

Appendix 5

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Community involvement

In order to mitigate any potential negative impacts on the local community as a result of the Ella Bay development, the local community and government departments have been extensively involved in the preparation of the development proposal through community consultation. The Community Consultant Consultants 20/20 group was employed to conduct Community Consultation.

Meetings, public forums and public advertising to date have included:

2004

- December: Meeting with the Chairman of Tourism Tropical North Queensland to discuss the projects contribution to the States tourism industry.

2005

- January/February: Meeting with CEO of Tourism Tropical North Queensland to discuss the development plans

- May: Innisfail Chamber of Commerce – Executive Committee

Attended executive committee meeting of Innisfail Chamber of Commerce and provided a briefing of the two Ella Bay projects.

- September: Northern Development Industry Association Presented the findings of the Economic Impact Study. Warren Witt also presented overview of the concept master plan for the Ella Bay project.

- October: Flying Fish Point & The Coconuts Ratepayers Association – Flying Fish Point Caravan Park.

Attended the ratepayers meeting on Sunday afternoon and provided an overview of the Ella Bay Little Cove development and the concept master plan for the Ella Bay project.

- November: Briefing Meeting in Innisfail (including site visit) on the 3rd November 2005 with all relevant State Government Departments, Johnston Shire Council, and the Department of Environment and Heritage. Many of the project sensitivities were discussed along with possible solutions. This meeting was a significant catalyst for changes to the current masterplan.

- December: On-site meeting on the 22nd December with the Federal Government DEH to discuss the project. Cassowary expert Les Moore was present and conservation corridors and cassowary issues were discussed in detail include possible mitigation measures.

2006

- First quarter: Fitzgerald Innisfail Rotary Club

Attended a weekly meeting as guest speaker and provided an overview of projects in the region, and provided detailed briefing of the two Ella Bay projects.

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- February: Innisfail Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Meeting

Guest speaker at monthly Chamber meeting providing an overview of the projects in the region, and focusing on the detail of Ella Bay projects.

- March: Meeting in Canberra on 22nd March with representatives from Queensland Coordinator General's Office, Qld Government, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environment and Heritage to discuss project. This meeting discussed in detail the projects development parameters including population, size, vegetation clearing, and fauna corridors.

- June: Meeting in Sydney on 23 June with Senator Campbell, his undersecretary, JSC mayor, Queensland Government, Coordinator General representatives. One of the key issues discussed was the entry road and the impacts of the development.

- July: Meeting on 3rd July with University of Qld (incl Deputy Vice Chancellor) about Collaborative research.

- July: Meeting on 18th July with the Department of Environment and Heritage on Site to present new masterplan.

- September: Media Release on project resulting in front page news in Innisfail Advocate, Headline news for Cairns Channel 7 news, press in Cairns Post, The Australian, the Courier Mail, Townsville Bulletin.

- October: Meeting on 25th October with Tourism Queensland's Mike Maloney to present project and discuss how this project fits into Tourism Queensland's tourism strategy.

- November and December: Meetings phone conferences with James Cook University including Vice and Pro Vice Chancellors to discuss research and possible Sustainability Institute.

- Late 2006: Consultation with indigenous groups on three occasions.

Employment of Aboriginal Heritage advisor Nickey Horseful to conduct further consultation in Early 2007. Key issues were employment, possible artifacts and possible co management of possible future additional National Park.

2007

- February/March: 20/20 Group held public meetings at Innisfail on the 28th February 2007 and Flying Fish Point on the 1st March 2007 to provide information on the development prior to advertising and to obtain any feed back from the public. The



meetings were advertised in the Innisfail Advocate and Cairns Post on and Saturday 24th March and Tuesday 27th February respectively.

There has also been extensive advertising of the Initial Advice Statement, including through the setting up of the Ella Bay website www.ellabay.com.au to advertise the public of the project.

The Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement has also been advertised.