



Hon Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing

Ref: CTS 18802/12

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Level 7
111 George Street Brisbane 4000
Box is 15187 City East
Queensland 4002 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3224 7477
Facsimile +61 7 3012 7725
Email NPRSR@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 29 November 2012 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 2012-12 tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly. The Petition requests the House to seek assurance from the Queensland Government that it will not close the Magnetic Island Active Recreation Centre.

As part of its current savings initiatives, the Queensland Government has approved alternative management arrangements being established for three of the Active Recreation Centres operated by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing — Magnetic Island, Yeppoon and Leslie Dam.

The Queensland Government is committed to putting new facility management models in place with the hope of ensuring these three centres can operate into the future. An Expression of Interest process is currently underway to identify alternative operators for these centres where there is a demonstrated community benefit.

Interested parties were invited to respond to the Expression of Interest process with their proposals by 15 December 2012. A range of interested parties have contacted the department for information on the centres and a number have undertaken site inspections of the centres and their facilities.

The department will continue to operate the Magnetic Island Active Recreation Centre on a business as usual basis to 31 December 2012 with all existing bookings for camps completed prior to this date being honoured. Client bookings after 31 December 2012 have received a letter offering the option to transfer their booking to one of the department's program delivery centres (Tallebudgera, Currimundi or Lake Tinaroo) at existing Magnetic Island prices or receive a full refund.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 07 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing