



DELEGATE'S REPORT

11th September 2007

DR1	SEA CHANGE TASKFORCE BUS INSPECTION
FILE: 357	CLR RHM {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

To report to Council on the bus inspection tour that I attended during the Sea Change Taskforce Conference held 19th to 23rd August 2007.

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DESCRIPTION:

On the Monday afternoon of the conference I was taken on a 2½ hour bus trip to look at two very extensive projects.

The first project was the Kawana Island development being undertaken by Stocklands with full co-operation from the Queensland State Government. This is a high density development to create living for approximately 20,000 people all within 2kms of the beach with canals running into the Maroochy River for boating and fishing. The State Government has allowed for a rail corridor from Brisbane to Kawana Waters with travelling time being about 30 - 40 minutes. They expect the full project to be completed by 2019.

The second project we visited was the rehabilitation of Sippy Creek. Sippy Creek passes through Bellflower, a 90 hectare former farming property. The property is 80km north of Brisbane 1km from University of the Sunshine Coast and immediately south of the existing communities of Sippy Downs and Chancellor Park.

Maroochy Shire Council is planning for a network of ecological links along Sippy Creek which will eventually link to the Moolahbah River National Park. The project is only in its early stages with 300,000 seedlings and over 100 native species of plants already planted in a creek line previously degrade by agriculture practices and the removal of vegetation.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR R MCWILLIAM