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Natural Resources and Mines

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Dear Ms Martin

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2017 addressed to the Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines concerning the proposed KUR-World development near Kuranda in Far North Queensland.

As you may be aware, a General Election of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland has been called for 25 November 2017. By convention, the government assumes a caretaker role from the time that an election is called, therefore I am responding to your correspondence.

KUR-World integrated eco-resort has been declared a coordinated project under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, administered by the Department of State Development (DSD). The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) is assisting DSD to ensure that matters of state environmental significance are considered appropriately through the environmental impact statement process.

DNRM has previously investigated complaints regarding alleged unauthorised tree clearing in relation to the project. DNRM has determined that the clearing is largely confined to areas mapped as 'category X' (non-remnant) vegetation, which is exempt from requiring approval under Queensland's vegetation management statutory framework. This does not remove the obligation for the proponent to obtain all necessary approvals under other State and Federal legislation.

DNRM has also made a number of watercourse determinations under the *Water Act 2000* on the subject land parcels. DNRM has determined that the water feature on which the dam is located to be a 'drainage feature' for the purposes of the *Water Act 2000*. DNRM has no jurisdiction over activities undertaken within drainage features.

DNRM is continuing to provide advice to the proponents regarding their legislative responsibilities under the Vegetation and Water Management framework.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Paul Horrocks, Manager, Land Services, North Region, Department of Natural Resources and Mines on telephone 4447 9162 or via email at paul.horrocks@dnrm.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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