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To: FPA, Committee (SEN)
Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2005 10:39pm
Cc:
Subject: ATSRAC



Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Doreen Mortimore and I am President of Ravenshoe RAISE (Rural Activities Incorporating Sustainable Energy) Inc, we are a non-profit group formed by residents to develop and create facilities for our community and the region. Our first project is to get a pool for our community but we knew that this was not a big enough vision for us to succeed. So we looked at our location the HIGHEST town in Queensland, we have two sustainable energies here wind and hydro so if we built a Indoor Solar Heated Swimming Facility in the highest town in Queensland with altitude (over 900m) this would be the core for an industry in sports,fitness, health and wellbeing in a green and clean environment. With Sustainable Energy Education Tourism on the side, every year 10 science student studies sustainable energy. With the block of land we were hoping to purchase with these funds, we would also include re-forest with bush tucker, enabling us to teach indigenous culture on guided walks creating more jobs. I did show Ms Tunney the vision on paper. Retirement Units/Health Farm/Other Sporting Arenas. We have the perfect location and the vision. We need the expertise and the funds. Thought our prays where answered when this funding body was advertised.

I am writing to tell of my experience with ATSRAC Phoned;
24th Jan 2002 at 1545hr left message.
18th Feb 2002 at 1050hr left message asked for her to ring asap. 18th Feb 2002 1830hr received call will visit 1330hr Thur. From memory she changed this, but did come and visit another day. Told me to keep going down the track to get the pool and maybe they can help with the rest at a later date.
15th 16th & 17th Aug 2002 I attended "Partnerships for Prosperity" no help.
20 Nov 1330hr Left message.
June 2003 Peter Ellyard workshop meet Mr Mc Dade he said to contact Ms Tunney.
19th Sept 2003 1240hr left message to send expressions of interest. (she did)
23rd Nov 2004 Advertisement in Tablelander expressions of interest invited Phoned 40917205 got Secretary asked if I could use Jan 2003 paperwork to express was told she would get Ms Tunney to phone me, never received a call.

Also all Mayors knew about our project because we had written to ROCK and the Shires for support and the Tablelands Economic Development Corporation received a copy of our first business plan.

I cannot understand why a lot of the money was given out for private companies to get the upper hand over competition. There were a few projects that had merit but never got past the first leg. Other ideas that were being looked at that would have closed many small business with the same stakeholders. Why did the government form a committee to give out 18million when all you had to do was give the four shires 4million each to create, develop and produce an industry or industries and you would be back in five years to see the product, if the shire failed to produce jobs they then had to pay back the money but if they created employment for future generations they wouldn't have to pay any money back, good incentive. Would have only cost 16million. There was to much taxpayers money wasted on paperwork that never bought about anything.

If anyone would like to contact me please don't hesitate 07 40976 405 (Doreen Mortimore) only a two hour drive from Cairns International Airport if you would like to visit call and I can put the kettle on. Thankyou for your time.

Regards Doreen