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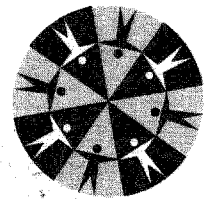
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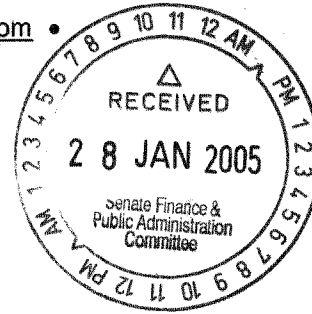
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The Secretary

Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Programme and Sustainable Regions Programme
Submission from the Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee**

Please note that these comments relate only to the Regional Partnerships Programme. The Sustainable Regions Programme is not applicable to the Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee (GBACC) Region.

Most of the following pertains to (1) (b) & (f) of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

Attached is a schedule of Regional Partnerships projects which have been approved for funding in this ACC region since the introduction of Regional Partnerships in July 2003.

Without exception, each of these projects originated at the grass-roots community or industry level, involved significant input from the GBACC in helping to scope and develop project ideas, and applications were subjected to rigorous deliberation before being recommended and prioritised by our Programmes Sub-Committee. All these successful applications were recommended as either low, medium or high priority.

Also attached for your information are draft Programmes Sub-Committee guidelines which have been revised to reflect changes in Programme structures and are yet to be approved by the Committee.

In the case of projects 4, 5 and 7 on the attached schedule, the GBACC Project Officer had a direct role in introducing sponsoring organisations and/or partnership funding to enhance the viability of projects.

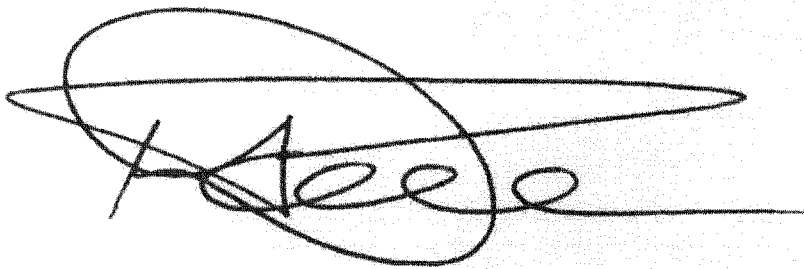
We have an excellent working relationship with State and Local Governments in our region and they feature prominently as project partners in our RP projects.

We are aware that project No. 2 on the attached schedule – Happy Tails Stage 2 – received some media publicity of comments attributed to it in the Senate. This worthy project supports new enterprise development by a community organisation of a 'doggy day care' centre in Brisbane with the primary outcomes aimed at providing employment and

training in animal care for a severely disadvantaged jobseeker group: people with disabilities.

The GBACC remains committed to the development of quality RP projects and the successful progression and completion of projects. It participates on steering committees for many of these projects, or otherwise uses other methods to keep up to date with their progress including the receipt of progress reports and presentations by proponents at our general meetings.

I hope the foregoing will be of assistance to your Inquiry.

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DAVID PEEL
CHAIR

ATTACHMENT 1

**GREATER BRISBANE AREA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PROJECTS APPROVED
AS AT DECEMBER 2004**

Project	Applicant	RP Funding	Partnerships /Comments
1. Enhancement of the ICT Industry Clusters in the Brisbane Region – stage 2 of a BCC/ IIB funded project involving new cluster development in the ICT Industries	Sunshine Soup – “E-Net” – New name for consolidated cluster entity <i>Brisbane City LGA</i>	\$180,000	Extensive contributions from DSDI; also Brisbane City Council
2. Happy Tails – stage 2 following on from Incite Solutions project – to develop a new enterprise concept dealing with social issues/ noise (barking dogs) and creating new employment in the area of disabilities and animal care	HELP Enterprises <i>Brisbane Federal Electorate</i>	\$125,700	Feasibility study and business plan show strong potential for success and site that will house this facility will be in the RNA showgrounds – dog pavilion
3. Redland Retail Services Audit and Promotion – “Redlands RSAP”- a Stocktake of each retail precinct in the Shire developing culture of excellence and subsequent promotion through awards, branding	Jobs Association Inc. <i>Bowman Federal Electorate</i>	\$29,500	Part of the Redland Pride initiative from the strategic partnership between Redland Shire Council, Retail Committee, Chamber and Jobs Assn. Approx \$60k in kind and cash

<p>4. Community Lifestyle Village for People with Disabilities – Feasibility study and business plan development to fulfill an unmet need within the community – of affordable whole of life care, accommodation, activity, lifestyle and support for PWDs</p>	<p>HELP Enterprises <i>Brisbane Federal Electorate</i></p>	<p>\$50,000</p>	<p>Arisen from extensive research from a committed group of parents and doctors/ parents of children with disabilities, who have committed to time to running focus groups and further research worldwide in whole of life care</p>
<p>5. Carole Park Youth Futures Project :Elorac Place Community place project – to develop a strategy for engagement of high levels of unemployed youth in Carole park and reduce crime</p>	<p>Boystown/ BCC/ Premiers Dept <i>Oxley Federal Electorate</i></p>	<p>\$69,950</p>	<p>Department of Communities has committed \$12k to this project. BCC also committed \$14k cash and \$16k in-kind + BoysTown contribution \$4,600 cash + \$64 k in-kind</p>
<p>6. Archerfield Aerospace Business Infrastructure Development - business cluster development / works identification- safety and accessibility</p>	<p>FLY Archerfield <i>Moreton Federal Electorate</i></p>	<p>\$75,000</p>	<p>Partnerships identified with DSDI and BCC - cash funding \$70k cash + \$100k in-kind</p>
<p>7. Self-Help – directory production and circulation for current phone-in service that provides information to develop support groups targeting social needs in Brisbane</p>	<p>Self-Help <i>Greater Brisbane</i></p>	<p>\$39,625</p>	<p>\$5,000 cash contribution from Qld Health + \$26,560 in-kind Self Help Qld</p>

<p>8. Brisbane North Regional Advancement – Clustering development project. This project is stage 3 of current project (business mapping and development project) Identified major cluster groupings and further development and facilitation work to be conducted</p>	<p>BMNLEDS/ Brisbane North Chamber of Commerce– Strategic Partnership between Brisbane North Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane City Council and Department Of State Development and Innovation- Northside Lilley and Petrie Federal Electorates</p>	<p>\$110,000</p>	<p>\$50-65k BCC \$50k DSDI</p>
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(Draft Revised)

**Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee
Programmes Sub Committee Guidelines**

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 Regional Partnerships

1.1.2 Consider Regional Partnerships funding applications for decision on recommendation and prioritisation taking into account the following:

1.1.2.1 Compliance with the GBACC's Strategic Regional Plan goals

1.1.2.2 Value for money

1.1.3 Provide opinion or suggest other appropriate linkages, as required, to assist potential proponents to better satisfy the RP guidelines relating to outcomes, sustainability and competitive neutrality:

1.1.4 Promote RP amongst relevant networks and encourage potential applicants to apply for RP funding, referring initial enquiries to the GBACC Project Officer

1.1.5 Support and assist the GBACC in representation during stakeholder meetings, RP proponent presentation meetings and launches of RP funded projects

1.2 Other Programmes

1.2.1 Consider other Departments' programme project applications which are submitted for ACC comments and provide comment where sought regarding appropriateness of project in the region

2. Formation and composition of Sub-Committee

2.1 Executive Manager to call for volunteers of GBACC members to serve on Programmes sub-committee on an annual basis

2.2 As many members as possible to be encouraged to participate

2.4 The following selection criteria are set for membership of the RP sub-committee in order to most positively elicit impartial, informed and enterprising opinion and to enhance the quality and strength of applications:

2.4.1 To have direct involvement in the whole of the Greater Brisbane region or any community thereof, in any of the following capacities:

- Business/industry
- Government
- Community

- 2.5 Where practicable, the sub-committee Chair is not to be a Management Committee member, so that general members are given the opportunity to serve at this level
- 2.7 Non-members and other ACC members can be co-opted to participate on an 'as needs' basis by the Project Officer or Chair, in an advisory or observation capacity, where they are likely to value-add
- 2.7.1 Co-opted members will be expected to adhere to the same standards of confidentiality etc that regular members are expected to follow. Further, the sub committee chair will be authorised to allow the co-opted members to cast their votes on a case by case basis
- 2.8 DOTARS representative to be invited as an ex-officio adviser to sub-committee meetings where RP applications are considered
- 2.9 The Project Officer will act as an adviser and consultant to the committee but is not entitled to vote on any of the applications being considered.

3. Operation of Sub-Committee

- 3.1 A quorum of any three to four members to be called upon to consider an application or applications at any one time, as the need arises
- 3.1.1 Either at a meeting of the sub-committee or email group consideration of an application or applications
- 3.1.3 Participating members to be selected by the Project Officer and/or Executive Manager based on expertise/relevance to the type of project application submitted, and there being no knowledge of any possible conflict of interest
- 3.2 At the conclusion of their deliberations on RP applications, the participating sub-committees are to vote on whether or not to recommend applications and their priority ratings
- 3.3 Members are to become familiar with programme guidelines and SRP goals to aid consideration of applications. This is to occur through an arranged workshop and information session
- 3.4 Sub-committee members must treat applications, expressions of interest and deliberations with confidentiality, ie no part of an application, summary or extract is to be forwarded or reproduced to be given to parties outside the ACC

3.5 Decisions of the sub-committee are to be presented to the GBACC general meeting for ratification.

4. Conflict of interest

4.1 Where a conflict of interest is likely to arise, the member is required to declare such conflict and be excluded from participating in the Sub-Committee meeting or email group where that application is being considered, and also from the general meeting of the GBACC where decisions of the Sub-Committee are ratified

4.1.1 If a member stands to gain a direct pecuniary interest from a proposed RP project, that member is required to stand aside as a member of the GBACC pending GBACC consideration and DOTARS assessment of the application

4.1.2 If the application is subsequently approved, the GBACC Management Committee is to decide the status of the individual member concerned

4.1.3 Sub-Committee members are in a potential conflict of interest situation if they are the project applicant, a member/employee of an applicant or partner organisation, or a potential direct financial beneficiary of any funding application submitted to the GBACC

4.2 Being active community participants, sub-committee members are likely from time to time to encounter applications where their organisation is listed as a supporting body. However, members are to declare a likely or perceived conflict of interest if they are involved with any organisation which is a driver or provider of significant documented financial support to an applicant's proposed project

5. Duty of Care

5.1 At no stage is a member to indicate to a proponent whether or not a project application will be successful

5.2 The sub-committee is not to be seen to be making decisions on behalf of the relevant Department

5.3 While the sub-committee can suggest amendments, the ACC cannot be held responsible for the final outcome of an application