

Report to Parliament

Official Visit to Singapore, the United Kingdom and Germany

By

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Planning, and Minister for Trade**

24 June – 5 July 2015

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Official Delegation Members

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Queensland Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport,
Minister for Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning, Minister for Trade

Mr Matt Collins

Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier

Trade and Investment Queensland Representatives

Mr Ken Smith

Agent- General and Trade and Investment Commissioner
- London, Trade and Investment Queensland

(London and Germany only)

Mr Warren Bartlett

Deputy Trade and Investment Commissioner - London,
Trade and Investment Queensland

(London only)

Official Program

DAY ONE – Wednesday, 24 June 2015 – Brisbane to Singapore	
Time	Schedule and Venue
9:30pm	Check in at Brisbane International Airport
11:35pm	Depart Brisbane International Airport for Singapore – Singapore Air SQ0246
Overnight	In transit

DAY TWO – Thursday, 25 June 2015 – Singapore	
Time	Schedule and Venue
5:55am	Arrive Singapore Changi Airport
7:30am	Depart airport for meeting
8:00am–9:00am	SITE VISIT – NCS Innovation Centre – Singtel/ Optus <i>Venue: 5 Ang Mo Kio Street 62 Singapore 569141</i>
9:00am	Travel to next meeting
9.30am–10:30am	MEETING with Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Lee Yi Shyan <i>Venue: Level 10, The Treasury, 100 High Street, Singapore 179434</i>
10:30am	Liaison time
11:00am–11:40am	MEETING with Mr Peter Ho, Advisor to Centre for Strategic Futures, Office of the Prime Minister <i>Venue: Level 7, The Treasury, 100 High Street, Singapore 179434</i>
11:40am	Travel to next meeting
12:00pm–2:00pm	INVESTOR LUNCH hosted by H.E. Philip Green, the Australian High Commissioner in Singapore <i>Venue: Australian High Commissioner's Residence, 9 White House Park, Singapore</i>
2:00pm	Travel to next meeting
2:30pm–3:30pm	SITE VISIT – James Cook University, Singapore Campus <i>Venue: JCU Singapore, 149 Sims Drive, Singapore 387380</i>
3:30pm	Travel to next meeting
4:00pm–5:00pm	MEETING YouTube - Google <i>Venue: Level 30, Asia Square 1, 8 Marina Blvd, Singapore</i>
5:00pm	Travel to next meeting
5:15pm–5:45pm	MEETING with Mr CHEW Men Leong, Chief Executive, Land Transport Authority <i>Venue: Block 8, Level 1, Dining Room, 1 Hampshire Road, Singapore 219428</i>
6:00pm-7:00pm	Own arrangements
7:00pm	Travel to next meeting

DAY TWO – Thursday, 25 June 2015 – Singapore	
Time	Schedule and Venue
7:30pm–9:00pm	Informal Dinner hosted by Deputy Premier Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Philip Green, the Australian High Commissioner • Christopher Rees, Senior Commissioner, Austrade • Prof Sandra Harding, Vice Chancellor and President JCU Venue: <i>OSO Ristorante at 46 Bukit Pasoh Road, Singapore</i>
9:00pm	Travel to airport
11:30pm	Depart Singapore Changi Airport for London Heathrow – Singapore Air SQ0322
Overnight	In transit

DAY THREE – Friday, 26 June 2015 – London	
Time	Schedule and Venue
5:55am scheduled 6:35am actual	Arrive London Heathrow Airport
7:30am-8:30am	Travel to Agent General's residence to freshen up
08:30am–9:30am	MEETING – UK Government's Future Cities Catapult Attended by Deputy Trade and Investment Commissioner, Warren Bartlett only - due to the delay of arrival flight Venue: <i>One Sekforde Street, London EC1R 0BE</i>
9:30am	Travel to meeting
10:30am–11:30am	MEETING with KPMG – UK City Deals Venue: <i>15 Canada Square, Canary Wharf</i>
11:30am	Travel to next meeting
12:00pm-2:00pm	BOARDROOM LUNCH hosted by Mr Damian Frawley, CEO, QIC Venue: <i>The Savoy, Strand, London</i>
2:00pm	Travel to next meeting
2:15pm–3:00pm	VISIT - Trade and Investment Queensland Office at Queensland House Venue: <i>Queensland House, 392 Strand</i>
3:00pm	Travel to next meeting
3:30pm–5:30pm	SITE VISIT & MEETING – Cross-Rail Ltd (CRL) Venue: <i>1 Fisher Street in the West End</i>
5:30pm	Transfer to hotel
6:00pm	CHECK-IN at Eccleston Square Hotel 37 Eccleston Square London GB SW1V 1NZ
Evening	DINNER – Own arrangements

DAY FOUR – Saturday, 27 June 2015 – London	
Time	Schedule and Venue
8:00am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
8:30am	Depart hotel

DAY FOUR – Saturday, 27 June 2015 – London	
Time	Schedule and Venue
9:00am–10:30am	SITE VISIT – Siemens Crystal <i>Venue: 1 Siemens Brothers Way, London E16 1GB,</i>
10:30am	Travel to next meeting
11:00am–12:30pm	SITE VISIT & MEETING –Tower Transit Group <i>Venue: Stratford Depot; 151 Ruckholt Road Leyton E10 5PB</i>
12:30pm	Travel to next meeting
1:30pm – 3:30pm	LUNCH – Hosted by Ken Smith, Agent-General <i>Venue: Unit 11, 145 Grosvenor Road, London SW1V 3JU</i>
Evening	DINNER – Own arrangements

DAY FIVE – Sunday, 28 June 2015 – London	
Time	Schedule and Venue
9:00am-10:30am	BREAKFAST with QIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damian Frawley CEO QIC • Susan Buckley, MD Global Liquid strategies • David Clarke, ED Risk, Legal and Tax • Cathi Taylor • Ken Smith <i>Venue: The Orange Hotel, 37 Pimlico Road SW1W 8NE</i>
10:30am-12:00pm	SITE VISIT: British Museum – Guided Tour of Indigenous Australia exhibition <i>Venue: Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG</i>
12:00pm-4:30pm	Own arrangements
4:30pm	Depart hotel for London City Airport
6:45pm	Depart for Dusseldorf from London City Airport – British Airways BA3227
9:00pm	Arrive in Dusseldorf
9:30pm	Travel from Dusseldorf to Bonn
10:30pm	Arrive in Bonn
11:00pm	CHECK IN – Kameha Grand Hotel Bonn Am Bonner Bogen 1 53227 Bonn

DAY SIX – Monday 29 June 2015 – Bonn	
Time	Schedule and Venue
8:00am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
8:30am	Depart hotel
10:30am-1:00pm	WHC SESSIONS and SIDE MEETINGS <i>Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany</i>
1:00pm	Travel to next meeting
1:30pm-3:30pm	MEETING: German Federal Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure <i>Venue: Robert-Schuman-Platz 1, 53175 Bonn</i>

DAY SIX – Monday 29 June 2015 – Bonn	
Time	Schedule and Venue
3:30pm	Travel to next meeting
3:45pm-5:00pm	WHC SESSIONS and SIDE MEETINGS <i>Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm	Travel to Hotel - Prepare for Meeting and Reception
6:00pm	MEETING: Australian Delegation – Ministers and officials <i>Venue: Yu private dining room, level 5, Kameha Grand Hotel</i>
6:45pm	Travel to the function
7:00pm-9:00pm	WELCOME RECEPTION: Natural World Heritage Hosted by The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety <i>Venue: Robert-Schumann-Platz 3, 51375 Bonn</i>
9:00pm	Travel to the hotel

DAY SEVEN – Tuesday, 30 June 2015 – Bonn	
Time	Schedule and Venue
7:30am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
8:00am-9:00am	MEETING: Australian Delegation – Ministers and officials <i>Venue: Yu private dining room, level 5, Kameha Grand Hotel</i>
9:00am	Depart hotel
9:30am-1:00pm	WHC SESSIONS and SIDE MEETINGS <i>Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany</i>
1:00pm	LUNCH – Liaison time
3:00pm-6:30pm	WHC SESSIONS and SIDE MEETINGS <i>Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany</i>
5:30pm	Return to hotel
7:00pm	DINNER Australian Delegation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the WHC Committee

DAY EIGHT – Wednesday, 1 July 2015 – Bonn	
Time	Schedule and Venue
7:30am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
8:00am-9:00am	MEETING – Australian Delegation – Ministers and officials <i>Venue: Yu private dining room, level 5, Kameha Grand Hotel</i>
9:00am	Depart hotel
9:30am-1:00pm	WHC SESSIONS and SIDE MEETINGS <i>Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany</i>
1:00pm	LUNCH – Liaison time
2:00pm-6:00pm	MEDIA

DAY EIGHT – Wednesday, 1 July 2015 – Bonn	
Time	Schedule and Venue
	Venue: World Conference Centre Bonn, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany
6:30pm	Return to hotel
7:00pm	DINNER – Own arrangements

DAY NINE – Thursday, 2 July 2015 – Dusseldorf to Frankfurt	
Time	Schedule and Venue
6:30am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
7:00am	Check out and travel from Bonn to Dusseldorf
9:00am-11:00am	MEETING with Siemens Venue: Dusseldorf Stadttor 1, 17 th floor Medienhafen
11am	Travel to next meeting
11:30am-12:45pm	MEETING - Michael Groschek, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, North Rhine-Westphalia Government Venue: Jürgensplatz 1 (Enter Hubertusstrasse 7 for GPS), 40219 Düsseldorf
1:00pm	LUNCH – Own Arrangements
2:00pm	Depart for Train Station
2:21pm Scheduled 3:30pm Actual	Train from Dusseldorf to Frankfurt
5:00pm	Arrive - Transfer to hotel
5:15pm	Check in at hotel – The Westin Grand Frankfurt Konrad Adenauer Strasse 7 Frankfurt 60313, Germany
6:15pm	Travel to reception
6:30pm-9:00pm	COCKTAIL RECEPTION: Co-hosted by German Australian Business Council and Frankfurt Rhein–Main GmbH Venue: Frankfurt Press Cub, Ulmenstraße 20, 60325 Frankfurt am Main
9:00pm	Transfer to hotel

DAY TEN – Friday, 3 July 2015 – Frankfurt to Singapore	
Time	Schedule and Venue
8:00am	BREAKFAST – Own arrangements
9:00am	Depart hotel for meeting
9:30am–11:00am	MEETING with KfW (Frankfurt) – Infrastructure Finance Venue: Zeppelinallee 8, 60325, Frankfurt am Main (Building 3)
11:00am	Travel to next meeting
11:30pm–1:30pm	MEETING: Hessen Mobil–Hessen Mobility & Traffic Control Centre Venue: Verkehrszentrale Hessen, Westerbachstraße 73-79, 60489 Frankfurt
1:30pm	Travel to next meeting
2:00pm-3:15pm	MEETING with Union Investment Venue: Weißfrauenstraße 7, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

DAY TEN – Friday, 3 July 2015 – Frankfurt to Singapore	
Time	Schedule and Venue
3:15pm	Travel to next meeting
3:30pm-4:30pm	MEETING with Deka Investment <i>Venue: Taunusanlage 1 (Skyper Building), 60329 Frankfurt am Main</i>
4:30pm-7:00pm	Own Arrangements and Dinner
7:00pm	Travel to Frankfurt International Airport
10:00pm	Depart Frankfurt for Singapore – Singapore Air SQ325
Overnight	In transit
DAY ELEVEN – Saturday, 4 July 2015 – Singapore to Brisbane	
4:25pm	Arrive Singapore Changi Airport
9:15pm	Depart Singapore Changi Airport for Brisbane – Singapore Air SQ235
Overnight	In transit
DAY TWELVE – Sunday, 5 July 2015 – Brisbane	
7:05am	Arrive Brisbane International Airport

Site Visit and Meeting with SingTel NCS Innovation Centre

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Mathia Nalappan Vice President Global Business, NCS
Mr John Paitaridis Managing Director, Optus Business
Ms Samantha (Sam) Kennedy State Director, Optus Queensland

Meeting Summary

- The purpose of the meeting was for SingTel to showcase NCS Smart City capabilities in Singapore, and to discuss the launch of SingTel/Optus Smart City capability in Queensland.
- This site visit was partly to follow-up on my meeting with Mr Paul O'Sullivan, Chairman Optus, Ms Samantha Kennedy, Optus State Director Queensland and Mr John Paitaridis, Managing Director, Optus Business in Brisbane on 21 May 2015.
- I received a briefing with an overview on the implementation of the Singapore Smart Nation strategy and watched an experiential video.
- The NCS Innovation Centre is a Command Centre for public safety and demonstrates SingTel's capabilities using video and sensors to underpin a Safe and Smart City. I saw first-hand how these technologies can positively impact everyday life in education, transport, healthcare and public safety.
- Singapore's Smart Nation vision is in the "build" phase providing infrastructure and services for future development concentrating firstly on video analytics for public safety, traffic management and urban services.
- Optus launched its Optus Smart City capability at the Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) and Mayors' Forum in Brisbane on 6-8 July 2105. As a major sponsor of the APCS, it brought the NCS Integrated Command Centre (ICS) to Australia for the first time and provide a Digital Signage Proof of Concept at the South Bank parklands.
- Optus expressed their desire to work with the Queensland Government to play a leading role in building the Advance Queensland vision for Queensland by utilising technology as the enabler, combining multiple mobile and data streams, video analytics and cybersecurity solutions.

Meeting with Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Singapore

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Lee Yi Shyan Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Singapore

Mr Timothy Chua Chin Moon Sydney Overseas Centre, International Enterprise Singapore

Meeting Summary

- I acknowledged His Excellency Mr Burhan Gafoor, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Australia, First Secretary Mr Benedict Tan, and Mr Timothy Chua from the International Enterprise Singapore in Sydney for their assistance in arranging this meeting.
- I enquired as to the general policy frameworks enabling Singapore to become an open market and relatively easy to start a business, resulting in Singapore becoming a hub for multinationals. Minister Lee suggested a benchmark for ease of doing business should be small business and not multinationals.
- I expressed our desire to grow the Queensland Government's relationship with the Government of Singapore for mutually beneficial trade and investment outcomes.
- I explained Queensland's capabilities in knowledge industries such as biotechnology, and the state's productivity advantages in the construction sector. I also promoted the opportunities in North Queensland.
- We discussed how Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ), the Queensland Government's global business agency, is increasingly interested in Singapore, particularly for its investment potential into Queensland. TIQ is already collaborating with International Enterprise Singapore to progress a strong trade and investment agenda in the agricultural, education and tourism sectors.
- We also discussed a potential for collaboration in delivering both our infrastructure expertise to less developed Asian neighbours.
- Another discussed area for cooperation was the tourism sector and investment in new and renewed products. Minister Lee highlighted the importance of a good master plan for tourism.
- We also agreed that relevant government agencies should organise government seminars where our mutual capabilities can be further explored and progressed into a comprehensive plan for future cooperation.
- I invited Senior Minister Lee to visit Queensland with a business delegation and advised that I will potentially lead a business delegation to Singapore towards the end of 2015.

Meeting with Centre for Strategic Futures

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

Adjunct Professor Peter Ho

Ms Joanne Wong

Senior Advisor, Centre for Strategic Futures

Strategist, Strategic Policy Office, Public Service
Division, Prime Minister's Office

Meeting Summary

- I sought a briefing on the Centre for Strategic Futures' (CSF) new perspectives on government policy-making and discussed their applicability to Queensland.
- We discussed different approaches to infrastructure development and planning, and given the large geographic size of Queensland, the implication on the development of large infrastructure projects.
- I highlighted Queensland's interest in strategic planning, particularly in relation to transport and project delivery.
- Mr Ho informed me that national scenarios are set in Singapore every 2-3 years. These feed into budget cycle and force decision makers to confront their own models of how they see the world.
- We discussed scenario planning and strategic futures models for improving integration and efficiency across the public sector and generating more systematic thinking and use of new tools. This thinking led to the establishment of the Centre for Strategic Futures.
- I noted the importance Queensland places on its relationship with Singapore, its strategic significance to the region and acknowledged its well-deserved reputation for long-term land-use planning.

Investor Lunch hosted by the Australian High Commissioner

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

HE Philip Green	High Commissioner, Australian High Commission to Singapore
Mr Christopher Rees	Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade, Singapore
Mr Christopher Cheah	Founder and Joint CEO, CIMB Trust Capital
Mr Iqbal Jumabhoy	Chief Executive Officer, Silverneedle Hospitality Group
Mr Richard Martin	Managing Director, IMA Asia
Mr Stephen Forshaw	MD, Australia & New Zealand, Temasek International
Ms Eng Sok Yong	SVP Corporate Development, ComfortDelGro Corporation

Event Summary

- I delivered a short speech outlining Queensland's economy, the Government's plans for the future, its fiscal objectives and specific opportunities for public and private investment in economic and social infrastructure.
- I held discussions with individual attendees on their specific interest and relevant opportunities in Queensland.

Site visit to James Cook University

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

Dr Dale Anderson Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Singapore Campus

Event Summary

- I congratulated James Cook University (JCU), Singapore on moving to its new campus earlier in the year and on its official opening which subsequently occurred on 28 June 2015.
- I also noted JCU Singapore's significant achievement in being awarded the 'EduTrust Star' endorsement which legitimises its status as a high quality institution and a leader in the Singapore tertiary education system. The EduTrust Star was the only criterion left for JCU Singapore to secure its branch campus status and earn the right to use the term "university" as part of its name in Singapore.
- We discussed how the new campus will enable JCU Singapore to increase its current student numbers from around 3,300 to 5,000 in future years, and how fast track delivery of its degree courses allows students to complete their studies in two years.
- I wished Dr Anderson and JCU much success for the future and offered the Queensland Government's support in promoting JCU as part of the international education sector promotion by Trade and Investment Queensland.

Meeting with YouTube

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Nitin Gajria,	Head of Brand Solutions, South East Asia and India
Mr Damian Kassabgi	Head of Culture and Content Policy, Australia and New Zealand
Mr Sanoop Luke	Head of YouTube Kids and Learning, Australia New Zealand and South East Asia

Meeting Summary

- I congratulated YouTube on their partnership with Queensland's Halfbrick Studios. I noted Halfbrick's success with their "Fruit Ninja" game which is being sold through Google Play.
- In conjunction with YouTube, I issued a media statement on Halfbrick's new agreement with YouTube to develop a significant content stream for the dedicated Fruit Ninja channel, providing children's animation series, stories and documentaries.
- We also discussed potentially establishing a joint program with YouTube similar to 'Skip Ahead' – a co funded program that is managed by Screen Australia. The objective of 'Skip Ahead' is to help a new generation of online storytellers to expand their vision and the ambition of the content they create for online audiences.
- I also invited YouTube to hold a YouTube week in Queensland in conjunction with our universities.
- I proposed Brisbane as the location for YouTube's next YouTube Space studio and promoted QUT and its newly constructed, state of the art Creative Industries Precinct 2 at the Kelvin Grove campus as the ideal partner for such a studio.
- I also promoted Brisbane as being a future global digital hub with an exciting offering of business and research capabilities and a diverse community of technology and creative industry companies.

Meeting with Singapore Land Transport Authority (SLTA)

Date: Thursday, 25 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Men Leong CHEW Chief Executive, Land Transport Authority

Meeting Summary

- I congratulated the Singapore Land Transport Authority (SLTA) on receiving the International Association of Public Transport's "Mobility Demand Management" award.
- We discussed Singapore's Land Transport Master Plan and the efficacy of MyTransport Portal and considered opportunities to improve the performance of MyTransLink.
- I enquired as to some of the major learnings involved in construction of the *Downtown Line*, which when completed will be the longest automated underground line in Singapore, and also enquired about the 'Art in Transit' initiative being used to beautify the stations and reflect the individual identity of each station.
- We discussed the environmentally friendly attributes of the new rolling stock for Singapore's Downtown Line being built by Bombardier, which is the same company supplying this new generation rolling stock for Queensland's own Next Generation Project.
- I acknowledged Singapore's reputation for public transport systems and that we have much to learn from each other. I mentioned how the former Queensland Transport (now Transport and Main Roads) hosted a delegation from SLTA to explore Queensland's Translink and Busways.
- Green initiatives are a priority focus for SLTA. We discussed some of the initiatives being implemented.
- Mr Chew informed me of Singapore's aim to reduce private car growth to zero percent (currently 0.25 percent) and to provide access to the majority of its residents to public transport within 10 minutes or less walking distance. Singapore's government also plans doubling of their rail infrastructure by 2030.
- I also acknowledged the significance of the recently announced contract between Tower Transit to operate 380 buses in Singapore. Tower Transit is a spin-off from the Queensland company Transit Systems.

Meeting with KPMG – UK City Deals

Date: Friday, 26 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Jonathon Turton Director, KPMG United Kingdom (UK)
Dr Said Hirsh Associate Director (Economist), KPMG UK

Meeting Summary

- We discussed UK ‘magnet cities’ and developing approaches to assessment beyond the cost-benefit analysis of individual infrastructure proposals to a broader economic assessment of the value and combination of infrastructure proposals across a program of activity as opposed to individual projects.. We also had relevant discussion on both the Gross Value added Analysis (GVA) and the establishment of an Independent Commission to review outcomes of infrastructure investment – of specific interest to the Queensland Government to build a greater bi partisan approach and independence in the planning and prioritization of infrastructure across the state.
- I took note of approaches to developing successful governance at a local level which often involved multiple Local Governments, including encouraging ‘buy in’ and ownership through increasing local investment. Equally, the focus on people and skills development for regional economies - significant to both economic growth through improved productivity and continuing innovation.
- I discussed the role of UK Government Secretaries (the equivalent of our Ministers) and agencies in City Deals and the devolution of the policy agenda in the UK. I sought clarity of roles of different State level organisations, as well as between all levels of governments to reduce the risk of duplication/planning for different outcomes.
- I enquired about the extent of the investment programs and their link to economic growth, particularly in cities and regions outside South East of the UK, particularly London.
- We discussed the benefits of linking infrastructure plans and regional plans to provide for a coordinated land use and an infrastructure planning system and how infrastructure costs were considered in land use planning for cities.
- A number of cities have chosen to participate (i.e. Cardiff, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and the Greater Cambridge region) and I was keen to learn about the experience to date and what mechanisms for partnership there were across Local authorities in the operations of the UK City Region Funds.
- We discussed financing mechanisms, including grants, government loans and engagement of private financing, and how to link with other development incentives offered by the EU.
- I also enquired about the use of a growth benchmark for a city or region in return for an economic growth budget, and the appetite for sharing additional tax revenue arising from resultant economic growth.
- We talked about links to other major infrastructure projects such as national and regional rail projects e.g. High Speed 2 Rail (HS2) and National Highway, and the east –west and proposed north-south cross rail initiatives in South East Britain and other major health or social infrastructure investments.
- Lastly, we discussed how cities were involved in planning negotiations to accommodate the spread of growth across the broader region.

Queensland Investment Corporation Investor Lunch

Date: Friday, 26 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Damien Frawley	CEO, QIC
Mr Scott Cornfoot	Director - Business Development Europe, QIC
Mr Giles Tucker	Head of UK & European Infrastructure, QIC
Mr Neil Smith	Chairman, Tower Transit Systems
Mr Michael Saadie	General Manager, Head-London Branch, NAB
Mr Nick Woolfitt	Director, NAB
Mr Paul Orchart	General Manager, Head of Europe, CBA
Mr Greg Pearce	Executive Director and Head of Transport & Utilities Clients, CBA
Mr Peter Sargent	Head of Transaction Banking Europe, ANZ
Ms Tara Davis	Executive Director, Macquarie Capital
Mr Rob Horsnall	Investment Manager, USS
Mr Sameer Amin	Head of Infrastructure Funds, Aberdeen Asset Management PLC
Mr Gavin Merchant	Senior Investment Manager, USS
Mr Paul Gover	Head of Financial Markets, Europe & Americas, Westpac
Ms Susan Buckley	Managing Director, QIC Global Liquid Strategies, QIC
Mr David Hunter	Partner, First Avenue Partners
Mr Craig Jones	Director, Project and Export Finance, Europe & America, ANZ
Mr Jeremy Skinner	Senior Manager - Growth & Enterprise, Greater London Authority
Mr Martyn Warr	Director, Infrastructure & Institutional Investment, UKTI
Ms Nicola Cooper	Divisional Director in our Transport Management Consultancy, Mott MacDonald
Dr Said Hirsh	Associate Director (Economist), KPMG UK

Event Summary

- I delivered overview of Queensland's economy, the Government's plans for the future, its fiscal objectives and specific opportunities for public and private investment in economic and social infrastructure.
- Mr Damien Frawley, Chief Executive Officer QIC, provided an overview of its domestic and Global investment strategy.
- Attendees included senior representatives from investment banking, pension funds, consultants, fund managers, and representatives of the Greater City of London and national government.

Site Visit and Meeting with Crossrail Ltd (CRL)

Date: Friday, 26 June 2015

Attendees

Mr John Pelton	Strategic Projects Director and Head of Innovation, Crossrail Ltd
Mr Greg Reichmann	Crossrail
Mr James Gray	Crossrail

Discussion

- I noted that Cross Rail has a £14.8 Billion budget envelope. It includes a massive 42 kilometres of tunnelling (21 Km of double tunnels). Crossrail, in its planning, funding and construction, provides a valuable input to Queensland's planning for similar, albeit much smaller infrastructure developments for passenger rail services. Expansion to Queensland's metropolitan rail system in Brisbane will require significant tunnelling to expand cross river capacity and added rail facilities in the inner city network.
- We discussed the delivery model used for the implementation of the Cross Rail project, as well as the key components (i.e. legislative, financial and project management) of this complex engineering project. We also talked about the accountability mechanism from the Board to Public and private stakeholders.
- I sought advice regarding financial arrangements for the project and details of the contributions made from public and private sectors.
- I asked about the value uplift and capture feature in the cost recovery model and enquired as to how this in the cost benefit analysis. We also talked about the value uplift delivered by the project, and whether the land value benefits were assessed and what mechanisms for value capture related to the project?
- I enquired about the *Business Rates Supplement (BRS) model for partial funding of the initiative* and how it work
- We discussed the BRS model compatibility with land valuation and taxation approaches applicable in the UK.
- In relation to the range of contracts in place, I enquired as to their structure, how they were established, the lead agencies, what the KPIs were and how the penalties framework was determined.
- I highlighted Queensland's capabilities and scope of opportunities as evidenced by the Murphy Group's role as a major contractor to the Crossrail project, and highlighted the work of its subsidiary Murphy Pipe and Civil which is operating in Queensland, primarily in the Gas market.
- The Engineers who accompanied me on the site inspection of the tunnelling works all had experience in Queensland tunnelling projects and we discussed major projects like Airport Link and Clem 7 that they had been involved in.

Site Visit - Siemens Crystal

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Kevin Worster

Director – Major Projects

Meeting summary

- We engaged in discussion on sustainable cities internationally and the impact of climate change and how cities can adopt cutting edge innovative solutions. We also talked about transportation issues and major events like the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018 and growth opportunities in areas like the Sunshine Coast with its development of a new CBD in Maroochydore.
- I received a briefing on Siemens' expertise in creating sustainable cities given the The Crystal is one of the world's greenest buildings and has faced stringent examination for sustainable design and construction. It is an all-electric building that uses solar power and a ground source heat pump to generate its own energy.
- Mr Worster recently visited the Gold Coast to discuss opportunities for the introduction of smart city applications at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and I enquired as to his interest in scoping further opportunities in Queensland.
- We discussed the collaboration between the Queensland Government and the Brisbane City Council to host the Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) from 5-8 July 2015, and its key themes i.e. innovative and sustainable cities.
- I raised with Siemens, the Queensland Government's aim of achieving greater innovation in its infrastructure and sought his view on this.
- We were joined during the briefing and site inspection by the CEO of Conrad Gargett, Bruce Woolf who was in London and supported by TIQ was investigating opportunities for the firm in the UK market. Conrad Gargett has won urban design awards for the new Lady Cilento Children's hospital at South Brisbane
- The public exhibition space in the Crystal on sustainable cities was very inspiring and is a major educational tool for people across the full age spectrum. It is a credit to Siemens who built the facility as part of the regeneration of East London as a legacy of the 2012 Olympics.

Site Visit and Meeting – Tower Transit Group

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2015

Attendees

Mr Neil Smith

Chairman, Tower Transit Group

Meeting summary

- I congratulated Tower Transit on their success and discussed the future international expansion plans of Transit Systems and economic benefit for domestic operations.
- We discussed the potential application of international bus and transport systems in the Queensland context.
- The site-visit to the Stratford Depot and briefing, particularly on the operation of the eight (8) Hydrogen Fuel cell zero emission buses was very useful.
- The company has significant achievements in the Australia, London and Singapore markets and is looking at expansion in other markets.
- We also discussed the Stradbroke Island ferry service and the value of competition in the bus and public transport market.
- With regard to Hydrogen and Alternative Energy Buses, we discussed the following:
 - Compatibility with Queensland's operating environment.
 - Operational requirements for hydrogen powered vehicles
 - Costs of purchase, maintenance and operating costs of hydrogen buses
 - Benefits: emissions reductions, operational benefits and cost reduction benefits associated with these vehicles.
 - Risks: operational, safety and financial.
 - Minor and Major incidents: causes, impacts, remedies or mitigation identified.
- We also discussed:
 - Their perception of the different sets of bus contracting regimes in WA, SA and NSW and the impact this has on:
 - operational performance – costs of operating and maintenance
 - contract costs
 - customer experience
 - patronage growth (or decline)
 - coverage of services
 - span of hours

Visit - British Museum - Indigenous Australia Exhibition; Enduring Civilisation

Date: Sunday, 28 June 2015

Visit summary

- I visited this important exhibition of historical and modern artworks and artefacts, particularly having regard to the large collection of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander items in the Exhibition. This includes work by contemporary Queensland Indigenous artists, Judy Watson and Michael Cook.
- The British Museum was founded in 1753, the first national public museum in the world. From the beginning it granted free admission to all 'studious and curious persons'. Visitor numbers have grown from around 5,000 a year in the eighteenth century to nearly 6 million today.
- The Indigenous Australia Enduring Civilisation Exhibition opened to the public on 23 April 2015 and closes on 2 August 2015. It is the first major exhibition in the UK to present a history of Indigenous Australia through objects, celebrating the cultural strength and resilience of both Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders.
- The Exhibition has been organised in conjunction with the National Museum of Australia.

Meeting with German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure

Date: Monday, 29 June 2015

Attendees

Ms Sabine Mehwald	Senior Ministry Staff
Ms Claudia Horn	Senior Ministry Staff
Mr Peter Schimitz	Senior Ministry Staff
Ms Dorothee Linke	Senior Ministry Staff
Ms Jacobs	Senior Ministry Staff

Meeting summary

- I received a comprehensive briefing on a broad range of German Federal policy, funding and operational issues relating to rail, road, private financing of infrastructure and inland waterways from senior staff of the Ministry based in Berlin and Bonn.
- We discussed transport infrastructure priorities in Germany and the respective roles of the Federal and State Governments.
- Discussion topics included: Public Private Partnerships for the Federal Trunk road network and the increasing focus on bikes and bikeways (given 80% of German households have one or more bicycles); and increasing utilisation of the extensive network of inland waterways for freight transport.
- Germany's International maritime legislation and implementation of market mechanisms to reduce Carbon Dioxide and Sulphur emissions were also raised in relation to Germany's lead role in Global shipping regulations.
- We also discussed Germany's Federal Transport Infrastructure Plan (FTIP), how it operates and its impact on decision making relating to the construction of new and maintenance of existing transport infrastructure. We discussed how it is incorporated in legislation and guides both 5 year investment plans and annual budgets. The use of Cost Benefit Analysis and negotiation through the Federal system (Germany has 16 states) was examined.
- I enquired as to the federal financing mechanisms in place for urban public transport and road infrastructure.
- Inter modal planning issues were talked about as were investments made, particularly in the renewal of the rail network, and maintenance of the network of road and bridge infrastructure. I sought a briefing on the Government-commissioned report from a 21-member panel of experts to identify ways to allow for new forms of financing, such as PPPs. I asked how decisions are made on the allocation of funds to provinces; and how assessments are undertaken to determine funding levels for various projects.
- We discussed Germany's rail reform agenda – introduction, competition, and preference for rail over road transport.
- I enquired about heavy vehicle use on roads and any proposals for the introduction of tolling and Congestion Charging. I also enquired about the challenges of implementation, impacts, management and State level involvement. Current discussion of congestion charging proposals indicates that there are no additional increases for anyone, which is consistent with EU. All revenue is invested into infrastructure.

World Heritage Council Sessions

Dates: Monday, 29 June 2015; Tuesday, 30 June 2015; and Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Attendees:

Various Delegates representing Member States

Summary

- Participation in the proceedings of the World Heritage Committee, including side meetings as described below.
- At the session of 1 July I spoke on behalf of the Queensland Government to member states regarding the status of the Great Barrier Reef, and the government's commitment to protecting the Reef's future.
- Member states have an unprecedented response to the draft committee report, with all WHC Members speaking in support of the Australian and Queensland Government commitments in relation to the Great Barrier Reef.

Various Side Meetings during World Heritage Council (WHC) Sessions

Dates: Sunday 28 June 2015, Monday, 29 June 2015; Tuesday, 30 June 2015; and Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Attendees

Ms Irina Bokova	Director-General of UNESCO
Prof Maria Böhmer	Chairperson, WHC
Ambassador Peter Woolcott	Australian Ambassador for the Environment
Dermot O’Gorman	CEO, WWF
Jessica Panegyres	Greenpeace
Sandra	Greenpeace
Dr Elsa Nickel	Director, Natural Environment Heritage Protection Division, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
Tim Badman	Director, IUCN
Mali Delegation	Mali
Australian Reception	WHC Member State representatives including HE Mr Jose Manuel Rodriguez Cuadros (Peru) HE Mr Frederico Alonso Renjifo Velez (Colombia) HE Ms Theresa Lazaro (Philippines) HE Ms Ruchira Kamboj (India) HE Mr Jose Moras Cabral (Portugal) HE Mr Michael Worbs (Germany) HE Kathleen McNish (Jamaica) HE Mr Huseyin Avni Botsali (Turkey) HE Mr Khalil Karem (Lebanon) Vice Minister Mr Juan Pablo De La Puente (Peru) HE Mr Darko Tanaskovic (Serbia) HE Mr Okko Pekka Salminmies (Finland) HE Dr Zainah Ibrahim (Malaysia)

Meetings Summary

- The Australian contingent to the UNESCO met separately with each of these individuals during the World Heritage Council (WHC) sessions to listen to their concern.
- Along with Minister Steven Miles, I repeatedly conveyed the Queensland Government’s commitment for sustainable development and the preservation of the Great Barrier Reef.
- Interactions with WHC members were particularly positive and gained a commendation for the Australian involvement with WHC and our support for their work to preserve natural and historical heritage sites across the world.
- The unanimous WHC decision not to put the Great Barrier Reef on the UNESCO endangered list was well received.

Meeting with Siemens

Date: Thursday, 2 July 2015

Attendees

Dr Juergen Brandes	Global Head of Mobility Management
Mr Jeff Connolly	CEO, Siemens Australia
Dr Maximilian Eichhorn	Executive General Manger of the Mobility Division for Australia and New Zealand

Meeting summary

- During the meeting we discussed trends in rail and road transport automation and Siemens' work internationally and particularly their current work in Australia and Queensland.
- We discussed issues pertaining to regulation of autonomous vehicles, High Speed Rail issues internationally and their relevance to Australia, freight corridors, driverless trains, the importance of mobility issues in ensuring safety and security in local communities, traffic control centres and their role in congestion management and charging regimes, rail traffic control systems and maximising throughput, road traffic flow systems, dynamic charging systems and technology supporting the freight and passenger rail systems.
- We spoke about the passenger and freight rail sectors, and the standardisation and interoperability of the range of rail control systems in place, with regard to the trends occurring internationally.
- I also discussed urban planning, rail and road transport planning, and city mobility issues, including:
 - Emerging trends or technologies
 - How these advances may affect the way infrastructure is planned
 - Physical or network challenges encountered in increasing network automation
 - Road user charging
 - Sensors or digital enabling technologies
 - Integrated public transport systems
- I enquired about international examples of Siemen's Mobility working with government to achieve these outcomes, in particular the experience with the SiMobility Connect platform as an integration solution in a multi-modal passenger transport networks.
- We also discussed Green Mobility Solutions and I highlighted that the Queensland Government is committed to reducing the carbon and particulate emissions related to road transport. Elements of the discussion included:
 - Low power traffic signalling (LED Lights)
 - Adaptive road lighting systems
 - Adaptive traffic control (ramp metering and green wave systems which reduce the amount of stop time based on real time information)
 - Intermodal traffic management which can move passenger loads between road/rail/light rail/bus based on traffic flows, parking space and demand on a real time basis.
- I also discussed opportunities relating to the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.
- I agreed to meet with Siemens Australia to discuss potential roadmaps for city of tomorrow for Brisbane.

Meeting with Ministry for Construction, Housing, Urban Development and Transport, State of North Rhein-Westphalia

Date: Thursday, 2 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Michael Groschek	Minister for Construction, Housing, Urban Development and Transport NRW
Mr Rajmund Gatzka	Ministry Staff
Mr Guido Muller	Ministry Staff

Meeting summary

- I discussed transport infrastructure priorities in North Rheine-Westphalia and the respective roles of the Federal and State Governments.
- I also discussed specific policy initiatives in road, rail and freight transport, including financing of new, and maintenance of existing, infrastructure.
- I enquired about:
 - Lessons for Australia and Queensland in terms of governance, legislative and financing frameworks to facilitate an ongoing approach to investment in urban public transport by multiple levels of government.
 - Cooperative funding and planning frameworks the Minister works within.
 - Approaches adopted by NRW in competing for federal roads and rail infrastructure funding.
 - Challenges of a multi-regional approach to public transport in terms of integrating multiple modes at a city level and connecting cities within a region.
- We discussed the major transformation in field of urban development and transport policy
Specific integrated urban planning issues included:
 - managing growth of our cities and how transport policies can be transformative if we can achieve greater integration between modes including road, rail, bus and cycling;
 - managing greater freight movements and the need to increase investment in heavy rail;
 - investing in technology to tackle congestion and its impacts on both the economy and liveability of our urban environments;
 - transforming city centres with changing patterns of commerce and technology, noting of course your economy built on coal mining and steel production and the need to adjust to a new domestic and global economy;
 - ensuring access to affordable housing, particularly for key workers;
 - partnering with private developers with the utilisation of state owned land to ensure the development of affordable housing;
 - ensuring urban plans allow reasonable access to a full range of social and economic infrastructure;
 - advocating greater use of walking and cycling in our city centres and growth in dedicated cycle paths;

- developing our people's skills and capabilities, particularly through Universities and Vocational Education and Training, to cope with economic transformation, from resource based to knowledge based economies; and
 - encouraging greater use of distributed electricity generation solutions with individual houses and their communities producing their own energy solutions while reducing consumption through intelligent design and technology.
- Given the huge distances between our jurisdictions, I was struck by the similarities of these issues with which we have in common.

German Australian Business Council (GABC) Reception

Date Thursday, 2 July 2015

Attendees

Ms Hilime Arslaner	Frankfurt City Parliament
Ms Lisa Büttner	Martin-Luther-Universität
Mr Holger Dietz	Riedel Networks GmbH & Co. KG
Ms Julia Dolleschel	Deloitte Legal
Mr Nelson Donovan	KPMG Deal Advisory
Ms Jacqueline Fehse	Deloitte Legal
Mr Harald Fiedler	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund Rhein-Main Region
Dr Frank Fuchs	Frank Fuchs Consulting
The Hon André Haermeyer	GABC Board
Mr Friedemann Höfig	BVMW
Mr Niels Loeb	Adam Opel AG
Ms Kirsten Meyer-Witting	-
Dr Susanne Mueller	Cross-Culture Publishing
Mr David O'Brien	-
Mr Kai Ostermann	Tourism and Events Queensland
Dr Sabine Pittrof	GABC Board/Deloitte Legal
Mr Andrew Porter	Adani Group
Mr Mar Mohamed Rafi	Singapore Airlines
Mr Magnus Schenk	KPMG Deal Advisory
Ms Friederike Schöfisch	Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences
Ms Tonya Stevens	-
Mr Sergio Tanus	NOJA Power Switchgear Pty Ltd
Mr Horatio von John	John von Freyend GmbH
Mr Jörg von Netzer	BVMW
Mr Anthony R Williams	Adani consultant

Event Summary

- This reception, hosted by the German Australian Business Council, was held at the Frankfurt Press Club.
- I promoted the Queensland economy, the Government's plans for growth, opportunities for increasing two way trade and investment between Queensland and Germany and the response to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's report on the future of the Great Barrier Reef.
- I spoke with senior representatives from major legal and accounting firms, Universities, industry, industry associations, and Frankfurt city.

Meeting with KFW

Date: Friday, 3 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Christian K Durach Member of the Management Board, KFW

Mr G. Thomas Alberghina Director, Road and Rail Infrastructure (PPP)

Meeting summary

- The following issues were discussed at the meeting:
 - The history and role of KFW domestically and internationally;
 - the role of the bank in developing innovative financial mechanisms for the delivery and maintenance of public infrastructure, particularly in the transport sector in Germany (this provided relevant and timely insights relevant to our own situation in Queensland);
 - I received a briefing on KFW's approach to financing projects supporting German business in diverse areas such as airports, ports, mining, road and rail infrastructure. In particular, the bank has played an important role in financing Wiggins Island Coal Terminal (WICKET) a Greenfield project of US\$ 2.85 Billion and Queensland Rail's new generation rolling stock with an investment of AUD\$730Million.
- I discussed the low interest loan programs and other services offered by KFW to German cities, municipalities, Government owned corporations and NGO's and innovative financial mechanisms to deliver public infrastructure in Germany.
- I enquired about the governance of KFW and the engagement of the Federal, state, city and municipal Governments.
- We discussed how Germany is dealing with infrastructure backlog issues.
- I asked about Government support for Cities and Municipalities with different fiscal positions and specifically those with higher deficits and/or levels of debt.
- We talked about Public Private Partnership models in place throughout Germany and discussed Government/KFW research or Commissioned Reports regarding new forms of financing for economic and social infrastructure.
- The following points were also raised:
 - The focus of KFW on sustainability and how this influences investment decisions.
 - Federal and State Government capital funding support for major social and economic infrastructure.
 - The relationship of development and export finance assistance to German companies.
 - Ways to measure the social return on investment, rather than just the fiscal return.
 - Ways that low interest loan program cans assist municipal governments in funding high cost (lumpy) infrastructure projects such as regional airport expansions or major water project.
 - Effect of the loans on investment confidence and ability to attract investments, and management of risks in providing "favourable refinancing "to "structurally weak "municipalities.
 - The role of subordinated debt to improve the credit quality of the senior debt, thus increasing supply of commercial funds and also reducing the costs.
- I also highlighted that the Queensland Government is in the process of establishing an independent statutory body, Building Queensland, to provide expert advice on infrastructure related matters to government.

Site Visit and Meeting – Hessen Traffic Control Centre, Ministry of Economics, Energy, Transport and Regional Development, State of Hessen, Germany

Date: Friday, 3 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Bernhard Maßberg	Director General, Mobility, Aviation and Railways
Mr Andre Kavai	Ministry staff
Mr Thorsten Golasch	Ministry staff
Mr Christian Langhagen-Rohrbach	Ministry staff

Meeting Summary

- I visited the Ministry's cutting edge Traffic Control Centre and saw it in operation first hand. The Centre is one of the first traffic control centres and one of the most efficient in Europe.
- I discussed inter modal transport and traffic management issues.
- Mr Maßberg discussed challenges on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of transport operations throughout the State of Hessen. This is particularly important given State of Hessen is the third biggest across Germany's 16 states.
- He also discussed integrating planning of public transport through agencies such as Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund GmbH and the focus of the authority on greater co-ordination of public and private companies involved in public transport provision and the technology platforms which support it.
- Given the huge distances between our jurisdictions, I was struck by the similarities of the issues which we have in common, including:
 - managing growth of our cities and how transport policies can be transformative if we can achieve greater integration between modes including road, rail, bus and cycling;
 - managing greater freight movements and the role of rail and road transport;
 - investing in technology to tackle congestion and its impacts on both the economy and liveability of our urban environments;
 - developing our people's skills and capabilities, particularly through Universities and Research and Development partnerships like yours in the area of logistics and mobility (the House of Logistics and Mobility), to cope with economic transformation, from resource based to knowledge based economies; and

Meeting with Union Investment

Date: Friday, 3 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Theodor Kubak	Senior Investment Manager, Union Investment Real Estate GmbH
Dr Stefan Mai	Head of Public Affairs
Dr Andreas Zubrod	Attorney at Law and Member of the Executive Board

Meeting summary

- The objective of the meeting was to encourage investment in infrastructure development, using investment ready project pipeline examples to demonstrate the opportunity for Union Investment to increase its asset base in Queensland through further investments.
- I received briefing on the role and growth of Union Investments in the German, European and Global markets. We discussed Union Investment's role as a major asset manager within the German co-operative financial network.
- Union Investment has €254 Billion assets under management, making it the third largest by market share in Germany. This has grown quite significantly from €170.3 Billion assets under management in 2011. UI has links with 1,050 independent Co-operative banks in Germany on behalf of both retail and institutional investors makes Union quite unique in the global financial sector.
- UI has growing exposure to international markets outside of Europe. It is ranked 20th of the world's largest real estate managers. It is pursuing an international real estate strategy and currently approx.14% of real estate assets are outside of the German and broader European market. Its Singapore Office is inputting to decision making from our region, and it operates with Eureka Fund Management in Brisbane and Sydney as a Cooperation Partner in the Australian market.
- I noted that after the completion of Southpoint in Brisbane (valued at €141Million), Australia will be Union's third largest market in the Asia/Pacific. Further, Union has clear criteria for assessing additional investment in Australia. I also noted Union's preference for the primary and secondary markets, a CBD-centric strategy (with office and office/retail focus), and developments with strong sustainability features.
- I sought an explanation of Union Investment's criteria for investment in overseas markets such as Queensland, noting the following:
 - Union Investment recently stated its intention to deploy the "bulk" of its €2.5B annual capital outlay internationally. The UK, Japan, Australia, Singapore and the USA are major investment targets.
 - Union Investment tend to focus on property related investments, favouring brownfield development projects with long-term returns and minimal risk.
 - In 2014, Union Investment acquired the commercial component of Southbank's Southpoint development from the Anthony John Group for approximately A\$200M, the first investment by Union Investment in Australia.
- I promoted Queensland as a strong economy with excellent growth prospects.
- I outlined opportunities for investment in South East Queensland and regional areas, highlighting major mixed use property development opportunities.

Meeting with Deka Investment

Date: Friday, 3 July 2015

Attendees

Mr Jorg Wagner

Head of International Acquisitions, Deka Investments

Meeting summary

- The objective of the meeting was to discuss Deka's global investment priorities in Australia and opportunities for investment in Queensland.
- Deka's Real Estate Fund's operations are internationally significant with €160 Billion of assets under management.
- Deka currently holds approximately 10% of its real property assets in the Australian market and has previously had exposure in the hotel, leisure and tourism markets:
 - I asked about Deka's criteria for investment in overseas markets like Queensland.
 - I enquired as to whether Deka has considered the Queensland market and if there any issues which inhibit them from investing in Queensland.
 - I questioned what asset classes are likely to be future priorities for Deka.
- Mr Wagner explained that the focus of the Real Estate Fund is primarily office, but with logistics and retail/hotel investments being an important part of the portfolio. The major focus has been on what are seen as the gateway cities in Australia, Sydney and Melbourne, but Brisbane is on the radar. Deka has been working through CBRE in Australia and are fairly advanced on due diligence with particular projects in the Brisbane CBD.
- We discussed the potential for a range of tourism and hotel opportunities, particularly with the growth of the tourism market from China.
- I highlighted Queensland's economy as having the strongest growth of any Australian state.
 - That it has had 24 years of uninterrupted economic growth and is well above the OECD average growth.
 - That it has a diverse economy with strong population growth driving opportunities in regional cities across a very large geography (1.7M sq km).
- I highlighted the purpose of the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) and enquired as to whether there are any opportunities for joint investments between Deka and funds such as QIC for infrastructure or real estate investment in the Australian and other markets.
 - I outlined opportunities for investment in South East Queensland and regional areas, highlighting major mixed use property development opportunities.
- I also highlighted the opportunity in North Queensland, as part of the Northern Australia White Paper

Appendix 1 – Australian Media

**Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade has started her first ...**[612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, 07:45 News, Newsreader](#)

25 Jun 2015 7:56 AM

Duration: 0 min 24 secs • ASR AUD 1,183 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: W00062223891

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade has started her first overseas trade mission to promote Qld abroad. She will visit Germany, London and Singapore to attract investment in education, information technology and infrastructure. She will also attend the UNESCO World Heritage meeting in Germany, hoping to persuade the committee not to list the Great Barrier Reef as in danger.

Audience

71,200 ALL, 37,400 MALE 16+, 32,800 FEMALE 16+

Also broadcast from the following 10 stations

ABC Capricornia (Rockhampton), ABC Far North (Cairns), ABC Gold Coast (Gold Coast), ABC North Queensland (Townsville), ABC North West Qld (Mt Isa), ABC Southern Queensland (Toowoomba), ABC Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast), ABC Tropical North (Mackay), ABC Western Queensland (Longreach), ABC Wide Bay (Bundaberg)

**Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade, has started her first ...**[ABC Far North, Cairns, 08:30 News, Newsreader](#)

25 Jun 2015 8:31 AM

Duration: 0 min 23 secs • ASR AUD 47 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: V00062225551

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade, has started her first overseas trade mission to remote Qld abroad. Trad is set to visit Singapore, London, and Germany, to attract investment in education, information technology, and infrastructure. Trad will attend the UNESCO World Heritage meeting in Germany and hopes to persuade the committee not to list the Great Barrier Reef as 'in danger'.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+



WWF, govt to argue over listing

Gladstone Observer, Gladstone QLD, General News

26 Jun 2015

Page 5 • 299 words • ASR AUD 582 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 120.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 425515304

WWF might join the Federal Government in speaking about the Great Barrier Reef in front of the World Heritage Committee - but that does not mean they are on the same side. In the next few days, Federal and Queensland government representatives will urge the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Bonn, Germany, to follow the draft recommendation to not list the 2300km icon as in-danger.

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Audience

4,823 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Deputy Premier(1),Government(5),govt(1),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(1),Queensland(1)



Last-minute reef funding splurge

Gladstone Observer, Gladstone QLD, General News

27 Jun 2015

Page 8 • 287 words • ASR AUD 1,239 • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 242.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 426114516

THE Queensland Government will inject \$2 million into protecting the Great Barrier Reef before leaving to convince the World Heritage Committee not to list it as in-danger. The funding for the water quality project will create online tools for people to check the health of the reef, including water quality, sea temperature and the effects of floods and storms.

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Audience

6,189 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Barrier Reef(2),Deputy Premier(1),Government(3),Jackie Trad(1),Miles(2),Minister(1),Queensland(2),Steven Miles(1),the reef(5)



Fruit Ninja developer inks content deal with YouTube

Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney, General News, Amy Remeikis

27 Jun 2015

Page 17 • 280 words • ASR AUD 13,612 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 136.00 cm² • NSW • Australia • Trade General Press • ID: 426098763

Australian game developer Halfbrick Studios has landed a deal with YouTube to provide content for the internet giant's children's app. Halfbrick Studios, most famous for Fruit Ninja and Jetpack Joyride, will be the first Australian partner to receive funding from YouTube to create an original series for its US YouTube Kids app.

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Audience

210,115 CIRCULATION

Keywords

American(1),Annastacia(1),live(1),mission(2),Palaszczuk(1),Premier(2),Queensland(2),trade(2),US(3)



Funding to save GBR

Daily Mercury, Mackay QLD, General News

29 Jun 2015

Page 2 • 317 words • ASR AUD 1,612 • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 287.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 426727824

MANAGEMENT TOOL: HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE ACTIONS NEEDED Project allows Queenslanders to check reef health

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Audience

9,928 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Barrier Reef(3),Deputy Premier(1),GBR(1),Government(4),Jackie Trad(1),Miles(2),Minister(1),Queensland(2),Steven Miles(1),the reef(4)



O Friends of the Earth Kuranda

The Kuranda Paper, Kuranda, General News

01 Jul 2015

Page 11 • 705 words • ASR AUD 1,075 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 441.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 430447756

The Government Reveals its Big Vision for North Queensland Tony Abbott and Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch revealed their vision for Northern Australia for the next 20 years in their new newly released Northern Australia White Paper. The White Paper predicts that by then north Australia will have a population of six million and that the region will become a food bowl for Asia supplied from new mega farms. The ministers' vision also includes Cairns soon getting Mr Fung's mega Aquis Casino. The bulldozing that has just begun of 32,000 hectares of open forest at Olive Vale near Laura, using a pair of huge D11 bulldozers linked by a long chain, is part of this plan for what the Government says is 'sustainable development and innovative new crops for the north'. In the case of Olive Vale the crop is to be forage sorghum for cattle feed and in other areas it will be crops like sugar cane, stock feed and biomass.

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Audience

24,000 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Deputy Premier(1),Jackie Trad(1),MP(1),Queensland(5)



Dumping ban good approach for Reef

Townsville Bulletin, Townsville QLD, General News, Brian Williams Charles Miranda

01 Jul 2015

Page 4 • 272 words • ASR AUD 722 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 119.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 427864878

ELEVENTH-HOUR moves by Australia to ban capital dredge spoil dumping on the Great Barrier Reef, to ensure water quality and boost repair work, will likely save it from a UNESCO censure tonight. Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt, Deputy Premier Jackie Trad and Environment Minister Steven Miles last night were wrapping up last-minute lobbying of World Heritage Committee members to convince them Australia was on the ball in plans to save the Reef.

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Audience

20,932 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Barrier Reef(1),Deputy Premier(1),Environment(2),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(2),Steven Miles(1),the Reef(4)



One minute for last plea

Courier Mail, Brisbane, General News, Brian Williams Charles Miranda

01 Jul 2015

Page 6 • 318 words • ASR AUD 6,340 • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 361.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 427747257

Hunt tells UNESCO of Reef moves ELEVENTH-HOUR moves by Australia to ban capital dredge spoil dumping on the Great Barrier Reef, to ensure water quality and boost repair work will likely save it from a UNESCO censure tonight.

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Audience

158,286 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Barrier Reef(1),Deputy Premier(1),Environment(2),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(2),Queensland(1),Steven Miles(1),the Reef(6)



Moves save reef censure

Gold Coast Bulletin, Gold Coast QLD, General News

01 Jul 2015

Page 7 • 76 words • ASR AUD 240 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 38.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 427866232

ELEVENTH-HOUR moves by Australia to ban capital dredge spoil dumping on the Great Barrier Reef, to ensure water quality and boost repair work will likely save it from a UNESCO censure. Deputy Premier Jackie Trad said she had spoken to UNESCO director-general Irina Bokova who had acknowledged that Australia's commitments made over the past few months would carry substantial weight.

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Audience

27,386 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Deputy Premier(1),Jackie Trad(1)



Interview with Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier. UNESCO met in Bonn and ...

[ABC News 24, Sydney, The World, Beverley O'Connor](#)

01 Jul 2015 10:17 PM

Duration: 4 mins 44 secs • ASR AUD 21,314 • National • Australia • Environment Services & Regulation Radio & TV • ID: M00062314507

Interview with Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier. UNESCO met in Bonn and decided against declaring the Great Barrier Reef in danger. Trad describes the meeting and how the 21 members all made contributions and the draft report was adopted unanimously, which is unprecedented. Trad says the real work starts now to ensure they can report positively. Trad says the campaign by civil society and environment groups and the attention of UNESCO and the IUCN meant Qld and Australia needed to do in 18 months would have taken 10 years. Trad says she is glad their Qld Labor Government took a strong suite of policies to the last election. O'Connor asks about water quality and the crown of thorns star fish and climate change. Trad describes legislation to prohibit dumping of dredge waste in the World Heritage Area and the advisory group for the reductions on sediment and pollutants. Trad speaks about Paris and climate change. She speaks about how the Long Term Sustainability Report would not have been as strong without their policies. She says the Federal Government needs to ensure they have a strong leadership position in Paris on climate change. She says in 2020 UNESCO wants to revisit the report and the health of the reef.

Audience

79,000 ALL, 39,000 MALE 16+, 34,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier

Also broadcast from the following 9 stations

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The UN's World Heritage Committee has decided against declaring the Great Barrier ...

[ABC News 24, Sydney, ABC News - 23:00, Newsreader](#)

01 Jul 2015 11:07 PM

Duration: 1 min 52 secs • ASR AUD 6,915 • National • Australia • Environment Services & Regulation Radio & TV • ID: M00062308666

The UN's World Heritage Committee has decided against declaring the Great Barrier Reef as in danger, and praised Australia for its handling of threats to the reef, including poor water quality, crown-of-thorns starfish and cyclones. Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier was at the UNESCO meeting in Bonn, when the ruling was made. Trad feels proud that the Palaszczuk government took a strong suite of policies to the last state election which ensured a much stronger position at this UNESCO session.

Audience

65,000 ALL, 33,000 MALE 16+, 32,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Annastacia Palaszczuk, Queensland Premier

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Australia dodges a bullet on Reef

[Courier Mail, Brisbane](#), General News, [Brian Williams](#) [Charles Miranda](#)

02 Jul 2015

Page 17 • 379 words • ASR AUD 4,004 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 228.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 428337265

AUSTRALIA has escaped the international humiliation of its greatest World Heritage property being listed in danger by UNESCO. Instead, the World Heritage Committee's 21 member nations last night in Bonn, Germany, voted unanimously to accept that Australia will kickstart a huge and difficult Great Barrier Reef repair program.

[View original](#) - [Full text: 379 word\(s\), ~1 min](#)

Audience

158,286 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Deputy Premier(1),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(1),Queensland(3)



UNESCO says Reef plan sets example

[Cairns Post](#), [Cairns QLD](#), General News, [Charles Miranda](#)

02 Jul 2015

Page 9 • 376 words • ASR AUD 2,592 • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 583.00 cm² • QLD • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 428380546

AUSTRALIA'S reputation on the environment has gone from zero to hero overnight, with 18 months of intense lobbying convincing the world that enough was being done to protect the Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee had been considering listing the Reef as being "in danger" amid fears mining work involving dredging and port expansion would cause further irreparable damage to the protected coral strip. But an Australian delegation led by Environment Minister Greg Hunt, called to appear before the 39th World Heritage Committee forum, has had its draft report on the future management of the site approved and the threat to list it removed.

[View original](#) - [Full text: 376 word\(s\), ~1 min](#)

Audience

16,833 CIRCULATION

Keywords

deputy premier(1),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(2),Queensland(2)



Reef avoids inclusion on UN endangered list

[The Australian, Australia](#), Edition Changes - All-round First

02 Jul 2015

Page 3 • 318 words • ASR AUD 2,465 • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 122.00 cm² • National • Australia • Premier and Cabinet - Press • ID: 428359089

The Great Barrier Reef will not be included on the UN's endangered list but will remain under watch for the next four years. The UN's World Heritage Committee last night adopted a draft decision to leave the reef off its "in-danger" list at a meeting in Bonn, Germany.

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Audience

104,774 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Deputy Premier(1),governments(1),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(1),Queensland(1)



The World Heritage Committee has voted against the plan to declare the Great Barrier ...

[612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, 06:00 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 6:01 AM

Duration: 0 min 51 secs • ASR AUD 3,510 • QLD • Australia • Conservation & Sustainability Radio & TV • ID: V00062306878

The World Heritage Committee has voted against the plan to declare the Great Barrier Reef in danger but the United Nations says it's expecting the Queensland and Federal Governments to start delivering on their ambitious commitments.

Audience

57,200 ALL, 35,200 MALE 16+, 22,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier

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Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister, has welcomed the decision from the United ...

[ABC North Queensland, Townsville, 06:30 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 6:30 AM

Duration: 0 min 57 secs • ASR AUD 118 • QLD • Australia • National Parks Radio & TV • ID: V00062312134

Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister, has welcomed the decision from the United Nations World Heritage Committee not to list the Great Barrier Reef as endangered. Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, says the honour is in Australia to deliver.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister | Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier



The World Heritage Committee has voted against a plan to declare the Great Barrier ...

[ABC Tropical North, Mackay, 06:30 News, Colin Wilson](#)

02 Jul 2015 6:30 AM

Duration: 1 min 17 secs • ASR AUD 159 • QLD • Australia • Environment Policy & Planning Radio & TV • ID: V00062307942

The World Heritage Committee has voted against a plan to declare the Great Barrier Reef as in danger but the United Nations is expecting the Qld and Federal Governments to start delivering on their ambitious commitments. Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, says now is the time to implement the plans to make sure they can report back to UNESCO at the end of 2016.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier



The UNESCO World Heritage Committee have recently met in Germany to make a ...

[SEA FM Mackay, Mackay, 07:30 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 7:30 AM

Duration: 0 min 54 secs • ASR AUD 185 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: V00062311382

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee have recently met in Germany to make a decision about the Great Barrier Reef around the Whitsundays, deciding not to list it as in danger. The Palaszczuk Government is pleased with the decision about the matter. Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, says that the world has acknowledged for the significant achievements and continuing work of the new Queensland Government to protect the Reef for future generations. Jess Panegyres, Greenpeace, however, says that the Government's Reef 2050 plan has loopholes so big that coal-carrying ships can sail into the Reef. Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister, told Sky that he admits that there are challenges to the Reef.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Greg Hunt, Federal Environment Minister

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

HOT FM Mackay (Mackay)



The United Nations World Heritage Committee has decided not to declare the Great ...

[ABC Capricornia, Rockhampton, 07:30 News, Paul Robinson](#)

02 Jul 2015 7:30 AM

Duration: 0 min 24 secs • ASR AUD 49 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: 200062314474

The United Nations World Heritage Committee has decided not to declare the Great Barrier Reef as in 'danger'. Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, says the onus is now on Australia to deliver.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+



UNESCO confirms Great Barrier Reef not 'in danger' - but much work to be done

MySunshineCoast

02 Jul 2015 9:02 AM

422 words • ASR AUD 5,724 • Building and Asset Services Internet • ID: 428673908

Bonn, Germany: The Palaszczuk Government has welcomed the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's decision not to list the Great Barrier Reef as 'in danger'.

Speaking from Bonn, the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad said the World Heritage Committee's decision is...

[Read on source website](#)

Audience

N/A UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, N/A AV. STORY AUDIENCE

Keywords

Development(2),Government(9),Minister(4),Palaszczuk(2),Premier(2),Queensland(3),sustainability(1),Sustainable(1)



Interview with Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, about UNESCO's decision regarding the ...

612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, Mornings, Steve Austin

02 Jul 2015 9:07 AM

Duration: 12 mins 11 secs • ASR AUD 14,336 • QLD • Australia • Environment Policy & Planning Radio & TV • ID: W00062310494

Interview with Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, about UNESCO's decision regarding the Great Barrier Reef. Austin says last night UNESCO decided against listing the reef as being in danger, but recommended Australia report back on its progress in implementing its Reef 2050 plan by the 1st of December next year. Trad says the UNESCO decision and deliberation was phenomenal as every single member of the committee spoke to the report and acknowledged and supported the work the Australian and Qld governments had done. She says the committee identified the appointment of a single minister with responsibility for Great Barrier Reef policy across the Qld government, the fact that we had prohibited the dumping of dredge spoil and limited port development, the ambitious but scientifically robust targets in terms of reducing sediment and pollution into the reef, and the new government's arrangements around implementing the plan. Austin says the WWF and the Greens have both observed that what UNESCO has done is put Australia on probation over the health of the reef, and Trad says they announced that they had confidence in the fact that we had mobilised a strong suite of policies but they want to see that commitment translated into legislation and action on the ground. Austin says Greens Senator Larissa Waters has pointed out that the dumping ban doesn't prevent the dumping of spoil from maintenance dredging, and Finland's representative expressed concern about the impacts of shipping in the reef. Trad says maintenance dredging is critical in terms of ensuring the safe passage of vessels throughout the reef, and we need to ensure that vessels don't run aground and tear up coral. Austin says Trad has observed that climate change remains the biggest threat to the future of the reef and the Palaszczuk government is committed to supporting climate action, and questions why the government keep supporting new coal projects like the Adani project. Trad says the world needs to come to an agreement in relation to global action on climate change, and the previous Newman government dismantled every renewable energy project in Qld. Trad says we want to go into the Paris Convention at the end of this year as a nation committed to tackling climate change and adopting action, and that's what we'll do. Austin says the ABC has acquired documents on the Adani project where Treasury made it clear they didn't think the Adani project was bankable, and were shut out of negotiations between Jeff Seeney, former Minister for Trade, and the project. Trad says during the election the government made a commitment to only support projects that stood on their own two feet and wouldn't be providing direct taxpayer subsidies for infrastructure that allowed these projects to go ahead.

Audience

48,000 ALL, 26,000 MALE 16+, 22,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier



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Audience

48,000 ALL, 26,000 MALE 16+, 22,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier



Interview with Larissa Waters, Qld Greens Senator, about the UNESCO decision about ...

612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, Mornings, Steve Austin

02 Jul 2015 9:19 AM

Duration: 7 mins 48 secs • ASR AUD 9,178 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: W00062310848

Interview with Larissa Waters, Qld Greens Senator, about the UNESCO decision about the Great Barrier Reef. Waters says the UNESCO decision is probation and what needs to happen now is some follow-through. She says there are a whole raft of issues that the government has been sweeping under the carpet that need to be properly dealt with. Austin says Jackie Trad has said that maintenance dredging is absolutely necessary, and Waters says Trad didn't address whether the spoil should be dumped offshore or not and just talked about how it was important for ship safety. Waters says she doesn't see any difference in coal mine policy between the Labor and previous LNP government, and says it's a real shame that people were excited about the change of government because Labor campaigned on saving the reef. She says the Qld government is still applying to expand the Abbot Point Coal terminal and have just opened tenders for dredging, even though Trad has said they don't want to start dredging until financial close. Austin says the Qld Resources Council have accused groups like Greenpeace saying they threw a lot at UNESCO trying to get the reef place on the endangered list just to get the coal industry shut down, but Waters says that's ridiculous.

Audience

48,000 ALL, 26,000 MALE 16+, 22,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Larissa Waters, Greens Senator



Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying ...

[ABC Wide Bay, Bundaberg, 12:00 News, Rachel Loakes](#)

02 Jul 2015 12:00 PM

Duration: 1 min 17 secs • ASR AUD 159 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: W00062314158

Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying over the Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee will not declare the reef as in danger, but will keep Australia on watch. The coal industry has accused green groups of scaremongering. Jon Brodie, Tropical Water Research Scientist, James Cook University, says it will be difficult to achieve a target set to improve water quality over the next 10 years.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier|Jon Brodie, Tropical Water Research Scientist, James Cook University



Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for ...

[ABC Capricornia, Rockhampton, 12:00 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 12:01 PM

Duration: 0 min 35 secs • ASR AUD 72 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: V00062315173

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying over the health of the reef. The coal industry says UNESCO's decision shows up scaremongering by green groups. Trad says the intense scrutiny has led to positive results.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier



Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying ...

[ABC Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, 12:00 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 12:01 PM

Duration: 0 min 41 secs • ASR AUD 85 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: V00062315288

Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying over the Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee will not declare the reef as in danger, but will keep Australia on watch for the next five years.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier



Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for ...

[612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, 14:00 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 2:01 PM

Duration: 0 min 41 secs • ASR AUD 1,356 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: V00062316095

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the conservation movement for lobbying over the health of the Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee will not declare it in danger but wants protection commitments to be honoured.

Audience

28,800 ALL, 16,100 MALE 16+, 13,700 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier,

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Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the lobbying work of the ...

[612 ABC Brisbane, Brisbane, 17:00 News, Newsreader](#)

02 Jul 2015 5:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 39 secs • ASR AUD 1,472 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: W00062318347

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier, has praised the lobbying work of the conservation movement for the health of the Great Barrier Reef. UNESCO has said it will not declare the reef in danger, but wants protection commitments honoured. The coal industry accused green groups of scaremongering over the reef.

Audience

37,400 ALL, 25,800 MALE 16+, 12,600 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier

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The United Nations has decided not to place the Great Barrier Reef on its in danger list. ...

[Channel 9, Brisbane, National Nine News, Andrew Lofthouse and Melissa Downes](#)

02 Jul 2015 6:06 PM

Duration: 2 mins 38 secs • ASR AUD 38,638 • QLD • Australia • Ministerial - Radio & TV • ID: M00062319166

The United Nations has decided not to place the Great Barrier Reef on its in danger list. Larissa Waters, Greens Senator, says dredge spoil is still a concern, while the World Heritage Committee is requesting a report by the end of next year to show the reef's condition has improved. Michael Roche, Queensland Resources Council, says the WWF have been 'fast and loose' with the truth. The reef remains on the 'watch list' for the next four years.

Audience

261,000 ALL, 119,000 MALE 16+, 126,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Annastacia Palaszczuk, Queensland Premier|Barack Obama, President, United States of America|Greg Hunt, Federal Minister for the Environment|Jackie Trad, Queensland Deputy Premier|Larissa Waters, Greens Senator|Michael Roche, Queensland Resources Council|Sir David Attenborough, naturalist

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A UNESCO decision not to put the Great Barrier Reef on the endangered list has been ...

[SBS, Sydney, World News Australia, Anton Enus and Kathy Novak](#)

02 Jul 2015 6:59 PM

Duration: 2 mins 20 secs • ASR AUD 18,333 • National • Australia • Environment Policy & Planning Radio & TV • ID: M00062319964

A UNESCO decision not to put the Great Barrier Reef on the endangered list has been welcomed by the Federal Government, which says Australia is a role model in environmental protection. The Climate Change Authority has urged the Government to commit to cutting carbon emissions by 30 per cent by the year 2025.

Audience

172,000 ALL, 91,000 MALE 16+, 76,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Dermot O'Gorman, WWF Australia|Greg Hunt, Federal Minister for the Environment|Jackie Trad, Qld Deputy Premier|Jessica Panegyres, Greenpeace|Terry Hughes, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Studies

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Reef decision 'positive' one

[Daily Mercury](#), [Mackay QLD](#), General News, [Kirsty Mugridge](#)

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Tourism operators happy with outcome THE region should be rejoicing.

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Audience

9,928 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Barrier Reef(4),Deputy Premier(1),Environment(2),governments(2),Jackie Trad(1),Minister(2),Queensland(5),Steven Miles(1),the reef(4)



NO BARRIERS TO REEF LOVE

[Courier Mail](#), [Brisbane](#), General News, [Brian Williams](#)

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Floods of praise for rescue plan as world marvels at our icon MOST Australians have little understanding of the aura that the Great Barrier Reef commands overseas, says tourism boss Daniel Gschwind.

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Audience

158,286 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Annastacia(1),Barrier Reef(2),Deputy Premier(1),environment(2),Government(1),governments(3),Jackie Trad(1),Ms(3),Palaszczuk(2),Premier(1),Queensland(8),Steven Miles(1),The (Reef(1),the Reef(13)





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WWF, govt to argue over listing

WWF might join the Federal Government in speaking about the Great Barrier Reef in front of the World Heritage Committee – but that does not mean they are on the same side.

In the next few days, Federal and Queensland government representatives will urge the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Bonn, Germany, to follow the draft recommendation to not list the 2300km icon as in-danger.

WWF will also attend and if given the opportunity to address the committee will argue against an in-danger listing.

But the environmental group shot down a report they were on “the same side”.

“WWF supports UNESCO’s draft decision on the Great Barrier Reef because it will keep the pressure on Australia to turn promises into real actions and results,” WWF Australia chief Dermot O’Gorman said.

“In only 18 months, the Australian Government must give a progress report to UNESCO to demonstrate it is delivering on its promises.

“In reality Australia is being put on probation.”

He said the government’s Great Barrier Reef 2050 plan needed a significant injection of funds. “WWF has serious concerns about reef 2050,” Mr O’Gorman said.

“If the reef 2050 plan is not being effectively rolled out there is a strong chance the reef will be declared ‘World Heritage in-danger’ in 2017.”

Deputy Premier Jackie Trad said she would make it clear to the committee that the

government was committed to putting the future of the reef beyond doubt.

“We were elected with a mandate to save the reef for future generations and we intend to deliver on our promises, including a \$100 million package to improve water quality,” she said.

“I will be working hard with the Minister for the Great Barrier Reef in Bonn to strongly argue our case on behalf of all Queenslanders.”

– APN NEWSDESK



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Last-minute reef funding splurge

THE Queensland Government will inject \$2 million into protecting the Great Barrier Reef before leaving to convince the World Heritage Committee not to list it as in-danger.

The funding for the water quality project will create online tools for people to check the health of the reef, including water quality, sea temperature and the effects of floods and storms.

Great Barrier Reef Minister Dr Steven Miles and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad will head to Bonn, Germany, to urge the UNESCO World Heritage Committee to follow the draft recommendation not to list the 2300km-long icon as in-danger.

“This additional investment in the eReefs project clearly demonstrates how seriously we take our responsibility to conserve the reef for future generations to enjoy,” Dr Miles said.

“Now, for the first time ever, Queenslanders and people from across the globe will be able to see changes in the conditions on the reef in real-time.

“People will be able to track the effects of storms, cyclones and floods on water quality, as they happen.

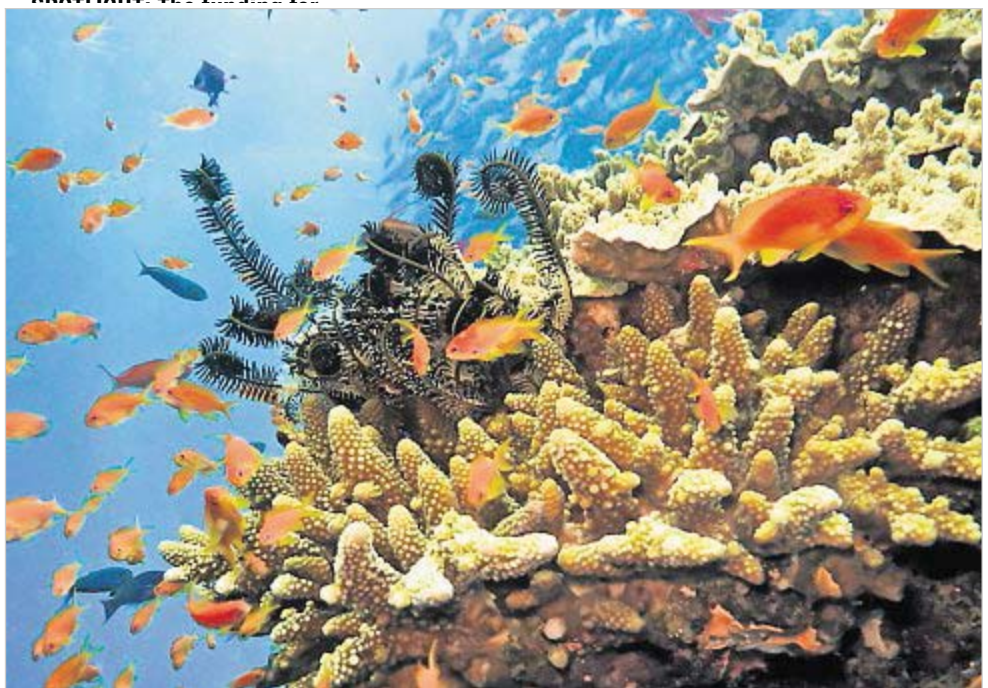
“They’ll also be able to zoom in on their local river to see how much sediment, nutrients and pesticides are flowing into the reef.”

Dr Miles said the project would also be an important tool for reef managers to help understand the actions needed to take on land to improve water quality and prevent damage from threats such as crown of thorns starfish outbreaks.

The project has received funding from the Queens-

land Government, Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, the Science and Industry Endowment Fund, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance and the Australian Government.

— APN NEWSDESK



SPOTLIGHT: The funding for the water quality project will create online tools for people to check the health of the reef.

PHOTO: PNIESEN



Fruit Ninja developer inks content deal with YouTube

■ Amy Remeikis

Australian game developer Halfbrick Studios has landed a deal with YouTube to provide content for the internet giant's children's app.

Halfbrick Studios, most famous for Fruit Ninja and Jetpack Joyride, will be the first Australian partner to receive funding from YouTube to create an original series for its US YouTube Kids app.

Halfbrick will produce an initial 13 episodes of a new original animated series, which will be shown on its existing Fruit Ninja-themed YouTube channel.

"The show will be targeted at six-to-10 year olds, for co-viewing with their parents. It will also be accessible from within Halfbrick's Fruit Ninja games, which reach around 60 million users per month," Halfbrick's Sam White said in a statement.

"We will also be producing a new compilation playlist, 'Fruit Ninja Nation', for which we will be reaching out to the YouTube community and our players for user-generated content.

"It will be made up of Fruit Ninja-themed live-action shorts, documentaries, developer diaries and more."

Fruit Ninja has been downloaded more than 1 billion times since its launch in 2010, making it one of the most downloaded mobile phone games of all time.

YouTube Kids is available only in the US, but the Google-owned company is planning to expand it.

Queensland Deputy Premier Jackie Trad announced the deal as part of her first trade mission, having met with YouTube executives in Singapore to discuss further opportunities for the state.

Ms Trad is following on from the Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's US trade mission, which was aimed at

building research and development relationships between American institutions and Queensland.

Ms Trad will move on to London and Frankfurt in the coming days to investigate infrastructure funding options.



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MANAGEMENT TOOL: HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE ACTIONS NEEDED

Funding to save GBR

Project allows Queenslanders to check reef health

| APN Newsdesk

THE Queensland Government will inject \$2 million into protecting the Great Barrier Reef before leaving to convince the World Heritage Committee not to list it as in-danger.

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Great Barrier Reef Minister Dr Steven Miles and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad will head to Bonn, Germany, to urge the UNESCO World Heritage Committee to follow the draft recommendation not to list the 2300km-long icon as in-danger.

“This additional investment in the eReefs project clearly demonstrates how seriously we take our responsibility to conserve the reef for future generations to enjoy,” Dr Miles said.

“Now, for the first time ever, Queenslanders and people from across the globe will be able to see changes in the conditions on the reef in real-time.



FUNDING MADE: Bushy Atoll- Great Barrier Reef.

PHOTO: LEE CONSTABLE

“People will be able to track the effects of storms, cyclones and floods on water quality, as they happen. They’ll also be able to zoom in on their local river to see how much sediment, nutrients and pesticides are flowing into the reef.”

Dr Miles said the project would also be an important tool for reef managers to

help understand the actions needed to take on land to improve water quality and prevent damage from threats such as crown of thorns starfish outbreaks.

The project has received funding from the Queensland Government, Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, the Science and Industry Endowment Fund, BHP Billi-

ton Mitsubishi Alliance and the Australian Government.”

eReefs Project Board independent chairman John Schubert said the overall \$3 million contribution leveraged the \$11 million investment made by the Australian Government and the private sector in the eReefs project.



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The Government Reveals its Big Vision for North Queensland

Tony Abbott and Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch revealed their vision for Northern Australia for the next 20 years in their new newly released Northern Australia White Paper. The White Paper predicts that by then north Australia will have a population of six million and that the region will become a food bowl for Asia supplied from new mega farms. The ministers' vision also includes Cairns soon getting Mr Fung's mega Aquis Casino.

The bulldozing that has just begun of 32,000 hectares of open forest at Olive Vale near Laura, using a pair of huge D11 bulldozers linked by a long chain, is part of this plan for what the Government says is 'sustainable development and innovative new crops for the north'. In the case of Olive Vale the crop is to be forage sorghum for cattle feed and in other areas it will be crops like sugar cane, stock feed and biomass.

Olive Vale Clearing Temporarily Halted for a Reassessment

Despite the claims by Senator Warren Entsch that the clearing of 32,000 hectares at Olive Vale was an example of 'sustainable development' and of 'innovative new crops' the clearing has been stopped, after 2,500 hectares have been bulldozed, at the request of Queensland Deputy Premier Jackie Trad so the project can be assessed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The main reasons given for stopping the clearing is that Olive Vale is home to several rare, endangered and vulnerable species and because forage sorghum for cattle feed doesn't qualify as being an innovative new crop. Also another problem with these mega farms is the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Great Barrier Reef and Cape York's river systems may be severely damaged by the added sediment, nutrient and chemical runoff that will be produced.

Auditor General's Report Finds Efforts to Save the Reef Are Likely to Fail

The recently released Queensland Auditor General's report says efforts to repair Reef water quality are unlikely to be successful even after multimillion-dollar programs aimed at the preventing the World Heritage Committee listing the Great Barrier Reef as being 'in danger'.

The report also found 'the grazing and cane industries voluntary and self-assessed schemes - introduced by the previous government to replace regulation - were not achieving changes needed to improve water quality and the government's 'water quality information lacked transparency and was misleading'.

Overall the Auditor General's report finds the current efforts to cut coral-killing run-off from land degradation and over-development have been largely ineffective. This conclusion means that the Govt has been trying to hide from the World Heritage Committee that the Great Barrier Reef really is 'in danger' - possibly to try and avoid

the bad publicity that this would bring to Australia. This is confirmed by the latest studies showing that the Reef has lost half its coral cover in the last 30 years.

New JCU Research Finds Turbid Water Impacts on Fisheries

Research just released by Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University have found suspended sediment in water damages fish gills, makes it hard for them to breathe and increases the rate of diseases in fish and is another blow to the Govt's plans for mega developments in the north.

New Study Finds We Are Witnessing the Start of a Mass Extinction Event

A new study published in the journal *Science Advances* found we are currently witnessing the start of a mass extinction event the likes of which have not been seen on Earth for at least 65 million years. The research was designed to determine how human actions over the past 500 years have affected the extinction rates of vertebrates: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

The fact that Australia is ranked as one of the worst countries in the world for species loss is another reason why the new Queensland Labor government needs to quickly restore strong tree clearing controls as it promised to do and especially considering tree clearing rates in Queensland are now triple what they were in 2009.



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All welcome.

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Dumping ban good approach for Reef

**BRIAN WILLIAMS
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This would be potentially damaging to the Reef's \$5.7 billion tourism industry.

The 2050 plan is the key plank in Queensland and the Commonwealth's commitment to protect the Reef.



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Australia dodges a bullet on Reef

**BRIAN WILLIAMS
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AUSTRALIA has escaped the international humiliation of its greatest World Heritage property being listed in danger by UNESCO.

Instead, the World Heritage Committee's 21 member nations last night in Bonn, Germany, voted unanimously to accept that Australia will kickstart a huge and difficult Great Barrier Reef repair program.

WHC chairwoman Maria Böhmer described the WHC reaction to the Reef debate as extraordinary, with all member nations wanting to speak in support of Australia.

Professor Bohmer said this also was an indication of the Reef's incredible international profile.

To rounds of applause, Prof Bohmer said Australia's response was a lesson for every country in how to react to such an issue. "What you have done here is exemplary

and is already a model for many nations," she said.

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt, who conducted a major lobbying campaign over the past year, told the WHC that its intervention had seen Australia do in 18 months what might otherwise have taken a decade.

He said the Reef 2050 repair plan would be a game-changing, 35-year blueprint to protect the Reef.

Deputy Premier Jackie

Trad said she was delighted with the result but warned climate change impacts remained a threat.

Australia must report back to the WHC in 18 months and be able to show it has concrete results.

Promises to end capital dredge spoil dumping and limit port expansions will be easy enough but cutting runoff and improving coral cover will be much more difficult. If Australia cannot stop the damage it risks the WHC listing the

Reef the following year.

The decision comes as a huge relief to the \$5.7 billion a year tourism industry.

Queensland Tourism Industry Council chief executive Daniel Gschwind said every Australian should be relieved, especially in Queensland where one quarter of all coastal jobs were linked to the Reef.

Jess Panegyres for Greenpeace asked the WHC to maintain a watch on Australia to make sure its repair plans were put in place.

Queensland Resources Council chief executive Michael Roche said the WHC had recognised Australia's huge strides in Reef management.

"The GBR is the best managed reef system in the world and that management has been lifted to an even higher level through the Reef 2050 long-term sustainability plan," he said.

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UNESCO says Reef plan sets example

CHARLES MIRANDA

AUSTRALIA'S reputation on the environment has gone from zero to hero overnight, with 18 months of intense lobbying convincing the world that enough was being done to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee had been considering listing the Reef as being "in danger" amid fears mining work involving dredging and port expansion would cause further irreparable damage to

the protected coral strip. But an Australian delegation led by Environment Minister Greg Hunt, called to appear before the 39th World Heritage Committee forum, has had its draft report on the future management of the site approved and the threat to list it removed.

Listing the Reef as "in danger" would have had a significant impact on tourism and shipping. The outcome was a foregone conclusion, confirmed the night before the global gathering when UNESCO director-general Irina

Bokova told Mr Hunt that Australia would be regarded as a model country.

Mr Hunt said Ms Bokova had told him: "Yes, we will hold up Australia's response to this in the last 18 months as a model to the world, this world heritage system needed a country to stand up with a major success and significant response and Australia has done it."

Mr Hunt added: "Eighteen months ago we were facing not

just international embarrassment but a massive blow to small businesses, economic activity and tourism, now they are set to hold Australia up to the world so it is really an important thing. So you can say Australia is set to win."

Concerns were raised about the Reef by committee member countries including Germany, Portugal, Finland and Jamaica but private lobbying by Australia eased their fears about mining and exploration projects like the Galilee Basin

in Queensland, potentially the world's largest coal mine.

Mr Hunt said the Federal Government's recent ban on dredge disposal had also put delegations at ease. But he would have to work harder to convince Greenpeace.

Greenpeace Australia political adviser Jess Panegyres said inland coal mining and the protection of the Reef were linked. She said the Reef was still in danger and there were significant gaps in Australia's protection plan.



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REEF VICTORY: Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt with Queensland deputy premier Jackie Trad in the UNESCO chamber.

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Reef avoids inclusion on UN endangered list

The Great Barrier Reef will not be included on the UN's endangered list but will remain under watch for the next four years.

The UN's World Heritage Committee last night adopted a draft decision to leave the reef off its "in-danger" list at a meeting in Bonn, Germany.

The ruling came three years after UNESCO threatened to add the natural wonder to the list of shame.

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt told the committee that Australia fully endorsed the proposed decision and had announced an additional \$8 million for enhanced reef monitoring.

This took total investment by the federal and Queensland governments, industry and the community in the Great Barrier Reef to more than \$485m last financial year, he said.

Mr Hunt said the Great Barrier Reef, like any reef, faced challenges, such as climate change and water-quality issues, but described the Reef 2050 plan as a "game-changing" blueprint.

The increased funding would be used to measure and report on

actions taken under the Reef 2050 plan, with areas such as the Fitzroy region, the Whitsundays and the Burdekin shire to receive additional monitoring.

Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, who travelled to Bonn for the meeting, said the implementation of the Reef 2050 plan was critical.

"The Reef 2050 long-term sustainability plan is essential to keeping this natural wonder off the endangered list," Ms Trad said.

Conservation groups say Australia has been placed on probation when it comes to management of the reef as failure to ensure improvements in its health could put it at risk of an "in-danger" listing in 2020.

WWF Australia chief executive Dermot O'Gorman said the decision acknowledged Australia's recent promises to strengthen protection of the reef, but made clear the promises alone would not be enough.

"WWF welcomes this strong decision," Mr O'Gorman said.

"Australia is on probation and the real work to turn around the decline of the reef starts now."

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Reef decision 'positive' one

Tourism operators happy with outcome

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THE region should be rejoicing.

That's according to Whitsunday Marketing and Development Limited executive director Jeff Aquilina who said UNESCO's decision not to list the Great Barrier Reef as "in danger" was a positive one.

"This certainly signals their confidence in the efforts of the Australian and Queensland governments, working hand-in-hand with local tourism operators, to protect and conserve one of our greatest natural assets," he said.

"Tourism operators in the Whitsundays region are particularly passionate about the Great Barrier Reef and very committed to ensuring that it remains a vibrant and healthy natural phenomenon for future generations."

Following the UNESCO decision, all references to "in danger" were removed from the reef's status.

A joint statement from Federal Minister for the Environment Greg Hunt, Deputy Premier of Queensland Jackie Trad and the

"From banning all capital dredge disposal in the entire World Heritage Area, to increasing monitoring efforts, restricting port development and ensuring the quality of the water entering the reef is improving, the Australian and Queensland



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Queensland Environment Minister Steven Miles released after the announcement said they "strongly welcomed" the decision.

"This is great news for Australia. It's great news for Queensland. And it's great news for the Great Barrier Reef," the statement said.

Governments are wholly committed to ensuring the future protection of the reef.

"This is backed by substantial financial resources with over \$2 billion dollars projected to be invested in managing and protecting the reef over the coming decade," the statement said.



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NO BARRIERS TO REEF LOVE

Floods of praise for rescue plan as world marvels at our icon

BRIAN WILLIAMS

MOST Australians have little understanding of the aura that the Great Barrier Reef commands overseas, says tourism boss Daniel Gschwind.

"I don't think Australians understand how the Reef features in Europe," Mr Gschwind (below) said. "It's almost a mythological marine area. It's the sort of thing people in cold climates dream about.

He said the eminence with which the Reef was viewed internationally was reflected in the UNESCO decision in Bonn on Wednesday night not to list it as endangered. All 21 nations making up the World Heritage Committee sought to speak about the Reef and Australia's promises to repair it.

Mr Gschwind, Queensland Tourism Industry Council chief executive, said the Reef was one of the nation's greatest assets and it was now up to both governments to secure its future. When he visited Europe in April and May, he said, hardly a day passed when the issue was not in the media.

"I don't mean to be flippant but Europeans know more about the Reef than they do

about Australia," he said. "If it had been listed as 'In Danger' it would have been catastrophic for us. This isn't just about tourism, it's about how

Australia stands in international forums and how we look as an exporter of services and foods. We bank on our clean and safe environment."

As federal and state environment ministers Greg Hunt and Steven Miles and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad yesterday basked in the success of the Bonn meeting, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk launched a social media tourism campaign inviting global travellers to experience "the greatest reef on earth". Ms Palaszczuk said it was the world's greatest natural wonder and Queensland's most important tourism asset.

"We want to spread the word across the globe: the Reef is a living treasure which is safe in our hands and which international visitors should experience first-hand," she said.

In Bonn, International Union for Conservation of Nature scientist Tim Badman said it was thanks to the Commonwealth and the new Queensland Government that they had taken hold of the dialogue over the Reef's condition, although he warned that long-term investment strategies were essential.

Mr Hunt (right) said the response was astonishing. WHC chairwoman Maria Bohmer of Germany had asked if Australia could help other countries whose coral reefs also were

highly degraded. Ms Bohmer said it was highly unusual that so many nations sought to address an issue.

"I think everyone will look at the unanimous decision and say there's been unprecedented change in Australia and we would invite everybody

including (actor) Mr (Leonardo) DiCaprio to come dive the Reef and see the best of it and see that it is still the world's greatest reef," Mr Hunt told News Corp Australia yesterday.

"What we have seen is not just an endorsement of the Australian response and management but recognition it is the Great Barrier Reef."

He said Australia was singled out and praised by the UN's World Heritage Committee's 21 member states for

its 2050 protection plan. All 21 sought to address the meeting before the vote was taken. There were no dissenting votes

Mr Hunt said WHC members recognised the work to improve water quality and praised Australia for its prompt action in addressing UNESCO concerns. Mr Hunt and Queensland had conducted a no-holds-barred campaign in the run-up to the vote, crisscrossing the world to sell the message about what Australia proposed for the Reef.

Ms Bohmer said the meeting had been an extraordinary session. "I think we have adopted a very powerful, unanimous decision," she said, also thanking campaign groups Greenpeace and WWF.

Fanny Douvere, head of UNESCO's World Heritage marine program said "the ultimate measure of success (for the Reef is) that declines ... are reversed."

Portugal praised the "resolve" of Australia and Queensland in addressing critical challenges.

India noted that the Reef had an extraordinary international profile and said Australia and Queensland had "walked an extra mile" to address conservation concerns.

Malaysia said it was convinced the State and Federal governments possessed the necessary will to plot and execute the plan to address damage to the Reef.



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The (Reef) has an incredible international profile and Australia and Queensland have walked an extra mile to put the repair job in place.

INDIA
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We are convinced the (Australian) governments will have the will to remediate (the Reef)

MALAYSIA
- 

Australia and Queensland have shown resolve in addressing challenges.

PORTUGAL
- 

Strongly encourage Australia to arrest the impacts of climate change, excess nutrient and ship traffic.

FINLAND
- 

Overall outlook for the property is poor and management will be a challenge.

GERMANY
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Salutes the power of the World Heritage Convention and welcomed corrective measure put in place.

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Halfbrick Studios inks YouTube deal for children's series

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Brisbane's Halfbrick is set to produce an animated series for YouTube's children's app. *Photo: Supplied*

Brisbane's Halfbrick Studios has landed a deal with YouTube to provide content for the internet giant's children's app.

The game developer, most famous for Fruit Ninja and Jetpack Joyride, will be the first Australian partner to receive funding from YouTube to create an original series for its US YouTube Kids app.

The deal will see Halfbrick produce an initial 13 episodes of a new original animated series, which will be shown on its existing Fruit Ninja-themed YouTube channel.

"The show will be targeted at six-to-10 year olds, for co-viewing with their parents. It will also be accessible from within Halfbrick's Fruit Ninja games, which reach around 60 million users per month," Halfbrick's Sam White said in a statement.

"We will also be producing a new compilation playlist, 'Fruit Ninja Nation', for which we will be reaching out to the YouTube community and our players for user-generated content.

"It will be made up of Fruit Ninja-themed live-action shorts, documentaries, developer diaries and more."

Fruit Ninja has been downloaded more than one billion times since its launch in 2010, making it one of the most downloaded mobile phone games of all time.

YouTube Kids is currently only available in America, but the Google-owned company is planning on expanding it.

Deputy Premier Jackie Trad announced the deal as part of her first trade mission, having met with YouTube executives in Singapore to discuss further opportunities for the state.

Ms Trad is following on from the Premier's US trade mission, which was aimed at building research and development relationships between American institutions and Queensland.

Ms Trad will move on to London and Frankfurt in the coming days to investigate infrastructure funding options, with the government looking at ways it can kickstart work on major projects such as the cross-river rail, despite its budgetary situation.

As the deputy premier flies out of Singapore, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk will be flying in, as part of the Prime Minister's northern Australia investment trade mission.

Ms Palaszczuk will spend two days in Singapore with Tony Abbott, Colin Barnett and Adam Giles.

Ms Trad will be forced to make nice with federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt in Bonn Germany just a few days later, with both representing Queensland's Great Barrier Reef at the UNESCO conference, which is expected to ratify the decision not to list the World Heritage icon as 'in danger'.

All Queensland's politicians should be back in the country by the time the first Palaszczuk budget is handed down next month.