



Friends of Ninney Rise

c/- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Tully Branch, PO Box 771, Tully QLD 4584.

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Dear Ministers Dixon, Powell, Stuckey and Cripps

Support for ecotourism development plan for Ninney Rise

From Ninney Rise at Mission Beach, John Büsst played a leading role in the successful protection of two of Queensland's greatest economic, social and environmental assets: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforests.

This significance is recognised in Ninney Rise's listing on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Now owned by the Queensland Government but currently vacant, Ninney Rise has outstanding potential as a key Queensland ecotourism asset telling the rich history of reef and tropical rainforest conservation.

Community, tourism and government can work together to identify the future use that will realise this asset whilst protecting the unique heritage values. Community and tourism organisations are already working together as Friends of Ninney Rise to help fund the preparation of a conservation management plan* for Ninney Rise. The attached "Ninney Rise: the future" provides more information.

We call on you to support in principle the preparation of a conservation management plan that will enable significant ecotourism development of Ninney Rise appropriate to its heritage values. The attached letter from Minister Powell suggests such support is likely.

Sincerely,



President



Manager



Participant (Mission Beach)



President



Chief Executive Officer

* As per DEHP's Conservation Management Plans Guideline

Cc:

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Attachments:

Ninney Rise: the future;
Letter from Minister Powell to WPSQ 29/04/2013.