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Dear Mr Turner

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 2015, concerning the decision made by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (the department) to remove the Conondale Memorial Sports and Recreation Reserve Inc (the former trustees) as trustees of the reserve and place the reserve under the trusteeship of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (the council).

On notification to the former trustees, the department requested that the former trustees provide bank statements outlining expenditure and revenue between 1 July 2013 and 31 August 2014, close the trust fund account and provide any remaining trust funds to the department. To date, no response has been received.

I can advise that the department is currently exploring both the status of the former trustees (if they continue to exist) and any applicable legal options to compel the former trustees to fulfil this request. Once information regarding this is at hand, the department will further advise the council on the relevant findings.

The council's request to seek funding assistance from the department for future planning and the construction of appropriate access to the site is unable to be accommodated, as the department does not budget to provide assistance to any local government across the State of Queensland for this nature of request.

However, the council may apply for community grants to assist in the future planning of the site through the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. The website which outlines the details for applications is www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/grants/local-government-grants-and-subsidies-program.html.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, Mr Adrian Noon, Acting Chief of Staff, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3719 7365.

Yours sincerely



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