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PROGRESS REPORT

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QUEENSLAND HOMELESSNESS WORKING GROUP

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Our research on economic modelling and statistics relating to homelessness:

- The annual cost to government revenue as a result of homelessness is estimated to be in Queensland:

2023-24: \$331.9 Million

<https://cabinet.qld.gov.au/documents/2022/Mar/PCREvNHHA/Attachments/Submission.PDF>

- **Noosa is ranked 4th highest for rates and rental stress in Queensland.**
- The social impact of homelessness can; lead to increased vulnerability, social isolation, and mental health challenges for those experiencing it. Families may be disrupted, and individuals may face stigma and discrimination.
- Homelessness also strains social services and community resources, impacting overall social cohesion.
- Addressing homelessness not only improves individual well-being but also fosters a more compassionate and supportive society.
- A feeling of 'hopelessness' often overcomes those experiencing homelessness, which can lead to chronic depression and other mental conditions.
- Our basic human needs are known as; the need...
 - To feel safe and secure
 - To feel important
 - To be understood
 - To feel good about themselves
 - To be appreciated
 - To be in control



- Areas of cost that can be offset by investments in homelessness prevention and supportive accommodation programs are:
 - ✓ Healthcare
 - ✓ Emergency services
 - ✓ Social assistance
 - ✓ Law enforcement
 - ✓ Shelter services

- Stable housing can also help create better mental and physical health outcomes, reducing the burden on healthcare systems, contributing to increased workforce productivity and eventual tax revenue.

- The economic benefit of 'prevention' strategies for homelessness, can positively impact public spending, by reducing the cost burden upon;
 - ✓ emergency services,
 - ✓ healthcare,
 - ✓ criminal justice,
 - ✓ administration and maintenance of public facilities

Addressing homelessness in our community, must now be considered the responsibility of the people. Council & Government role is to get out of the way, stop creating obstacles, and provide whatever support the community genuinely needs to fix the issues.

Andrea Newland.



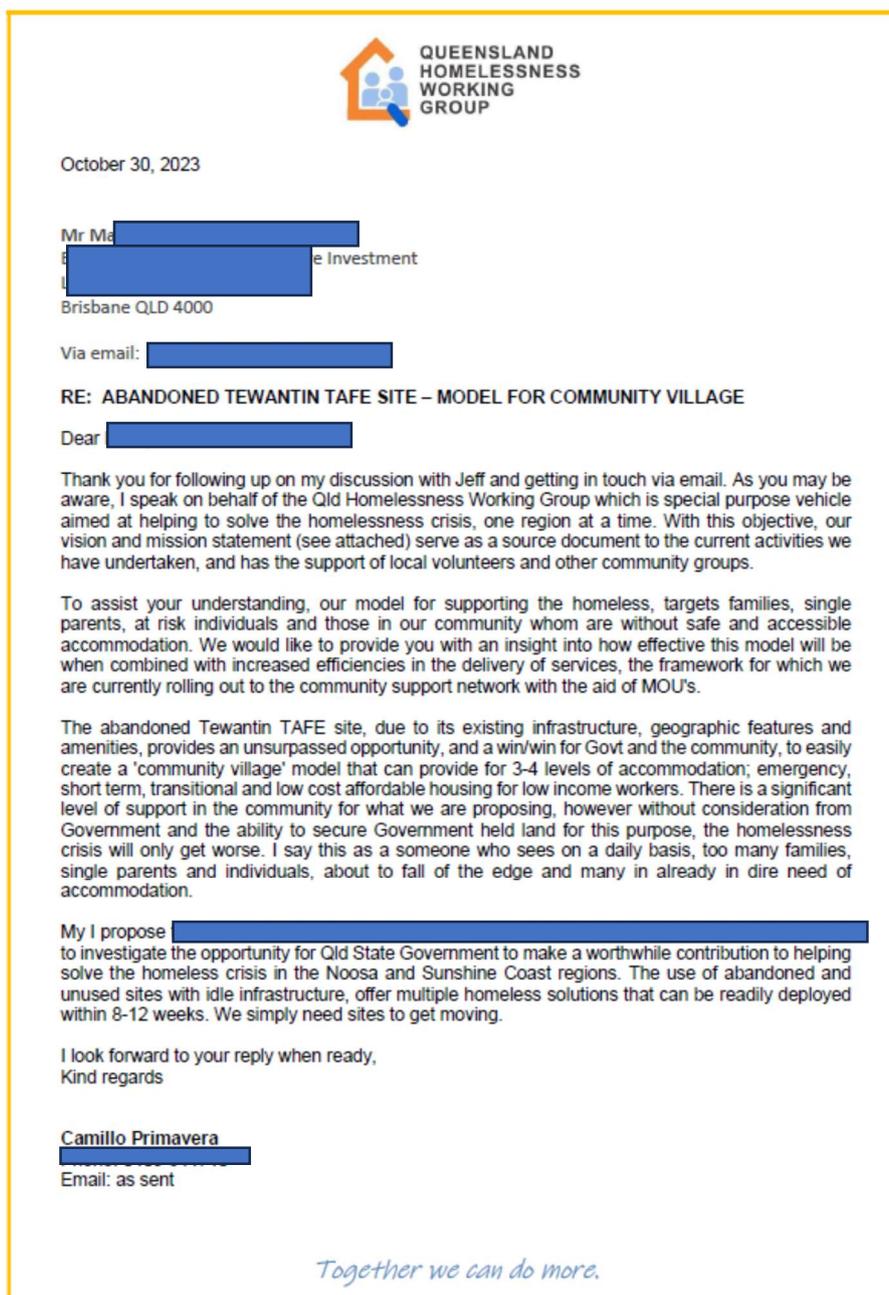
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1. Background

By December 2023, several phone conversations between Camillo Primavera (QHWG) and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Queensland Government Executive Director of Infrastructure Investment, [REDACTED] presiding over the Qld Department of Employment, Small Business, Training and Youth [REDACTED] Justice, had taken place over several months in relation to acquiring the use of the abandoned land and buildings for QHWG to coordinate homeless services and assist homeless people with accommodation.

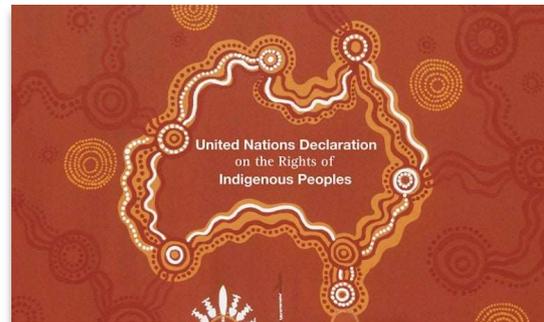
1.1. Email communication with DESBT October 2023



The concept the QHWG had proposed was the CommunityVillage.com.au model which had been described in detail to [redacted] and his colleague 'Jeff' in another department. Marc Levy had stated that the TAFE site was being held up by Native Title interests and indicated his inability to assist QHWG was because he did not know who was involved in the claim on the TAFE site.

The QHWG participants at the time were connecting with local Kabi Kabi and Undumbi sovereign elders (non-corporate first nations peoples) and offered to provide a First Nations contact to assist negotiations with accessing the TAFE site. There was no follow up communication from the Govt Department after Camillo had provided the contact details of 'Aunty Bucky' as a suitable contact.

Within a short time afterwards, Kabi Kabi Sovereign Elders including "Aunty Bucky Dha'khan Tuk'ku" had undertaken a First Nations Self Determination Notice consistent with UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), and operating under Grandmother's Lore. The Notice had already been issued to many Government Departments, Political figures, Courts, Councils and Police, around Australia with over seventy participating Sovereign Tribes as signatories. (a separate copy of this document is attached to this report)



After learning of the plight of the Tewanin TAFE site, and the intention of QHWG to utilise the abandoned space to create a solution for homeless people on the Sunshine Coast, Aunty Bucky, along with other Kabi Kabi Sovereign Elders offered their support for the project. Since the TAFE is situated on Kabi Kabi sacred lands, and the Government had abandoned care of the site, a Sovereign Indigenous Peoples Caretakers Notice was prepared and served upon [redacted] by registered post 23 December 2023 via QHWG. A copy of the Self Determination document under Grandmothers Lore was also contained in the documents served to Marc Levy and his department at the same time.

Communication from Marc Levy or his department had ceased in relation to furthering negotiations for the use of the abandoned land, so the letter sent by QHWG referred the matter to the custodial jurisdiction under the Kabi Kabi sovereign Caretakers Notice.

1.2. Caretakers Notice to Qld Government December 2023

May 15, 2024

[Redacted]

Brisbane QLD 4000

(By Registered Mail)

Re: Abandoned Tewantin T.A.F.E. site, Official Lore Notice, and Kabi Kabi Peoples Caretaker Notice

Dear Marc,

I write in furtherance to our discussion with yourself and Jeff over the land at 24 Cooroy Noosa Rd, Tewantin Qld, as land that is suited for emergency and short-term accommodation support for people and families who are gripped by the homeless crisis in the region.

Since we last communicated, I have now connected with and spoken to Aunty Bucky Dha'kahan Tuk'ku, Senior Elder and Mar'ron of the tribe Kabi Kabi, who has the sole authority over this land, and as such controls access to the land under tribal lore of the Kabi Kabi people. For your records I enclose a copy of the Grandmother Lore document given to me by Aunty Bucky, which I understand has been recently served on all administrations of government, Federal, State and Local.

In accordance with that authority please refer to the enclosed copy of the four page 'Notice of Appointment as Caretakers' duly signed by Aunty Bucky and witnessed by two registered Commonwealth Public Officers and Notary, who's details are also entered upon the document.

While we are appreciative of your support for our initiative towards helping to solve the homelessness crisis, it is clear that the only authority over this land is Aunty Bucky, and therefore we will be continuing our discussions as to the use of the property in question with Aunty Bucky. That said, we are mindful of your department's support for assisting the homeless and look forward to any further discussions that may assist the relationship in this direction.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course,

Kind regards

Camillo Primavera

[Redacted]

Enclosures: Official Lore Notice and Notice of Appointment as Caretakers, Certificate of Mailing

Having officially advised the Government, “traditional owners”, the Kabi Kabi tribe assumed responsibility as Caretakers of the abandoned Tewantin TAFE site, and offered their support to QHWG to help address the homeless crisis. This humanitarian crisis in our own backyard, which still remains unabated, was the driver for QHWG activities, and the CommunityVillage.com.au project was seen as the ideal use of the TAFE site.

Community Village webpages

About

The homelessness crisis affecting most regions across Australia, including the Sunshine Coast has reached levels that have not been seen in the history of Australia. The ongoing and tireless effort of community groups is recognised, appreciated and remains essential. However, a growing number of people in need are economically disadvantaged families, single parents, vulnerable single women and young adults, and there still seems to be a shortage of solutions.

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The current supply of housing and accommodation remains out of sync with the humanitarian needs of the wider population.
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The Community Village project aims to address the issues of access to flexible forms of accommodation in the region and harness valuable resources and volunteer assistance within the community to bring effective solutions to those in need. This is the mechanism by which the community will be delivering assistance in the midst of what the U.N. aptly refer to as a humanitarian crisis.



Once operated as a TAFE college, and now abandoned, the Community Village project, aims to operate as an essential and much needed space for people living in tents, cars, vans and caravans, to park and access toilets, showers and laundry facilities, and transition to portable eco housing pods that will be situated throughout the village.

With help from volunteers and public donations and the first stage cleaned up, will help bring essential facilities forward. Further repurposing and use of existing buildings can provide facilities that include multipurpose & communal areas, mobile health services, village kitchen, tuition spaces, coffee shop, local meeting place and indigenous cultural space.

Choice of Stays

Community Village vision is to offer crisis accommodation and services for displaced families, individuals, women & children, using flexible forms of accommodating people that may be varied depending on the circumstances of each guest.

Initially Community Village will welcome people who need a place to stay whether in a car, van, camper or caravan. Within several weeks, it is expected there will be buildings cleaned up, restored and reconfigured to provide emergency accommodation for couples, individuals and families. Amongst the park like surrounds, a range of accommodation options from small self-contained living modules to eco homes connected to the community solar power grid and rain water storage, will be set up over time. Parking areas allow people to stay overnight in their car if needed, and facilities will soon be available for showering and cooking all year round.

All spaces will have access to clean washing and toilet amenities as the work is completed and extended uses come on line.

Spaces for Tents and Outdoor camping under the stars

Camping can be fun for a few days or week, and due to circumstances, a tent may be the only form of shelter available. At least those in tents can join others in the tent precinct and make the most of their stay.



1.3. Kabi Kabi Sovereign Peoples Caretakers Notice

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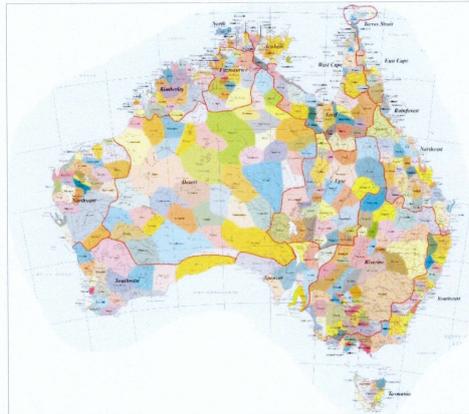
Notice of Appointment as Caretakers

I, **We, the bloodlines and elders of the First Nations Tribes**, the ancestral descendants of those who have lived on the continental land mass known as “Terra Australis” (erroneously referred to as “Australia”), for the pass sixty-thousand years, are the original “custodians”, rightful caretakers, and acknowledged “traditional owners” of the continental land mass known as “Terra Australis” (erroneously referred to as “Australia”), and

II, **We, the bloodlines and elders of the First Nations Tribes**, define “Terra Australis” as follows;

The land known as Terra Australis, is the continental land mass and associated islands, between the geographical locations known as “10°S – 44°S, 111°E – 155°E”, and extending two-hundred kilometres from the low tide mark of the coastlines of the continental land mass and the associated islands, and,

III, **We, the bloodlines and elders of the First Nations Tribes**, the ancestral descendants of those who have lived on the land known as “Terra Australis”, claim, as the original “custodians”, rightful caretakers, and acknowledged “traditional owners” of the land known as “Terra Australis”, sole suv’eran status and right to authority over the land, air and water of “Terra Australis”, and



IV, **We, the bloodlines and elders of the First Nations Tribes**, define the “land”, “air”, and “water” of “Terra Australis” as follows;

“Land” – i) the surface of the ground and all flora and fauna on, in, or under that ground, and

ii) extending vertically downwards through the crust and mantle of the planet to a depth of one-thousand kilometres, including, but not limited to, all crystals, minerals, igneous, metaphoric and sedimentary rocks, subterranean water, viscous liquids such as lava and oil, artesian waters, solids, gases, cavities, as well as

iii) any and all structures including, but not limited to, houses, schools, offices, warehouses, streets and roads, tollways, freeways, erected on, in or under that ground constructed by any living man or woman, and/or agent of, or on behalf of, any and all corporations,

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“Water” – i) All surface water on the land, including, but not limited to, water in lakes, rivers, streams, creeks, canals, ponds, billabongs, swamps, puddles, dams, and all water in any pipes, aqueducts, hoses, sewers, and the flora and fauna on, in, or under that water, and

ii) all forms of water that falls on the land, including, but not limited to, mist, drizzle, rain, sleet, hail, snow, and

iii) all coastal sea waters, and salt water, within two-hundred kilometres from the low tide mark of the coastlines of the continental land mass and associated islands to a depth of four kilometres,

“Air” – i) All geometric three-dimensional space and the gases that therein exist, that exist above the surface of the land, rising vertically from the surface of the ground extending up and through and including, but not limited to, the regions known as the “Troposphere”, the “Stratosphere”, the “Mesosphere”, and the “Thermosphere”, to a height of eight-hundred kilometres above the surface, including, but not limited to clouds of all types and the water within the clouds and air, any and all chemicals in the air, be they natural or manmade, and

ii) all man-made and broadcasted frequencies of Electro-magnetic radiation (EMRs) and

iii) all flora and fauna in that air, be they microscopic or clearly visible to the eye, and

V, As, there is no previous contract, and/or a Bill of Sale signed by the Creator, concerning the land identified as follows:

- The area of land can be described as being **approximately 27.25 acres** (11,0283.9sqm), adjoining “Cooroy Noosa Rd, Noosa Tewantin Golf Club, and Tewantin Cemetery”,
- Map coordinates; 26° 23' 38.242" S 153° 1' 25.468" E.
- The street address is said to be “**24 Cooroy Noosa Rd**, in the town known as “**Tewantin**”, [“QLD”, “4565”]”.
- It has also been described as being **Lot 375 on SP151415**”.



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and/or the air above that land, nor the water on, nor above or below that land, we, the authorised bloodline of the First Nations Tribes so named in the Official Lore Notice of 4 December 2023, appoint Senior Elder and Mar'ron, 'Aunty Bucky Dha'khan Tuk'ku, of the Kabi Kabi tribe and their descendants, as a caretaker to the land so identified above (V), in perpetuity, provided they, the aforementioned appointed caretakers, uphold the terms and conditions of the appointment as follows:

Appointment as Caretaker Terms:

- VI, The Appointed Caretaker, and all those under their authority habituating and/or visiting the specified land, must, at all times;
- a) Respect, maintain and protect the land, water and air, and
 - b) Respect, maintain and protect all living things, be they flora or fauna, on the land, on and in the water, and in the air, the exception being to provide food and/or shelter, and
 - c) Provide reasonable access to the land (including any structures) by those under authority of the Caretaker. Access by all others must be pre-arranged and by appointment.
- VII, The land shall be managed by the Caretaker(s) for the benefit of the Community and the non-corporate First Nations people.
- VIII, A Court shall not make an order to cancel the Caretaker appointment, their activities upon the land or permits issued, without the prior consultation and written agreement of the Caretaker, else all parties to the order, shall individually pay compensation to the Caretaker for an amount exceeding \$11,000 for each permit issued under this Caretaker appointment. An order for the payment of compensation shall specify the quantum amount of compensation to be paid, the person or persons by whom the same shall be payable and when the amount shall be paid, and the parties to the order must agree.
- IX, Authority as a Caretaker of this land can only be transferred with consultation and approval of the bloodlines and elders of the First Nations Tribes autographed hereto.








BFAF-IJ-51013
 24.10.2023

'Aunty Bucky Dha'khan Tuk'ku,
 'Senior Elder' and Mar'ron, of the tribe "Kabi Kabi"

CPO BFAF-JR-5211
 Notary BFAF-DI-52212
 7th December 2023

Dated this day, known as "11th December, 2023"

As no one else has a previous contract and/or Bill of Sale signed by the Creator for the aforementioned land (V), this appointment and contract is valid and must be respected above any and all other claims.

This document, recorded in Public Register of:



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Relevant Legislation:

Human Rights Act Qld 2019

19. Freedom of Movement

Every person lawfully within Queensland has the right to move freely within Queensland and to enter and leave it, and has the freedom to choose **where to live**.

26. Protection of families and children

(1) Families are the fundamental group unit of society and are entitled to be **protected by society and the State**.

28. Cultural rights—Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples

(2) Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples must not be denied the right, with other members of their community—

(d) to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual, **material** and economic **relationship** with the **land**, territories, waters, coastal seas and other resources with which they have a connection under Aboriginal tradition or Island custom.

48. Interpretation

(1) All statutory provisions must, to the extent possible that is consistent with their purpose, be interpreted in a way that is compatible with human rights.

Qld Property Law Bill 2023

Part 2: sec 7. Contracts for disposition of land not enforceable unless in writing:

A contract for the disposition of land is not enforceable by action in a proceeding unless—

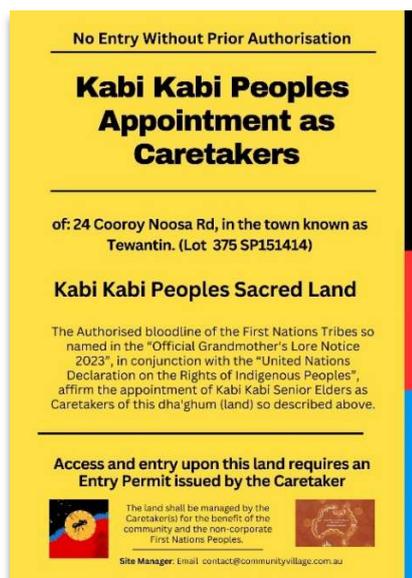
(a) the contract is in writing or some memorandum or note of the contract is recorded in writing; and

(b) the contract or the memorandum or note of the contract is signed by the party against whom the contract is sought to be enforced.

2. Community comes together to help the homeless

Over the Christmas 2023 break, preparations were made for the Kabi Kabi and the community to come together by holding a working bee to clean up the TAFE site and prepare the grounds for temporary use by people living in cars, tents and vans. Public notices advising of the Kabi Kabi Caretaker appointment and proposed clean up day, were posted at the TAFE site entry, around the grounds and eventually on social media locally.

2.1. Public Notice of Caretakers Appointment



2.2. Clean Up Day

Entry to the TAFE site was unrestricted as the site was used regularly during the day by residents walking their dog, parents with children riding bikes, and people enjoying the calmness within the TAFE site for recreational purposes. However, at night, the site became a playground for vandals and regularly attracted youth from further afield. The buildings were extensively damaged and graffiti covered every external wall within standing height. The ground was strewn with glass, metal and debris from the destruction that had taken place from within and outside the buildings.

On Friday, the fifth of January 2024, people from Noosa and across the Sunshine Coast got the message and flocked to the Tewantin TAFE site expecting to pitch in and volunteer to assist the clean up on the TAFE grounds. There was no way to know how many would attend, but there was a constant flow of people arriving and retiring throughout the day between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Best estimates would suggest between 50 and 60 people helped out on the day.

2.3. Political Intimidation Couldn't Stop the Working Bee

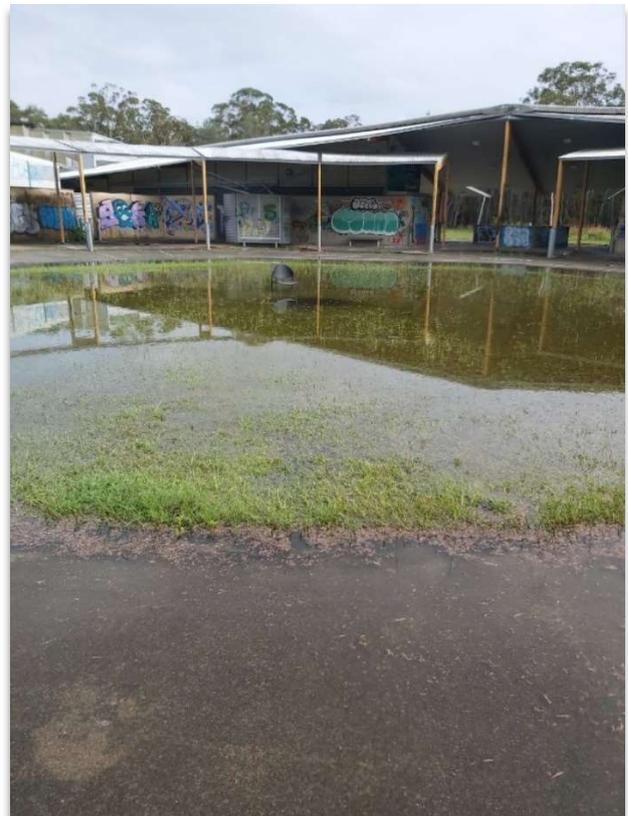
At 9.00am when the 30 or more volunteers gathered inside the TAFE grounds in readiness, local Noosa MP Sandra Bolton arrived with the Police, her media team, faithful husband and local leftist reporter 'Phil Jarrett' from the free "Noosa Today" newspaper.

The MP attempted to stop the working bee by suggesting members of the **public** were trespassing on **public land**. When the accusation was rebutted by the Kabi Kabi Elders, the attending Noosa Police representative gave consent for the public attendance but not without declaring the inside of buildings as "off limits".

There was a swift withdrawal by police, while MP Bolton sought to argue with Kabi Kabi Sovereign Elders and display ignorance overlaid with cultural insensitivity that offended everyone, including the indigenous members of the community attending.

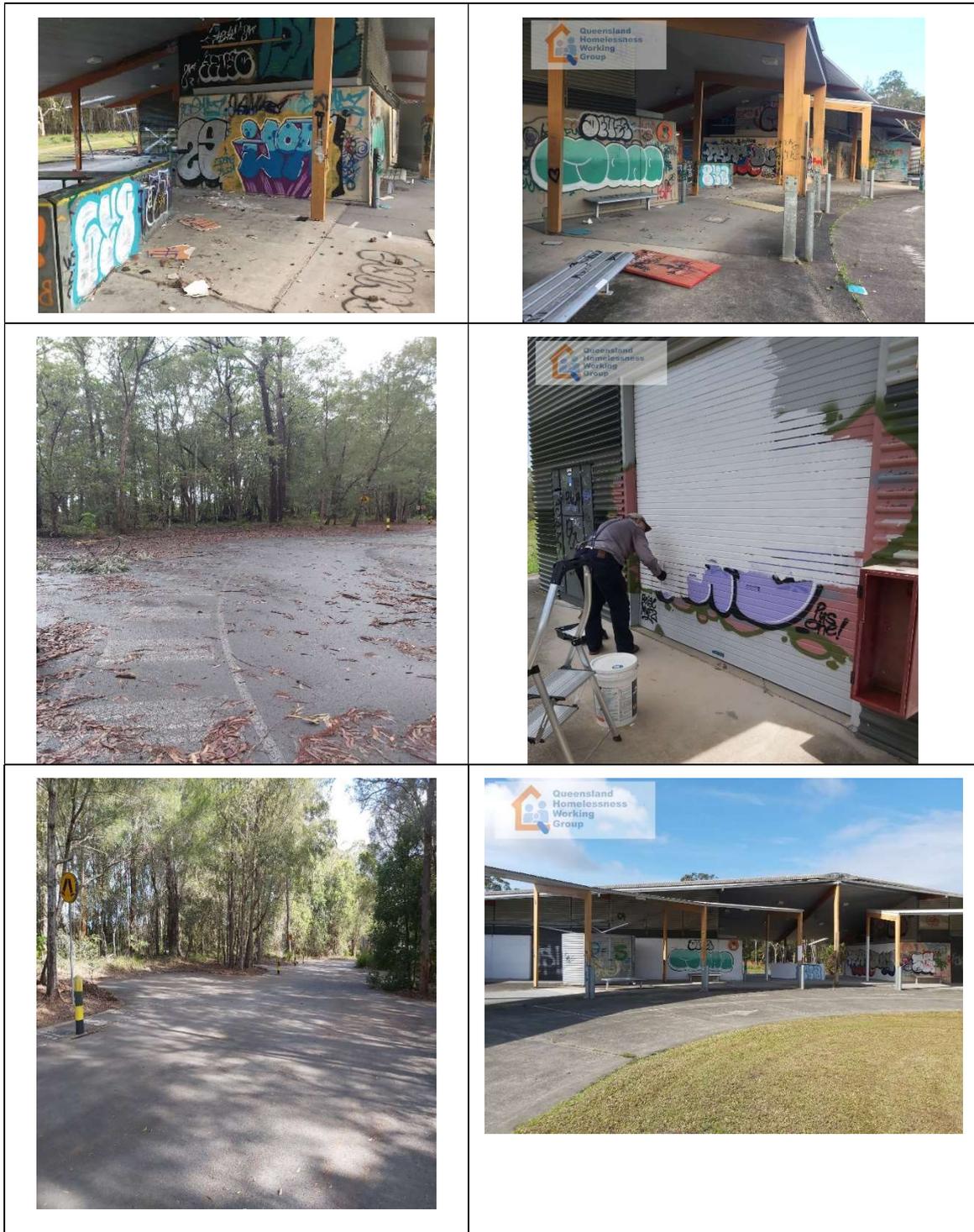
It was clear the MP was abusing her powers in an attempt to disrupt and prevent the cleanup from proceeding. She did not relate to the community and her manner was seen as disingenuous by many of the volunteers that witnessed the 'spectacle'.

The media team attached to MP Bolton comprised a photographer and two reporters, one aligned with the Sunshine Coast Daily, yet both working for Noosa Today weekly newspaper. What played out was an attack by media; the photographer was profiling each of the volunteers taking photos of their faces, while the reporters were eavesdropping on conversations separate from the MP's selfish performance. After failing to prevent the working bee from proceeding, the MP and her entourage departed the TAFE site and the clean-up got underway.



What played out on local Facebook community pages and in the Noosa Today newspaper the following week, was a coordinated "hatchet job" on the community event organized to assist the homeless. It became obvious any suggested use for the TAFE site that was not controlled by MP Bolton would not be tolerated.

2.4. Before and After the Clean-up



2.5. Government Department Manipulation and Political Coverup

In lock-step with the narrative of the local MP, an email was received from the Assisting Executive Director [REDACTED] after the close of business on Friday 5 January 2024. The email made false claims and threats that could only have been perpetuated by MP Bolton. This email was telling of the Government's position in contrast to a previously supportive dialogue. It suggested the Noosa MP was manipulating from behind the scenes and appeared to be covering something up. (Refer to QHWG's response to the email below in the following sections)

contact@communityvillage.com.au

From: Dou Ribb [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 January 2024 5:18 PM
To: contact@CommunityVillage.com.au
Cc: Noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au
Subject: Unauthorised access to the former Tewantin TAFE site

Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you regarding your group "Community Village" and its planned volunteer working bee at the former Tewantin TAFE site, which was held today. This occurred despite the repeated advice by a Queensland Government representative present at the site informing members of the group that the unauthorised access to the site amounted to trespass.

As you are aware, this is a state-owned site and that maintenance and care of the site is the responsibility of the State. The Department takes public safety very seriously and we continue to prioritise this in managing our sites. In all instances, contact must be made with the Department regarding any concerns.

We are advised that the group had trespassed on the land by breaking both the chain securing the boom gate at the entry of the campus and the lock and chain securing the entrance to the buildings. The Department considers your actions to be unlawful and requires the Community Village group, its members and volunteers to immediately cease, trespassing on the premises including interference with State property. Further, your unlawful activity on the site poses a significant safety risk to the members and volunteers of your group. The Department reserves its rights against you in relation to any liability incurred as a result of your unlawful entry and activities on the site.

We appreciate that the community is passionate about creating opportunities to house the homeless and the Department is supportive of this. However, breaking into unsafe, closed sites is not an acceptable or lawful solution.

Your group's unlawful promotion and entry to the former Tewantin TAFE site on 5 January 2024, any planned future entry including unlawful interference with State owned property will not be tolerated. If you have any concerns regarding homeless housing in your area, we are willing to provide you with an appropriate contact in the Queensland Government to direct your queries and concerns.

Kind regards,
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2.6. Public Locked Out of the TAFE Site After the Clean Up

Q-Build, Government housing maintenance department representatives were onsite the day of the working bee and spoke encouragingly of the campaign to clean up the site. But the following day, their directions were to lock the public out and prevent further access.

The site was occupied by a lone security guard in the weeks afterwards. They permitted local walkers through the site, but they were told by police that a “dangerous religious group” want to take over the site, with instructions “not to mess them them” and to call the police if they should try and enter. What hope have the homeless got when political power dictates such disdain upon the community. Even a small town such as Noosa appears to be under the spell of a tyrannical syndicate of rouge public servants.



Erecting Fencing: Tewantin TAFE entry blocked in the days following the community clean up.

2.7. Malicious Retribution by an Elected Government Representative

The ensuing social media posts from MP Bolton and her paid supporters, was relentless for about two weeks following the clean-up day at the TAFE site and demonstrated a blatant disregard for the homeless crisis in the region.

January 5 at 9:18 PM
Bolton Facebook page

DECOMMISSIONED TEWANTIN TAFE UPDATE – Thank you to all who have contacted me with concerns regarding the events that occurred at the decommissioned TAFE site today. In summary, after being alerted yesterday to a Facebook post from an organisation called Community Villages asking for volunteers to clean up the site for homelessness, I immediately contacted the relevant state government departments as to what was occurring. They advised they had no knowledge of, nor had authorised any group to enter the site, and reiterated again as they had to previous requests over the last 5 years that the site is totally unsuitable for accommodation due to its safety issues and high fire risk.

As I responded to Facebook comments, I would be in attendance to find out who had organised and answer any questions regarding the history of the site, its ongoing status of waiting for Native Title determinations to be completed before works could commence, and around anyone experiencing homelessness. Sadly, there was no interest in any of the facts, and most attendees appeared to have no interest or knowledge of any aspect involved, were not from our community, nor had been in any contact with anyone that works with residents experiencing homelessness, or even residents themselves.

Instead, the intent of today's activity appears to be a sovereign claim to the site, which is in opposition to the recognised processes utilised under Australian law. As the MP for Noosa, I will fight any efforts to further divide our community or delay this site being reinvigorated for the benefit of our community. As I did in relation to the Cooloola Great Walk, I requested that sovereign Kabi sit down with recognised Kabi claimants and sort their differences. Having always respected efforts by our first Australians, seeing our laws and processes being totally disregarded by this group was deeply disappointing and saddening, and does not engender an environment to work together for the future.

The organisation that appears to have initiated actions including reportedly breaking into the site, have been advised today by state government as the legal owner on behalf of our community and Queenslanders, that they consider their actions to be unlawful and require this group, its members and volunteers immediately to cease trespassing on the premises. Further, the unlawful activity on the site poses a significant safety risk, and that breaking into unsafe, closed sites is not an acceptable or lawful solution to homelessness, and any further unlawful activities will not be tolerated.

The organisers of today need to be transparent in their intent to all as understandably there are questions surrounding the credibility and legitimacy of the endeavours and the organisations which do not appear to have any history, nor contact details, and have not been involved in any efforts with this community, nor sought information from our people. The rationale given regarding the events of the past and the opposition to the efforts of the majority of First Nations people who work within our current legislative framework to create a future together is not a valid excuse for the harassment and personal attacks experienced, however I thank those who interjected in efforts to return to a respectful discussion.

2.8. Media Initiates a Divisive Campaign Targeting Kabi Kabi Elders



Sovereigns' takeover TAFE

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"(The department) advised they had no knowledge of, nor had authorised any group to access the site, and reiterated again as they had to previous requests over the last five years that the site is totally unsuitable for occupation due to its safety issues and high fire risk," Ms Bolton said.

Ms Bolton's attempts to engage the group in discussions on site ten times with indignation.

She said the state government had no knowledge of their plans, that a successful prosecution of the site could do nothing but add and watch it deteriorate, that the community had been desperate to see the site for the past nine years and there were currently three separate native title claims on the site, the first to be heard in the federal government courts in the first part of this year.

Ms Bolton said she had visited her concerns and frustrations over the site and its delayed progress in Parliament.

She said she had worked with the traditional owners, the Kabi Kabi Corporation, considered the legitimate claimants, for some years, and she had asked for everyone from Kabi Kabi to come together.

Kabi Kabi Elder Aunty Bucky told her 'we've got control of this as the Kabi sovereigns.

"We're not native title, we're sovereigns. This is my land. This is the land I stand on, this is where I am the custodian of," she said.

"Native title through government agencies are trying to take control, we are here making sure our land is not being destroyed through a government agenda."

"They're putting one black fella against another black fella. Senior Elder Hilda said "I don't like the idea of native title meetings, we're here making sure our land is not being destroyed through a government agenda."

"It's our community but what stands above that is Kabi Kabi people. It was given to us by our ancestors."

"We are coming in here peacefully to do this job to help the community, and the homeless who need our help at this stage," Aunty Bucky said. "We are the custodians. In an Elder.

"This is done in conjunction with Kabi Kabi Elders to do something for the community. We don't want money out of this.

"We're concerned about occupying this area as we are going to happen overnight. It's just the beginning, it's community working together."

Ms Bolton urged the group not to bring homeless on to the site because of the fire risk.

She said any resident who comes to her in hardship or without roof over head was given assistance, not only from her office, but from community organisations including the Salvation Army and Missionaries of Charity.

Community Village member introduced only as Greg addressed a handful of volunteers, telling them they had been invited on to the land by sovereign Kabi Kabi people, as caretakers and traditional owners, who regard it as a sacred site and that they had to accept responsibility for their own actions, were there at their own risk and under Grandmothers Law.

Twelve months ago Queensland Homelessness Working Group was just an idea, now it is a diverse group of people, a charity and a community group - driven by a clear mission and simple vision, those who come together to do their work are supported in their efforts and for that we can only be grateful, he said.

Their aim was to come together as a community with the intent to benefit the lives of those less fortunate, he said.

When asked if Community Village had made contact with local homeless people about the project Greg said "they don't know about it."

"We can't introduce people to this site the way it is. We have to get it shipshape," he said.

After receiving calls of concern from members of the public, Noosa Police attended the site.

A police officer warned participants not to go into buildings because it was hazardous and would be trespassing.

A DESBT spokesperson said the future of the sacred Tawantin TAFE was a key priority for the Queensland Government and the department continued to maintain the site.

"The Government remains committed to reactivating the site for the benefit of the Tawantin-Noosa community," they said.

"Community leaders and stakeholders have been part of consultation to identify the best community-aligned proposals for the site, and negotiations with a preferred proponent are underway."

"The Queensland Government also respects the current native title process that is underway for this area."

"The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) recognises the sites value to both Traditional Owners and the local Tawantin community, which is why DESBT is committed to working towards a positive outcome for all."

Following the encounter Ms Bolton posted on her website that "as the MP for Noosa, I will fight any efforts to further divide our community or delay this site being reintegrated for the benefit of our community."

"As I did in relation to the Cooloola Great Walk, I requested that sovereign Kabi Kabi sit down with recognised Kabi claimants and sort their differences. Having always respected efforts by our first Australians, seeing our lives and pro-

cesses being totally disregarded by this group was deeply disappointing and saddening, and does not engender an environment to work together for the future," she said.

"The organisers - need to be transparent in their intent to all as understandably these are questions surrounding the credibility and legitimacy of the endeavours and the organisations which do not appear to have any history, no contact details, and have not been involved in any efforts with this community, nor sought information from our people."

"I will not hide my frustration, as when suddenly unknown organisations and people pop up with no knowledge, no history of assisting us, attempt to 'take over' a site that we have fought for over many years to be of benefit to Noosa again, it being disrespectful in this community, and to any resident experiencing homelessness."

For more information on the Noosa TAFE site, visit sandybolton.com/decmissioned-late-site-federal-court-native-title-claim-update-no-10-2023/ and for more on Community Village visit communityvillage.com.au

PLAY NOOSA WITHOUT HITTING THE BEACH.

"Why are you trying to stop the public from trying to do something to help homeless. Why wouldn't you support a clean up of the land, what harm is there in that? Why did you direct media to report false information about the community volunteers, when in fact they had permission to enter upon the land from the rightful Caretakers. Not that they even needed permission considering the land is public property and locals have been walking their dogs through there daily. You true intentions have been exposed Sandra Bolton, and they clearly do not include working with community or providing long term solutions for reducing or preventing homelessness."



NOOSA TODAY

Sovereign takeover

By Margie Maccoll

A self-organised collective of about 20 people under the banner, Community Village, moved on to the decommissioned Noosa TAFE site last Friday, declaring they are "the Sovereign Kabi Kabi Peoples" to be "caretakers" of the 27-acre site, operating under "Grandmothers Law" with plans to turn it into a safe setting for homeless.

According to their website, communityvillage.com.au, their "authorisation" to do so comes from their headline of the First Nations Tribe named in the Official Grandmothers Law Notice 2023 in conjunction with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Friday's entrance on to the state government-owned site followed a Facebook post by Community Village calling for volunteers to attend a working bee to help clean up the site for homeless.

Members of Community Village manned the entrance boom gate on the day and recorded names and contact details of anyone attending.

"They issued them with Day Permits, authorised by Community Village with a stamp and signature, as well as flyers informing them the project was being steered by the Queensland Homelessness Working Group, a group it said was made up of local volunteers.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) has since "authorised additional security measures to secure the site and will continue to manage site security," a spokesperson said.

"DESBT is aware that a group of people undertook an unauthorised entry to the Tawantin TAFE site on Friday 5 January, without permission or approval," they said.

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"Do you have a real estate license since you are acting as the intermediary to the Government and third party interests in relation to the TAFE site? Are you even aware of the laws you are breaking? Please resign and spare taxpayers the cost of another political inquiry into your corrupt affairs."

3. Defending Against Corruption

The following letter was addressed and registered mail to “Dou Ribu” as Assistant Executive Director of Infrastructure. QHWG were forced to respond with a detailed eight-page letter in reply. To date, no response has been received from Qld Government or its departments.

10 January 2024

Your Ref
Our Ref CP-09012024-01sc



Brisbane QLD 4000

via Registered Post and Email

RE Tewanin TAFE and your email dated 5 January 2024, 5.18pm

I write to you as a co-founder of the Queensland Homeless Working Group (QHWG) referred to in your email dated 5 January 2024 (attached) sent to the email of CommunityVillage.com.au

The entitlement made in your correspondence that the former Tewanin TAFE Site is a Queensland Government (wholly state-owned) site has been addressed by way of correspondence sent to Mr [REDACTED] dated 23 December 2023 and delivered by registered mail. I advise, the sender is in possession of a confirmation receipt of delivery and your letter makes no reference to any materials or representations in this correspondence nor the prior discussions by telephone between myself and Mr [REDACTED]

Your correspondence is remit of relevant recent updates, and in this instance, the writer has undertaken cooperative duties and responsibilities with the sovereign peoples of the Kabi Kabi tribe “Caretakers”. All recipients of this correspondence and any further foreseeable action or non-action must undertake culturally sensitive duties and responsibilities, without further menial or malicious threats, intimidation, coercion, collusion, or harassment to mediate inclusive outcomes and benefits for the community.

Further, our community request that respectful and non-threatening deliberations are undertaken by all peoples involved and as per the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) resolution 61/295 adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007.

Therein, the fulfilment of the obligations are assumed by States in accordance with the Charter, its affirmations, reaffirmations, concerns and recognitions towards constructive arrangements with States or State actors through welcoming and emphasizing peace, economic and social progress and development towards friendly relations among nations and peoples of the world.

Furthermore, respect for indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditional practices contribute to sustainable and equitable development and proper management of the environment and built infrastructure.

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QHWG ... Together we can do more

Queensland Homelessness Working Group pays respect to Elders past, present and future and acknowledges the Kabi Kabi Tribal Mob (Nation) as Caretakers of this land. The foundations laid by the Kabi Kabi Tribe ancestors gives strength, inspiration, and courage to current and future custodians of land, water, air, fire, spirit, and energy. We undertake Tjurkupa (Lore/Law) and culture to maintain all rights to life, physical, spiritual, and mental integrity protecting and developing past, present, and future social enterprise.

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It is noted that local, state, and federal government have adopted the 46 articles in this declaration in 2021 on behalf of their communities. As such, all local, state, and federal government and any of their supply chain companies (registered with ASIC or being of a foreign entity or partner in trade) must provide or make publicly known their commitments under the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption by way of statement signed by the highest executive of the company or entity, and evidence that this has been addressed to and received by the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The sovereign Kabi Kabi tribal peoples and elders of this region¹ request that public, private and civil society entities or companies provide communication on progress, governance and risk made in relation to but not limited to land, water, air, and fire/spirit/energy for the Native Title Claim identified as "Lot 375 on SP151415", "24 Cooroy Noosa Road, "Tewantin" [QLD, "4565"] by close of business 25 January 2024. For the "Noosa Council" and further afield in this region, by no later than close of business 1 May 2024. The cost must be borne by any provider of such commercial undertakings, trade, negotiations or other proceedings and allowance in time has been provided for receipt prior to National Reconciliation Week during 27 May to 3 June.

Grandmother's Lore/Law and Grandfathers

Under the 2017 National Native Title Conference, The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS n.d.) published [Aboriginal] Grandmother's Law and Grandfather's responsibilities and duties – "knowing who has right to control stories and their use in economic gain is paramount."

Please refer to the article [here](#). Grandmother Mulara is an Aboriginal Senior Lore Woman who also holds a Juris Doctor in colonial law walking two cultures and with two laws having lead expeditions in many parts of Australia and overseas, embracing, and evolving values, ethics and leadership research by PhD. Grandmother Mulara's valuable cultural knowledge and selfless teachings are recommended for members of local, state, federal public or private entities and civil societies whom wish to partnership with the sovereign Kabi Kabi tribe of this region.

Further information on Grandmother Wisdom can be found [here](#) from May 2023, Blessings of the Grandmothers [here](#), and Grandfathers Circle with Gunapati [here](#). With reference to the Voice referendum in October last year, and the community's no vote (as at [6 Nov 23](#) overall, and for the Tewantin federal electorate of Fairfax as at [31 Oct 23](#)) overwhelmingly pertaining to the British 1901 Constitution amendments and the first people's preceding natural law (all encompassing), it is troubling to community locally, nationally, regionally, and internationally, to witness prior to and after the Voice referendum - no further considerations towards the traditional custodians of the lands, waters, and air in which we individually and collectively live, work and play, now and into the future.

We welcome you to join us with hope, faith, and forgiveness in your hearts to continue to walk with us (walk-the-talk) whether from our brothers and sisters who collaborated with the "Uluru [Statement from the Heart](#)" or those of us whom have not been engaged yet, with our local Sunshine Coast [Blue Heart](#). You can learn more about Walking the Talk [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Community Village Volunteer Working Bee

Numerous community members of the region concerned with the cost of living and ongoing homeless crisis, identified that the maintenance and care of the former Tewantin TAFE site had not been reasonably undertaken by members of the state government.

The site was decommissioned in [2014](#), mounting a cultural crisis for youth, equitable education, loss of livelihood, and long-term issues and recovery of homelessness, delays from the invent of the pandemic from 2020, Native Title and environmental protection use restrictions and local or state election caretaker period time delays. In 2018, the Noosa Council had proposed to purchase this site for AUS\$1.7 million through an Environment Levy and general cash reserves.

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Having not consulted directly with members of the community, Dou's letter again emphasizes a lack of local and state government solutions for the homeless crisis, and through [civil society](#). However, a majority of the region's populations are being displaced and now finding it cheaper to travel and move around or abroad, and in the case of those without a place to live, financially limited options comprise cars, vans, tents and caravans, many parked in public spaces.

Such instability is unreasonable and disproportionate for our youth of today, leaders of the future, their parents, grandparents and extended families, impacting social, emotional and adjustment quotients on mind, body and spirit with indeed further socio-economic, political-legal and environmental confounders rather than [co-benefits](#) (The State of Queensland 1995-2024, Co-benefits overview and standards April 2023) for first nations and all of society.

Whilst the Queensland Government Land Restoration Fund activity may not apply to this site, the "Queensland Government representative present at the site" on Friday, has referred to unknown-to-us, proponents on numerous social media posts [\[here\]](#). Under the UNGC, the UN Global Compact Network Australia has issued numerous guidelines ensuring protections of Indigenous peoples against commerce in trade through free, prior, and informed consent.

It is unfortunate that between Ms Bolton and Dou Ribu, the writer of the letter to which our response is made, feel the need to impart the department's reservations of rights against the sovereign peoples of the Kabi Kabi tribe in relation to any liability incurred as a result of said "unlawful entry and activities on the site." These threats have been made without citation to any part or section of law or lore. The Community Village publicly announced the activity and invited all members of the region upon which the Kabi Kabi tribe remain, to assist with the clean up of the unsafe area as clearly stated by the DYJESBT's representative letter. Concern is raised as to whether such performance is representative of [broader Governmental standards](#) or isolated to the personal behavior of Ms Bolton and Dou Ribu.

All registered volunteers were provided with guidelines and Grandmother's Lore/Law. As the QLD Government Representative did not follow procedures, she was unaware of actions taken by the volunteer community. It was apparent that the state has been negligent, in so far as a duty of care to thy neighbour, see *Donoghue v Stevenson* [1932] AC 562, and, Grandmother's Lore of first do no harm, and to look after country to benefit both land and people in relation to this site. The significant damage to the land and built environment, specifically raises safety and psychosocial hazards for our youth.

Please read further [here](#) on the deeply held responsibilities, experience, and knowledge that we are privileged to receive from Grandmother Mulara. Additionally, it has been publicly noted in the media and again through the Noosa parliamentary member that Native Title claims exist to the land, delaying the [expression of interest](#) and her incumbent proponent to commence commercial in confidence works once the Native Title deliberations are resolved. It is our collective duty and responsibility to not disrespect the rights of the sovereign Kabi Kabi elders. Aunty Bucky Dha'Khan Tuk'ku is a senior elder and the designated Caretaker of the site, and as aforementioned, this information has been provided to M [REDACTED] by me in conversations and correspondence dated 23 December 2023.

Disturbingly, our volunteer community identified the accumulated garden waste (dead plant material or organic plant matter) on site as the fire hazard, water tap leakage wasting water, broken into areas external to the building where destroyed, air conditioning external compressors had exposed wires. All buildings walls had been graffitied, outdoor ceiling light fixtures smashed, broken glass in all common areas, and no prevention of weed growth had been undertaken.

A small cluster of padlocks which had been fixed to a boom gate entrance, where not recognised by the Qbuild representative onsite, and as such did not deter any persons from entering the site on an ongoing basis.

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The changes over a period of time have been recorded as evidence as to the lack of reasonable and proportionate undertakings which the state has neglected, increasing the reduction in the state's net asset value affecting its funds registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, additionally increasing losses from past public private partnership investments or potential future venture capital expenditure.

In so far as the property being a fire hazard claim (Sandy Bolton MP online and in person), refer to the 2022-2023 Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' **Welcome to Country** in the Annual Report (attached).

Under the UN Global Compact Australia Network guidelines, it is imperative that Free Prior and Informed Consent is established with the sovereign Kabi Kabi tribe and any other contenders under Native Title claims through direct consultation and presentation of the significant body of work of information, data, commercial in confidence agreements or expressions of interests from the state or any of its representatives and suppliers to these activities to all tribes. At this point in time, the Kabi Kabi tribe and nominated Caretaker Aunty Bucky Dha'Khan Tuk'ku, are not in receipt of any consultation from the QLD Government Representative for Noosa, nor any other community elected government officer all of whom have been copied into this correspondence.

Where any information relevant to this site is in the possession of Noosa Council, it is requested that such records are provided in hard copy to Aunty Bucky prior to the close of business 25 January 2024. Under s 90A of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and s 25(1) of the *Local Government Electoral Act (Qld)* we have requested this information, and undertake to not require further assistance from the Noosa Council until after the 2024 Election which takes place on 16 March 2024.

As a member of the wider Sunshine Coast community and a co-founder of the QHWG, it is imperative participation in resolving homeless issues by a caring community which is capable of recognizing, respecting and working together as one community alongside "traditional owners" in their non corporate capacity, is not restricted, but encouraged".

Separate considerations are presented to the State below. It is noted that representatives from QBuild / Department of Energy and Public Works QBuild (same ABN on ASIC), whom provided their contact details, made conversation with the community volunteers and provided opinion that all was safe external to the building interiors on Friday and the cleanup was a favourable activity to take place. Our community herein requests that any QBuild site evaluation documentation, since 2006 must be provided by 19 January 2024.

Time and Funds Wasted

Ms Sandy Bolton parliamentary office has attempted to work on Affordable Housing since [2017](#), on [4 April](#) 2019 followed up on a parcel of land which she advised was to be disclosed in a period of 2 weeks, this moved to Better Together Housing in [August 2019](#) promoting 'sharing', then Talking Housing in [October 2019](#), in [November](#) raising the 'elephant' and then more talking about what the proposed '4th industrial revolution will do for housing stress'.

More direct inaction in the form of 'feasibility study' in [February 2020](#), following the Noosa Council purchase rebuke due to the Memorandum of Understanding brought between the state and local governments under Public Health Emergency Management (COVID) Regulations, wherein a "DYJESBT spokesperson said council withdrew its purchase offer in mid-2020 due to financial impacts of Covid-19. Still no long-term solution for homelessness.

In 2019, Noosa state MP Sandy Bolton prepared the site for a Noosa Council purchase through a \$484,200 Skilling Queenslanders for Work program undertaken by Noosa Community Training Centre, assisting 48 locals, over a projected two year period, stating "**oodles of opportunities**, whether it's a combination of training and enterprise, and there are greater parts of the site for

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worker or student accommodation,” and “I never want to be in this position [of site dilapidation] again; let’s make sure it’s a viable space for all those things the community is looking for” and the then Mayor Tony Wellington said “the site had suffered ‘a significant amount of vandalism, unfortunately.” That was published in the Courier Mail on [19 March 2019](#).

(refer attached image and more recent images up to and including Friday 5 January 2024).

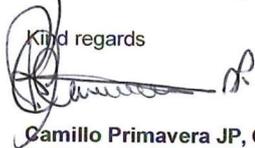
I reiterate the fact your letter emphasizes the need to undertake [culturally sensitive](#) duties and responsibilities, a point mirrored upon the parliamentarian whom was onsite Friday 5th January 2024. With no sign of homelessness abating, community expect Government to also adhere to its human rights obligations under the [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#), in support of homelessness, and cultural rights of the indigenous sovereign tribes, including the Kabi Kabi “Caretakers” noticed to your department December 2023.

The proposal for ‘community village’ (CV) recognizes the violation of human rights experienced by vulnerable people without a home, living in cars, vans, tents and caravans. Statistics suggest that as much as 42% of the homeless population in Australia is [female](#) and Qld [Homelessness](#) increased 22% in 2023. The community village model addresses the need for access to safe accommodation and aims to overcome a lack of connectedness with family, friends and the community and lack of control over one’s environment. This achieved by providing places to park in addition to village facilities and short term eco housing and transitional housing solutions, with wraparound services provided by local community groups and charities.

The land and buildings at the abandoned TAFE site lend to conversion for humanitarian use at zero cost to the Government. Occupation of the land using the CV model would eliminate vandalism and the need for paid security, while cooperative assistance between the Kabi Kabi Caretakers and local community volunteers, would be responsible for maintenance and staged repurposing of buildings.

Lastly, in reference to the [cultural](#), [human rights](#), and [community](#) interests favourable to the land at 24 Cooroy Noosa Road, [Tewantin], communication from the Elders of the sovereign Kabi Kabi tribe will be forthcoming in separate correspondence.

Kind regards



Camillo Primavera JP, CPO.
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cc Aunty Bucky Dha'khan Tuk'ku, Senior Elder and Mar'ron, of the tribe “Kabi Kabi”
Holka-Yikan, Kabi Kabi Tribal Mob

Grandmother Mulara

CommunityVillage.com.au

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Acknowledgement of Country

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Queensland and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to the Elders—past and present—for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state. First Nations people have expert knowledge developed over thousands of generations in caring for country.

As an emergency services organisation, we look to our First Nations communities for their knowledge and wisdom—developed over tens of thousands of years—in caring for country, and to learn how we can support in healing country, now and into the future.

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¹ bloodline descendants of the original "custodians", rightful caretakers and "traditional owners" of the land known as Terra Australis geographical location "10°S – 44°S, 111°E – 155°E)

² as per the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)



4. QHWG Mission & Vision Statements



Mission & Vision: Queensland Homelessness Working Group

The crisis of affordable and accessible accommodation across Australia is contributing to a growing number of men, women and children, that have nowhere to live. The continuing effect of negative economic factors and lack of structured community-based solutions, will continue to lead vulnerable families and individuals into desperate, life-threatening circumstances, if measures are not taken towards “prevention”. Prevention is a big part of the cure and applies directly to this growing social problem.

QHWG MISSION

Queensland Homelessness Working Group Mission is about developing solutions that are aimed at prevention, reduction and support for those who are most vulnerable in the community.

QHWG VISION

Queensland Homelessness Working Group Vision embraces the formation of an active advisory board from the combined resources of homeless community groups, and the utilization of unused government facilities for crisis housing solutions.



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