become degraded. Programs are underway to re-establish natural habitat across private lands near parks, and some 'nature corridors' to again link isolated fragments.

END STATEMENT

"Obviously not good".

The only answer is increased community awareness into the problem and asking for communities solutions. Perhaps even a advertising campaign. Nature corridors with well-constructed walking tracks as paid and cared for by the local community. Local communities being in charge of under the guidance of National Parks of their own natural reserve's and wildlife corridors. Local community Eco-Eco bringing return investment and employment to local community in particular within urban areas.

## **GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **Pg 25, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

People are no longer content to see government employees as the only authorities on conservation management, or to allow parks agencies to operate without community involvement or accountability. There are mutual benefits in greater community involvement and more partnerships in park management.

END STATEMENT

The above is unavoidable and is the future.

I would believe from this Masterplan Discussion Paper that National Parks Queensland will in future involve all spheres of the community. It is the way of all our lives now in the 2000's and hopefully for evermore.

Queensland National Parks Management must prove their capabilities to the community at large, in particular within the local National Park location area. Parks Management will do this through their own education skills, experience skills and community liaison skills. In the past there has been too much deadwood management bureaucracy, all governments must use community input for whom are they working for as National Parks Planers and Civil Public Servants.

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If Queensland National Parks are deadset about the next twenty years for Queensland National Parks as presented within this discussion paper. Then there is no option but to consult and liaison with the public as the future status quo as is printed within this Masterplan Discussion Paper, soon to become The Masterplan.

In order to save our biodiversity within National Parks and surrounds, both National Parks Management and the general public will need new skills of communication and liaison. Queensland National Parks Management through this Masterplan Discussion Paper is showing that they can and are willing, as they should, set the criteria. From the Environmental Minister to the Park Rangers, they must become the 'Benchmarkers' of best environmental practise, as show of example to the general public and the world at large."

**DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

**Pg 27, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

**APPRECIATION AND PRESENTATION OF NATURE**

**Pg 27, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

The Parks system should be the cornerstone of a wide public appreciation that protecting and conserving nature makes good economic and social sense and that the whole community shares responsibility to pass this legacy to future generations. This may be achieved by a concerted campaign to encourage community and to manage parks with the community as partners. Where conservation and protection are not compromised, the Parks system should be an important part of a network of nature-based recreation and tourism opportunities.

**END STATEMENT**

I would believe that the above goal would be achieve through somehow giving stakeholder ownership and caretaker status to the community. Through the principals of Environmental Education, Ecological Economics, Eco-Tourism and Nature-based Tourism, Environmental Education will become foremost.

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Good up front positive media must have high priority for environmental educational communication and updates of National Parks events and achievements must be signposted. The same media medium may well be used for introductions of National Parks Regional Area Management and Parks Staff, not to mention for the call to "Friends of the Parks Volunteers". Reward for the local community's involvement may be, Queensland National Parks using their own Staff members, giving local communities free Nature-Base Tourism National Parks in-house activities. I.e., free guided bushwalks, night-spotting, national parks film nights, a type of community enterprise nature-based tourism co-operative.

**NATURE BASED TOURISM, INTRODUCTION.**

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**Notes by ----- (B.Hotel Mgmt).**

**BECOMING AWARE OF ENVIRONMENT THROUGH TOURISM VIA CHANGING  
TOURISM PROSPECTIVE**

- \* Change environment laws into national parks for tourism
- \* Raise money for use in environmental conservation
- \* Jobs/local ownership of environment
- \* Pay extra for environmental concepts whilst on holidays leading to wider accepting of the environment friendly technology
- \* Less destructive land uses

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

**Course Code: JA12E11 (1997)**

**Lecturer: John Ward (Faculty of Applied Science/Education)**

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**Gold Coast Griffith University.**

**THE 3 A's OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

- 1. AWARENESS, knowledge and understanding**
- 2. ATTITUDES and personal lifestyle decisions**
- 3. ACTION for a better environment**

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTEREST AND ENJOYMENT

- \* Environment education
- \* Responsible behaviour
- \* Aesthetic beauty
- \* Conservation
- \* Literature brief
- \* Leading by example
- \* Local regulations
- \* Avoiding environmental destruction
- \* User-contribution
- \* Ecological worth
- \* Tread lightly
- \* Spreading the word
- \* Increased awareness
- \* Healthier holiday pursuits
- \* Environmental policies
- \* Environmental law
- \* Environmental planing

## DEFINITIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Definition 1:** Environmental education is an across-the-cirriculum approach to learning which helps individuals and groups to understand the environment with the ultimate aim of developing caring and committed attitudes that will foster the desire and ability to act responsibly in the environment. Environment education is concerned not only with knowledge, but also with feelings, attitudes, skills and social action.

*Australian Association for Environmental Education*

**Definition 2:** Environmental education is the preparation of people for their lives as members of the biosphere. It is learning to understand, appreciate, work with and sustain environmental systems in their totality... Environmental education is fundamentally education in problem-solving, but problem-solving from a philosophical basis of holism, sustainability, enhancement, and stewardship... the goal is not just to solve a problem with a narrow focus that makes another problem worse,... not just to make a correction and restore the status quo, but to make things better.

*Meadows (1990, p.5)*

## **CONSERVING NATURAL INTEGRITY**

**Pg 34, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

Conservation of the natural values of our Parks is partly achieved by protecting them from development and clearing, and by regulating the impacts of visitors. However, active management is also needed to maintain the plants, animals and landscapes which form the park eco-systems. Over recent decades, there have been a number of changes in how we approach the management of parks.

**END STATEMENT**

"The above will not be easily achieved; personally I have no real answers. We live in a rapidly changing world. How do we keep the natural integrity of our wilderness? Sorry no real answers from me. Perhaps a brain storming session or a summit at university level.

One way would be to find out from the youth at schools and universities through a state essay research paper competition, there's got to be an answer! Perhaps controlled wilderness areas".

## **PARKS, NEIGHBOURS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

**Pg 47, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

### **CONTEXT**

**Pg 46, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

It has been recognised throughout the world that the ecological, social and economic integration of a park into a surrounding community is a major determining factor in its long-term viability. This can be partly achieved by ensuring that increased benefits flow from parks and that eco-systems management on parks is supported by the management on surroundings lands, such as through habitat corridors.

Sympathetic park neighbours and local communities can extend the effectiveness of the park through providing wildlife corridors, acting as voluntary guardians, participating in research and monitoring programs and retaining large areas of natural vegetation.

The Parks workforce of the future may comprise a combination of government employees and other community members performing agreed management tasks on parks. Where management activities or responsibilities are delegated to park neighbours, landowners, local governments, other organisations or individuals, there must be clear agreements and monitoring to ensure high quality performance and equitable workforce opportunities. Such partnerships should be based on mutual respect and benefits.

END STATEMENT

## **ENHANCING VISITOR OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES**

**Pg 52, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

### **CONTEXT**

**Pg 52, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

With parks now supporting more than 12.5 million visitors each year, the Service is one of the largest tourism providers in the state. Parks are the foundation for Queensland's nature tourism industry and generate jobs and economic benefits for the local community and Queensland's economy. They are a part of a wider network of recreation and tourism opportunities.

## **PROJECT TEAM APPROACH**

**Pg 75, Discussion Paper - Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.**

Form and support project teams across the state and across levels of management, made up of specialists from each area of management, to plan develop and monitor initiatives and to disperse this information throughout the state. The focus will be on expertise rather than position or geographic location. Form and support project teams immediately for key areas identified in this discussion paper, including natural integrity management and cultural heritage management. These teams will produce more detailed strategies in relation to these topic areas.

## **CONCLUSION AND COMMENT**

A very well presented and professional Masterplan draft.

A benchmarking documentation of values and ideas for environmental management for environmental protection.

Congratulations, one of the best environmental drafts I have ever read, true 2020 vision.

Thank you for the opportunity you have presented to me in the contribution that I may submit.

Queensland national parks system must work with their written, as presented values and ideas on environmental parks system management, as placed within their draft masterplan.....

.....otherwise Queensland national parks service will have presented nothing, but piecemeal rhetoric, for the service of appeasement.

**THAT THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (ISEE) AT McLEAN, VIRGINIA. USA. Est 1987 HYPERLINK**

**<http://www.ecologicaleconomics.org> , [www.ecologicaleconomics.org](http://www.ecologicaleconomics.org) / [www.ecoeco.org](http://www.ecoeco.org)**

**ISEE INCORPORATES AUSTRALIAN NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (NZSEE) AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CANBERRA.**

**[www.inces.anu.edu.au/anzsee](http://www.inces.anu.edu.au/anzsee)**

**Queensland National Parks System, Draft Masterplan Discussion Paper.**

**Independent individual submission response, -----, Reedy Creek. 02/03/2001.**



*16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2003*

**Robina to Tugun Rail IAS**

**Reply Paid Post 2907**

**Parsons Brinckerhoff Pty Ltd**

**GPO Box 2907**

**Brisbane QLD 4001.**

**REEDY CREEK RAILWAY STATION (POSITIONING)**

**REEDY CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PROTECTION, (BEFORE DEVELOPMENT).**

*Research Team, and other decision makers,*

As a permanent resident of Reedy Creek and an environmental proponent of Reedy Creek Environmental Protection (*independent individual*), and a proponent of a yet to be formed, but in due process, "Reedy Environmental Catchment Protection Group". I wish to put forward an argument of *point of merit* in order to have the Reedy Creek proposed Railway Station moved further south to the site of where the current quarry is situated beside the Reedy Creek proper and as still in place second remnant growth environment corridor.

**My concern** as a Reedy Creek resident is that the actual Reedy Creek Railway Station will be situated too far away from the hub point of Reedy Creek itself **i.e. just south of Coromandel Lane.** **My other concern** is that in the area of the main Reedy Creek traffic junction and highway overpass junctions of which is adjacent to Reedy Creek proper. Will become the asphalt carpark, therefor further denigration of Reedy Creek proper into **future oblivion, as is the present scenario happening to Reedy Creek today.**

If care is to be taken into account in order to protect the current strands of wooded bushland, and also to enhanced the environmental integrity design of the railway station in order to give the Reedy Creek Railway Station true credence in design to the character of the young suburb. This would be lending to the wooded environment character of Reedy Creek emerging community before total degradation, as has already happening and as in current progress, as we communicate. Please save Reedy Creek Greenbelt Environmental Corridor before it's gone forever.

**As per the Parsons Brinckerhoff ("PB") IAS, (*Impact Assessment Study*) November 2000.** Whereas it is proposed that the preferred location for the future Reedy Creek Station would be situated immediately to the south of the powerlink substation with access being provided in the vicinity of the eastern roundabout attached to the Reedy Creek overpass.

Presently there is natural second remnant bushland of which if the railway station precinct is to be carefully thought out, may well be incorporated within the environmental integrity of the just another railway station design. Otherwise Reedy Creek Railway Station is destined to become a standard design railway station structure such as Helensvale, Nearng, Robina, *i.e. bare standard concrete structure design and asphalt carparks without regards to environmental aesthetics.*

Reedy Creek Railway station must incorporate the as stipulated G.C.C.C. town planing desires for the emerging community domain of Reedy Creek, that being a wooded environment area, *please!*

**My main concern is that Reedy Creek proper is to become a stormwater drain with no environmental management protection plan to save the natural watercourse for Reedy Creek's future residents giving to the possibilities of an Greenbelt Environmental Corridor of which follows the natural contours of the Reedy Creek present.**

Per figure B of the PB (*Parsons Brinckerhoff*) IAS, the proposed station location is not totally located near to walking public access for Reedy Creek Residents. Nor would one believe that the future of Reedy Creeks' Environmental Management and environment sustainability or to that of future community recreational activities (*environmental walking/public passage away from roads*) been taken into account.

**Reedy Creek proper is currently under extreme pressure of passing into oblivion due to no Environmental Creek Management Plan being at hand.**

All research documentation pertaining to past history and current present degradation of Reedy Creek Proper, (*industrial zoning*), from Reedy Creek Plateau Tributaries Highlands, (*new West Kingsmore "Observatory" estate development*). To creek flow assessments towards Robina (*Varsity Lakes*) is as supplied documentation to Area 12 Councilor Peter Drake and to C.E.O. Gold Coast City Council and various G.C.C.C. Environmental Departments are as supplied by Brett Dawson, free of charge over a three year period from year 2000.

**Espoused within a newsletter publication called "*Varsity Lakes Update*" dated January 2003, (*Delfin Estate Developments*), Page 9, "Lake Orr Fact File", Point 2. It is written: "*this new 21.59 hectare body of water will eventually link Reedy Creek to Lake Orr, and Lake Silvabank providing Varsity Lakes, and Gold Coast with a brand new island – Azzurra Island*".**

If Delfin Estate Development Pty Ltd, have a Reedy Creek Environment Plan (*hypothesis supposed*), then perhaps as argued over the years by Brett Dawson through Cr. Drake and G.C.C.C., so should "PB" (*Parsons Brinckerhoff*) IAS, as should G.C.C.C. and the West Kingsmore Estate Developers, Stocklands Pty Ltd should have. (*Hypothesis supposed*).

Delfin Developments Pty Ltd espouses that within their Varsity Lakes estate development that there are many numerous walks trails, wetlands, nature reserves, new created lakes and new created islands.

Stocklands Pty Ltd West Kingsmore Development Application for the Kingsmore site 31/08/2002 situated upon Upper Reedy Creek Plateau Highlands and Lower Reedy Creek (*Kingsmore*) also espouses many walk trails and Environment Corridors.

To quote Stocklands development Application:

***Intent – The purpose of land in this land use category is to preserve existing fauna habitats by protecting stands of remnant vegetation and open space corridors along watercourses or prominent ridgelines; retain and enhance linkages, and ensure adequate provision of active and passive recreation areas for future residents. This area is to provide the main framework around which other land uses and activities can be suitably and sustainably developed. Development character and subdivision are to be consistent with the conservation domain.***

**ASSESSMENT REPORT.**

(Per Stockland Development Application File)

**Open Space & Nature Conservation. Pg. 25.**

**To go further and to quote the G.C.C.C. emerging communities domain planning scheme draft intent for Reedy Creek:**

**I quote:**

*The character of the Reedy Creek area is in sharp contrast to the high density of the urban environment, characteristic of the coastline, as it is still relatively undeveloped. The area is typified by a variety of land forms and natural attributes ranging from watercourses, rare and threatened species of fauna and environmentally significant areas through to attractive and picturesque undulating hills and valleys.*

**Other significant G.C.C.C. reports per Emerging Communities Domain as per Gold Coast Planning Scheme as released in draft form January 2002 pertain and state.**

- 1 **Planning Strategy, Chapter 2 Page 44; Part 3 – Key Strategies.**
- 2 **Key issues** .....walking for pleasure or for health benefits, are of increasing importance.
- 3 CROS – 1.7 page 46
- 4 **Planning Objectives to support Community and Recreational Open Space Policy 2**
- 5 CROS – 2.1 to 2.9 Planning Strategy, Chapter 2, Part 3, page 47 – Key Strategies.
- 6 **Planning Strategy, Chapter 2, Page 2 – Key Strategies.**
- 7 DEO Ecol – 1.
- 8 **Planning Objectives to support Nature Conservation Policy 2.**
- 9 NC – 2.1 to NC – 2.7
- 10 Planning Strategy, Chapter 2 – Key Strategies.
- 11 **Planning Objectives to support DEO Soc – 1.**
- 12 **Planning Measures to support DEO Soc – 1.**
- 13 **DEO Soc – 2.**
- 14 Desired Environmental Outcomes & Performance Indicators, Chapter 1, Page 13, Part 2 – DEO's.
- 15 **Planning Objectives to support DEO Ecol 1.**  
Ecol – 1.3 to Ecol – 1.5.
- 16 **4.0 Community Wellbeing.**
- 17 **DEO Soc – 1.**
- 18 **Desired Environmental Outcomes & Performance Indicators,**  
Chapter 1, Part 2: Page 12; – DEO's.
- 19 **CHAPTER 2 TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
2.0 The Meaning of Ecological Sustainability.  
Introduction, Chapter 2, Part 1, Page 14 - Towards Ecological Sustainability.

As Reedy Creek Railway Station should and will become a major entry point for residents and visitors to Reedy Creek. It will therefore be of the utmost importance, that PB IAS studies and acquaints them self, if they have not already, to the above fore mention criteria for Reedy Creek emerging community. This is so as the future Reedy Creek Railway Station meets the draft criteria of the Gold Coast Town Planning Scheme.

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Contained within the Beaudesert Shire and Gold Coast City Council commissioned Econnect Report (*in current proceedings, 2003*) "**Recreation Trials Vol 1 Consultation Draft July 2002**" are the concept walk trails **H11 Bonogin to Hinze Link Trail, H16 Bonogin Circuit and H22 Bonogin to Springbrook Trail on page 45.**

Contained within the Consultation Draft, is a conceptual idea called "*Hubs and Spokes*". With "*Hubs and Spokes*" (*the old wooden wheel*), trail walkers and others, (*runners, wheelchairs, pushbikes etc*), start from a designated location and can walk/run/ride for kilometres in a one way direction. Through the use of well marked Greenbelt Walk Trails that can come back to their original start point by the use of other conceptual **spoke** walk trails leading back to the starting point **hub**.

**Reedy Creek is undoubtedly most likely to get a Railway Station. Reedy Creek Railway Station could one day in the near future if Developers, City Council and Community, believe in suburban walk trails that come from the suburbs heading towards the mountain national parks of the Gold Coast Hinterlands. Become, a Queensland State, Gold Coast City, "Icon Hub", railway station destination for a Spoke, Green Belt Environment Walk Trail/Track. Perhaps leading onto "Great Walks of Queensland" conceptual idea currently as funded in progress under the 10 million dollar initiative of Queensland State Government. I.e. Eco-tourism destination.**

Stockland Developers and Delfin Developers have put in place Green Belt Corridors walk trails within their development application plan. If with further suburban development in the Mudgeeraba, Bonogin areas west of Reedy Creek incorporated the same Green Belt Corridors. Then interconnecting controlled walk tracks also serving as Green Belt Corridors could head out towards Springbrook National Parks and beyond. Then the conceptual ideas of Ecological Economics of Controlled Walk Tracks (*user paid for economies of scale ie. users paid monies giving to employment of track maintenance workers and walk track security personnel*).

Reedy Creek Railway Station and Reedy Creek B & B's would become a important hub location for bushwalkers starting off via the Hubs' and Spokes' concept.

Reedy Creek proper would appear destined for extinction, and future Reedy Creek will only be a namesake but to become just another stormwater and wastewater outlet per construction desires if no regard for protection of the original watercourse and present Flora and Fauna is taken into account.

Please assess the photographs as supplied from other creeks within the Reedy Creek Area, in particular Somerset.

Community well being and health and exercise are now prominent on all people's minds. Walking tracks have become a viable community pursuit, as is environmental conservation. **Opportunity is present, real and current** on walking tracks that have Hubs and Spokes connections to other suburbs and onwards towards hinterland national parks.

The possibility of users paying for the keepsake of the communities' environment heritage (*green area of original area forest*) and not to mention birdlife, all through walking, riding and wheel chairing within that Green Belt is feasible.

### **"Ecological Economics"**

(Eco – Eco)

*The practice of sustainable environment conservation.*

*Preservation of the wilderness through sound eco-tourism permanent employment programs.*

*Development in co-existence, with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional natural environment for all generations.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy through showing the economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in it's present state without degeneration".*

**"Ecological Community"**

**"Eco – Com"**

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council.*

*An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.*

*"Creating a home living sanctuary environment".*

**Ergonomic Ecological Economics**

**Erg-Eco-Eco, (EEE).**

*(new meaning?)*

*Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community  
as our children are now being taught!*

*Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain. Producing green employment through community support.*

*Living with environment by utilising all renewable resources by harmonizing with community and environment through voluntary financial/association support. The best practice of sustainable conservation via preservation of the community remnant bushlands through sound green funded employment, i.e. Maintenance/Security/Track Leaders.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable ecological economy,  
showing the economic possibilities through leaving our suburbia natural/remnant environment  
as it is, in its present state, with out future degradation.*

*Natural watercourses saved and maintained by community ownership.*

*"Environmental Green Belt Walk/Run/Ride/Wheelchair Track" (spoke) to community centres  
(hub) via green belt and open woodlands.*

*(not researched)*



### CONCLUSION

*Please please please please please*, have a very good look at the overhead satellite photographs as shown in Fig B PB IAS. **Look at the environmental green belts corridors that are presently in place as second and first generation remnant bushlands within the Reedy Creek Emerging Domain.**

*Please please please please please* do not let Reedy Creek West of the Pacific Highway become cramped and high density living space in order to just to *be a populated area to service a future Reedy Creek Railway Station. I.E.* Sommerset.

*Please please please please please*, do think of the future 10 – 20 years down the track, as it will be our names mentioned as the people who approved the future development of Reedy Creek Reserve Parklands Environment Greenbelt Corridors.

Or on the other side of the coin, the Development Companies and Development Consultation Companies, coupled with the State Government Political Party of the time, and to that of the Local Area Councillor of whom did approved and will have created the social demographic and environment decay of Reedy Creek, come 2020. As is currently in progress, *full speed ahead.*

*Please please please please please*, come to Reedy Creek today and physically inspect what we have now as tomorrow it will be gone forever.

**THINK TODAY, OR BE DOOMED AND DAMMED  
TOMMORROW.**

## MAIN POINTS OF SUBMISSION

MAKE FOR A CONTINUOUS REEDY CREEK WATERCOURSE MANAGEMENT PLAN WALK/RIDE/WHEELCHAIR TRAIL THAT STRETCHES FROM BURLEIGH HEADS, REEDY CREEK, BONOGIN TO SPRINGBOOK NATIONAL PARKS.

BEACH TO BUSH, HUBS AND SPOKES ENVIRONMENT WALK/PUSHBIKE/WHEELCHAIR GREEN BELT CORRIDORS AWAY FROM THE ROADWAYS.

COMMUNITY PROTECTED, AS THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TANGIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSET OF WORTH, THE NATURAL WATERCOURSES. REEDY CREEK PROPER NOT REEDY CREEK THE STORMWATER DRAIN.

“ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS” (ECO-ECO).

*OPPORTUNITY IS REAL AND PRESENT*

NO NEED TO GET BACK IN CONTACT WITH ME, AS I KNOW FROM ALL OTHER PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL, STATE GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT PROCESSES, NO RETURN CONTACT OR FEEDBACK IS EVER GIVEN, MY WORDS HAVE NO EFFECTIVENESS TO ALREADY DECIDED PROCESS.

*YOURS,*

*PERMANENT RESIDENT GOLD COAST,*  
*WITH A SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE.*

*"LITTLE TINY MOSQUITO, WITH NO BUZZING NOISE".*  
THEREFORE, IGNORED, AND NEVER EVER HEARD. POWERLESS.

AT LEAST WE'LL GET A RAILWAY STATION.

c.c. Cr.Drake G.C.C.C. Area 12 Councillor.

c.c. Hon Dianne Reilly, State Member for Mudgeeraba (Reedy Creek).

## YOUR NOTES

THINK THINK THINK, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.  
WHEN THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO THINK ABOUT.

*#Public Response to  
Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals  
Southern Varsity Lakes Precinct.*

**"LAKE ORR *and* ENVIRONS"  
STATEMENT of PROPOSALS.  
GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL, PUBLIC  
NOTICE.**

***"SOUTH VARSITY LAKES/REEDY CREEK,  
FUTURE RAILWAY STATION LOCATION,  
ECO-TOURISM COMMERCIAL VIABILITY".***

**ADDRESSED TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL.**

**Response/submission from private resident,  
Brett Dawson of Reedy Creek.**

**5<sup>th</sup> M a r c h  
2 0 0 4 .**

**Grounds for this response/submission are based upon;**

1. **Maintaining of Reedy Creek Watercourse** continuous main trunk flow to Lake Orr, as a community Green Belt Corridor environmental asset for all time for all generations.
2. **Maintaining of the Reedy Creek Watercourse** continuous main trunk flow into Lake Orr without further clear-cut land clearing and industrial zonings on eastern side of Pacific Highway or northern side of Reedy Creek Road.
3. **Establishment and recognition** of a connectivity Green Belt Environmental Wildlife Corridor between Varsity Lakes and Reedy Creek with Reedy Creek Watercourse as the natural environmental community asset lending to a passive public transit corridor with connectivity to Reedy Creek Community Emerging Domain.
4. **Recognition of the location** of future Reedy Creek Railway Station and the blending of native wooded environs (*current still standing*) through leaving some of dense second remnant (*30 – 40 years old*) eucalyptus mature growth trees standing as surrounding parklands within the grounds of the future Railway Station Precinct.
5. **Consideration, for the future** Reedy Creek Railway Station, as a Queensland/Gold Coast icon Railway Station to be an entry point, (*starting point*) for Gold Coast Hinterland eco-tourism long distance walk/run/ride/wheelchair Green Belt Corridor Trail.
6. **Consideration for further feasibility studies** (*more time*), for a Green Belt Corridor Trail from Reedy Creek Railway Station (*Southern Varsity Lakes*) westward to Bonogin, Mudgeeraba and possibly Mt Cougal Ranges as a spoke (*controlled walk track*) from hub (*commercial centre*).

7. **Consideration for further feasibility studies into eco-tourism** from southern end of Lake Orr and eastern end of Reedy Creek for long distance Green Belt Corridor (*i.e. Gold Coast Great Walks*) leading onwards towards "*Great Walks of Queensland*" via Springbrook, Binna Burra, Lamington National Park through to O'Reilly's Green Mountains.
  
8. **Consideration for further feasibility studies into eco-tourism, self funding** via principals of Ecological Economics. Participation of Community input, Griffith University Gold Coast, (*Environment Sciences and Tourism Business Faculties*) with the possibilities of joint researching thesis in connection with prior research as carried out by Australian National University, Canberra and University of Auckland New Zealand, with assistance from societies for Ecological Economics Australia and New Zealand.

**1). Maintaining of Reedy Creek Watercourse continuous main trunk flow to Lake Orr, as a community Green Belt Corridor Environmental asset, for all time and all generations.**

Per, Gold Coast City Council (*G.C.C.C.*) Conservation Strategy Plan, Planning Strategy Map PS-3 (*Gold Coast Draft Planning Scheme 2001*).<sup>5</sup> From Burleigh Heads to Springbrook National Park is drafted a green belt so-called significant flora. Within the Planning Strategy Plan Map PS-3 the legend dictates the green belt as major linkages (*land and water based*). Within PS-3 the southern end of the Lake Orr Environs are made mention as so-called **significant remnants and bushland mosaics**.

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<sup>5</sup> APPENDIX 1.

Since 2001 the as drafted G.C.C.C. Conservation Strategy Planing has failed Lake Orr South, as Delfin Varsity Lakes Estate developments have **clear cut most of the second remnant eucalyptus mature growth trees standing**, in order to make for an industrial park<sup>6</sup>. The southern side of Reedy Creek Road opposite of Varsity Lakes south is as already established industrial business community. The Conservation Strategy Planing as per green linkage designated per map PS-3, is broken by industrial developments as approved by G.C.C.C. with most bushland mosaics lost (80%).

**To Delfin's credit**, provision has been made for a nature reserve complete with water feature as per conversation had between submission author and industrial park designer Roland. To Delfin's credit, some eucalyptus mature growth trees (5% of what was previous) have been left standing along Reedy Creek main trunk of which connects and finishes at the surrounding water body of Azzurra Island (*man made*). This water body (*man made canal*), then leads into Lake Orr.

Alas per Delfin's planing map of Varsity Lakes<sup>7</sup> **no recognition of Reedy Creek main trunk is shown**, in fact the future streets of Andorra Place, Jindari Place and Castello Circuit would appear to run over the top of Reedy Creek main trunk.

If Reedy Creek main trunk water course was allowed to stay in it's natural state, then a **green belt corridor of which could well become the communities environmental asset** would be a natures' gift as it already is. If Reedy Creek is allowed to finish its natural course of flow without estate developers' intervention, then the creek would as the Conservation Strategy Plan Planning Strategy Map PS-3 2001 shows, would serve its purpose and enrich the residential community by providing natural water flow from the Reedy Creek foothills for fauna and flora to habitat. Delfin Varsity Lakes estate developers and G.C.C.C. may have already planned for underground concrete piping to carry Reedy Creek under the future planned suburbia streets!

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<sup>6</sup> **APPENDIX 2.** THE AUTHOR OF THIS SUBMISSION REALIZES THAT A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED WITH G.C.C.C. BY DELFIN BEFORE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.

<sup>7</sup> APPENDIX 3.

Contained within the "Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals", Point #3, "What the Local Plan will address", "*Valuable features*", the question is asked; "How can the environmental values of the area such as water quality, biodiversity and remnant vegetation be protected and enhanced?"

The answer is simple; leave Reedy Creek to run its natural course into Lake Orr and provide and give good width environmental green belt for the natural habitat!

In leaving Reedy Creek in its natural state, Delfin and G.C.C.C. will give a community tangible environmental asset for all time for all generations. The Reedy Creek tangible green belt environmental corridor encompassing the Reedy Creek water course will then become multiple purpose as an environmental green belt passive transit corridor. The Green Belt Corridor would lead to the future Reedy Creek Railway Station and to Reedy Creek the suburb.

Future generations of school children would be able to use the Reedy Creek Green Belt Corridor to get to and from the many schools within the Reedy Creek Domain via the green belt corridor of which would be well away from any roads of vehicle traffic.

*Contained with the G.C.C.C. "Our Living City" Gold Coast Planning Scheme 2002;*

In view of the significant potential changes in character from increased or existing urban development on the visual and environmentally sensitive areas, Council has recognised the need to formulate a Structure Plan that can guide development of this area (*Reedy Creek and Emerging Community Domains*) in a coordinated and sustainable way.

**The key objectives of this Structure Plan are:**

- Environmentally sensitive urban development that maintains high levels of amenity for residents and contributes to the character, identity and quality of life of Reedy Creek and minimizes bushfire risk.



- Protection of species biodiversity and habitat and minimising disturbance to habitats including enhancement and protection of watercourses, riparian zones, existing vegetation and prominent ridges.
- Development consistent with the availability of infrastructure and services to serve a population of approximately 17,000.
- Housing styles consistent with the physical and environmental constraints in the area.
- Community activity centres such as local shops, schools, churches and active open space located on the major collector road network shown on the Structure Plan.

G.C.C.C. "Our Living City" Gold Coast Planning Scheme 2002  
Page 79 Part 5, Ch 2.18- Emerging Communities.

**6.8.3.2** In addition to the creek systems, the hills, associated ridges, valleys and waterholes, which are important for habitat and natural open space reasons, contribute to the local character of the area. Vegetation in the Structure Plan area consists of a large area of blackbutt open forest, and large tracts of regrowth of local native species. There are some riparian communities located along Reedy Creek tributaries. The need for retention of existing vegetation, particularly in the elevated central areas, has influenced the location of open space throughout the Structure Plan area.

**6.8.3.3** The Structure Plan respects the areas of high conservation value identified in the *ReedyCreek Planning Study* (Woods Bagot, June 1997).

**6.8.3.4** Several threatened or locally significant species of fauna and flora have been identified in studies undertaken for Council. These include:

- the glossy black cockatoo;
- the platypus;
- the koala;
- the sugar glider;
- a range of rainforest plant; and

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- a broad spectrum of vegetation types that provide varying habitats for a diverse range of fauna species.

The presence of the glossy black cockatoo influenced the formulation of the Structure Plan. In particular, feeding habitats of the cockatoos are included in the open space areas of the Structure Plan.

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Page 80 Part 5, Ch 2.18- Emerging Communities.

Lake Orr South is very close to Reedy Creek emerging communities, Lake Orr South is where Reedy Creek finishes. With a permanent pre-planned (surveyed) long distance Green Belt Environment Corridor, that is a public passive transit corridor, residents of Varsity Lakes will not need to use their cars in order to drive to the future Reedy Creek Railway Station or future Reedy Creek Parkland Reserves. Whereas if foresight is used, the Green Belt Wildlife Corridor may well begin at Lake Orr South connecting on to Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor west of the Pacific Highway. If Reedy Creek main trunk is left in its natural state with an environmental corridor of the remaining second remnant eucalyptus mature growth trees standing, then it is most probable that the native birdlife as noted and recognised as living within natural habitat of Reedy Creek will also trans-migrate via a left in tact watercourse all the way down- creek to Lake Orr Environs.

**2). Maintaining of the Reedy Creek Watercourse continuous main trunk flow into Lake Orr without further clear-cut land clearing or industrial zonings on eastern side of Pacific Highway or northern side of Reedy Creek Road.**

Using the G.C.C.C. "Our Living City" Draft Planning Scheme 2002 as the guidelines for Reedy Creek Emerging Domains Communities I quote the below;

**6.8.4.1 Open Space and Nature Conservation Intent**

**6.8.4.1.1 Purpose**

The main purposes of this category of land use are to:

- (a) Preserve existing fauna habitats by protecting environmentally significant stands of remnant vegetation and open space corridors along local watercourses or prominent ridgelines;
- (b) retain, enhance and rehabilitate linkages between important natural areas; and
- (c) Ensure adequate provision of active and passive recreational requirements of future residents. Sites for active open space have been identified on the Structure Plan Map.

The intention of the Open Space and Nature Conservation area is to provide the main framework around which other land uses and activities can be suitably and sustainably developed. The area will be established as a linked system, encouraging continuous corridors, particularly along Wyangan and Reedy Creeks and other major drainage lines and ridgelines traversing the area. Development character and subdivision are to be consistent with the Conservation Domain.

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Page 82 Part 5, Ch 2.18- Emerging Communities.

If the north eastern side of the Pacific Highway Reedy Creek watercourse is not allowed continuous protection from industrial zoning then the connectivity between Lake Orr South Environs with Reedy Creek green belt corridor will never be.

Authors' comment.

#### **6.8.4.1.2 Implementation**

**(a)** The **Reedy Creek Structure Plan Map EC8** identifies existing and proposed Open space, including areas of high conservation value and important linkages.

G.C.C.C. Draft Planning Scheme CD 2001  
Emerging Communities "Reedy Creek Green Linkages".

**(b)** The open space areas will have a primary role in retaining the areas of natural environment. These areas will also assist in defining preferred development Patterns and enhancing the character of the place, as defined by this Structure Plan. In particular, the areas nominated as open space will:

- contribute to the conservation of habitat and scenic areas;
- serve floodway and drainage functions;
- protect water quality;
- provide active and passive recreational opportunities;
- provide opportunities for development of a network of paths and trails for bush walking, cycling, horse riding and bush fire management; and
- provide adequate buffers between incompatible land uses, particularly where mitigation of environmental and visual impacts is required.

**(c)** Secure riparian zones along open space corridors.

Corridors have multiple functions. Each corridor will be of varying width Depending upon the function in each area and Domain type. Unless otherwise stated, the corridor width will be from the top of the bank for base flow, for the following functions:

- bank erosion protection and/or fire break corridor = 30 metres
- wildlife corridor = 50 metres
- passive recreation = 50 metres.

Along smaller watercourses and major drainage channels

- for all functions a minimum of 30 metres of the centre line of the watercourse/channel.

Environmental/visual buffer between uses = minimum 100 metres overall width Areas of visual and environmental significance are to be accurately identified by site specific studies as part of development proposals.

The areas identified will be subject to Open Space and Environmental Management Plans.

(e) Development applications for Material Change of Use and Reconfiguring a Lot will be accompanied by a Conservation Impact Assessment Report.

The Impact Assessment Report will provide information on:

- species, age and structure of remnant stands of vegetation, particularly along major water courses and ridgelines and their importance as fauna habitats;
- supplementary planting and/or rehabilitation, where current vegetation cover is inadequate or in poor condition, using local native species that are a food source supportive of natural fauna;
- habitat values of remnant stands of vegetation;
- creek reservation buffers;
- areas of visual value and their protection; and
- protection of valuable habitat areas and linkage areas.

(f) The Structure Plan area is located within the foothill buffer and the key land - based linkage designations of the **Nature Conservation Strategy**.

The intent of the designations is to maintain as much of the existing nature conservation values within the Structure Plan area as possible during the development process, particularly the retention of a broad continuous corridor of habitat from east to west.

(g) Open space linkages will have a minimum width of 100 metres.

- (h) Replanting of damaged and cleared land is to utilise local native species that should be a food source supportive of natural fauna. Prior to any revegetation taking place, a detailed landscape plan must be submitted to Council and approved prior to any land clearing

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Page 83 Part 5, Ch 2.18- Emerging Communities.

***Submission Author comments***

Reedy Creek Emerging Communities Domain as can be read above, has a strongly worded and well documented draft plan of which will hopefully help keep the environmental integrity of the established wooded area.

Although Lake Orr Environs apparently does not have a G.C.C.C. conservation strategy plan as drafted. Only as granted per Delfin estate developers feel best conservational values of their purpose built community. G.C.C.C. and Delfin have provided the opportunity for public comment per this response via The Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals

Within the Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals "introduction" in point form, is mention I quote;

- Management of future development to protect and promote the distinctive lakeside character of the area; (PT.2)
- Maintenance of land use entitlements and development expectations; (PT.3)
- Provision of facilities and services to support a vibrant community (e.g. recreation, public spaces and transport); and (PT.5)
- Protection of areas of ecological and cultural significance. (PT.6)

Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals  
G.C.C.C. 2004.

Going further and looking into content of "Local Area Plan" I quote;

**Content of the Local Area Plan**

The aim of the Local Area Plan is to create a distinctive and unique set of planning controls operating that identifies and preserves areas of visual character and ecological significance,

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and promote aesthetically pleasing, functional and distinctive development that is economically viable to construct.

The Plan will conform with the Integrated Planning Act 1997 and format adopted by Gold Coast City Council in the preparation of its draft Planning Scheme. It will include:

a description of the planning Intent and outline when/where the Local Area Plan will be applied;

Desired Environmental Outcomes to set the policy framework;  
Local Area Features (land use, infrastructure and valuable features);

Land Use Precincts;

Development Assessment Tables; and a Code identifying outcomes and measures to achieve those outcomes.

**Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals  
Mini CD, G.C.C.C. 2004.**

All of the above, which is great, and will help to **define the uniqueness of the Lake Orr environs. Particularly the environmental integrity** of the Varsity Lakes Estates nature reserves within the precinct of Lake Orr South near to the future Reedy Creek Railway Station of which is yet to be developed.

Much **development is already in progress current**, (*appendix 3*). It appears that Stephens (*West Burleigh*) is designed to be the industrial heart land of the mid in-land Gold Coast. The success of the industrial zoning can be seen in the ever **increasing small business'** establishing their enterprises within Stephens (*West Burleigh*) thus creating much commerce and employment for Gold Coasters.

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This is fantastic, but where will the clear cutting of the second remnant bushland around West Burleigh cease and the other potential passive non-industrial industry such as the much talked about eco-tourism have a chance to become a reality.

Opportunity is real and current with the Lake Orr South Precinct and the confirmation of the future Reedy Creek Railway Station giving to future non industrial enterprises and to green employment. i.e.

- Bed and Breakfast establishments.
- Environmental walk guides.
- Backpackers' hostels.
- Green Belt Corridor Rangers.
- Green Belt Corridor maintenance and security personnel.

Opportunity to make Reedy Creek Railway Station an eco-tourism jump off point (*beach to bush*) from the most southern point of Varsity Lakes could happen. But, only if the current mindset for complete land clearing of all biodiversity of the second remnant (30 - 40 years old) eucalyptus mature growth trees standing within the southern most point of Varsity Lakes as shown on the next page, ceases.

Lake Orr and Environs Statement of Proposals  
Mini CD, G.C.C.C. 2004.



**3). Establishment and recognition of a connectivity Green Belt Corridors with Reedy Creek Watercourse as the natural environmental community asset, lending to a passive public transit corridor with connectivity to Reedy Creek Community Emerging Domain.**

Gold Coast City Council has set the draft planning scheme for Reedy Creek emerging community and for the **wooded characteristics of Reedy Creek to be maintained**

**I quote the G.C.C.C. emerging communities' domain planning scheme draft intent for Reedy Creek:**

*The character of the Reedy Creek area is in sharp contrast to the high density of the urban environment, characteristic of the coastline, as it is still relatively undeveloped. The area is typified by a variety of land forms and natural attributes ranging from watercourses, rare and threatened species of fauna and environmentally significant areas through to attractive and picturesque undulating hills and valleys.*

On 18/09/2002, the author of this submission submitted a development objection called "Reedy Creek Resident right of reply to development application on land at upper Reedy Creek Plateau Highlands", Application file #:PN245695/12/DAI. The development application file PN245695/12/DAI was lodged by Stocklands Pty Ltd of who are the estate developers of the Observatory Estate. I commended the Stocklands Development Application of the Kingsmore Site (*West*) as a catalyst for other development applications to benchmark against.

To quote Stocklands development Application: new, "Observatory Estate"  
(*Kingsmore West*)

*Intent – The purpose of land in this land use category is to preserve existing fauna habitats by protecting stands of remnant vegetation and open space corridors along watercourses or prominent ridgelines; retain and enhance linkages, and ensure adequate provision of active and passive recreation areas for future residents. This area is to provide the main framework around which other land uses and activities can be suitably and sustainably developed. Development character and subdivision are to be consistent with the conservation domain.*

**ASSESSMENT REPORT.**

(Per Stockland Development Application File)

**Open Space & Nature Conservation. Pg. 25.**

**Estate development coupled with environmental integrity has come of age and is current now. Estate environmental integrity sells.** Perhaps if Delfin estate developers and Stocklands estate developers communicated on environmental integrity ideas, brokered by G.C.C.C. on behalf of the community, then perhaps an effort could be made to give Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor a continuous connectivity towards Bonogin and Mudgeeraba from Varsity Lakes South.

This **far fetched environmental thought** can only come about if establishment and recognition of connectivity Green Belt Corridors with Reedy Creek Watercourse as the natural environmental community asset is pre-planned for (*surveyed*) at the development application stage, before earthworks commence.

**Both Delfin and Stocklands developers espouse that their estate developments have hike and walk trails as well as bikeways.** Delfin espouse that they have 20kms of hike and bike ways throughout their Varsity Lakes development. Stocklands at their currently under development (*earthworks current, stage 1 & 2 completed*), estate on Reedy Creek Plateau, (*Observatory Estate, Kingsmore West*), also used the selling point of hike and bike ways as inclusive within the estate.

**If both Delfin and Stocklands connected their hike and bike ways then they would be able to espouse that they have over 50 to 60 kms of hike and bike ways combined.**

G.C.C.C. espouse that Gold Coast has tens of kilometres of Cycling Network per Planning Strategy Map PS-9 of the Draft Planning Scheme<sup>8</sup>. Of which in all reality are in the **70% main, are painted yellow lines and painted yellow bicycles symbols on the road side beside the kerb. So in all reality the Gold Coast bikeway network is a fallacy.**

If Gold Coast developers and G.C.C.C. worked and planned connectivity Green Belt Corridors, walk/run/ride/wheelchair trails, on the concept of hubs and spokes as contained within **the Beaudesert Shire and Gold Coast City Council commissioned Econnect Report of 2002/03 then a true away from the roadside hike and bike network could become a reality.**

Contained within the consultation draft of 2002 and perhaps the **finished report of 2003** of which the author of this submission greatly contributed to but was never privilege or acknowledged as a contributor to see the finished resulting report, is a conceptual idea called "*Hubs and Spokes*". With "*Hubs and Spokes*" (*the old wooden wheel*), trail walkers and others, (*runners, wheelchairs, pushbikes etc*), start from a designated location and can walk/run/ride for kilometres in a one way direction. Through the use of well marked Greenbelt Walk Trails that can come back to their original start point by the use of other conceptual spoke (*passive transit corridor*) walk trails leading back to the starting point, hub (*local community activity/commerce centre*).

**With the current possibility of pre-establishment and recognition of connectivity Green Belt Corridors with Reedy Creek Watercourse as the natural environmental community asset pre-planned before the development application stage, that is before earthworks commence. A win/win/win situation can be obtained.**

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<sup>8</sup> APPENDIX 4

*i.e.*

- Developers are able to espouse long distance hike and bike trails within a green belt environs.
- City Council is given a passive transit walk/run/bike/wheelchair environmental long distance green belt corridors interconnecting the suburbs.
- Community get environment green belt tangible asset that is away from the busy roadways and gives to community health and wellbeing, (*exercising*).

Do the Varsity Lakes and the emerging Reedy Creek Domains communities have a clear and present opportunity of a well defined multi-purpose health and well being exercise trail as well an environmentally sound tangible community asset in which community members will **walk and talk, meet and greet after a days work?** Yes.

**4). Recognition of the location of future Reedy Creek Railway Station and the blending of native wooded environs (*current still standing*) through leaving some of dense second remnant (*30 – 40 years old*) eucalyptus mature growth trees standing as surrounding parklands within the grounds of the future Railway Station Precinct.**

In March 2003, a Rail Impact Assessment Study (*I.A.S.*) was conducted by Queensland State Government, (*Queensland Transport*) and consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff Pty Ltd of Brisbane. The rail IAS was for the continuation of the Gold Coast commuter rail from Robina to Tugun and asked for public comment. **The proposed railway station so-called, Reedy Creek Railway Station is to be located within the Lake Orr and Environs figure 1 study area<sup>9</sup>.**

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<sup>9</sup> APPENDIX 5

From the supplied appendix 5 **overhead satellite view of the proposed railway extension, can be seen the remnant bushland that once was. Sixty percent (60%) of this remnant bushland is now denuded** (*clear cut*) for industrial park development by Delfin developers as approved by G.C.C.C. The area on which Reedy Creek main trunk flow is flows along is zoned industrial and was recently sold off under the marketing intentions of possibilities of a potential trucking depot or bus depot. Fortunately on the west side of the Pacific Highway the second remnant bushland still stands although under constant development pressure. Please note on the satellite overview Azzurra Island is not yet created. Please take note of the satellite overview the green behind the gold west of the Pacific Highway of which in recent times a further 10% has been lost.

**Contain within the Parsons Brinckerhoff IAS it is mention under the heading "Transport and Land Use Strategies" I quote;**

*Transport and land use strategies have been prepared for the area surrounding the proposed station locations as well as along the rail alignment between the proposed locations. Strategies have been prepared for land use planning, traffic access, public bus services and access, and pedestrian and cyclist access.*

***Reedy Creek Station***

- *Changes from industrial and detached dwelling land use to mixed business and residential choice designations;*
- *A new bus route from the Kingsmore development through the station and re-direction of service in the area to pass through the station.*
- *Station access via the extension of Scottsdale Drive and the Reedy Creek interchange with the Pacific highway; and*
- *New/improved cycle routes along Scottsdale Drive extension and across Reedy Creek overpass.*

**Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Robina to Tugun Rail Impact Assessment Study  
Part A: Robina Station to Steward Road  
Draft impact assessment Report  
March 2003.**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2003, the author of this submission sent to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Cr. Peter Drake and Hon Member. Dianne Reilly. A private resident's submission report called, "Reedy Creek Station (*positioning*), Reedy Creek Environmental Management Protection (*before development*)".

**My main concern is that Reedy Creek proper is to become a stormwater drain with no environmental management protection plan to save the natural watercourse for Reedy Creek's future residents giving to the possibilities of an Greenbelt Environmental Corridor of which follows the natural contours of the Reedy Creek present.**

**Espoused within a newsletter publication called "Varsity Lakes Update" dated January 2003, (*Delfin Estate Developments*), Page 9, "Lake Orr Fact File", Point 2. It is written: "this new 21.59 hectare body of water will eventually link Reedy Creek to Lake Orr, and Lake Silvabank providing Varsity Lakes, and Gold Coast with a brand new island – Azzurra Island".**

If Delfin Estate Development Pty Ltd, have a Reedy Creek Environment Plan (*hypothesis supposed*), then perhaps as argued over the years by Brett Dawson through Cr. Drake and G.C.C.C., so should "PB" (*Parsons Brinckerhoff*) IAS, as should G.C.C.C. and the West Kingsmore Estate Developers, Stocklands Pty Ltd should have. (*Hypothesis supposed*).

Delfin Developments Pty Ltd espouses that within their Varsity Lakes estate development that there are many numerous walks trails, wetlands, nature reserves, new created lakes and new created islands. Stocklands Pty Ltd West Kingsmore Development Application for the Kingsmore site 31/08/2002 situated upon Upper Reedy Creek Plateau Highlands and Lower Reedy Creek (*Kingsmore*) also espouses many walk trails and Environment Corridors.

**Reedy Creek is undoubtedly most likely to get a Railway Station. Reedy Creek Railway Station could one day in the near future if Developers, City Council and Community, believe in suburban walk trails that come from the suburbs heading towards the mountain national parks of the Gold Coast Hinterlands.**

**Reedy Creek Railway Station could become, a Queensland State, Gold Coast City, "Icon Hub", railway station destination for a Spoke, Green Belt Environment Walk Trail/Track. Perhaps leading onto "Great Walks of Queensland" conceptual idea currently as funded in progress under the 10 million dollar initiative of Queensland State Government. I.e. *Eco-tourism destination.***

Stockland Developers and Delfin Developers have put in place Green Belt Corridors walk trails within their development application plan. If with further suburban development in the Mudgeeraba, Bonogin areas west of Reedy Creek incorporated the same Green Belt Corridors. Then interconnecting controlled walk tracks also serving as Green Belt Corridors could head out towards Springbrook National Parks and beyond. Then the conceptual ideas of Ecological Economics of Controlled Walk Tracks (*user paid for economies of scale ie. users paid monies giving to employment of track maintenance workers and walk track security personnel*).

**Reedy Creek Railway Station and Reedy Creek B & B's would become a important hub location for bushwalkers starting off via the Hubs' and Spokes' concept.**

**Reedy Creek proper would appear destined for extinction, and future Reedy Creek will only be a namesake but to become just another stormwater and wastewater outlet per construction desires if no regard for protection of the original watercourse and present Flora and Fauna is taken into account.**

Please assess the photographs as supplied from other creeks within the Reedy Creek Area, in particular Somerset.

Community well being and health and exercise are now prominent on all people's minds. Walking tracks and bicycle networks have become a viable community pursuit, as is environmental conservation. **Opportunity is present, real and current** on walking tracks that have Hubs and Spokes connections to other suburbs and onwards towards hinterland national parks.

The possibility of users paying for the keepsake of the communities' environment heritage (*green area of original area forest*) and not to mention birdlife, all through walking, riding and wheel chairing within that Green Belt is feasible.

(End part submission)

**In all reality, Reedy Creek Watercourse main trunk is destined become a waste water drain for industrial lands and railway station car park. Unless some forethought is used now,** and incorporate the environmental integrity of the remaining natural habitat wildlife corridor, and incorporate that environment integrity to blend within the design of the future railway station, otherwise Reedy Creek might well be just renamed Varsity Lakes South as there will be no natural creek recognisable. Perhaps Queensland Transport may well just build another concrete shell Railway Station building with asphalt car park railway station located beside the industrial area of West Burleigh.

**Where as potential future Reedy Creek Railway Station could become the eco-tourism jumping off point for "*green behind the gold*" and entry point to Burleigh Beach and Varsity Lakes Academic Precinct all reachable via Green Belt passive transit walk corridors!**



**5). Consideration, for the future Reedy Creek Railway Station, as a Queensland/Gold Coast icon Railway Station to be an entry point, (*starting point*) for Gold Coast Hinterland eco-tourism long distance walk/run/ride/wheelchair Green Belt Corridor Trail.**

Of recent times on the Gold Coast, tourism diversification has come of age where as the **call for green behind the gold nature based tourism is becoming louder and louder.** First with the report from Professor Bill Faulkner<sup>(Dec)</sup> in conjunction with Gold Coast Griffith University, CRC unit, dated September 2000. The report was on Tourism Development on the Gold Coast as commission by G.C.C.C. Professor Faulkner is quoted within the report saying ....*"ad hoc approach to tourism development that has prevailed to date will not work for the future". "A more holistic approach is necessary,"* G.C.C.C. based on Professor Faulkner's Tourism Report recommendations established a newly established Gold Coast Tourism Unit as contained with the organisational structure of G.C.C.C.

**Most recently an eco-tourism forum as held on 01/12/2003 at the G.C.C.C. Nerang Bicentennial Community Hall** as chaired by the Gold Coast Western Chambers of Commerce, had many important tourism business leaders, local and state politicians, Griffith University Academics and environmentalists all speaking re to Gold Coasts' future as an eco-tourism destination. All participants' agreeing that time had come for a well structured nature based tourism approach encompassing eco-tourism is now for the Gold Coast.

Having attended the eco-tourism forum, **many participants' agreed that eco-tourism as structured from railway stations worked world wide.** Gold Coast Western Chambers of Commerce are pushing very hard for a Rainforest Interpretation Centre to enhance the nature based tourism for the Gold Coast Hinterland to be located on the Gold Coast. Nerang Chambers of Commerce at the same forum spoke openly about **feasibility studies as conducted on a Nerang River Walk through commissioned consultants, Econnet.**

**Eco-tourism from Reedy Creek Railway Station requires thought before being dismissed outright.**

A long distance Green Belt Corridor from Varsity Lakes South and Reedy Creek is still a viable eco-tourism prospect for Gold Coast tourism if only pre-planned and pre-surveyed ASAP. Gold Coast rail connects direct with Brisbane Central Station and all destinations north, south and west, including Brisbane International Airport. If Reedy Creek Railway Station becomes clustered with industrial development and high density residential housing development, no opportunity for a tourism based enterprises would be viable.

**Imagine you're an eco-tourist who wants to walk the 4-day Great Walks of Queensland (Gold Coast 2006)<sup>10</sup>** of which is under current construction through Springbrook National Park and re-construction of walk trails through Lamington National Park. Just say you got off your international/domestic flight from where ever and you catch the train to Brisbane Central in transit to Gold Coast. You get off your train at Reedy Creek Station and immediately you need accommodation, where will you start? Will you catch a bus/taxi to Burleigh Heads? Perhaps you might stay somewhere near the railway station within the Varsity Lakes Precinct? Or perhaps you would walk the short distance to Reedy Creek Bed & Breakfast where the Gold Coast Green Belt Great Walks Corridor begins. You could stay the night at Varsity Lakes South or Reedy Creek before you get your trail guide of who will lead you and your party after you've paid for your eco-tourist permit to travel along the long distance walk trails up into the Springbrook National Park connecting with Gold Coast Great Walk of Queensland!

**G.C.C.C., community and the developers must take the common ground and live with biodiversity and not completely destroy biodiversity in the suburbs as is current and has happen in the past. Reedy Creek is to get a railway station within the next five years. Could not some foresight be used, and G.C.C.C. work in conjunction with the developers and pre-plan surveyed Green Belt Corridors in view of connectivity to other suburbs as a network hubs and spokes?**

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A Green Belt Corridor via Varsity Lakes South, Reedy Creek, Kingsmore reaching through Reedy Creek Plateau to Bonogin on to Springbrook connecting to Great Walks of Queensland, is a **viable eco-tourism venture for the Gold Coast from Reedy Creek Railway Station and Reedy Creek future eco-tourism Bed & Breakfasts' establishments.**

Leave Reedy Creek water course to become a community owned and protected environmental asset leading east to the Railway Station (*Spoke to Hub*) and onwards to Varsity Lakes and Lake Orr, (*Environmental Green Belt Walk/run/ride Trail*). Reedy Creek Water course if protected and not denigrated could well lead westward towards Mudgeeraba and Bonogin and further.

The principals of Ecological Economics (*Eco-Eco*) and to that of Ecological Community (*Eco-Com*) will create the on-going community environmentally maintained (protected and maintenance community labour volunteered) and tangible community ownership of the preserved bushland reserves with self generated economies of scale.

The health and wellbeing of the permanent residents being able to utilise a long distance connectivity environmental green belt transit corridor as a spoke (*passive transit corridor*) leading to the hubs (*community commerce centres*) will automatically create scales of economy and local employment.

**"Ecological Community"**

*"(Eco – Com)"*

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks  
with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications  
between estate developers and local council.*

*An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous,  
non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant  
in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community  
for all time for all generations.*

*"Creating a home living sanctuary environment".*

6). Consideration for further feasibility studies (*more time*), for a Green Belt Corridor Trail from Reedy Creek Railway Station westward to Bonogin, Mudgeeraba and possibly Mt Cougal Ranges as a spoke (*controlled walk track*) from hub (*commercial centre*).

Since 1992 the author of this submission has been researching and studying;

**"Ecological Economics"**

*("Eco – Eco")*

*"The practice of sustainable environment conservation.*

*Preservation of the wilderness through sound eco-tourism permanent employment programs.*

*Development in co-existence, with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional natural environment for all generations.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy through showing the economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in it's present state without degeneration".*

Over the years, many many submissions as a private environmentally concerned Gold Coast citizen have been sent by the author to Queensland State Government, Local Council Government, Griffith University and environmental green groups **without much feedback or acknowledgement.**

All submissions' has been based around the **newly research (last 15 years)** "Ecological Economics". The authors' information is free information to anyone who believes in future environment sustainability. The only feedback the author ever receives is from the Australian National University Environment Sciences Faculties whereas he's on their e-mail list for up-coming Ecological Economics seminars and Ecological Economics professional Academics' ordering book lists from overseas, of which are unaffordable.

Queensland National Parks System of Queensland Draft Master Plan Discussion Paper of March 2001 highlighted the important points of note about community parklands;

- Parks are cornerstones of an integrated strategy to conserve nature, including biological diversity and cultural heritage in Queensland.
- That indigenous peoples maintain strong links with the land on which many parks have been established.
- That parks should ensure the conservation of natural and cultural values for all time.
- That continuing engagement between the community and parks, including opportunities for all people to visit and enjoy parks, is fundamental purpose of management.

Please find on the next page part of a submission comments the author sent to Econnect consultants, of whom were paid consultants commissioned by G.C.C.C. to look into walk trails for Gold Coast Regions. Please note Brett Dawson comments are in courier new font.

**FEEDBACK COMMENT:  
ON RECREATION TRAILS  
GOLD COAST & BEAUDESERT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS.**

**on**

**VOLUME 1  
RECREATION TRAILS STRATEGY  
CONSULTATION DRAFT.  
(ECONNECT COMMUNICATIONS)  
JULY 2002.**

**On behalf of and for**

**GOLD COAST & BEAUDESERT CITY/SHIRE COUNCILS**

**FEEDBACK COMMENTS FROM BRETT DAWSON  
RESIDENT OF REEDY CREEK, GOLD COAST.**

**INDEPENDENT SUBMITTER.**

**D A T E D 31<sup>S T</sup> J U L Y 2002.**

## **INTRODUCING VOLUME 1**

*(Pg 4, Draft Vol 1.)*

Volume 1 describes:

- 1 The community needs and desires for recreation trails.
- 2 The need for integration with regional initiatives for recreation trail planning.
- 3 Suggested trail priorities.
- 4 Implementation strategies.

I agree with all points of order.

### **1. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUSTAINABLE RECREATION TRAILS**

“That the region must develop recreation trails networks that are sustainable is fundamentally important. Few natural and semi-natural landscapes remain in the region”. *(Pg 5, Draft Vol 1.)*

The above starting sentences of the Draft Vol. 1 states it all, particularly within the emerging communities’ suburbia of the Gold Coast west of the Pacific Highway.

“ ....*not be tolerated by an ever vigilant community*”. *(Pg. 5, Draft Vol. 1.)*

More and more communities permanent residents are sick of utter destruction of original and second growth bushlands making way for future suburbia development, without the requirement of natural nature walking trails for exercise and escape from daily toil, be that at home or at work.

“within the complete context of sustainability, trails networks must also be economically and socially sustainable”. *(Pg. 5 Draft Vol. 1.)*

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As with a much material as I (B.Dawson) may be able to supply, there is a future for Recreation Trails to become self-sustaining.

Community volunteer labour input as well as community financial payments towards Recreation Trails will be justification of such Recreation Trails towards a community ownership of nearby trails. (Ecological Economics).

Eco-tourism, nature based tourism will also enhance future revenue receipts of median to long distance walk trails that can begin within suburbia communities. (Lodge houses B&B, railway stations). Point must be noted that a self-funding recreation trail must have nature base credence and purpose direction. (Suburb to suburb, community to community, region to region, mountain to mountain).

## **2. COMMUNITY NEEDS AND TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES**

*(Pg. 10, Draft Vol. 1).*

Demand is strong and justified.

Once permanent residents are given ownership of their trail section and understand all benefits thereof, justification and maintenance and possibility labour input (FOC) will be trail opportunities.

Other opportunities will be environment employment (green jobs). Once a minimal sustainable economy is established through community funding, green jobs created would be maintenance, security and nature base environmental education walks or other nature based tourism activities through community or community/commercial enterprises.



## **2.4 BENEFITS TO COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

(Pg. 11, Draft Vol. 1.).

Agreement, to all points.

Employment is also another positive spin off, if not future community ownership and harmonious relationship morals (intrinsic pride) to their wildlife greenbelt trails lands.

## **3. INTEGRATING WITH REGIONAL INITIATIVES**

(Pg. 12, Draft Vol. 1.).

☞ All partners must work cohesively as one towards the common goals.

☞ Communication and sharing of free information is absolute.

☞ Reference resource library must be established with all past reports available at the one location for all.

☞ Structure committees or overseeing consultants must help direct and guide all participants.

☞ Local government should support and provide ancillary support.

(Meeting rooms, publicity, up-dates, newsletter, and Development Information).

➤ Money grants and monies spent must be transparent and accountable. (Where is the money going and to who).

☞ No secret agendas.

**Action: Designate road reserves as recreation trails.**

Disagree, why use roads?

Future developments will mean these roads will become busier, someone will walk on these roads and get hurt one day.

*Action 2: Trail feasibility*

**Action: Conduct detailed trail feasibility and cost assessments and a five year development program.**

Agreement, to all points. Very good.

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"PASSIVE URBAN TRANSIT ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDORS"**

*Action 3: Consolidate land tenure for trails.*

Action: Consolidate land tenure to facilitate appropriate location of trails.

Agreement, to all points. Very good.

*Action 4: Trail management standards*

Action: Develop management standards for trail classes 1,2 & 3

Agreement, to all points. Very good.

*Action 5: Develop local connectivity*

Action: Develop connections from private land/trails/equestrian area into the  
Public trails network.

Agreement, to all points. Very good.

Be careful re: walkers and horse riders going off  
Designated trails.

*Action 6: Integrate trail and other open space planning*

Action: Integrate recreation trail planning and development into related open  
space and recreation planning.

**End part submission prior research.**

**The point is, more research is required and old research material needs  
going over.**

**7). Consideration for further feasibility studies into eco-tourism from southern end of Lake Orr and eastern end of Reedy Creek for long distance Green Belt Corridor (i.e. Gold Coast Great Walks) leading onwards towards "Great Walks of Queensland" via Springbrook, Binna Burra, Lamington National Park through to O'Reilly's Green Mountains.**

All marketing possibilities for green tourism and green employment I would believe to be self explanatory, without wanting to digress any further I recommend going to the web site. [www.epa.qld.gov.au/greatwalks](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/greatwalks)

## **CONCLUDING STATEMENTS**

**I appreciate the opportunity to put forward the case for future eco-tourism opportunities for Varsity Lakes South (Lake Orr and Environs) and Reedy Creek West encompassing Gold Coast tourism opportunities in general.**

Most certainly a 36 page public citizens' submission could well be seen as excessive. But when attempting to tie all previous submissions and all previous development objections submissions as a **last ditch attempt plead for environmental sanity** before the development and clear cut mentality of the established second remnant bushland is denuded. The argument must be put across as strong and rational as possible.

I'm no serial submitter or egotistic environmentalists. I'm just **very very concerned to what is happening in my part of the world** and trying extremely hard to put across future viable alternatives that will preserve the environment and create permanent jobs.

I leave you, Chief Executive Officer of Gold Coast City and any other readers with four simple questions;

- Who are the masters of Gold Coast future development?
- Its citizens?
- The estate developers?
- The short term politicians?
- The non-sustainable bio-diversity?

*Ergonomic Ecological Economics*

*"Erg-Eco-Eco", (EEE).*

*(new meaning?)*

*Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community  
as our children are now being taught!*

*Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green  
Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain.*

*Producing green employment through community support.*

*Living with environment by utilising all renewable resources by harmonizing  
with community and environment through voluntary financial/association  
support. The best practice of sustainable conservation via preservation of the  
community remnant bushlands through sound green funded employment,  
i.e. Maintenance/Security/Track Leaders.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable ecological economy,  
showing the economic possibilities through leaving our suburbia  
natural/remnant environment as it is, in its present state, with out future  
degradation.*

*Natural watercourses saved and maintained by community ownership.  
"Environmental Green Belt Walk/Run/Ride/Wheelchair Track" (spoke) to  
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Hon D.Reilly M.P. Mudgeeraba.

Communities for Sustainable Futures, Mudgeeraba.

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**SUBMISSION**  
**TO**  
**DRAFT STATE PLANNING POLICY:**  
**“DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**AND MINING, QUEENSLAND STATE**  
**GOVERNMENT”.**

***“THE PROTECTION OF EXTRACTIVE***  
***RESOURCES; WEST BURLEIGH KEY***  
***RESOURCE AREA - KRA 70”***

***DATED 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2004***

**SUBMISSION FROM:**

BRETT DAWSON,

PERMANENT RESIDENT OF REEDY CREEK, GOLD COAST.

**INTRODUCTION:**

This submission is to highlight the community and residential environmental activities possibilities for the citizens of the Gold Coast in the protection and recreational uses for the West Burleigh/Reedy Creek Resource Area (*KRA70*).

West Burleigh Key Resource Area in particular the Reedy Creek KRA could well be protected for future resources extraction and potentially at the same time be used by the permanent surrounding communities as an environmental hub recreational area, (*multiple uses*).

## **MAIN BODY SUBMISSION:**

Reedy Creek is a Gold Coast emerging community rapidly being developed with future population density for 17,000 residents.

To go further and to quote the G.C.C.C. emerging communities domain planning scheme draft intent for Reedy Creek:

I quote:

*The character of the Reedy Creek area is in sharp contrast to the high density of the urban environment, characteristic of the coastline, as it is still relatively undeveloped. The area is typified by a variety of land forms and natural attributes ranging from watercourses, rare and threatened species of fauna and environmentally significant areas through to attractive and picturesque undulating hills and valleys.*

Other significant G.C.C.C. reports per Emerging Communities Domain as per Gold Coast Planning Scheme as released in draft form January 2002 pertain and state.

- **Planning Strategy, Chapter 2 Page 44; Part 3 – Key Strategies.**  
**Key issues** .....walking for pleasure or for health benefits, are of increasing importance. CROS – 1.7 page 46
- **Planning Objectives to support Community and Recreational Open Space Policy 2** CROS – 2.1 to 2.9 Planning Strategy, Chapter 2, Part 3, page 47 – Key Strategies.
- **Planning Strategy, Chapter 2, Page 2 – Key Strategies.**  
DEO Ecol – 1.
- **Planning Objectives to support Nature Conservation Policy 2.**  
NC – 2.1 to NC – 2.7
- **Planning Strategy, Chapter 2 – Key Strategies.**  
**Planning Objectives to support DEO Soc – 1.**  
**Planning Measures to support DEO Soc – 1.**  
**DEO Soc – 2.**
- **Desired Environmental Outcomes & Performance Indicators, Chapter 1,**  
Page 13,  
Part 2 – DEO's.
- **Planning Objectives to support DEO Ecol 1.**

- Ecol – 1.3 to Ecol – 1.5.
- 4.0 Community Wellbeing.
  - DEO Soc – 1.
  - Desired Environmental Outcomes & Performance Indicators,  
Chapter 1, Part 2: Page 12; – DEO's.
  - CHAPTER 2 TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY
    - 2.0 The Meaning of Ecological Sustainability.  
Introduction, Chapter 2, Part 1, Page 14 - Towards Ecological Sustainability.

Opportunity is presented for West Burleigh and/or Reedy Creek KRA's to become an community environmental asset for all time or for just a particular length of time till Queensland State Government extract and exhaust the current quarry rock of Greywacke.

## **CONTEXT:**

If the department of NR&M were to give caretaker initiatives to and under set guidelines of the local area City Council, (G.C.C.C.), G.C.C.C. community parks and recreational personnel would then be able to instigate a round of public consultations of public and commercial interests for the recreational uses of West Burleigh/Reedy Creek KRA's.

## **POSSIBLE, PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL USES OF WEST BURLEIGH/REEDY CREEK, KRA'S.**

- Motor cycle recreation uses
- Abseiling
- Rainforest creation
- Community nurseries
- Community environment activities centre
- Football fields
- Cricket fields and cricket training area
- Learner Driver training centre
- Youth learning and recreational area
- Basketball and tennis courts



- Environmental wetland habitats
- Community environmental education hub centre
- Suburban green belt walk spoke management/security/maintenance centre

**The facts are that currently within Reedy Creek emerging community no large areas of recreational areas have been put aside for community use.**

Reedy Creek is to receive a Railway Station within the next five years, if good thought is given to recreational use of West Burleigh/Reedy Creek KRA's. Other

South East Queensland citizens may travel especially with the express purpose to visit the "Reedy Creek Quarry Recreational Area" and its multiple recreational facilities use.

## **MINERAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION FROM WEST BURLEIGH /REEDY CREEK KRA.**

Mineral resource extraction may well still be able to proceed until the extractive resource is depleted. Recreational pursuit's on-going around the working quarry site may well be able to be carried out in safety with high supervision. State Government, local council and local community could well be able to play and work in safety within the working quarry with the ultimate understanding of **agreement being; that eventually the quarry site is to be given over to the emerging community of Reedy Creek, Gold Coast.**

## **THE FUTURE BIG PICTURE**

Under the principals of Ecological Economics;

### **"Ecological Economics"**

*("Eco – Eco")*

*"The practice of sustainable environment conservation.*

*Preservation of the wilderness through sound eco-tourism permanent employment programs.*

*Development in co-existence, with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional natural environment for all generations.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy through showing the economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in its present state without degeneration".*

Leading to:

**"Ecological Community"**

***"(Eco – Com)"***

*Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council.*

*An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.*

***"Creating a home living sanctuary environment".***

Giving to;

***Ergonomic Ecological Economics***

***"Erg-Eco-Eco", (EEE).***

*(new meaning?)*

*Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community as our children are now being taught!*

*Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain.*

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***i.e. Maintenance/Security/Track Leaders.***

*Through creating a minimal sustainable ecological economy, showing the economic possibilities through leaving our suburbia natural/remnant environment as it is, in its present state, with out future degradation.*

*Natural watercourses saved and maintained by community ownership.*

*"Environmental Green Belt Walk/Run/Ride/Wheelchair Track" (spoke) to community centres  
(hub) via green belt and open woodlands.*

**(under research)**

## **CONCLUSION**

As with the current round of community consultations re the draft SEQ Regional Plan, the author of this submission is a passionate believer in a social conscientious effort for and on behalf of the community via showing through Ecological Economics principles the possibilities of green employment.

Green employment of which empathises the respect due to our urban natural environment denigrated or not denigrated, in creating a harmonious living environment for all community to respect, enjoy and contribute to. Community contributions voluntary or financial to a safe, secure home living environment for all, in which the community can enjoy for health well-being and social interaction, eventually leading to a moral respect for each other and our community environmental assets, built or natural.

**The author of this submission has 12 years of submissions work regards to Ecological Economics of which is free information to any persons. In February 2005 contained with the authors' final submission to the Draft SEQ Regional Plan the author will have combined all 12 years of the mind thought towards Ecological Community and Ergonomic Ecological Economics.**

The final outcome will show on paper a place where school children, disgruntled youth, the unemployed and the members of community will be able to have paid work or give voluntary work, contribute and be proud with the respect earned through effort input in the preservation of their urban environmental assets, natural or rehabilitated.

Through the provision to submit and time given to read and hear about Ecological Economics (*urban environmental economy*) the new research mind thought through Australian National University (*EEN*) can be presented in February/March 2005.

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Please leave the community with the provision for environmental hub centres of which can be environment green belt corridors having a structure of hub and spokes (*wooden wheel*). i.e. the old quarry sites can be the environmental community hub starting points.

*Yours in environmental sound thought.*

*Yours, for a new industry of environmental green employment.*

*Yours, for the returned of community respect for each other, in particular, community respect from the disgruntled youth through environment ethos'.*

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**"KOALA CONSERVATION PLAN 2005".  
COMMUNITY INPUT: INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.**

NATURE CONSERVATION (*KOALA*) CONSERVATION PLAN 2005  
QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT.

"HALT THE DECLINE OF THE KOALA POPULATIONS"

SUBMITTED BY GOLD COAST RESIDENT: BRETT DAWSON.

**SUBMISSION DATED  
30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2005**

**INTRODUCTION**

As in follow up to material as supplied by the author B. Dawson dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2003 being for the original call for submissions for a South East Queensland draft "*Koala Conservation Plan*" I supply my comments to the as current presented "*Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2005*", per one person individual viewpoint<sup>11</sup>.

Having looked thoroughly through the consultation draft; "*Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2005*", *Subordinate Legislation 2005 No. ...: Made under the title Nature Conservation Act 1992*, Queensland State Government.

**I agree fully and understand fully the as well drafted and presented in comprehensible language coupled with detail dictionary or terms and meanings pertaining to Queensland Koalas' and habitats thereof.**

**B. DAWSON COMMENT:**

**RE: "*NATURE CONSERVATION (KOALA) CONSERVATION PLAN 2005*"**

**"WELL PRESENTED CONSULTATION DRAFT".**

**("NATURE CONSERVATION (KOALA) CONSERVATION PLAN 2005").**

**"COMPREHENSIBLE, EDUCATIONAL, HOLISTIC IN SIMPLE UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE. WHEN PUT IN PLACE (*AS LAW*), THE NATURE CONSERVATION (*KOALA*) CONSERVATION PLAN 2005 (*KOALA MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME*) SHOULD HALT THE DECLINE OF THE S. E. QUEENSLAND KOALA. PLEASE PASS AS KOALA HABITAT PROTECTION LEGISLATION ASAP".**

<sup>11</sup> B. Dawson is non-affiliated with any organisations or education institutions current.

Having read comprehensibly the as presented electronic medium form koala information booklet as presented on the E.P.A. website, I give my final comment for the submission receivers.

**B. DAWSON COMMENT:**

**RE: QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC (INTERNET) PRESENTED KOALA INFORMATION MEDIUM BOOKLET PER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT.**

**"CONGRATULATIONS ARE WELL DESERVED ON A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED WELL WORDED INFORMATIVE KOALA PROTECTION DOCUMENTATION".**

**"THE AS WORDED AND PRESENTED BOOKLET WILL SERVE TO EDUCATE AND INFORM ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME ON CARE AND PROTECTION OF KOALA HABITAT IN SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND".**

**"THE KOALA PROTECTION BOOKLET AS PRESENTED FOR AND BY E.P.A. IS A CATALYST EDUCATION DOCUMENT AND MUST BE MASS PRODUCED FOR QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS AND FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ASAP".**

As in presentation of this second koala protection public submission up-dated, the author has supplied meeting minutes of a koala protection group brainstorming sessions. The author is no longer a member of the green group due to his moderate views not being in common mind thought to executive committee of green group. It is not known by the author the current green group status of Koala in Crisis (KIC) as he is no longer a sub-group member.

As supplied is a collection media stories pertaining to koala s' desperate plight.

Please take the time to read what is as supplied and gathered as free information to be used. In the past two years into which I looked into the koalas' desperate plight in the Gold Coast Region, I found there is all reality very little information on the Queensland koala.

**CONCLUDING COMMENTS**

Connecting koala greenbelt corridors to koala feed area (habitat) of which could become corridor/feed area user paid entry (urban eco-tourism) is viable through principals of Ecological Economics leading to Ecological Community giving to Ergonomic Ecological Economics<sup>12</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> Volume papers of information pertaining to Ecological Economics by submission author, is available as free information upon request.

It is of high importance that connecting koala greenbelt corridors to koala feed areas (habitat) are pre-surveyed before sub-division development of second generation bushlands begins.

Newly constructed residential estates of which are koala friendly must have agreed upon residential estate constitution community koala protection plan consensus in which the community become the koala guardians of their estate bushland koala habits and wild koalas<sup>13</sup>.

**The Queensland Koala will become extinct within 30 years and it will be we Australians the rest of the world will blame. Be strong and carry through that of which is started, mass produced the information your teams have gathered to be distributed as free information. Strongly support the work of the Australian Koala Foundation.**

**Review the koala protection plan yearly. Please do not let money or greed for land by developers cause the extinction of the S. E. Queensland Koalas.**

***Follow up, follow up, and follow up!***

Yours, on behalf of the quickly disappearing Australian Koala.  
I will not let the koalas become extinct on the Gold Coast on my watch.

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**12** Volume papers on Eco-Eco have been submitted to "Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan" as formal submission #1779 dated 15/02/2005 as submitted to the Office of Urban Management, Queensland Government regional planning.

**13** Late 2005/06 B.Dawson will have put together a paper/submission on estate resident koala guardians plan under the principals of Ecological Community.

**PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO QUEENSLAND PUBLIC  
WORKS COMMITTEE**

**FOR**

**“GREAT WALKS OF QUEENSLAND  
PROJECT”**

**GOLD COAST HINTERLAND.**

**RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS AS  
ADVERTISED IN THE GOLD COAST BULLETIN AS DATED  
23/01/2002**

*THIS RESPONSE IS AS PROPOSAL BY B.DAWSON,  
MEMBER OF "VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
ORGANISATION" GOLD COAST.*

*THIS RESPONSE IS AS TABLED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON  
19/02/2002 OF THE VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
ORGANISATION FOR PROPOSAL TOWARDS A POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION SUBMISSION TO THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE "GREAT WALKS OF QUEENSLAND" PROJECT,  
GOLD COAST HINTERLAND.*

**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION TO BE PUT TO  
QUEENSLAND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
27/02/2002.**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS IS A NON APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION SUBMISSION REPORT**



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This submission is to enhance a possible vision of ecological sustainable development in coexistence with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional environment for all generations. Through the practices of sustainable environmental conservation and preservation of the wilderness through sound community eco-tourism permanent employment programs.

The submission is based on the belief that eco-tourism should not be allowed to become over commercialised to the detriment and denigration of the natural environment. Rather it should be governed by legitimate government bodies and/or conservation societies for the total protection of wilderness and wildlife. As well, it should train and make aware the unemployed and the general public, of conservation practices through user participation in safety and harmony with the environment.

**The creation of employment through environment care can be achieved through user contribution walk tracks complemented by employed Track Leaders, skilled Environment Rangers as governed by qualified Environmentalists per overseen by community conservation groups per the criteria of local Queensland National Parks Services.**

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BREAKDOWN FOR VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.***

***Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Executive Committee,***

*Presented is a possible opportunity to participate in a sound ecological economics community project as possibly backed by Queensland National Parks Services and the Queensland Government. This is a type of possible project as being put through the Queensland Parliament Public Works Committee for the "Great Walks of Queensland Project" (5 years plan). The opportunity possibility presented is for Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation to initiate, govern and construct an eco-tourism track plan, thus creating employment and enhancing Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation positive community image.*

*Although I have only been a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisationite for a short time, I immensely believe in the Environmental Organisations core values per Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation mission statement.*

*The above executive summary is nothing new to those who know of submission reports and newspaper articles that I have written and been interview for Gold Coast Bulletin journalists (19/06/99). Since 1993 I have believed in Ecological Economics (Eco-Eco) towards creative environment employment, but it has to pay for itself.*

***"The practice of sustainable environment conservation.  
Preservation of the wilderness through sound eco-tourism  
permanent employment programs.***

***Development in co-existence, with the creation of  
employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and  
conserve our regional natural environment for all generations.  
Through creating a minimal sustainable economy through showing  
The economic possibilities through leaving our natural  
environment as it is in it's present state without degeneration".***

*As presented by myself in April 1998 to the route planners committee "Great Eastern Centenary Walking Track" feasibility study. That same submission as with all submission that I have ever made, should be on Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation files. Even before I joined up with Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation I sent most of my material to Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation for comment and opinion.*

if Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is unable to put forward a submission to the Public Works Committee undoubtedly eco-tourism commercial operators or even other environmental organisations will put in their submission proposals leading to possibly more commercial development stances in opposition from Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation. Surely there has never been a more opportune time for Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation to show the right way towards minimal impact eco-tourism projects, environmental suitable alternatives as govern by community conservation groups.

## Most important

***I must point out to Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Executive, that this report with or without Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation approval will be submitted. The submission will either be as a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation submission or a B.Dawson individual submission as best standards recommendations to the Public Works Committee. The B.Dawson individual submission will be without Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation wording or reference to Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation within sent individual submission, that being on the 26/02/2002.***

***It could be possible to ask the Parliament Public Works Committee for a delay until the next General Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Meeting where as I may able to put forward my points of order to the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation members for vote of approval or dis-approval for submission.***

***There are many hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant monies available for the Great Walks Project. I point out that on the 11/07/2001 I put to the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Executive a "Notice of Motion" to research and set up a a sub committee on the Great Walks Project. Although in principal agreement to set up a Great Walks sub committee was approved, the motion was not presented to the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members or pushed through by myself, this was my oversight, (copy enclosed).***

***If a project on the scale as presented by Queensland Public Works with QPWS were to happen, it would no doubt be the biggest public campaign for or against by a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation since the totally flawed plan of the Gold Coast Cableway Consortium.***

***Quite often I have heard at Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation meetings that positive environmental solutions are required right now. Can we not be involved in showing a positive alternative to eco-tourism developments that will not cause environment damage.***

***Organisations such as Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation should show and put into action the way to move forward with laterally thinking. Let's put our green hats on.***

*I fully realise that there is not much time for this submission to be approved by the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Executive Committee, Therefore this Submission is most urgent and must be surmised within 7 days, as on the 26<sup>th</sup> my individual submission shall be sent.*

*During the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation surmise period I will be scouting my Griffith University connections in regards to such a Great Walks Project.*

*This is a very big project with very positive outcomes, there is no need for track blazing for new tracks, there is not even the need to go up upon the Sprinbgbrook Plateau. The tracks are in place already; Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is the perfect organisation to pull this 5-year project off and has the resources and people to do it. The big journey for wayward youth and others. Please I'm with you, I like being a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisationite. We must create legitimate full time, full paid, employment through Ecological Economics this will save our environment I can prove it, Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation could show the way.*

**B.Dawson's Vision:**

A Queensland's National Parks Management System that incorporates the true principals of Eco-Tourism within the sphere of non-commercial but government and community operated and controlled walking tracks. That generates minimal profits re-invested to the parks management systems and generates Nation Parks Employment.

**ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (ECO-ECO)<sup>14</sup>**

*The practice of sustainable environmental conservation.*

*Preservation of the wilderness through sound Eco-Tourism permanent employment programs.*

*Development in co-existence, with the creation of employment and infrastructure put in place to preserve and conserve our regional natural environment for all generations for all time.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable economy showing the economic possibilities through leaving our natural environment as it is in it's present state without degeneration.*

*As such B.Dawson's comments will pertain to the above vision as encompassed within the Queensland's Parks System Draft Masterplan Discussion Paper March 2001 as example:*

***THE PARKS FUTURE – OUR COMMITMENT.***

**SUSTAINING RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES**

EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY Pg X. Discussion Paper – Masterplan Queensland's Parks System.

**The parks system will be managed to provide substantial and sustainable environmental, economic and social benefits to the Queensland community while maintaining the intrinsic values of all parks.**

While parks have a fundamental conservation purpose they make a major contribution to the economic and aesthetic well-being of Queensland and require investment for each of these purposes. This should be increasingly recognised by Government, community and industry. The primary function of conservation should never be made subordinate to any commercial use of parks. ***THE PARKS FUTURE – OUR COMMITMENT.***

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<sup>14</sup> B.DAWSON MAKES NOTE; THAT THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICALS (***ISEE***) AT McLEAN, VIRGINIA. USA. Est 1987 [www.ecologicaeconomics.org](http://www.ecologicaeconomics.org) / [www.ecoeco.org](http://www.ecoeco.org)

ISEE INCORPORATES AUSTRALIAN NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (***NZSEE***) AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CANBERRA. [www.inces.anu.edu.au/anzsee](http://www.inces.anu.edu.au/anzsee)

## **STAINING RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES**

EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY Pg X. Discussion Paper – Masterplan

Queensland's Parks System.

B.Dawson's response:

"Hear hear."

What of user contribution, ie "the community, the Eco-Tourist, the commercial accredited eco-tourism operator" should pay.

Once Environmental Education programs are instilled, no right minded Eco-Tourist will mind paying for the safe guard of a National Park location. So long as the money is for that areas National Park and the accounting collecting/spending procedure is transparent.

Via allowing the local community's control of their National Parks environs, will lend to accountability of the progress and formation of environmental sound management practices as overseen by State Government National Park Management. The fact that user-contribution spent funds in local Eco-Tourism will go towards the conservation and preservation of the local environs parks system via the contribution of Eco-Eco funds from the visiting Eco-Tourist. Will serve towards the local community intrinsic pride and joy of showcasing their local National Park and further provide environmental protection to that local parks system for all generations, through the re-investing monies contributed.

*(B.Dawson submission to Discussion Paper – Masterplan Queensland's Parks System March 2001).*

**Community awareness, appreciation and involvement in conservation will be encouraged through interpreting and presenting the Parks system.**

### ***THE PARKS FUTURE – OUR COMMITMENT.***

Queensland Parks will provide current and future generations with enjoyment, inspiration and spiritual nourishment arising from appreciation and respect for nature or attachment to the natural environment. The community will be involved in park management through a range of partnerships, including participating in research and monitoring programs, volunteering in a range of park activities, and active community involvement in planning and management of our National parks.

*SUSTAINING RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES*

*EXUCUTIVE SUMMARY Pg X. Discussion Paper – Masterplan Queensland's Parks System. 2001.*

***Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Executive Committee,***

*Queensland National Parks is putting their 2020 (20 year plan) (Dec.2001) Master Plan into reality. Do we oppose or do we show the way and help manage our community national parks and create legitimate employment programs.*

***As set below is what possibly could be along the lines of a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation submission.***

Please beware that the as set below is only a possible submission case scenario.

**The case scenario is based on Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation providing the work infrastructure program and of the possible "Great Walks" Track Route, Gold Coast Hinterland.**

**a) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK**

**The purpose of the work is to set the status quo criteria for the proposal, "Great Walk Track", Gold Coast Hinterland.**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's criteria is that of providing a viable eco-tourism walk track that is safe and has a permanent employment program as per set criteria of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation community conservation group core mission statement. *{Quote mission statement here}.*

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation submission is based on overriding management input of track route and construction methods used as per overseen by Queensland National Parks Services and the Environmental Protection Agency. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's work will be that of minimal impact construction and permanent track route forever more within the environmental track areas as chosen, be they state park or national parks.

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation could approach private land owners of whom border State or National Park in order to seek permission for route track (*Great Walk*) construction in order to create alternative to pushing through environmentally sensitive areas. It is also proposed to that of possible creation of eco-tourism venture for the private land owner that borders beside a placed State or National Park into which the Great Walk route track may pass through or near to.

The purpose of the work Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation would perform is as per researched work into National Parks track construction and upgrade maintenance programs as under supervision of National Parks Authority. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation would use it own resources in providing track maintenance and construction crews in order to work with and under the supervision of National Park Rangers and maintenance crews.

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation being a non-profit volunteer organisation will rely on government grants submission as per Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation on-going government grants programs of the past.

**b) THE SUITABILITY OF THE WORK FOR IT'S PURPOSE.**

**Getting it right the first time with the Gold Coast Hinterland Community approval for what the community expects of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation to provide for the natural bio-diversity communities conservation preservation needs.**

**"Minimal human intrusion".**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation respects the Queensland National Parks 2020 Masterplan, and wishes to work within that framework of that plan.

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation also absolutely respects the fauna and flora and therefore wants the work and route track done absolutely correctly.



Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is not a commercial organisation. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is the Gold Coast Hinterland Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation wants to protect for all generations the World Heritage National Parks within our region for evermore. No mistakes must be allowed in the route placement of a Great Walk Track or to that of construction methods whilst a Great Walk Track is under construction.

Therefore it is Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's proposal that work undertaken for the Great Walk Project comes under scrutiny and to that of managerial input policies of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members and affiliated associations and member groups, (*estimated @ 400 volunteers' members*). It will be Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's absolute set criteria for construction methods, maintenance methods, and employment program methods as well as eco-tourism wealth generation methods for the proposal Great Walk Track Gold Coast Hinterland that will give to the suitability of the work for its purpose.

The suitability of the work for the proposal submission is to set best environment practices and environmental work ethos leading to correct environmental economics that will protect the National Parks wildness in its present state forever more, for all generations. The same as that of the Queensland National Parks Authority per the set masterplan

## **THE PARKS FUTURE – OUR COMMITMENT.**

### **c) THE NECESSITY FOR, AND THE ADVISABILITY OF, THE WORK**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation has a core principals values to protect fauna and flora of whom can not represent it self. Through Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's long established charter and mission statements to protect conserve and preserve Gold Coast Hinterland bio-diversity forevermore via established, detailed and on-going research as catalogued within Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's library and data bases.**

**Detailed information of data previously gathered in regards of environmentally sensitive areas of the Gold Coast Hinterland.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's  
mission statement:**

**To speak on behalf of Gold Coast fauna and flora.**

Local community owning and caring for their bushland national parks with community pride and spirit enhanced by strong liaison communications between informed researchers and local and state government departments. Ecological communities which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment bio-diversity safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.

It must be remembered, as it is installed at every general meeting of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation, **that bio-diversity is everything in which keeps us alive and the Planet Earth functioning. Bio-diversity: The total variety of life on Earth and the absolute dependents on that variety of life, for existence for sustainable life.**

To quote National Parks Executive Summary as contained within the discussion paper for the Masterplan Queensland National Parks System. *"Parks are benchmarks for achieving ecologically sustainable management across all lands".*

Our bio-diversity is dependent on us, our very future is dependent on us.

Environmental draft studies are absolute.

Many minds with many brains bring to the consensus of the right way of doing things. They who put in their free time, their free labour, their knowledge, are major stakeholders and deserving of hearing and the reward of acknowledgment".

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members know their mindset. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's Members know where they coming from, where they are today and to where they are going tomorrow.

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members are mainstream community. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members make a difference by making the environment as a priority. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation members are a green consensus group of free thinkers whose main task is to stop environmental destruction. **Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is an absolute democratic organisation one would believe, with an ear to hear and loud voice to speak.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation has the resources to do the work, the background research and professional advisers to guide our work. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation Members love to share our environmental work ethos to all that love the environment they live and work for. We live here, let's all keep it healthy and green today, tomorrow and evermore.**

## **How**

**by learning from Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation, by doing it right the first time. As with environmental issues, many times there is no second chance.**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation has been established since 1989 and is affiliated with over 100 other environment groups. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is in close liaison with local community council leaders and has high public profile in the South East Queensland region. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation has many friends on both sides of state and federal politics with the ease of access to the policy makers of our community not to mention scientific environmentalist within the Gold Coast Community of whom many are members of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation.

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's membership and past environmental protection work programs speak for itself. Through the transparencies and accountability are per shown through the correctly kept and open records held within the Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation data base files. Also as per hard copy examples on paper and submitted reports, not to mention the collected media releases and journalistic reports pertained from and by Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation media, collection record keepers.

***Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is an open transparent high profile environmental organisation with open invitation at all of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation general meetings for all members of the public.***

**d) VALUE FOR MONEY LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE WORK**

**Job creation, on-going permanent community eco-tourism work programs. Self-sufficient in returning minimal sustainable profits, returned back to the once establish Great Walk Project when completed, without the requirement of further government funding.**

As per the set criteria put with in the inquiry information paper "*Great Walks of Queensland Project*".

Gold Coast Great Walk project should encompasses best practices as established along the lines of "*Overland Track*" in Tasmanian and the "*Milford Track*" in New Zealand even to a degree to that of the great "*Appalachian trail*" of North America.

No doubt a Gold Coast Great Walk Track will have to encompass eco-tourism ethos, in order to be self-sustainable in its own management/maintenance and employment programs.

The difference of a Gold Coast Great Walk Track will be that of a community non-profit (*except for sustainable net return profits back into the Gold Coast Great Walk Track*) ownership track, rather than a eco-tourism private operator commercial venture project.

As explained throughout this submission; **Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is a community based volunteer environment protection organisation. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's goals are absolute environment protection and community environment awareness programs, coupled with environment action protection work programs. Where as Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation now, and in past initiated environment protection work programs, are as document, with community and government support.**

All of the specific planning considerations, environmental impacts, cultural impacts, infrastructure requirements, safety for walkers, economic returns to local communities and management of the tracks are specified within the inquiry information paper are of very utmost importance and the main mission guidelines in which to abide by.

All the above set criteria is as already encompassed within Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's charter and members mindset ethos being the motivation of being a Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisationite. **Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation works for the environment bio-diversity and for the community, through saving, maintaining and making aware the importance of caring and sharing environment conservation/preservation and living with our environment in non-denigrating lifestyle.**

The value for money as initially funded by Queensland State Government Public Works, will be the returns through youth and mature worker programs via a low cost volunteer environment organisational with professional experienced action management. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation does not work for a profit, Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation work initiated work programs only to cover costs in order to maintain our community support and standing with our community through transparencies and accountability.

e) **THE COST, REVENUE PRODUCED BY, AND RECURRENT COSTS OF THE WORK.**

**As per the above as contained within d).**

**As per the below statement.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will require an internal time and productively motion study in order to produce a budget of costs for Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation planning submission.**

**(no guess work.)**

f) **THE PUBLIC VALUE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT;**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's main aim per this submission is to **get it right first time.** By having general community consensus and support to the project itself through a recognised community environment group (*Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation*) who only work for;

- 1. The local environment bio-diversity**
- 2. Our community.**

**As stated in d). Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will create permanent environment work infrastructure programs on-going for all time.**

**I.e.** Once Great Walk Project is completed, then controlled eco-tourism management programs as community based managed, bringing in desired return net profit gains. This will serve to produce environmental awareness and intrinsic community pride in thier Great Walk Track.

Youth as well mature full time employment will be made via sound practical eco-tourism business planning that is tailor made to be for the employment of local community. Local community eco-tourism work jobs as created by local community controlled eco-tourism as well as local community trackwalkers, overseen by Environmental Organisations and in liaison with Queensland National Parks Management and local council authorities. **This is the main goal.**

Impact on the environment will be minimal as labour will be manual with the least amount of machinery used and natural resources put in use (*bush improvisations*). Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation intends to use establish local walking tracks. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will only upgrade the walk tracks as in place be those walk tracks established or unauthorised trackblazed.

**It must be recognised that survey studies and track selection to be marked is yet to be established.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's long term aim is to produce a viable attractive Great Walk Track that trackwalkers will want to use, and will be able to use in total safety other then the unauthorised tracks, unauthorised blazed tracks that are unsafe. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation as with Queensland National Parks do not want unauthorised bushwalking or unauthorised track blazing to occur.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's Great Walk Track will be so attractive that there will be no need to take any other track route. This will be the main mission statement of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's Great Walk Project studies and planning.**

The public value of the work is as stated in the previous paragraphs. It is inevitable that unauthorised bushwalking will occur in the future as it has in the past and that rescue services will once again be called upon to rescue lost or injured bushwalkers. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's aim as is the Queensland National Parks aim, that public funded rescues will become less and less as rescue occurrences should not happen once a completed Great Walk eco-tourism safe track with track guides and a safe nightly lodging is in place. Bushwalkers will become educated in best safe environmental practices and stay on the Great Walk Track, for there will be no better way to enjoy an natural environmental walk experience.

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's Great Walk Track will become world famous, with an extreme safe practices for Great Track Workers and Great Track Walkers, one and alike. Why get lost or hurt when you could be completely safe and comfortable with experienced Great Walk Guide!**

**This will be the outcome of Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's planned maintained and managed Great Track Walk. As marketed and educated to locals and visitors alike, in order to experience a great nature based tourism experience, to go home safe, and tell friends and family of the wonderful natural environmental experience.**



## **h) PROCUREMENT METHODS FOR THE WORK**

### **There are many published reports pertaining to South East Queensland eco-tourism track design and development**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will in the first instance will study prior researched reports and then put to paper (*reports*) best environmental practices for the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk Track. Best work methods of construction as per required within the environment where the planned Great Walk Track will be, shall need to be assessed intensely. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will back up this absolute necessary research through consultations required with Queensland National Parks, Local Councils, Local Communities, Indigenous Aboriginals as well as contact with Griffith University Environmental Sciences Facility.

Procurement methods for the work will be done on consultation with local council authorities and in the main with the long established proven methods used by the experienced and trained professional Queensland National Parks Management and in-field Staff.

*"Procurement methods of work report; Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk Track"* will be the single most important document produced by Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation researchers and strategic planners before any environment track work can commence.

**g) THE BALANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORK**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is a Gold Coast & Hinterland Environment Protection Organisation – A peak community regional environmental body.**

**As such Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation has long established ties with other environment organisations within the Gold Coast Region and South East Queensland and Australia wide. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation feels that in order to gain the most value for public monies and public environmental perceptions, no private sector involvement will be required on Gold Coast Hinterland Great Track.**

The exception of private sector involvement would be if professional architectural or engineer designed work were required. And of the purchasing of construction, building equipment and materials required. It would be hoped that referral back to Queensland State Government in particular Queensland Public Works and National Parks Maintenance at a cost price would be acceptable.

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation wishes to make a Gold Coast Great Walk Track a public community's environment project, therefore the call for volunteer trade professionals and volunteer workers would go out to the regional communities for their help and input in what will no doubt be a highly publicised project.**

**h) THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AUTHORITY  
AND CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE WORK.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's end goal, is for minimal human impact damage during and after construction of the Great Walk Track to fauna and flora, this will be the first and foremost criteria for any volunteer or paid worker contractual workplace agreement.**

**The performance of the constructing authority and consultants contractors for the work will be on worlds best standards even if Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation must establish those standards.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will be setting the prerequisite for other track constructions and maintenance programs with it's own reputation on the line. No mistakes, as there is no second chance if environmental destruction happens.**

**CONCLUSION**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation may want the job. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation will have to go through a membership canvassing and lobbying process through "notice of motions" in order to form a sub committee in order to research the above proposal.**

**Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation is the best organisation for the job. Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation already has the people needed and the work programs required initiated and proven successes.**

Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation acknowledges that if Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation were to received recommendation to be short listed or if even given the task of producing a further submission report on a planed Great Walk Track, those reports would be:

- ◆ Strategy Planning and Research Report.
- ◆ Strategy Implementations Report. (Milestone Planning)
- ◆ Track Survey and Construction Methods Report.
- ◆ Work Employment Program Report.
- ◆ Media and Publicity Report.
- ◆ Volunteer Professionals and Paid Professionals Consultations report.
- ◆ Environment Impact Report.
- ◆ Volunteer Track Builders and Paid Track Builders Workers Insurance Report.
- ◆ Budget and Equipment required Report.
- ◆ Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation's World Best Standards Planning, Design and Development for Gold Coast Hinterland Eco-Tourism Great Walk Track Report. (*Goal setting and standard setting for end achieved results outcomes*).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A BRETT DAWSON  
INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLE CASE SCENARIO FOR A  
Volunteer Environmental Conservation Organisation.**

BRETT DAWSON'S TASK WILL BE TO GAIN VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE APPROVAL IN ORDER TO PRESENT THE POSSIBLE "GREAT WALKS PROJECT" GOLD COAST HINTERLAND ABOVE CASE SCENARIO TO A QUORUM VOTE AT A LATER DATE. THIS WILL TAKE TIME.

## PLEASE NOTE

QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR GREAT WALKS OF QUEENSLAND PROJECT, GOLD COAST HINTERLAND IS ONLY AT PRESENT CONDUCTING INQUIRIES IN SUCH A PROJECT.

BRETT DAWSON IS A CURRENT NEW MEMBER (6 MONTHS) OF A VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION. BRETT DAWSON HAS A SPECIAL GREAT INTREST IN ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS THROUGH THE CREATION OF PERMANENT GREEN ECO-TOURISM WORK INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS MAY NOT REFLECT THAT VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION MINDSET.

THE ABOVE SUBMISSION WILL BE SHOWN TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ONCE AGAIN AND PRESENTED TO GENERAL MEMBERS AT THE VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION GENERAL MEETING OF WHICH IS AFTER THE DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF INTEREST.

THE ABOVE SUBMISSION IS TO A DEGREE AD-HOC, AND WAS COMPLIED OVER A 2 WEEK TIME PERIOD DUE TO B.DAWSON RECEIVING SHORT NOTICE OF SUBMISSIONS CALLED FOR.

THE ABOVE SUBMISSION IS THAT OF BRETT DAWSON'S COMPILATIONS AND RESEARCHED MATERIAL. AS SUCH B.DAWSON TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF MATERIAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED AND POINTS OUT TO VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION MEMBERS AND QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR GREAT WALKS OF QUEENSLAND PROJECT, GOLD COAST HINTERLAND. THE BELOW STATEMENT.

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THIS SUBMISSION, IN NO WAY, REFLECTS TO FUTURE SUBMISSIONS OR FUTURE VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION PUBLIC PROJECTS SUBMISSIONS. NOR IS THIS SUBMISSION THAT OF THE VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANISATION APPROVAL THAT BRETT DAWSON IS A MEMBER OF.

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RESPONSE TO Mr. IAN GLEW, MANAGER, STATUTORY PLANNING,  
GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL.

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2001**

RE: REEDY CREEK AND TRIBUTARIES

**PER THE RESPONSE TO:**

- *Mr Barry Jeffery, (local Resident Reedy Creek).*
- *Report to ..... from Tom Fletcher, (..... in-field Researcher).*
- *Submitted report from Brett Dawson, (local Resident Reedy Creek, ..... Member).*

**REFERENCES:**

**MAIL OUT #4188 (..... RECORDS)**

To CEO GCCC Mr Stevens

RE: Reedy Creek and Tributaries.

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

**MAIL IN #3442 (..... RECORDS)**

From Mr Ian Glew, Manager Statutory Planning, GCCC.

RE: Reedy Creek and Tributaries. Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2001, (IM232/191/01(P1)).

**Volunteer ..... Respondent: Brett Dawson Member.....**

**Reader,**

Please find submitted report findings and submitted reports on Reedy Creek from permanent Resident observations and viewpoints as collated over 2 years by B.Dawson.

**Process,**

- ◆ Personal informal meetings with Kingsmore Delevopers
  - ◆ Personal informal meeting with GCCC Parks and Planning Departments.
  - ◆ Personal informal meeting with Cr. Peter Drake
  - ◆ Personal on site inspection of area with submitted photographs.
  - ◆ Observations of recently develop suburban surrounds environment greenbelt corridors infrastructure left intact by development, (**final outcomes**).
- Per submitted report.**
- ◆ Talks with long time local residents of Reedy Creek.
  - ◆ Formation of final submitted report with possible future outcomes for Reedy Creek.

***Progress to date,***

- ✓ Cordial communications all round through one on one talk with mail correspondence from Kingsmore Developers and Councils Representatives.
- ✓ ..... observances over progression of area to be development.

***Agreed wanted future outcomes, (where to from here).***

- Planned infrastructure wildlife green belt walk tracks (*permanent*) for local residents.
- Agreed on-going open communication with Kingsmore Developers to all parties.
- Agreed memo of understanding for informal in-house communications between all parties.
- Agreed understanding that the only parties involved in the first instance being.

**IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE**

- Kingsmore Estate Developers.
- Brett Dawson, (local Resident, Member of ..... ).
- GCCC Representatives.
- Cr. Peter Drake (Area 12 Councilor).

SUMMATION

**For the purpose of communications it would be most appreciative that the above mention parties' sign as witness that they have read this correspondence have read submitted report:**

*(Planning Title only)*

**Possible agreed upon:**

**“FUTURE WILDLIFE GREENBELT WALKWALKS  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REEDY CREEK EMERGING  
COMMUNITY 2001”.**



**WHERE TO FROM HERE.**

- + Possible future talks and communications on:**
  
- + Reedy Creek and Tributaries environmental protection.**
  
- + Reedy Creek and Tributaries environmental data gathering.**
  
- + Reedy Creek and Tributaries environmental wildlife corridors in theory report Greenbelt Track surveying.**
  
- + Agreement from Developers, ..... and City Council on memo of understanding.**
  
- + Approach to Reedy Creek and Kingsmore Residents on Wildlife Greenbelt walk tracks.**

**PERSONAL VIEW OF CURRENT ENVIRONMENT  
SITUATION REEDY CREEK**

Having read the letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2001 per signed ....., President .....

And that of the Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2001 by Tom Flecher, (*Damage to Reedy Creek & Tributaries GR 538900 688889 – Clearing by Landholder*).

I agree in part to Tom Flecher's observations.

Please note that B.Dawson was not notified that such an inspection was to occur on the above date.

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Having read the letter as sent in by Mr Barry Jeffery and having personally met with and talked on two occasions with Mr Jeffery over the telephone. I do concur with Mr Jeffery on his compliant and environment observations of the Reedy Creek Headwaters. On the person to person meeting with Mr Jeffery we met in bushland upon the environment damaged area.

Please note that B.Dawson is permanent resident of Reedy Creek.

Having read the reply letter from Mr Ian Glew Manager Statutory Planning GCCC, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2001. I absolutely disagree with the Council Environment Assessment Officer, Mr Joe Hance. I therefore provide photographic evidence to back up the complaint claims of environment degradation complete with the four submitted Reports on Current Status of Reedy Creek Development.

Having met with Cr. Peter Drake and having a one on one discussion with Cr. Drake, I gave Cr. Drake the photographic evidence with an accompanying report on the *Decimation of Reedy Creek Headwaters and Reedy Creek Tributaries*, from the point of permanent resident of the Reedy Creek area.

Please note that as of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2001 B.Dawson became a paid active member of .....

As such as shown above, I shall continue to have positive active communicative with all interested parties in the above format as shown.

*My objective outcome* is for win/win for all parties and for the permanent residents of Kingsmore and Reedy Creek, therefore for the peoples of the Gold Coast. I feel it is all about the saving of some the second growth generation and extension of the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor into a positive harmonious living environment does not become the likes of the current developed areas such as Somerset, Stephens, and currently developing treeless Robina Grove.

With the guidance and acceptance of ..... Members and the ..... Executive Committee. I shall attempt to put across respectable expected outcomes for communicative dialog and cooperative cooperation with fore planning, leading to future environmental outcomes that may become a emerging suburban development beneficial for all, including the already established biodiversity and people who wish to become part of that establish biodiversity.

**T h e   g r e e n   b e h i n d   t h e   g o l d ,  
t h a t   b r e a t h e s .**

*Thank you most sincerely,*

**Brett Dawson.**

B.Hotel Mgmt. (Griffith G.C.)

c.c. King Brothers, Kingsmore Estate.

c.c. Kel Sweeney, Original Founding Permanent Resident of Reedy Creek.

c.c. Barry Jeffery, Permanent Resident of Tallbudgera Valley.

c.c. .... Executive Committee.

c.c. Cr. Peter Drake, Councilor. Division 12 Gold Coast.

c.c. Ian Glew, Manager Statutory Planning GCCC.

**"SMART TRAVEL CHOICES FOR SOUTH EAST  
QUEENSLAND"**

**QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT GREEN PAPER  
(DOWNLOADED FROM INTERNET).**

**PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST FROM QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS' GREEN  
PAPER**

**COMMENTED RESPONSES AS GIVEN FROM INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTER BRETT  
DAWSON.**

(B.DAWSON'S' RESPONSE IN BOLD COURIER FONT)

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**Active transport;** getting there, getting fit initiatives that could make it easier, safer and more enjoyable to walk and cycle, capturing the health benefits that these modes have to offer. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

If centre hubs (*community centres'*) had spokes (*environmental green belt corridor track*) leading to the rim (*inter-connecting environmental green belt corridor trails*). Active transport such as non-motorised transport, push bikes, skateboards, runners, wheelchairs, even electric multi-passenger golf buggies would use the environmental green belt corridor for a voluntary donation, one could surmise!

**Promoting choice...** *changing the face of travel* initiatives that could encourage smart travel choices, with information targeted to individual and community needs.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Through environmental protection community groups either sponsored by council or local businesses, may have a community environment shop front/meeting room or dedicated web site.

**Government innovation...** leading by example

Initiatives that the Queensland Government could implement to demonstrate its own smart travel choices. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Pre-planned (*survey*) inter-suburban long distance inter-connecting green belt environment corridors, (*water way/established creeks*) **ASAP.**

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More government environment grant funding, matched dollar for dollar four ways; Developer/community environment group/local council/state government.

South East Queensland (SEQ) is experiencing rapid growth. For many years, our population has been increasing steadily. There is no sign of this trend abating, with our booming economy and strong employment growth continuing to attract many new residents.

To realise the goals of the Smart State, the government has taken a proactive approach to planning SEQ's future. We released the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2005-2026* (SEQIPP) in April and the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005- 2026* (SEQ Regional Plan) in June this year. Together, these plans set a clear direction for the development of the region over the next 20 years.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Good ideals at the time and most absolutely necessary (S.E.Q.R.P) but has S.E.Q.R.P. been hi-jacked, why has the master planner Minster quit and now in the employ of a estate development company. Is the S.E.Q.R.P for all or just some? Have the Plebs in suburbia truly had their input received? From the submission authors' viewpoint<sup>15</sup> I did feel I contributed although the concept of long distance inter-suburbia environmental green belt corridors appears not included.

### **Walking and cycling**

Walking and cycling cost even less than car or public transport use, though cycling too can rely on the road network. However, these costs are very small compared to those arising from car use and are offset by health benefits. They have the potential to reduce hospital costs in the long term. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

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<sup>15</sup> The author did submit to S.E.Q.R.P, and was satisfied with the lead up process and the final outcome report (*finished product*) as well the acknowledgment and submission number 1179 received from Queensland State Government, in all said; **it is a fine report and job well done\***. \* *In the author opinion.*

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The submission author highly recommends separate cycle ways away from road ways. So called cycle networks are nothing but painted lines beside the gutter reaching out onto the road traffic on the roadway. These so called cycle lanes received no respect from any motorist of whom when driving a car, bike lanes account for zero over the use of a faster motor vehicle.

If state government made for environmental green belt corridors cycle ways, be they separate from the pedestrians or on a wider footpath (*pedestrians & cyclists together*) through an environmental corridor. My bet would be that cyclists would pay for the privilege of dedicated environmental green belt corridor away from motor vehicles (*Ecological Economics*).

SEQ is a popular tourist destination. In 2004, the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane alone received a total of 12,753,015 visitors (DTFTWID, 2005). Of these, around 85 per cent were domestic visitors and 15 per cent international visitors. Data from the Tourism Forecasting Council estimates that inbound tourism to Australia will continue to increase, with a rise of 5.8 per cent annually from around 5.6 million visitors in 2005 to 9.3 million visitors in 2014 (DTFTWID, 2005). The SEQ region as a preferred tourism destination is likely to be a major beneficiary of this growth.

(Qld State Govt. Green Paper Nov 05)

Just imagine; if the environmental suburbia green belt corridors interconnecting with other suburbia long distance green belt corridors with a user pay system of collected donated funds. i.e. Suburbia community environmental shop front collection point and direction local information point (*maps, rental bikes, local knowledge guides etc.*). Then perhaps; eco-tourism and nature based tourism, suburbia based, could well commence thus creating green employment and user pay monies staying with in that suburbia domain (*Ergonomic Ecological Economics*).

A many beneficial fold effect is envisaged just so long as government bureaucracy is keep out of the local suburbia community environmental protection group. Cross checks and accounting bookkeeping transparencies must be integral.

### Walking and cycling

In SEQ, almost everyone walks for some trips, and the level of bicycle ownership is quite high (over 46 per cent of households in SEQ own one or more bicycles) (ABS, 2003). However, the share of trips by walking and cycling has fallen dramatically over the past 12 years. Comparisons between Brisbane Statistical Division data from the *1992 SEQ Household Travel Survey* and *2003/04 SEQ Travel Survey* show a halving of bicycle trips (from two per cent to one per cent of all trips). Walking fared little better, dropping from 13 per cent of trips in 1992 to 11 per cent of trips in 2003/04 (QT, 1994 and 2005f). Since walking and cycling tend to cater best for shorter trips (those up to five kilometres), these figures are consistent with the fact that we are travelling further on average. Once again Figure 6 shows that the situation in many other parts of the world is different from SEQ, with people living in denser cities frequently walking and cycling.

(Qld State Govt. Green Paper Nov 05)

Make cycling safer and more enjoyable; create long distance environmental green belt corridors inter-suburban connected with good cycle way maintenance and most excellent security via the employment of 24hr security i.e. employed youth and other members of the local area within the realm of the environmental green belt cycle trail. A user contribution method will need to be instigated. The author of this submission believes that if a long distance environment green belt corridors within suburban domains that are given overseeing rights to local residents and that youth and others are engaged in light employment duties an environment asset culture could well emerge, (needs research).

### **More pollution**

Our travel choices have a significant impact on our environment. Even though our natural environment is one of the main reasons we claim to enjoy living in SEQ, we make travel choices every day that affect levels of noise and air pollution, greenhouse gas. A 2001 study also indicated that about 55 per cent of Queensland adults are not active enough (Queensland Health, 2001). In fact, Queensland has the highest level of obesity of all the Australian states (AIHW, 2003). This lack of regular physical activity is directly linked with chronic diseases and contributes to the high level of obesity in both adults and children in Queensland. Obesity has now been recognised by health professionals as an epidemic (WHO, 2004). If we continue to drive everywhere, instead of walking or cycling all or part of the way, we will be further compromising SEQ's air quality and contributing to the health problems associated with airborne particles. We will also be missing the opportunities that are available to us in combining our access to goods, services and employment with the health benefits of walking and cycling.

(Qld State Govt. Green Paper Nov 05)

Time has come for Queensland to get smart and make for green belt environment long distance passive transit corridors for the sake of non-motorised transit ways and for the sake of well-being health and exercise. Environment corridors are win/win/win, due to the aspects of community well-being, community ownership of the environment corridors maintained and managed by community and perhaps overseen by Green Groups NGO's. Green belt wildlife corridors for the native animals and green local based employment for youth and supervised school children after school for earning pocket money. Abstract yes, possible yes, "The future Big Picture" under the principals of Ecological Economics?



### Potential for increasing walking, cycling and catching public transport

The potential for converting some car trips to walking, cycling or public transport trips is enormous. In 2004 and 2005 Queensland Transport commissioned an SEQ In-depth Travel Behaviour Survey in the suburbs of Taringa, Aspley and Woollongabba and parts of the Redland Shire. The survey, which was administered to a sample of over 3,600 people, achieved a response rate of 73 per cent (QT, 2005e). In-depth interviews were conducted with a sub-sample of 802 people. These covered perceptions, attitudes and potentials for behaviour change (QT, 2005e). The SEQ In-depth Travel Behaviour Survey (QT, 2005e) revealed that about 40 per cent of all current car driver and car passenger trips could be replaced by walking, cycling and/or public transport. The challenge is making the potential a reality. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Please conduct a survey of residents aged between 10 years of age to 90 years of age of who live within a 1 kilometre radius within a green belt corridor or a natural waterway, (creek/river). Make sure that within the survey questionnaire that stipulation is made that donated funding toward a local environment corridor trail goes towards maintenance, security and local green employment. Ask the survey participators, if they would be willing to pay 10 cents per week (40 cents per month/\$4.80 per year) or 50 cents per household per week, (\$2 per month \$24 per year) as donated funding for local ownership and overseeing rights management of an the environmental asset for all time for all generations. {Eco-Eco/Eco-Com/Erg-Eco-Eco}.

**Walking and cycling are good for our health, well-being and hip pockets. If you factor in the health, social and environmental costs of physical inactivity, the argument for choosing to walk and cycle is convincing.**

The SEQ In-depth Travel Behaviour Survey found that ten per cent of private car trips are less than one kilometre in length and 34 per cent are less than three kilometres (QT, 2005e). This means there are many opportunities to walk or cycle instead of drive short distances. Some factors that affect our choices to walk and cycle include climate, safety, access to connecting bikeways, walkways and good supporting facilities. We can mitigate the effects of the climate, with cooperation from government, industry and the community and do something about the other issues. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

**The goal has always been for local communities managing and maintaining their local green space environment (*becoming involved*) as the local communities' environmental asset for all time. For local communities (*residents*) to take overseeing rights as to their ownership and partnership in maintaining and retaining urban (*suburbia*) second generation bushlands and green space environment corridors. The local community by utilizing long distance green belt environmental corridors of which in the main follow along urban creek/rivers watercourse would voluntarily contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.**

**“Creating a home living sanctuary environment”.**

**The end achievements will show on paper an environment greenspace which generates a minimum sustainable economy where school children, disgruntled youth, the unemployed and the members of community will be able to have paid work or give voluntary work, contribute to and be proud with the earned respect through effort input in the preservation of their urban environmental assets, (*community urban greenspace*) natural or rehabilitated.**

*Brett Dawson 23/08/2005 E-CReW submission.*

Experience in Australia and overseas shows that when more walking and cycling facilities are provided, more people walk and cycle. Making streets safer and promoting these modes through the media are shown to further increase the numbers of pedestrians and cyclists.

### Walking and cycling facilities

Evidence shows that more pedestrian and cycling facilities make it easier and safer to walk and cycle. In the past 30 years, Copenhagen dedicated more space in the CBD to pedestrians. This included wider footpaths, more pedestrian malls and squares, and better pedestrian crossings. Before and after surveys showed that as a result of increasing the amount of pedestrian space by 350 per cent, the number of people walking in Copenhagen increased by 310 per cent. Source: Gehl Architects Aps cited in Planning

SA, 2002. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Just envisage; if the run/walk/ride/skateboard/non-motorised/wheelchair trails/tracks, leading out of the CBD were long distance and utilized the natural scenery beauty of South East Queensland: i.e; "long Distance Environmental Green Belt Suburban Corridors". For the 15 - 20 km ride/walk, would you pay \$2? I would! If the facilities were in place and my security was guarantee, I'll pay.

### Walking and cycling facilities

Evidence shows that more pedestrian and cycling facilities make it easier and safer to walk and cycle. Walking is already the most popular form of physical activity among Queenslanders. If walking and cycling routes between the places that people need to go were improved, people could get around more easily while getting fit at the same time. A study on schools in the US showed that students were more likely to walk and cycle to school if the route to school was more 'pedestrian friendly' – i.e. there were more and wider footpaths leading to school (USEPA, 2003). (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Currently within our society, there is great fear in letting school children walk or cycle to school. Therefore parents in greater numbers than ever before, drive and pick-up their children from schools in motor vehicles. Through the use of secured cycle and walk corridors (green) with persons employed to secure and watch over the users of these cycle/walk corridors be they volunteer or paid, would create green employment. Paid persons such as track leaders with tail end charlies', could also supervise and keep safe as well as lead, school children home safely.

These types of safe travel corridors must be pre-surveyed before new estates developments clear cut tree lines and destroy creek tributaries, as has happen on the Gold Coast (Reedy Creek) for years. Please inspect for yourself as no politician will!

### **Speed reduction**

Pedestrians and cyclists are among the most vulnerable road users. Speed reduction is a critical factor for improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. While most pedestrians struck by a car travelling at less than 50 km/hr survive, most pedestrians struck by a car travelling faster than 55 km/hr die (Preston, 1990). increased by 310 per cent. Source: Gehl Architects Aps cited in Planning SA, 2002. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Give the riders and walkers the opportunity to walk in the safety of a greenbelt corridor well maintained and with employed security. Alas currently I don't have any research done on night safety of green belt corridors. Get the cyclist and pedestrians of the roadways.

### **End-of-trip facilities**

End-of-trip facilities are a requirement of most cycling and some walking trips. Unless secure bicycle parking, showers, change rooms and lockers are provided at trip destinations, people are unlikely to cycle there. Most cities with high cycling and walking mode shares have successfully encouraged major destinations (such as large employers, schools, universities and shopping centres) to provide end-of-trip facilities. Cities in Asia, Europe, the UK and the US also provide 'cycle centres' in central locations. Depending on their size and demand, cycle centres have a range of end-of trip facilities (e.g. bicycle storage, change rooms, rental bicycles, drink machines, lockers, showers, bicycle repair shops and cafes). Signed speed limits and local area traffic management (LATM). Speed reduction needs to be targeted in specific local areas or streets, such as active shopping streets and around schools. In 2004, the Victorian government implemented a Bicycle Facilities Planning Provision as part of its Melbourne 2030 plan. The provision requires planning and building controls to be amended so that end-of-trip facilities for bicycles are provided in commercial buildings. Source: DSE, 2005. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

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One of the greatest problems facing the theories of Ecological Economics within the realm of urban greenspace green economy is that of how are the donated contributions collected or deposited.

As with the Queensland State Government Green Paper statement paragraph as given above is a possible answer. Whereas, at end of journey safe-keeping facilities could be provided and at this location user paid funds could be channelled (*deposited*). Within the suburbia the author recommends the local community environmental group also have end of journey safe-keeping facilities. Therefore once the CBD worker or long Distance Greenbelt Environment Corridor user, be they coming home schoolchildren, suburban eco-tourist or residential domain constituents would have their end of journey at their local environment green shop (*per say*). The green shop would be maned by volunteers or paid school children earning pocket money as supervised by adults.

Queensland has already shown to be extremely effective in reducing pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and injuries from crashes. There has been an 18 per cent reduction in fatal crashes on local streets in SEQ since its implementation in 1999 (NRTC, 2001). Since "Life Be In It" kicked off in 1975, there has been a range of programs that encourage physical activity in Australia. With rising medical and community concerns, there is renewed interest in increasing awareness and participation in walking and cycling for health benefits. Catching public transport also offers opportunities for incidental activity, through walking or cycling to the bus, train or ferry.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Queensland State Government has shown great vision through the National Parks Master Plan Discussion Green Paper and with contribution of \$10 million towards the Great Walks of Queensland. The author of this submission strongly encourages the state government to go forward with the Great Walks of which all of the Great Walks have proceeded but for the Gold Coast Great Walk, of which has been held by the Local green group.

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Once the Great Walks are in place then the continuation of the suburban Long Distance Green Belt Corridors perhaps interconnecting with the Great Walks will serve as a pedestrian (*hiker/bushwalker*) incentive for guided groups', family groups', residential groups, individuals to participate in long distance walking. With the Great Walks comes in the authors belief, safe guided and paid walking nature based eco-tourism, starting from within the suburbs without the use of a motor cars. (*Needs research*).

- The Queensland Government recognises the importance of proper planning for sport and recreation facilities and activities to contribute to building and sustaining healthy, active communities. The *Open Space for Sport and Recreation – Planning Principles and Implementation Notes* for local government have been developed to provide local governments specific guidance on how to consider sport and recreation in the land use planning context. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Once Long Distance Green Belt Environmental Corridors were in place these environment corridors would pass through and by open space (*urban greenspace*) naturally. The author envisions that near to or within the open greenspace would be the local community environment group shop front or even perhaps residential bed and breakfast establishments. Within the local community environmental protection shop front urban greenspace economy could earn further funds via the rental of sports equipment to local residents.

Therefore long distance walking via environmental corridors would also become a normal pursuit (*passive sport*). Open greenspace areas within a Long Distance Environment Green Belt Corridor would perhaps also serve the native wildlife (*koalas*) as feed islands (*needs research*).

## What is possible for SEQ?

We can build on these initiatives to encourage more walking and cycling. Ways to do this could include:

- Partnering with employers to provide better walking and cycling facilities in workplaces. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Local business perhaps would provide sponsorship to the local environment group.

- Trialling cycle centres in the town centres of selected local government areas.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Please help save Reedy Creek, currently the Developers rule and as a Pleb it has been very difficult to communicate with them.

- Collaborating with local government to:

– provide pedestrian facilities and walkable environments around public transport stations and schools; and

– re-examine speed limits in select local streets which are actively used by high volumes of pedestrians. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Please make the local government pre-survey native second generation bushland for connect ability for long distance green belt environment corridors on the hub and spoke to rime principal.

- Assisting local governments and the community to develop and implement physical activity programs aimed at encouraging walking and cycling.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Please help members of the public become members of locally formed creek catchment groups that include developers. Stop the developers from being the absolute masters of our future community well-being demographics and lack of open space and green space. Stop the developers now, their only in for the one off profit margin.

## What are your views?

### 1. How important is it to you that walking and cycling are easier and safer?

Currently I have to walk around the suburb via the roadways. I want a long distance green belt environment corridor to walk in. I don't do much walking because there is no incentive for me to walk and I'm too busy at the computer.

## 2. Do you have any comments about the ideas listed above?

Please understand that we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the next generations of people even our generations have a bucket load of urban decay problems all because of government approvals for the one-off profits development companies. Don't let generation minority anarchy scare resident indoors and control over bushland parks.

## 3. What other initiatives would you suggest?

Youth centres costing millions of dollars is not the only answer for generation anarchy minority. Give the youth paid work via innovative conservation encompassing ecological economics; (*urban greenspace economy*).

Utilizing long distance environmental corridors (*walk trails*) following along urban creek/rivers. Community would voluntarily contribute funding/volunteer labour overseeing paid youth for community health, safety and environment conservation enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council, perhaps dollar for dollar matching.

Will this ever happen in our time? Community must force the developers/council to retain long distance greenbelts before urban new estate clear fell bulldozing. It is almost too late! Respect through environment ethos.

## 4. What are some of the benefits of walking and cycling?

Suburban social community harmony, which encourages community to meet and greet daily, morning and afternoon! Please give environment greenspace for the sake of mental health and the future, do not damn us by allowing the developers and lazy sit on bum politicians to squeeze our residential living breathing space to nought, hear us.



The 10,000 Steps Program Rockhampton is Australia's first community-based health physical activity project. The project aims to increase the day-to-day activity of Australians by getting them to incorporate walking into their everyday living. It encourages people to take 10,000 steps by adding a 30-minute walk to their day. Evaluation showed that the program resulted in a one per cent increase in the proportion of Rockhampton residents who were sufficiently active for health benefit, compared with a seven per cent decline in Mackay residents (Mackay was the control group).

Source: 10,000 Steps, n.d. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Long Distance Environment Green Belts will give aesthetic pleasure and sound environmental health and recreational enjoyment for the young and old alike. Just perhaps we can save our urban waterways at the same time!

### **Individual behaviour change programs**

In order for people to replace some of their car trips with walking, cycling or public transport, they need to be aware of suitable alternatives. Surveys show that information about how to use public transport services, or where bicycle facilities are, does not always reach the people that need it (Marinelli and Roth, 2002).

Travel behaviour change programs incorporate a range of measures to encourage people to make more sustainable travel choices through education, personal contact and incentives. The TravelSmart and individualised marketing programs used successfully in Australia and overseas target people at the household level, providing them with travel information tailored to their local area. These programs alone have the potential to increase the level of walking, cycling or public transport by over 10 per cent (John and Rampellini, 2004). (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Dedicated government and university backed web sites with community forum input (*blogs*), also get the state government travelsmart paid politician committee working for the general public, and make them do something.

### **Individualised marketing**

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Individualised marketing encourages and supports residents at the household level, by providing targeted and personalised information and marketing. Through direct contact in an ongoing communication process, individualised marketing motivates people to think about their daily travel habits. In 1997 South Perth conducted a pilot study using the individualised marketing technique to encourage more sustainable travel. Evaluation following the campaign saw driver only trips decrease by 10 per cent (Brög et al., 2002).

Walking increased by 16 per cent, cycling by 91 per cent and public transport by 21 per cent (Brög et al., 2002).

More recent programs in Perth with over 100,000 participating households have resulted in an eight to 14 per cent reduction in car trips and significant increases in walking, cycling and public transport. (Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Please note that Perth and Western Australia have embraced the concept of Long Distance Green Belt Environment Corridors enhanced by good community participation.

**Cairns et School travel**, School travel plans are an effective means of promoting walking, cycling and public transport, decreasing car trips and promoting road safety skills among school children. By encouraging sustainable travel patterns at a young age, it is more likely that they will be continued into adulthood.

(Qld State Govt. Transport Green Paper Nov 05)

Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community as our children are now being taught! Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain. Producing green employment through community support.

**RESPONSE PER PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS'**

*Per planning scheme Gold Coast City Council*

**DEVELOPMENT  
APPLICATIONS**

**PN144470/12/DA3**

**PN138673/02/DA3**

**ON LAND AT**

**ROYSTON CRESCENT/DURANG PLACE**

**REEDY CREEK**

**LOTS #'s 1 (RP284929) / #34 (RP176184)**

**DATED 26/05/2005**

*As Public Notice per Gold Coast Bulletin Newspaper  
03/05/05.*

**Per respondent Brett Dawson private resident of Reedy Creek.**

Having thoroughly viewed the extensive Town Planning Report per Waragal Pty Ltd dated November 2004 as provided by the estate developers as facilitated by Gold Coast City Council. My initial observations are of a very well prepared and presented Town Planning Report/Development Application/combined Material Change and Reconfiguring/Environmental Impact Statement.

Figure 1-2 of the Royston Crescent Development and as supplied other obtained and as presented within the appendix of this submission development objection, satellite overviews will serve to bring to the attention of GCCC and the Developer the absolute need to stand by and pre-plan (survey) ecological green belt corridors before estate development commences interconnecting other estate areas. The absolute need for the retention surveyed and planned, of dense remnant growth vegetation/eucalyptus forest (feed islands) within connecting corridors (watercourse).

**Objective of Submission Complaint:**

**is that the open space/remnant bushland mosaics and environmental corridors be planned (conserved) and are absolutely preserved for all time all generations interconnecting permanently to adjoining estates. i.e Kingsmore, Reedy Creek (lower), Reedy Creek Railway Station, Bonogin, Clover Hill, Mudgeeraba, Observatory Estate (Reedy Creek Plateau). That assurance is given by Developers & GCCC that interconnecting passive environment open space green belt corridors (long distance) that retains existing second remand bushland, is maintain for public passive transit environment greenbelt corridor (nature walking trail).**

**QUOTING FROM D.A. 4.0 Open Space "Open Space Management" page 4**

Para 1 Quote "open space network which incorporates environmental parks".

As such the proposed open space areas have been designed with the following objectives

- *To incorporate informal movement networks to facilitate permeability throughout the development;*
- *To provide area which have an attractive visual amenity;*
- *To provide areas which contribute positively to council's ultimate purpose for 'environmental parks';*
- *To retain a large percentage of 'endangered', 'of concern' and 'remnant vegetation' indicated to be of ecological significance under the vegetation Management Act 1999.*
- *To retain significant areas of 'bushland' elements indicated to be of important landscape character within the local area;*
- *To provide opportunities for passive recreational activity;*
- *Informal pedestrian movement systems (i.e. low impact trails);*
- *Gazebo/pergola embellishments at designated points of visual significance where appropriate.*

**TO QUOTE D.A 4.1 PARK DEDICATION GUIDELINES AND PLANNING SCHEME  
CONSIDERATIONS page 5.**

- **Significant Features:** the open space areas incorporate significant areas of 'endangered', 'of concern' and 'remnant' vegetation and a watercourse, both of which can be appropriately managed for both recreational and ecological purposes;
- **Sizing:** all open space areas are greater than 1 hectare in size and wider than 100 metres;
- **Embellishments:** Within open space areas embellishments potentially including gazebos/pergolas and low impact movement trails will be conceptually identified within a statement of landscaping intent for open space areas;
- **Habitat Considerations:** the position of the open space network incorporating Environmentally significant habitats and the existing waterway provides significant ecological corridor for fauna;
- **Access:** .....The low impact trails will additionally provide an informal movement network through the designated open space areas.

**TO QUOTE D.A. 5. PROPOSAL para 2 pg7 of 16**

*A total area of 34.52 hectares is proposed as open space within the site. The public open space will encourage a range of passive and active recreational pursuits for residents of this development as well as the local community. An extensive open space network is provided, with appropriate landscaping and embellishments provided in key locations*

**TO QUOTE D.A. 5.1 STATEMENT OF INTENT para 2 pg7 of 16**

*.....retention of open space areas for passive and environmental open space uses. Existing trees will be retained and protected where possible to provide natural shade for visitors and enhance the site's rural nature. Connections through to adjacent open space shall be allowed for as indicated on the plan.*

**TO QUOTE D.A. 5.2 OPEN SPACE INTENT para 1 pg7 of 16**

*The proposal involves the dedication of two large open space areas within the estate which will ultimately form part of a greenway and linkage network to the surrounding and future residential areas to the north, east and south. The total open space area is 34.52 hectares and frames the proposed residential allotments and internal roadwork.*

*The location and design of open space will promote a sustainable landscape that is functional and complementary to the climate and land form of Reedy Creek. The proposed open space areas have been designed with the following objectives.*

- ***To maintain the broad ecological which currently frames residential development in the Mudgeeraba, Reedy Creek and Varsity Lakes area, and preserve the Remnant Regional Ecosystem (particularly the Endangered, Of concern and Not of concern);***
- ***To incorporate formal and informal movement networks to facilitate permeability within the development and surrounding and future residential development;***

**TO QUOTE D.A. 6.7 DOMAINS Pg 12 of 16 Para 3.**

***Residential development will be confined to that area of the site intended for Park Living uses. However, this application seeks approval for the site to be included within the 'Urban Residential'..... it considered that higher residential densities than that current permitted by the 'Park Living' designation, are appropriate at this specific localit.y***

**TO QUOTE D.A. 6.3 ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS Pg.48 3<sup>rd</sup> Para.**

***The proposed development is unlikely to disrupt these corridors/habitats given that the proposed design is suitably responsive to environment constraints. i.e. the gully line and western Eucalypt Forest will be retained within the open space and on private allotments external to building envelopes.***

***Given the above, it is considered that fauna movements in the regional sense will not be negated by the proposed development.***

**RESIDENTIAL RESPONDENT RESPONSE.**

If as is espoused within the Royston Cres D.A. as quoted within the previous 3 pages. A resident of Reedy Creek could well relax at ease with the developments' environmental integrity statements as presented. Unfortunately as with previous D.A. applications<sup>16</sup> as have now been approved and estates current being under development within the Reedy Creek emerging community structure GCCC urban plan.

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<sup>16</sup> Observatory, Kingsmore, Clover Hill.

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Appear not to have maintained their DA environmental integrity statements of connecting second remnants bushland mosaics as passive transit and greenbelt linkages.

GCCC is very very weak when curtailing estate developers of who are clear cut felling second generation remnant bushland mosaics. Once the estate developers have put into words on their DA submissions the environmental integrity statements for the appeasement of the researching general public (DA objectors) and for the appeasement of GCCC Councillors. The estate developers then begin the physical developments to what appears to be no overseeing by GCCC and the environmental integrity statements are left on paper when in all reality the developer then begins estate building removed from what is written on DA applications as the environmental integrity statements.

**TO QUOTE D.A. ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS PC9  
Combined MCU & ROL – Impact Assessment.**

*The proposal complies.*

*It is considered that the site does not represent or contain areas suitable to be designated a regional ecological corridor and has been nominated a 'significant remnants' under GCCCNCS. A regional corridor is likely to be present in association with the 'Large Habitat System' to the south and the **'major linkage to the southeast which links the upland rainforest environs of Springbrook to the coast via Tallebudgera Creek.***

*The proposed development is unlikely to disrupt these corridors/habitats given that the proposed design is suitably responsive to environmental constraints. i.e. the gullyline and western Eucalypt Forest will be retained within the open space and on private allotments external to building envelopes.*

**RESIDENTIAL RESPONDENT RESPONSE.**

The green belt corridor as can be noted must be able to maintain it's connect ability (long distance green belt corridor) for future communities to be able to embrace as community environment asset as a Parklands Living Open Space Significant Regional Ecosystems Fauna Corridor.

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A connect ability passive greenbelt run/walk/ride/wheelchair thoroughfare is environment sensibility, Royston Crescent DA must take into account it's '**Developers Code of Responsibility**' to the future emerging communities demographics. Royston Crescent DA need to guarantee their **as quoted environment integrity statements**, remain true and correct. Royston Crescent DA need to show and express their future estate designs (total full development) to the as current park lands living GCCC zoned Reedy Creek emerging Community.

**IN SUMMATION**

Waragal Pty Ltd in partnership with Raptis Developments and via the as well presented DA will most likely produce a very worthy estate development and may well stay to their present DA main statement **environment integrity statements**, remain true and correct.

Having looked at all most recent satellite mapping and regional mapping most west to east greenbelt corridors (Reedy Creek, Varsity Lakes, Burleigh Heads, Tallebudgera) are soon to disappear unless GCCC maintains the environment integrity as stated by the developers. The green belts must be long distance (spoke) passive transit to local community centres (hub) away from the roadways.

For the health and active recreation through estate environment walk trails must have remanent bushland mosaics within a natural watercourse or dense bushland (feed islands) of a suitable width of 100 meters<.

Waragal should communicate with Stocklands (observatory) and Delfin (Varsity Lakes) as well as J.Kearney (Clover Hill) and State government (Railways Department) with GCCC mediate on behalf of community for the connect ability of Green Belt Hike and Bike Trails (passive Transit) from estate to estate.

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# **Your notes**

**Our communities' future environment in who's' hands?**

**POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO SUBJECT PROPERTY  
LOT 2 S.P. 126529 AT SOMERSET DRIVE AND GEMVALE  
ROAD MUDGEERABA WITHIN THE REEDY CREEK  
STRUCTURE PLAN AS CURRENTLY OWNED BY JAREMA  
PTY LTD, ZONED RESIDENTIAL A, SITE SIZE AREA OF  
66.87 HECTARES.**

Application File Number: PN231170/01/DA3

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ADDRESSED TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL.

**DATED: 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**2002**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Currently within the Reedy Creek Structure Plan Site Area there is a great flurry of Development, happening all at once.

- ◆ **Stocklands Kingsmore (West) D.A.**
- ◆ **Reedy Creek State School (Somerset Drive).**
- ◆ **Jarema Pty Ltd D.A. (Jabiru).**
- ◆ **Service Station and LAC D.A. PN156356/01/DA5 (Somerset 7 Gemvale Road intersection).**

I B.Dawson am a well known advocate for Hubs and Spokes Walk Trails and Tracks encompassing Environment Greenbelt Corridors and that of Suburban Wildlife Environment Corridors. Reasoning with anybody who'll read or listen to everyday people thinking common sense logic for Green Belt Corridors. Self sustaining and self funded (*Ecological Economics*) for evermore to be put in place before development of the Reedy Creek undeveloped lands as still as of the date per this submission, **80% in second generation remnant bushland environment status.**

Contained within the Beaudesert Shire and Gold Coast City Council commissioned Econnect Report (*in current proceedings*) "**Recreation Trials Vol 1 Consultation Draft July 2002**" are the concept walk trails **H11 Bonogin to Hinze Link Trail, H16 Bonogin Circuit and H22 Bonogin to Springbrook Trail on page 45.**

Contained within the Consultation Draft, is a conceptual idea called "*Hubs and Spokes*". With "Hubs and Spokes" (*the old wooden wheel*), trail walkers and others, (*runners, wheelchairs, pushbikes etc*), start from a designated location and can walk/run/ride for kilometres in a one way direction. Through the use of well marked Greenbelt Walk Trails that can come back to their original start point by the use of other conceptual **spoke** walk trails leading back to the starting point **hub**.

**Introduction cont..**

It is advocated that through Developers understanding through liaison with community via communication with council planners, that continuous Green Belt Corridors must be planned before development and left in place for all time for safety and harmonious living conditions of the emerging suburbia of Reedy Creek emerging communities. **I.e. the character ambience of Reedy Creek itself and to that of land clearing and development west of the Pacific Highway Gold Coast towards the under development pressure, fragile Gold Coast Hinterlands fauna and flora.**

***Per the Gold Coast "Our Living City", Gold Coast Planning***

***Scheme as released January 2002.*** C.D.Rom

**Part 5, Chapter 2.18 – Emerging Communities Domain, Page 79.**

I quote:

*The character of the Reedy Creek area is in sharp contrast to the high density of the urban environment, characteristic of the coastline, as it is still relatively undeveloped. The area is typified by a variety of land forms and natural attributes ranging from watercourses, rare and threatened species of fauna and environmentally significant areas through to attractive and picturesque undulating hills and valleys.*

**PER RECONFIGURATION OF ALLOTMENT FOR JABIRU**

Personally I (*B.Dawson*) have no compliant to the Jarema proposal. In contrast to the high density development that has already been developed by the Nisfan Corporation contained with the "*Somerset housing development*" and to that of small lotment (*land parcel*) development as called "*Glenwood Crest*" and "*Glenwood Park*" as developed by Sunland Group. Both of these housing estates now border the Jarema Development Application (D.A.)

I do understand the value of housing lands as required by emerging communities. I do understand the desire to live as close as possible to shopping centres such as Robina Town Centre and the need to be near a main highway exit and entrance, plus the desire to live close to Gold Coast Hinterlands.

**All Gold Coast Residents and Developers know that there is a land shortage current. But does the Gold Coast need to be developed along the same lines as the Los Angeles Basin of California.**

**Just perhaps the Jarema proposal is a sound environment buffer to the high density housing of which has already occurred and in 10 years time will be a social decay and environmental disgrace not worthy of the \$1 million dollar water fountain at the front of the developed estate.**

Somerset and even the new style developments such the Varsity Lakes housing units' development must cease. Please go and have a good look at what is being created at Varsity Lakes development (*can it get any more cramped, can the estate suburban roads get any narrower*). Will there be any of the once proud state pine forest plantations left rather than the original 1% now left in place. Will there be room for trees and open bushland parks or even the Green Belt Corridors. There certainly has been no fore planning for such.

**It is too late for Somerset and Varsity Lakes/Robina Groves. Gold Coast City Council should be embarrassed and ashamed by what they have approved already.**

There was once was a D.A. (*cira. 1997*) for the parcel of land opposite the Jarema proposal of which asked for 30 townhouses on the current D.A., "*Service Station and LAC D.A. 2002*"; *PN156356/01/DA5, (Somerset & Gemvale Road intersection)*.

Within the D.A. proposal was espoused that it would complement the Sunland and Nifsan housing estates developments (*Glenwood and Somerset*) of which would border the proposal of which the developers asked for permission @ 16 dwellings per hectare as apposed to the already approved 10 dwellings per hectare. To do this the developers were going to fill in all the ululating land (*gulleys*) with land fills as within their proposal.

The Residents formed a petition of 50 signatures to protest against this D.A. proposal, subsequently the D.A. proposal was rejected.

J.Kearney development proposal, is asking council to give the emerging communities some breathing space rather than being jammed in, cramped in, high density, small lot, and housing development. From past, development approvals of which now can be seen for by all, the environmental and social detrimental decay of which has occurred, (*Somerset creek*), is current and real. Try to image these estate developments 10 years further down the road (**2013**) if more of the same is approved.

## **Time for a change of mindset before it is too late.**

### **JAREMA D.A. PROPOSAL.**

*Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru. Page 3*

**QUOTE:**

*"it is not the applicants desire nor optimum planning to see a similar form of residential development on the balance of the Jabiru estate"*

*"the subject parcel, due to it's environmental attributes and it's topography, is suitable for this country estate park like form of development requiring only minor earthworks and conservation of the environment."*

*"the applicant submits that a park residential type of estate on the land will uphold the environmental integrity of the land, which contains many large dams, gullies and flora/fauna habitats."*

*".....seeks to retain the topographical and environmental attributes of the land and create environmental green belt and water open space areas that will be a community asset into the future."*

**END QUOTE**

No one can not blame J.Kearney in his effort to *create some green behind the gold*. Jarema is attempting to put in place for all time, (*hopefully*), environment green belt corridors of which no other developers except the most recent Stocklands Pty Ltd D.A. for Kingsmore (*West*) 2002 have done so. Prior before Stocklands the Kings Brothers of Kingsmore Estate. It is possible to go further back and talk with Kel Sweeney of Glenwood Crest formally of Bridgeman Drive Reedy Creek. Kel Sweeney (82) is one of the areas original pioneers and was one of the very first to recommend the Green Belt Walk Trails as can be seen in place already at lower Reedy Creek, (*Woodland Drive*).

Although with the Jarema D.A., will the future owners of the large environmentally friendly residential lots allow for passage through and to the enhanced environment features of the proposal development. **I.e.** *will the future owners allow for a Green Belt Walking Track throughway along/near their larger lots for public walking transit to Robina Town Centre?*

The Jarema D.A. has said *".....seeks to retain the topographical and environmental attributes of the land and create environmental green belt and water open space areas that will be a community asset into the future."*

**But will the future community include all of the community, (*Glenwood, Somerset, Reedy Creek, Bonogin, Mudgeeraba*), all of the emerging communities of the area? Will the large dams and watercourses be only for the future landholders or will it be possible that the general community will have some access to these proposed beauty spots.**

**Will the green belts be for all or just the lucky few?**

***Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.***

**2.0 Property History. Page 6.**

I quote....

*"...the urban development is not visible due to a convenient ridge line running north south through the property and urban development has been halted east of this ridge."*

**End quote**

**Perhaps by retaining the north south ridge line as an ascetically environment green belt atop of Clover Hill, a public access continuous north south walk trail could be established with some foresight, connecting to Reedy Creek, Bonogin, Tallebudgera Valley, Mudgeeraba and onwards towards Springbook national park.**

*Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.*

**3.2 Surrounding Area. Page 8.**

I quote....

***"on the opposite of Somerset Drive is the Glenwood estate. On the opposite side of Gemvale Road is a large parcel of land proposed to be developed in the near future for a number of residential and commercial uses, subject to council approval."***

End quote

Council planners must allow for continuous green belt walkways inter connecting through the emerging suburbia communities for walk tracks that are away from the roads and are environmentally pleasing for future residents peace and harmony for bushwalking and community ownership of the future environment green belts, (*"Ecological Economicals"*).

***Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.***

***Page 14***

I quote...

***" the underlying reason for this application is to preserve the high standard of amenity that the site enjoys in particular the natural environment, overland flow paths, fauna corridors and dams. The larger lots will enable the undulating landscape and vegetation on the site to be largely retained.***

***3) " to retain areas of natural bushland throughout the Park Residential areas in the form of pockets and linked corridors especially in areas designated as Open Space corridors.***

**End quote**

All the surrounding communities can only hope that the previous page statements are true.

It is hard to see per the public open space layout plan of the planned estate development application that the environment corridors are continuous linked and off away from the roadside. It may well be suggested that because of the larger than normal residential park land sites housing, that the walking paths (*footpath, sidewalk*) will be larger than normal due to the proposed housing being much further back from the roadside.

If as the maps as supplied from Jabiru – Clover Hill Subdivision layout plan show, there in all reality is no environmental Greenbelt Walk Trails per planned, but just footpaths along the roadside. There is shown no width of an environmental Green Belt Corridor.

Nor can be there be seen a connecting spoke green belt north to south from the location of the Somerset School via the Jabiru Layout Plan "open space zones".



***Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.***

**5.6 OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT**

**5.6.1 Public Open Space; Pg 15.**

I quote;

*"walking trails will be constructed linking the major parks with the broader walking trail network. The open space areas are not intended as playing fields although there will be adequate space around the lakes for active as well as passive recreation. The surrounding allotments being large acreage can accommodate the active open space needs of the community".*

*....."the major open space areas form a corridor through the middle of the site and will be visually attractive and functional as a flora/fauna reserve and stormwater catchment area".*

**End quote**

**As per the Jabiru Master Plan – Open Space Zones, as per supplied from the developer Jarema Pty Ltd. One open space corridor can be noted at the south eastern side of the proposal development. It is hard to visualise the other walking trails per the supplied maps due to the walk trails not being marked or environment corridors not being marked either. No widths' of environment corridors are not shown, nor are there any defined walk trails tracks established or shown. No continuous walking trail is shown or continuous environment corridor is shown, except for that along the roadside curb.**

**No inter suburbia continuous Green Belt Walk Trail is marked connecting with Bongin, Reedy Creek or Mudgeeraba. It can be said an environment open space corridor does connect up the yet to be development block opposite Jabiru of which now has a current D.A. PN156356/01/DA5 as advertised 17/09/02. But will this be a continuous Environment Green Belt following the watercourse (*gully*) into Glenwood Crest.**

## 5.7 REEDY CREEK STRUCTURE PLAN

### *Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru. Pg 16.*

I quote...

#### **Purpose:**

*"to guide the orderly economic and ecologically sustainable development of the Reedy Creek area by ensuring that development does not exceed the land capability, that the population is able to be adequately serviced, that development utilised best practice environmental and urban design principles and that development provides sustainable amenity for residents..."*

*"The significant feature on the structure plan map is an open space corridor running through the site generally following the natural water course line and areas of significant vegetation. This corridor was for drainage and fauna access".*

**End quote**

All of the above is good and fine, but once again where are the marked walk trails?

Where are the public assessable Walk Green Belt Environment corridors coming in from the surrounding suburbia?

### *Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.*

#### *Page 17*

I quote

*"Highly intense residential development has occurred in the area up to the boundaries of the subject site leaving it as an environmental corridor linking the minor open space corridor in the Glenwood Heights estate to the expanses of open space south of the Jabiru property.*

*Planning and development has been evolving rapidly in this neighbourhood. Good planning would provide a break to the encroaching high density from the east and north and conserve an area of environmental significance".*

End quote

All of the above is very true of the development pressure current on Reedy Creek, Bonogin, Tallebudgera Valley, Mudgeeraba as the boil over comes off from Robina Estate developments.

I (B.Dawson) do not believe that Jarema D.A. have accurately provided evidence of Environmental Green Belt Corridors linking with remnant bushlands of the Reedy Creek Structure Plan Strategy.

Unless the Jarema Development proposal is attempting to point out that the larger park residential blocks will provide the Greenbelt Environment Corridors! This would undoubtedly mean no public access will be allowed for public transit through these proposed private properties.

Surely per the intent of the G.C.C.C. Reedy Creek Structure Plan "*Emerging Communities*", the Environmental Green Belts although are helped along by the landholder (*freehold*) being if that landowner has enough land ownership to have in place a Green Belt Environmental Corridor. This is well and good, but will there always be the guarantee of the continuous Green Belt Corridors whilst held within the hands of the freehold landowners. Going by past examples this is not always the case and future suburbia development usually always occurs at the expense of the establish Green Belt Environment.

*I.e. Southport and Labrador.*

Where as, if Green Belt Environmental Corridors were Council or Community (*public*) designated Green Belt Walk Trail then Community Ownership and Community Pride of the permanent establish Green Belt for all time and for all generations can and will be kept in place.

I (*B.Dawson*) do not believe that the Jarema D.A. has allowed for a permanent Environment Green Belt Walk Trail, for all time, for all generations, public Green Belt Environment Corridor.

Unless the development application is espousing that the private freehold landowners will protect the espoused Green Belt Corridors and give to the public, access to those who would be in transit via the woodlands or open space Environment Corridors.

***Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.***

## **7.0 CONCLUSION**

***Pg. 19.***

I quote

***“this site has significant environmental attributes all of which will be conserved and in some areas enhanced.***

***This is an opportunity to conserve the natural environment which should be adopted. Council is urged to grant approval for the reconfiguration of allotment with suitable conditions”.***

End quote

**What has been mention above within the Jarema D.A. is true and creditable.**

John Kearney, Q.C., is a very respected and noteworthy person, of who has done much for the Gold Coast.

His word is to be believed and absolutely respected.

**City Council and Councilors must give J.Kearney his due respect for his property environment suitability. If anyone were to look at J.Kearney past public deeds, everyone would respect his wishes as wise. J.Kearney will provide a better environmental sound permanent housing development then any foreign land development company current on the Gold Coast, fact.**

The fact is, that J.Kearney wishes to live and breathe on his land and hear the birdsong every day. He does not want his land to become another Somerset. J.Kearney is a wise Australian and deserves to be respected. J.Kearney has many supporters including myself.

If only some of our elected Councillors and Politicians could have J.Kearney's wisdom and fore vision, then respect from the general community would be received. And all property development permission with community endorsement would be an everyday occurrence.

***Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru.***

***3.1 SITE ASSESSMENT Pg 7.***

I quote

***“other prominent features are the major dams and the Gold Coast Water pipeline traversing the property from east to west and generally forming the southern boundary of this proposed development. The part south of the pipeline is already zoned Park Residential.”***

End quote

The above shows possible potential opportunity for the G.C.C.C. and Jarema to provide a walking trail that follows along what a person would believe be council owned land, (*Gold Coast Water*) that being the land holding that follows the water pipe. Perhaps it is feasible to put the Green Belt Environmental Corridor running along side the water pipeline of so many metres' wide, (*100< metres*).

In this method council has control of tenure of the land being the council water pipeline, therefore a possible public assessed walking trail under control of council management and not doing any harm to future landholders of the Jabiru proposal. Whereas future landowners beside the G.C.C.C. water pipeline, may agreed to have a council maintained walk track following the pipeline traverse east to west becoming a major walkway thoroughfare link to interconnecting suburbia.

*"the site has three homesteads on the property and these are:*

- *Jabiru Homestead*
- *Concierge Homestead*
- *Norikoo Homestead*

I ask the Developers, if at all any of these beautiful homesteads could possibly become a future "Reedy Creek Community Hall". The Ward 12 local councilor Cr. Drake has made mention over the past two years of the need for a "Reedy Creek Community Hall". Perhaps the representatives of J.Kearney and Jarema Pty Ltd can see the good community spirit that can be created as an enhancement for the Jabiru Development via the inclusion of a "Reedy Creek Community Hall" as situated upon perhaps some public open space as zoned.

This would create a three fold (*win/win/win*) effect:

- ✓ **Cr. Drake, (*council*) gets at a lesser cost then building a community centre, a building with suburbia heritage character, a community hall, possibility as donated by Jarema.**
- ✓ **Jarema shows good intention for the estate development and community enhancement spirit by providing a community hall with original character.**
- ✓ **Emerging community receives the most needed "Reedy Creek Community Hall" as situated upon beautiful zoned parklands.**

**Jabiru Homestead** (*what's happening with this building*)

**Concierge Homestead** (*what's happening with this building*)

**Norikoo Homestead** (*what's happening with this building*)

**If Jabiru estate development was approved as large residential subdivision it may even be feasible to keep some of the dairy grazing lands as a working small production dairy for community and farm education proposes.**

I quote

*“The topography of the site could be described as undulating with numerous ridges and valleys with the site. The Survey Plan (containing contours), attachment 4 shows the undulating character of the property.”*

End quote

Question needs to be asked of how much bulldozing will happen if Jarema development approval goes ahead?

Obviously there will be much less ridges line and gully destruction (*developers clear-cut environmental destruction*) occurring if the Jarema development approval does go ahead. Whereas only the large residential housing lots building pads would only need constructing and some road infrastructure.

The above could well work out fine for all concerned, unless in the future tense that some of the future land owners would come under pressure to sell off part parcels of their building allotments for capital gain.

How would the above be contained for the future, say around 2012?

*Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru*

## 5.0 TOWN PLANNING CONTEXT

### 5.1 Zoning.

I quote

*“The land sold to a developer (the Sunland Group) totalled 64 hectares and approximately 620 dwellings have been constructed on the land being made up of about 239 group housing lots and 381 standard residential lots.*

*The residential density on the land sold to Sunland is about 10 dwellings per hectare.”*

End quote

No doubt the above is very true, as with other close jammed housing developments that have occurred on the Gold Coast, (*and still on-going unfortunately*) these types of high density developments come at a high cost, present and future. This cost is at a high environment cost, (*clear-cut environmental destruction*).

Sure more population (*ratepayers*) can live near to Robina Town Centre, but is this the true desire of the living aspects of living on the Gold Coast all about?

Jarema D.A. goes on to mention

I quote

*"The proposed subdivision, although a much lower density than the adjoining residential development, provides for a range of development when the site is viewed as part of the overall development pattern, from Bridgeman Drive east along Gemvale Road. Where the predominant form of development is in the form of group housing. The proposed development provides a transition in development format and a buffer to uses to the north, Glenwood Estate and to the west, Somerset College.*

End quote

No person who reads the Jarema D.A. could dispute the above paragraph.

If Council has a good look, at the already approved previous developments (*Glenwood and Somerset*) aging growth and social environmental demographics (*land denigration*) then a stark contrast can be seen. i.e. High density cramped living space *Vs* low-density open living space.

**In comparison, perhaps it is time to rethink some of the group housing that has occurred west of the Pacific Highway and seriously consider the Jarema D.A. proposal as a breathing green barrier, not to mention the aesthetic view that will be seen from National Highway #1, Pacific Highway. Just how close should future residents live beside one another?**



No doubt less population (*ratepayers*) will be able to live at the Jarema D.A. proposal; the quality of living standards of the proposed estate will be desirable. Where would you rather live?

But, it is most important that the Green Belt Environment Corridors are mapped, surveyed, marked and consolidated today ASAP. Otherwise the health of the future Gold Coast suburbia environmentally and humanly will be very unhealthy if not slummed.

It can be seen, on Gold Coast Draft Planning CD ROM Jan 2002, as per map EC8 "Reedy Creek Emerging Communities Map" that the Green linkage, as shown by council planners traverses through the Jarema D.A. proposal.

Per the development application maps as supplied from the Jarema proposal, that even to some extent the green linkage is recognised, but alas not totally adhered to. I.e. half of the green linkage follows the contour of the proposed road infrastructure, therefore being the footpath.

The green linkage as provided by the Jarema D.A. is good. With the proposed infrastructure road being serviceable to a limited number of housing dwellings and as per the Jarema D.A. proposal, the housing will be perhaps be well set back from the roadway therefore perhaps a much more aesthetic and wider footpath will be in place. Although, definitely not a Green Belt Environment Corridor.

## 6.0 KEY ISSUES

*Reconfiguration of allotment for Jabiru. Page 18*

I quote

***"The proposed use complies with the current strategic plan".***

End quote

Does it? Where are the, "Green Belt Environment Corridors". Where is the public access walkway corridor to interconnect to other emerging Reedy Creek Communities per the green linkage as shown on the Reedy Creek Structure Plan, Map EC8.

I quote

***"The proposed use will comply with the intent of the draft Reedy Creek structure Plan document."***

End quote

**Will it? Once again where is the Green Belt Environment Corridor for public access for walking transit and health exercise purposes? Are all the creek catchments areas totally protected, or to be protected only by the future possible freehold landowners with no access for general public?**

Per point (iv) "Animals" page 5

**It is about time that someone took a logical step forward in recommending that no cats within a bushland estate be allowed and only one dog if desired. It truly is time that this type of proposal is taken in on its' merit for conservation preservation leading onto environment rejuvenation without the concern of cats decimating all birdlife and nesting sites within the estate and surrounding open space bushland areas.**

**Jarema Pty Ltd D.A. proposal also said *"that this is to ensure native fauna are conserved, trees and waterways have been maintained and expanded"*.**

As the author of this submission (*B.Dawson*) I'm not quite sure how the Jarema proposal will achieve this as it has not been totally explained by Jarema, unless they intent to undertake a community environment awareness and care program within the estate constitution.

If the above paragraph was the case then all the surround communities can only benefit and learn more environment awareness and care through environmental education leading to healthy happy communities with community instilled pride.

### **Meaning win/win/win.**

## **6.3 SUMMARY OF AREAS OF CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANCE**

Conservation Values Report pg.29

### **Summary report by B.Dawson**

G.C.C.C. and the Gold Coast Community at large, in particular within the Reedy Creek Emerging Communities need to realise that Gold Coast Fauna and Flora is on a fast decline rate, due to estate development encroaching at the foothills of our precious Hinterland (*the green behind the gold*).

Some developers are attempting to compromise their estate development by blending in with the remnant bushland eco system rather then decimating it for all time.

*(Small minatory).*

Developers can do this if they can show the new land estate holders and explain to the general community within the surrounding area the very importance of environment awareness and care. As is current in all schools, children are being taught environmental awareness (*education*) for the sake of healthy living. Time has come for the adults and estate developers to show children and other adults the benefits of having a healthy environment giving to a happy community i.e. Eco-com. Rejuvenating healthy environment living through environmental awareness community education.

"Eco – Com"

"Ecological Community"

***Local community owning and caring for their bushland parks with community pride and spirit; enhanced by strong liaison communications between estate developers and local council.***

***An Ecological Community which residents contribute volunteer funding and volunteer labour. Who are autonomous, non-political, non-profit, self-funded and self-reliant in their/our world, keeping the environment safe for all in their community for all time for all generations.***

***"Creating a home living sanctuary environment".***

Point 2, of 6.3, tells of a last remnant Rainforest and goes into great detail about what was seen at the Sclerophyll Ridge to the south-east of the study site. This is valuable research in need of continuation research. At the very least the preservation and/or rejuvenation of the Study Site and will the "Ecological Community" contribute funds through the developing estates' constitution of harmonious living through care for their communities environment.

It is always best to put as many people (*population*) as close to major shopping centres as possible at the disregard of the bio-diversity natural green environment? More so, will the people, (*community*), contribute to saving and keeping a Green Belt Corridor, so as they walk in peace and safety through public/estate community funds provided for Safe Environment Green Belt Walking Track to major shopping centre, (*community focal point*).

No doubt there is always a strong argument that population centres (*suburbia*) are fed by railway stations and land storage. Overpopulation is never the answer. Using ergonomic ecological economics is a happier community as our children are now being taught! Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintain, producing green employment through community support.

## *Ergonomic Ecological Economics*

### *Erg-Eco-Eco, (EEE).*

*(new meaning?)*

*Using Ergonomic Ecological Economics as a happier community as our children are now being taught! Community and sustainable way of living through the use of user used, "Green Belt Walk Trails" safe and well maintained, producing green employment through community support.*

*Living with environment, by utilising all renewable resources by harmonizing with community and environment through voluntary financial/association support. The best practice of sustainable conservation via preservation of the community remnant bushlands through sound green funded employment, i.e. Maintenance/Security/Track Leaders.*

*Through creating a minimal sustainable ecological economy, showing the economic possibilities through leaving our suburbia natural/remnant environment as it is, in its present state, with out future degradation.*

*Natural watercourses saved and maintained by community ownership. "Environmental Green Belt Walk/Run/Ride/Wheelchair Track" (spoke) to community centres (hub) via green belt and open woodlands.*

*(not researched)*

*Jarema, Jabiru Land Development, 6.3 Summary of Areas of Conservation Significance Point 2  
Page 29 last sentence*

***States: "Should the creekline be rehabilitated, the environmental value of the habitat will increase significantly".***

The answer is yes. With enticement of original fauna and if possible, flora, at the very least, Native Australia Open Bushland Trees. With the proposed absence of cats, then the green belt birdlife will have half a chance to birdsong. Ecological Community would surely like to care more for their safe and maintained bushland parks then brushing clean curb side gutters.

If Developers such as King Brothers (*Kingsmore*), Stocklands (*Kingsmore West*) and Jarema (*Jabiru*), as local Reedy Creek developers can not get it right the first time, west of the Pacific Highway Reedy Creek will become Somersets' and Varsity Lakes jammed cramped development complete with narrow roads for playing on.

As permanent residents/stakeholders,<sup>17</sup> and if the long time local land owners visionary developers can not use fore vision for the long term health and quality of life value living suburbia at the foothills of the Springbrook National Park and World Heritage Lamination National Park, Gold Coast Hinterland. Then we are all doomed.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### ***Conservation Values Report, Page 30.***

I Brett Dawson of Reedy Creek agree with all of the conclusions and recommendations as on paper in the Conservation Values Report page 30. I have seen Yellow Tailed black Cockatoo (ground forages') at Reedy Creek.

### **POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS BY B.DAWSON**

- 1. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDOR THAT IS ALSO A GREEN BELT WALKING TRACK THROUGH THE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT?**
  
- 2. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDOR THAT IS ALSO A GREEN BELT WALKING TRACK THROUGH THE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT INTERCONNECTING WITH OTHER SURROUNDING ESTATES DEVELOPMENTS, (NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST)?**

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<sup>17</sup> It is their companies' brand name on the development for time.

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3. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDOR THAT IS ALSO A GREEN BELT WALKING TRACK THROUGH THE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL INTERCONNECT WITH GLENWOOD CREST GULLY CREEK LINE?
4. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDOR THAT IS ALSO A GREEN BELT WALKING TRACK THROUGH THE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO WALK HOME FROM THE SOMERSET SCHOOL AWAY FROM THE ROADSIDE?
5. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDOR THAT IS ALSO A GREEN BELT WALKING TRACK THROUGH THE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND PERMANENTLY MARK (SURVEY) THE LOCATIONS AND WIDTH OF THE TRAILS/TRACKS AND OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED THE SURVEY TRAIL CORRIDORS FOR ALL TIME?
6. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE A BLOCK OF LAND SOMEWHERE ON THE ESTATE FOR A FUTURE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION CENTRE AND/OR COMMUNITY HALL?
7. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE AN ESTATES COMMUNITY AWARENESS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL ESTATES LANDOWNERS AS PER OF THE DEVELOPMENT ESTATE CONSTITUTION?

8. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE AND INSTIL AN ON-GOING ESTATE BIO-DIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR FAUNA AND FLORA AND WATER QUALITY WITHIN THE ESTATE YEARLY, (INTERNAL OR EXTERNALLY) ?

9. WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROVIDE FOR HILL TOP PARKLAND (ESTATE HIGHPOINT) FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

## CONCLUSION

As mentioned, I (B.Dawson) have more respect for J. Kearney Q.C. than any Gold Coast local Politician. Mr Kearney is showing his fore vision in more comprehensive terms than other developers of the Gold Coast in the past have. Respect for J.Kearney wishes must be shown, he is a long term resident of the area and anonymous philanthropist to many Gold Coast institutions.

Jabiru – Clover Hill subdivision will give green breathing space for the Reedy Creek Structural Plan. Jabiru – Clover Hill subdivision will give relief from jammed, cramped small house block development of which is already in too much abundance on the foothills of the Gold Coast Hinterland.

It may well appear that I (B.Dawson), as an independent non-aligned individual submitter, am over the top in this submission possible objections. But there is a wind change (*mind thought*) current. As more and more permanent Gold Coast Residents attempt to find some environment common sense logic or alternate ways of thinking before completed destruction of Gold Coast Bio-diversity, before over development and over crowding occurs. I have many photographs of evidence.



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The submission concepts are all about putting the onus of environmental concerns before development as the responsibility, in the first instance, upon the land developers. Then for D.A. approval to be granted to the developer by the overseers of land development process on the Gold Coast, the Gold Coast City Council, to correctly assess the developmental application on its' environmental sustainability.

Once G.C.C.C. makes for the provision of Environmental Green Belt Corridors longer then 500 Metres' and wider then 50 metres'. Emerging community intrinsic pride will have a chance to take hold, leading to freehold landholder and communities residents having a stake holders voice of their communities' environmental well being and estate environs' protection.

Once new estate communities' residents have the community ownership of their watercourse and open space woodland areas. Ecological Economics will have begun through community stake holders taking responsible over the conservation and preservation over that's community green spaces.

Community through environmental educational and association with regional peak environment organisations will take responsibility of their community Green Belt Environment Corridors, leading to a funding and maintenance program thus creating green jobs opportunities taking away the onus of green space management away from the cash strapped city councils.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ON SITE INSPECTION BEFORE DEVELOPMENT COMMENCES.
- ACROSS TABLE DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL.
- PERMANENT MARKING OF GREEN BELT ENVIRONMENT CORRIDORS.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ESTATE CONSTITUTION TO BE IN PLACE FOR THE LONG TERM.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF ESTATE ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM, (YEARLY) .

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- ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUBS AND SPOKE INTERCONNECTING SUBURBIA WALK TRACK.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL ESTATE WATERCOURSE MANAGEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM BEFORE ESTATE DEVELOPMENT.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF REMNANT BUSHLAND REJUVENATION TO NATIVE BUSHLANDS AREAS TO BECOME ON-GOING.

## CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

### "PASSIVE URBAN TRANSIT ENVIRONMENT GREEN BELT CORRIDORS"

First of all I do apologise for making this a 41,761 word submission. This is just some of 12 years of free time work I've dedicated to the little researched subject of Ecological Economics. It's my passion and social conscientious pay back to the Australian taxpayer for funding 1/3 of my university education.

My Father, N.R. Dawson <sup>(Deed)</sup> told me; *"if you can't handle the big picture then just take on the small picture"*. So to put that into practices I say to my self *"Save the planet start locally"*.

**Please understand** that this submission and through the encouragement of the Queensland State Government to submit my thoughts over the years on my vision of a happy harmonious environmentally aware community is unfinished, and in need a lot of tidying up, not to mention condensing.

It will cost me \$200 to print and produce this submission (10 copies) and distribute to those of whom I believe have the power to believe and perhaps commit. **I do not expect feedback as I never have received any.** I would suspect that readers of this submission and previous submissions submitted may believe that Brett Dawson is out there.

I will not live in a capitalised free world where our precious environmental assets are stripped and destroyed for greed and the maintaining of power bases without the practice of so-call democracy. Without the practice of democracy within political parties, and within the as called, NGO's Green Groups. Universities of which are nothing but crystal palaces where academics must protect their occupational standing due to being on such as good wicket.

*Yes I'm madder then hell, and don't like the fact, that generation youth anarchy minority, rule and control, destroy and break glass plus litter, intimidate and threat other park users' within my suburban environmental asset parklands. There is a possible solution creating a home living sanctuary environment, through Ecological Economics leading to Ecological Community giving to Ergonomic Ecological Economics. i.e. If its' all about territory ownership then turn the environment terrorists in environment warriors.*

Please take note that this is an individual independent submission. I wish I could find support, but perhaps that's in the future big picture that's if we leave a future big picture.

I do acknowledge the support and encouragement from my current local Gold Coast City Councilor, Cr. Greg Betts, he listens.

### **Biodiversity = everything that sustains life.**

"Biodiversity is everything in which keeps us alive and the Planet Earth functioning".  
Biodiversity: the total variety of life on Earth and the absolute dependents on that variety of life, for existence for sustainable life.

"If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed,

If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree,

If you are thinking a hundred years ahead, educate the people".

*Chinese Poet Kuan Tzu 500 BC.*

*Can any one read or hear?*

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c.c. Professor Ralph Buckley, Griffith University Gold Coast Campus.

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**PROPOSAL:“DEDICATED WEBSITE PAGE”**

*for*

**REEDY CREEK WATERWAY, GREENBELT  
WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PROTECTION**

*Sponsored and maintained by*

**THE RESIDENTS of REEDY CREEK & DOMAINS.**

*Managed with help from G.C.C.C.,*

*Water catchment protection department.*

**DATED 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2004**

**Introduction:**

Reedy Creek (4228) is a fast progressing emerging residential domain of West Burleigh/Stephens (*projected population of 17k*) bordered by Varsity Lakes high density residential and industrial developments (*land clearing, Delfin Estates Development Co.*). Reedy Creek is bi-sectored by the National Highway, “Pacific Highway, route #1” of which Reedy Creek the natural watercourse flows under into the Varsity Lakes South Industrial Park beside the undeveloped Reedy Creek Railway Station site.

Reedy Creek the watercourse begins its flow from the catchment area of Reedy Creek Plateau, (*“Observatory Estate”, Stocklands developments*) and flows down through the newly created high density residential estate of Kingsmore. Reedy Creek the watercourse also flows westward into the undeveloped areas of Bonogin (4213) and southwards into industrial estates of Andrews (4220).

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Reedy Creek the watercourse has many tributaries of which have created natural wildlife corridors for the native birdlife to flock to for nesting and watering. Reedy Creek the watercourse has in the last five years come under extreme pressure due to land developers desires for stormwater runoff and creek side residential construction methods through and on the banks of Reedy Creek. The once pristine creek (*year 2000*) is now denigrated from urban pollution and poor stormwater drainage methods allowed flowing in the creek from the creek banks.

Gold Coast City Council and State Government legalisation state that natural watercourses belong to the state under the local authority of the City Council. Unfortunately for Reedy Creek and other denigrated natural suburban creek systems developers have not maintained the protection of the natural creek waterways. Therefore if the natural creek water corridors belong to the permanent residents of the surrounds then it is up to those residents to maintain, protect and possibly manage the local waterway corridors.

**CONTENT:**

Reedy Creek residents through a ways and means method (*just do it*) create and personalised "Reedy Creek the Watercourse Website" ([www.rcww.com.au](http://www.rcww.com.au)).

**METHOD; WAYS & MEANS, (starting point)**

1. Community instigation (*local meetings*).
2. Community approach to local City Councillor (*advice*).
3. Community approach to local state member (*advice*).
4. Community approach to surrounding estate developers (*advice sponsorship?*)
5. Community advertise and put feelers out for Webmaster (*voluntarily or paid*).
6. Webpage design is developed (*drafted on paper/report*).
7. Webpage costs are discovered (*budget*).
8. Webpage management committee formed (*community grouping*).

## WHY HAVE A REEDY CREEK WATERWAY WEBPAGE?

- ✚ Communication (*local website*)
- ✚ Local forum page (*neighbour to neighbour electronic communications*).
- ✚ Local website download page for local information and wildlife notes, (*information and education*).
- ✚ Local website for inputting information, (*digital photographs*)
- ✚ Local website for up-coming community working bee on local watercourse, (*community environmental input*).
- ✚ Absolute watercourse environmental protection (*before and after digital photographs*).
- ✚ Local youth input site for nature activities within the watercourse corridor, (*youth involvement*).
- ✚ Reedy Creek cultural and history site (*community input and knowledge*).
- ✚ Website may pay for itself through local advertisers.

## WHERE TO FROM HERE

- Community shows support via 100 persons signed petition of support for theory research into local website feasibility and local support thereof.
- Community as a group form and incorporate an organisation through G.C.C.C. or on own onus in order to apply for local, state, federal governments environmental grants schemes.
- Local webmaster is found and community begin website project on impetus.
- A second more extensive draft report is presented for local community appraisal and display in a public location and support thereof is gauged.



**FUNDING FROM STATE GOVERNMENT (does it fit the criteria?)**

As set below and as copied from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines website at [www.nrm.qld.gov.au/community/ca\\_grants.html](http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/community/ca_grants.html) as resourced from Dianne Reilly Member for Mudgeeraba monthly community column per division distribution newsletter/paper (*commercial*).

Set below is an example of government sponsor funding of which this application for funding shall be sent in order show by example (*on paper*) a community activities utilizing the electronic medium for a permanent suburban watercourse protection plan for start up funding non-commercialised.

The author of this submission fully realizes the chances for successful funding on this round Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants, is poor whereas a community dedicated suburban watercourses protection permanent protection plan website. May not match the asking criteria of this particular round of funding being the "2005 Community Natural Resource awareness activity Grants".

**Although the conceptual idea with local and state government back up and sponsorship could well help future aspirants for funding for low costs community dedicated suburban watercourses protection permanent protection plan websites.**

*Quoting the Department of Natural Resources and Mines website;*

***Community Engagement for a better quality of life  
Valuing the environment***

**Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants 2005  
Guidelines for applicants**

|  
**Queensland Resources Week 2005  
'Bridging our communities'**

**Purpose**

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to Landcare, Bushcare, Coastcare, Waterwatch and other community natural resource management (NRM) groups to develop small, innovative and creative promotional projects in partnership with community, school, youth or business groups, and/or local government. These grants are intended to take an entertainment, educational or cultural approach to strengthening the community's awareness and involvement in sustainable natural resource management in Queensland. (NR&M)

A Reedy Creek community dedicated suburban watercourses protection permanent protection plan website would fit all of the above criteria due to the report filing and digital photographing of which would encompassing the site. Connecting links to local area schools would be standard. The site would be perhaps marketed to be entertaining and educational whilst at the same time informative and cultural historical to the local area.(B.D.)

## **Building awareness of natural resource management**

Local communities are encouraged to play a bigger role in supporting the work of community NRM groups in sustainable natural resource management for the benefit of us all. This can be achieved through action and awareness initiatives that develop a greater knowledge and understanding of the needs, experiences and achievements of volunteers involved in natural resource management. (NRM)

Successful local action and education initiatives can have long lasting benefits for the community such as:

- More opportunities for individuals and groups to interact and form relationships with like-minded people.  
Website will bring together all mosaics of community environmental, educational, commercial enterprise and local government.
- Opportunities to promote how the actions of community NRM groups make a visible and valued contribution to the broader community.  
Permanent website for viewing 24/7 world wide for all time, the website could only grow with time and support.
- Community involvement in natural resource management programs benefiting the wider community  
Community managed website informing of up-coming work bees' etc.  
Physical involvement or anomous observations till involvement from the broader community i.e. word of mouth till web site visit.

Queensland Resources Week is a state wide partnership between the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and its key stakeholders.

It aims to raise community awareness of the natural resource issues and their importance in our daily lives, and encourage people to play a part in securing our future. The grant activities will be the primary public focus of Queensland Resources Week, from May 22-29 2005. Projects will occur or be profiled in or around that week to give the community ownership of the week.

The theme of Queensland Resources Week 2005 is 'Bridging our communities'. The theme for the 2005 Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants is 'Bridging our communities—water for life'.

This theme reflects the breadth of community interest and involvement in water-related issues in Queensland and supports the United Nations' declaration of 2005 as the start of the International Decade of Water: Water for People, Water for Life.

(NRM)

## Community grants for 2005—why water?

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines works with the community to ensure an integrated approach to planning, developing and managing our natural resources, to meet Queensland's economic, environmental and social and cultural needs now and for generations to come.

As the population grows and our climate changes, water is becoming an increasingly scarce resource for Australia, the driest inhabited continent on Earth. A new climate change report, prepared for the State Government by the CSIRO, forecasts higher temperatures, less rainfall and drier soil in Queensland over the next 25 years and beyond. We all have a part to play to find better ways to make our available water supplies go further, to protect our environment and maintain our water quality.

Understanding the connection between the social, economic and environmental aspects of natural resource management and the fact that one resource cannot be responsibly managed in isolation from others.

(NRM)

Quite obviously NRM is looking for one off engagement for perhaps an one off event happening due one week of the year being may 22-29 2005.

Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage could fit the criteria if the website launch was to be held during the Queensland Resources Week and highlighted to local community and the Gold Coast at large.

Although with the Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage the project must be perpetual on-going at all times and the one off event of Queensland Resources Week May 2005 would only be for webpage site launch.

(b.d.)

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(NRM)

Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage fits into the above standard criteria and if the website was given a 10 year lifespan of minimal operations then the many of thousands of website hits would justify the community need and desires for such a communication point.

Rather than doorknocking the local community or a one day sign up activities with a one-off day environmental educational message with a one off funding package without a permanent tangible reference point. A Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage will serve for permanent real time reminder with weekly/daily up-dating with visuals provided through digital electronic medium input via written word (*poetry or short story*) to photographic download (*children's drawings, digital environmental photography*). The webpage will be there for the long haul. (b.d.)

**Stage 3 – Submit application**  
**Deadline Friday December 17, 2004**  
Closing date for applications

This grant submission will be submitted in its current form as is. In its main form this submission is a collaboration between an individual's input to community with help from local area council for input and feedback towards a simple cost effective concept for forward momentum progression. The goal aims is for a permanent community awareness and participation program for better local watercourse protection and general ethos for local area environmental protection.

Through the education of the area's youth, via participation and use of parkland resources, with the collaboration of local area council representative, (area councillor). It is hoped that parklands desecration (vandalism) would cease and a community environment protection group would be able to oversee and manage the local communities' environmental assets with the assistance of the local area's youth as the main players.

Through the concept of a local area website those youth and adults of who wish to participate in the safety of their own homes may do so through the electronic medium. Parents and their children could work together in providing information and downloads to the local area site. Both adults and children could join in on webforum discussions and report of environment vandalism or environmental beauty.  
(b.d.)

**Stage 4 – Applications are assessed**  
**January 2005**

A panel of state Landcare and catchment Management representatives and key officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines will assess the submissions.

Project applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- How the project/activity addresses the purpose of the grants program and the theme of Queensland Resources Week 2005 'Bridging our communities—water for life'  
The Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage focus on the permanent management and maintenance of the area's natural urban watercourse through in the first instance of a webpage start-up.
- A 'value-adding' partnership with youth/community/business group or local government, contributing additional cash or in-kind support to the project.  
Needs sourcing and researching through survey methods.
- Innovative ways of promoting sustainable natural resource management as an activity affecting the whole community.  
Highlighting environment degradation and beauty through visual presentation and weekly up-dating from electronic medium from community input.

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- Potential to raise community awareness about sustainable natural resource management in Queensland and foster involvement.  
If community watercourse protection websites have been successful in other areas of the city or state then there is no reason why a Reedy Creek Watercourse Website would fail.
- Entertainment, educational or cultural focus.  
All of the above.
- Projects evenly distributed across the State for local partnership activities.  
Note: if your organisation is not incorporated, you must have an incorporated body sponsor your application. Written confirmation of this agreement must be submitted.  
At this present time there is no Community Reedy Creek incorporated Environment organisation. It would be hoped that through talks with local area councillor and with collaboration with local area state member that a trust fund account could be set up with a three ways signing agreement being for the express purpose of capital start-up set-up of a Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage.

A bank trust account could be established and through the Reedy Creek Watercourse Webpage start-up committee any drawings from trust account would go through start-up committee Chairperson and the start-up committee secretary/treasurer with the third signature being the local area councillor of representee thereof.

## **Stages of application and assessment**

### ***Stage 2 – Prepare your application***

#### ***November 2004***

All questions in Section A (Organisation Details), Section B (Application Form – Project Details) and Section C (Budget)

**Please assess' appendixes of this submission application.**

#### ***Early February, 2005***

All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will be advised of the outcome of their submission by mail. All successful applicants will be contacted directly soon after to finalise contracts and allocate grants to proceed with approved projects.

Department of Natural Resources and Mines' Public Affairs unit will support the community grants program by promoting all projects to the media before and during Queensland Resources Week.

### ***Stage 6 – Undertaking the project***

#### ***By end May 2005***

Successful project teams have until the end of May 2005 to complete their projects. Projects will occur or be profiled during Queensland Resources Week, from May 22-29, 2005.

### **Stage 7 – Reporting and accountability**

Community NRM groups who are successful in attracting a grant will be required to submit a short progress report by April 29, 2005, including a breakdown of costs. Details of final reporting will be advised in writing to the successful applicants in January when the grants are announced.

### **Conditions of grants**

1. All promotional material must acknowledge funding from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.  
Could be webpage sponsor and advertise permanently on webpage.
2. Funds granted must be spent on the activities outlined in the application and as approved by the department.  
Webpage start-up and webpage launch only.
3. All financial and operational reporting requirements must be completed and received by the specified timeframe.  
Will be viewable on constructing webpage.
4. In the event of the cancellation of a funded activity, Natural Resources and Mines must be notified in writing and the unspent funds returned immediately.  
Monies accounted for through trust account with three way signing.
5. The organisation funded will be forwarded an Income and Expenditure Statement, and a letter detailing the financial and operational requirements of the grant.
6. The approved organisation must enter into and comply with a funding agreement accepting the grant in accordance with these guidelines.
7. Applicants must be covered under the State Landcare insurances, or demonstrate other equivalent insurance coverage.  
No insurance coverage will be required.
8. The approved sponsoring organisation must remain the sponsoring organisation of the funded project for the duration of the service agreement or until a new sponsoring body is approved.  
Must be sourced it is hoped for council sponsorship.
9. Acceptance of payment of the grant indicates the recipient's acceptance of all the funding conditions.
10. If the successful group is eligible for a GST exemption, it must apply to the Australian Taxation Office for acquittal in order to use the full dollar value of the grant.

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## **CONCLUSION**

As with all levels of government we people of the community must work hard and now for the absolute protection of our immediate urban environment before it is totally lost within a high-density city landscape. It is not too hard to research the lost local waterways (*urban creeks*) here on the Gold Coast due to urban decay and overdevelopment.

The urban creek watercourses belong to the environment under the protection of the local and state government legalisation protective guidelines as own by the community as an environmental asset for all time for all generations.

Lets all start with communications, electronic communications is here now and is here to stay. Time for generic website watercourse environment planning tool for home electronics communications computer to computer, neighbour to neighbour intercommunity, Website focus, communication point.

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c.c. Hon Dianne Reilly (*State member for Mudgeeraba*).



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The junctions of Reedy Creek & Navars st Creek in flood after heavy downpour Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004. Note footbridge under water.



Woodland Park Woodland drive Reedy Creek in flood 07/12/04



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The footbridge over Reedy Creek from Woodland Park to Kingsmore via the Reedy Creek Wildlife Corridor. Note Reedy Creek in flood after 8 months dry. 07/12/04