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Dear Mr Green

Land Negotiation Program – invitation to participate in Tweed Comprehensive negotiation

Thank you for the opportunity to present to Tweed Council on 22 February 2018 regarding the NSW Government's Land Negotiation Program (the Program).

We formally invite Tweed Shire Council to participate in the Program and commence a comprehensive negotiation within the Tweed local government area with the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), and the Department of Industry – Lands. Attached is a brief outline of the Program.

At the last meeting between Tweed Shire Council and DoI Lands on 10 April 2018, Council advised that a workshop would be held with councillors in coming weeks and a formal resolution to participate would be sought at a council meeting in early or mid-May 2018.

We request that you confirm in writing your participation, or otherwise, in the Program.

Council's timely confirmation is essential for Tweed negotiations to commence in 2018.

Subject to that confirmation, DoI Lands then proposes to schedule a face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 29 May with representatives of Tweed Shire Council, Tweed Byron LALC, NSWALC, and DoI Lands to discuss and plan how the program will progress.

We are hopeful that we can work with Council to provide positive cultural, social and economic outcomes for the Tweed Byron community.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me on 02 4920 5095.

Yours sincerely



David Clarke
Group Director Governance & Strategy – Crown Lands
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ATTACHMENT 1 - LAND NEGOTIATION PROGRAM

The Program's goal is to ensure NSW Crown land is held by the most appropriate landholder so the people of NSW can gain positive social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits, while retaining land of State significance.

The Program involves voluntary multi-party negotiations over a 6-12 month period to consider Crown land in a local area and explore which party may be best placed to own that land in recognition of each party's interests in the land.

In the preliminary stage of the Program parties agree to participate in the Program and are provided access to local Crown land data and information.

Parties then undertake a thorough assessment of land they are interested in, while considering the Local Land and State criteria.

The parties will then formally negotiate to determine which party is best placed to own and manage land for optimal local and state benefits. For local Councils, outcomes of these negotiations are formalised in form of a Local Land Agreement.

Participation in the Program offers significant benefits to local Councils. Land that meets local land criteria will be available to transfer to local Councils under the new *Crown Lands Management Act 2016*.

Councils will then own and manage the land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. This will reduce red tape and the regulatory burden, and provide Councils with greater autonomy to manage local land and providing the services the community needs.

Any transfer of Crown land under the Program will be entirely voluntary and with Council's consent.

A local Council will have the opportunity to consider the values of the land, including any resourcing implications, before agreeing to any voluntary land transfers.