

RECORD OF MEETING –TOONDAH HARBOUR

Location: CPO Melbourne

Date: 12 August 2016

Who attended?

Mr Lang Walker, Mr Peter Saba – Walker Corporation

Mr Stephen Davis – Davis Advisory (acting for Walker Corporation), Troy Collings (Adviser to Walker Group)

Minister Frydenberg, s47F, s47F

Mr Knudson, Mr Cahill, Mr Barker - DOEE

Key points discussed:

1. Walker Corporation discussed the nature of the proposed Toondah Harbour development; potential offsets and environmental protections; and Queensland Government and Local Council views on the proposal.
2. Walker Corporation noted the boundary of the Ramsar wetland was not mapped well, and further noted the potential to delete or restrict a boundary under the Ramsar Convention in the 'urgent national interest'. Obligations under the Ramsar Convention were discussed. It was noted the Department had written to Walker Corporation in April 2016 to indicate it would advise the proposal, in its current form, would be clearly unacceptable.
3. The Minister noted he is supportive of sustainable development while balancing environmental issues.

Follow up Actions:

1. Walker Group may be considering a potential alternative referral. The Department would work with Walker Group in response to any such proposal, including considering a further request for extension.

Note taker: James Barker, Assistant Secretary, s47F