



The Hon Michael McCormack MP

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for Riverina

Ref: MS21-000680

Cr Andy Ireland
Mayor
Livingston Shire Council
25 Normanby Street
YEPPOON QLD 4703

16 JUN 2021

Via Mayor@livingstone.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor

I am writing to confirm the Australian Government's commitment to provide up to \$13,000,000 for the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre project (the Project).

The commitment will be delivered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development through the Community Development Grants Programme (CDG).

The Australian Government is committed to supporting local communities to prosper and grow. Local infrastructure projects are critical if we want to boost economic growth and improve local amenities and facilities.

A Departmental Officer will contact you shortly to discuss the next steps. You will be required to provide sufficient information to the Department to undertake an assessment of the project before final funding approval and negotiation of a Deed of Agreement. Whilst this letter confirms the commitment to your project, funding of \$13,000,000 is contingent upon the execution of a Deed of Agreement.

I recommend that you do not enter into financial commitments or begin work on the project until such time a Deed of Agreement has been signed with the Australian Government. Please note that the contents of this letter should be kept confidential until a Deed of Agreement is signed with the Australian Government.

I wish you every success and look forward to seeing the project completed.

Yours sincerely

Michael McCormack

From: s47F
Sent: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 10:23 AM
To: HIBBERT Meghan <Meghan.Hibbert@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: s47F
Subject: FYI Only - due COB Mon 30 Aug - Request for information - Northern Australia programs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Meghan,

I spoke to the CEO of Livingstone Shire Council Re: Yeppoon Aquatic Centre – s47F at 9:30 this morning (*he was busy yesterday when I rang his office*).

I apologised for the clear delay in not reaching out to Council sooner. s47F did say that the delay had worked in s47F favour as they have been pulling things together at their end, ie: recruiting a project manager etc,. I took the opportunity to step s47F through the high level process and advised that the team are happy to work with Council going forward.

I further advised that if s47F encountered any difficulties or had any questions, then to please make contact with us and we're happy to assist where we can. The CEO expressed s47F appreciation to us reaching out to Council and accepted my apologies and is keen to work with us to see the project through to completion.

I also advised that I would be moving to a new role, and that s47F would be in contact in the next few weeks, to touch base.

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From: s47F

Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 1:35 PM

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Cc: s47F

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: due COB Mon 30 Aug - Request for information - Northern Australia programs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Meghan,

Just to confirm that the email with the RFI has been sent, and receipt confirmed by the council's executive team.

I have booked in a time tomorrow to speak to the CEO to apologise for the delay in reaching out, and will talk through next steps with s47F

s47F – I will also advise that you are the new Director in the CDG space.

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From: HIBBERT Meghan <Meghan.Hibbert@infrastructure.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 7:30 PM

To: s47F

Cc: s47F

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Thanks s47F these things can happen- particularly with a change in people/officers etc.

Appreciate you getting onto this
Meghan

Meghan Hibbert

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Hi Meghan

As I understand it, the Assessment Team / Branch was not provided with a copy of the specific letter for this project to initiate the sending of the RFI. Other letters within the package, MS21-000680, have been provided to the Department individually.

When this situation became apparent last week, s47 was to contact the DPMO just to confirm they did want the email to go from the Department. I don't know what the result of this contact was. We expected the response would be to send it but believed it was politic to make sure.

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I hope this is helpful. If you need anything else please let me know

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From: HIBBERT Meghan <Meghan.Hibbert@infrastructure.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 4:35 PM

To: s47F

Cc: s47F

Regional Programs Branch <RPB-support@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: due COB Mon 30 Aug - Request for information - Northern Australia programs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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HI Team,

I can't send this off with the comments for the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre. The information is incorrect – i.e. We do not need to be asked to send out an RFI, we should do so, immediately after the DPM letter grantee confirming the commitment has been provided to the Department. s47C

As such, please arrange the following by talking to s47F together (as this can serve as a learning opportunity):

- RFI to be sent to grantee ASAP (today or tomorrow first thing) – Project Assessment
- Call to Grantee expressing our apologies for the delay in providing this request and check they have the RFI and understand what to do – Project Assessment

- Update SharePoint with this info – Project Assessment
- Update this sheet/response to include that the Dept. has sent/will send the RFI out and will be in contact with grantee to progress the commitment. Also include next steps are... - Program Support.

Thanks all,
Meghan

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Sent: Friday, 27 August 2021 4:20 PM

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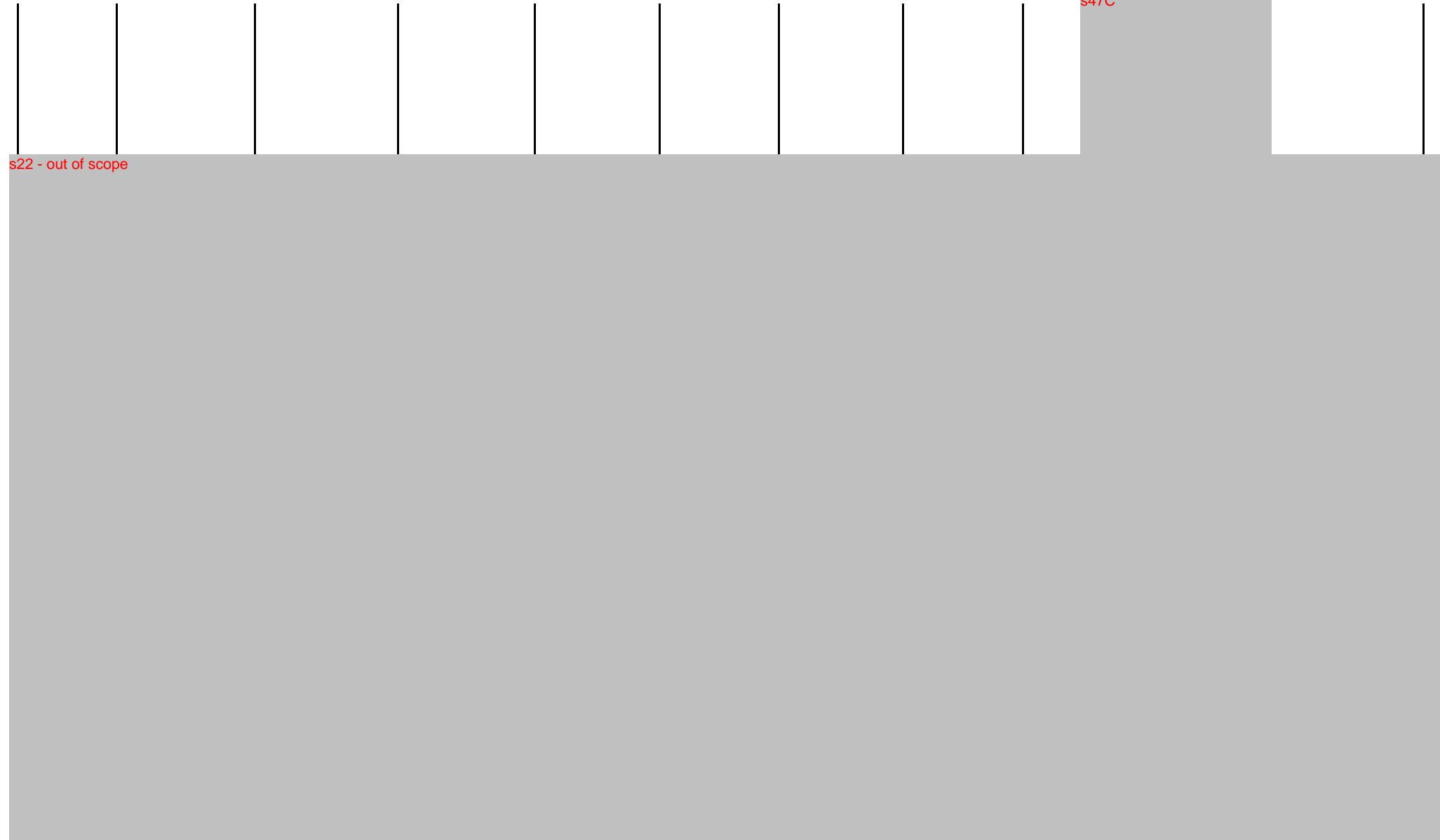
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Hi Meghan,

FOR CLEARANCE by COB Monday 30 August 2021

Minister Littleproud's Office has requested an update on the implementation status of programs in Northern Australia for CDG. Please see the details below for your clearance, noting that the highlighted information is for your reference only and will be removed prior to sending the cleared response.

CDG Number	Project Name	Proponent	Project Description	AG funding	Status	RFI Received Date	Est Completion Date	State	Project Update Internal	Project Update External
CDG1635	Yeppoon Aquatic Centre	Livingston Shire Council		\$13,000,000	Waiting Project Info	Not Yet Received		QLD	s47C	The Department will reach out to the grantee to Request Information to allow the department to conduct its value for money assessment on the project.



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Kind regards,

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Hi Meghan,

Updated wording below and in the attached for your consideration:

CDG Number	Project Name	Proponent	Project Description	AG funding	Status	RFI Received Date	Est Completion Date	State	Project Update
CDG1635	Yeppoon Aquatic Centre	Livingston Shire Council		\$13,000,000	Waiting Project Info	Not Yet Received		QLD	The Department is currently seeking information to progress the value for money assessment and will continue to do so.

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Kind regards,

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