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**Friends of Ninney Rise,**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October 2013 in relation to your support for the development of an eco-tourism plan for Ninney Rise at Mission Beach. I appreciate your group taking the opportunity to advise me of its views in relation to this matter.

I'm very proud of the fact the Newman Government has provided encouragement to eco-tourism in Queensland, through its strong support of the tourism industry, as one of the four pillars of our state economy and by cutting red and green tape.

The Newman Government is supporting the tourism industry in Queensland through the development of its *DestinationQ* Blueprint, the release of its Drive Tourism Strategy and its current work on a 20 year plan, in partnership with industry.

Your group can learn more about the Newman Government's tourism initiatives on the following website: <http://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/tourism>

I am also delighted with the Newman Government's efforts to cut red and green tape for local residents and visitors to Queensland to access our National Parks through amendments to the *Nature Conservation Act*. These changes are long overdue.

The changes seek to facilitate low impact eco-tourism projects in National Parks. I hope this opportunity will be taken up on several sites in the Hinchinbrook electorate, two thirds of which is Wet Tropics World Heritage, National Park or State Forest.

Your groups can learn more about the Newman Government's eco-tourism initiatives on the following website: <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/tourism/index.html>

I recognise that Ninney Rise has significant eco-tourism potential and I will provide a copy of this correspondence to my colleagues, Ministers Dickson, Stuckey and Powell so that they are aware of my support for the development of this site.

Thank you once again for taking the time to advise me of your views on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Cripps MP  
**Member for Hinchinbrook**