

School Survey Data for Non-State Schools - Queensland 2011

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Please return this survey form by Friday, 4 March 2011.

Site details Provide details of the site from which the school operates (data provided will be used to update the school directory)

Site centre code	5524	Site type	Host Centre	Mode of delivery	Classroom education
Name of school	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School				
Street address	3-7 Bowtell Street				
Suburb/Town	Toowoomba	Postcode	4350		
Phone number	(07) 4635 1413	Email	admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au		
Fax number	(07) 4635 1116	Web address	www.maridahdi.qld.edu.au		

Principal details Provide details of the principal at the site

Title	Mr	First name	Louis	Last name	Bradfield
Full position description	Principal		Email	admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au	

Contact person details Provide details of the contact person for inquiries about this data

Full name	Nicole Benbow	Email	admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au
Phone number	(07) 4635 1413		

Type(s) of education Select the type(s) of education offered at the site

Primary
 Secondary

Student profile Select the type(s) of students at the site. Refer to the [online help](#) for further information and to identify which students meet the qualifying criteria for each type.

<input type="checkbox"/> Overseas students	<input type="checkbox"/> English as a second language (ESL) assistance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indigenous students
<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time students	<input type="checkbox"/> Students with disabilities (SWD)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Students from isolated zones
	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools accredited for boarding

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Full-time students

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A primary student is a student participating in Preparatory Year to Year 7.

A secondary student is a student participating in Year 8 to Year 12.

A full-time student is a person who satisfies the definition of a student and undertakes a workload equivalent to or greater than that usually undertaken by a student of that year. This definition relates to workload and not to enrolment.

Only full-time students or, in the case of accredited schools of distance education, only students undertaking a full-time course and receiving a full service delivery, to be included in this section.

If there are students with special needs, students from isolated zones or boarding students who attend on a full-time basis at the school, please make sure that you have selected the appropriate category/ies on page 1 and complete the relevant fields below. These students have to comply with the qualifying criteria as outlined in the online help and can then be counted more than once in the *Students with special needs/Isolation/Boarding* fields. These are not separated by gender.

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Exclude

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- Home education students;
- Part-time students.

Primary Full-time students

Set empty fields to 0

As at 25 February 2011	Male	Female	Total	Indigenous
Preparatory	9	11	20	2
Year 1	3	2	5	0
Year 2	5	5	10	0
Year 3	7	7	14	1
Year 4	1	3	4	0
Year 5	6	2	8	0
Year 6	1	0	1	0
Year 7	1	0	1	0
Ungraded Special Unit/Class	0	0	0	0
Ungraded Non-Special	0	0	0	0
Total Primary	33	30	63	3
TOTAL	33	30	63	3

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Please provide below the number of students **enrolled** at this school, or site, on census day (25 February 2011).

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As at 25 February 2011	Primary	Secondary	Total	Persons with a disability*
Full-time	63	0	63	0
Part-time (FTE)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	63	0	63	0

*Please identify how many of the enrolled primary and secondary students are persons with a disability.

Please provide below projected total enrolments at this school or site for the period 2012 to 2016.

Future enrolments 2012-2016

Month and Year	Primary		Secondary
	Prep	Yrs 1-7	
February 2012	22	57	0
February 2013	22	80	0
February 2014	22	100	0
February 2015	22	150	0
February 2016	22	200	0

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Authorisation

Provide details of the person authorised to provide this survey data

Full name

Phone number Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Authorisation I declare that I am authorised by the governing body of **Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School** to give the NSSAB Secretariat, on behalf of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, school survey data for the school!

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 Enrolment overview

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 12 August 2010 8:40 AM
To: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: Accreditation at Maridahdi school [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning Tracey,

I understand that the Maridahdi Early Childhood school in Toowoomba has applied to the Minister for a review of the Board decision on 30 April 2010 to refuse accreditation of the site at 1 South Street Toowoomba.

Can you please advise me of the current accreditation status for this site i.e. the outcome of the Minister's decision. Also if possible the date that the Minister advised Maridahdi of his decision.

If you wanted to discuss, my phone number is 4638 1555.

Many thanks

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: RYAN, Kateena
Sent: Thursday, 12 August 2010 9:43 AM
To: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: RE: Accreditation at Maridahdi school [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Thanks Tracey

Kateena Ryan
Ph: 07 323 71120

From: JARRETT, Tracey
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 9:32 AM
To: RYAN, Kateena
Subject: FW: Accreditation at Maridahdi school [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Kateena

I have received the below email this morning from a member of the public in relation to Maridahdi Early Childhood Community appeal. As the appeal process not one within the Board's jurisdiction I am forwarding this to you for your attention and action if necessary.

Regards

Tracey Jarrett
Manager (Accreditation)
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board Secretariat
Department of Education & Training | Qld Gov
Floor 18 | 30 Mary Street | Brisbane QLD 4002

Ph: (07) 3234 1627
Fax: (07) 3237 0004
Email: tracey.jarrett@deta.qld.gov.au

-----Original Message-----

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**NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES**

Meeting: 07/10

Date: 3 June 2010

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane
Present: Emeritus Professor S McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Mr D Robertson (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Byrne
Apology: Dr J Roulston
Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor McLean opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed members.

The apology of Dr Roulston was noted. Professor McLean welcomed Mr Robertson, as proxy for Dr Roulston.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was confirmed. No conflicts of interest were declared by members.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting 06/10, 13 May 2010

The minutes of meeting 06/10, 13 May 2010 were confirmed, with an amendment.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

All business arising from the minutes was dealt with under other items of business.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

s 73(2) of the RTI Act - Irrelevant information

6. APPLICATIONS

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6.2 New type of education

Nil

6.3 Change of attribute

6.3.1 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, South Street site

The Board **noted** its 14 May 2010 information notice advising Maridahdi

Early Childhood Community of its decision to refuse to grant the application to include the site situated at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the school.

6.3.2 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School – University of Southern Queensland site

The Board noted:

- (a) its 21 May 2010 information notice advising Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC) of its decision to refuse to grant the application to include the site situated at the University of Southern Queensland, 487 West Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the school; and
- (b) MECC's letter (dated 28 May 2010, received 31 May 2010) advising that the school has ceased operation at the University of Southern Queensland site.

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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD**MINUTES****Meeting: 08/10****Date: 1 July 2010**

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor S V McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Mrs Robyn Collins (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Wilkinson (Proxy for Mr M Byrne)

Apology: Professor W Lane, Dr J Roulston, Mr D Briskey, Mr M Byrne

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Ms C Badinski

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor McLean opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed members.

The apologies of Professor Lane, Mr Byrne, Mr Briskey and Dr Roulston were noted. Professor McLean welcomed Mrs Robyn Collins, proxy for Dr Roulston, and Mr Michael Wilkinson, proxy for Mr Byrne.

Special event: At 10:05 a.m., the Board welcomed the auditors, Mr Ted Hobbs, Mr Peter Casey and Mrs Patricia Connell. Professor McLean expressed the Board's satisfaction with the work of the auditors. Mr Hobbs, Mr Casey and Mrs Connell indicated that the recent audits revealed few significant discrepancies, and generally schools had robust enrolment and related processes.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was confirmed. No conflicts of interest were declared by members.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1 Minutes of meeting 07/10, 3 June 2010**

The minutes of meeting 07/10, 3 June 2010, were confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

All business arising from the minutes was dealt with under other items of business.

5. CORRESPONDENCE**5.1 Inward (Only correspondence not dealt with under other items of business.)**

Nil

5.2 Outward (Only correspondence not dealt with under other items of business.)

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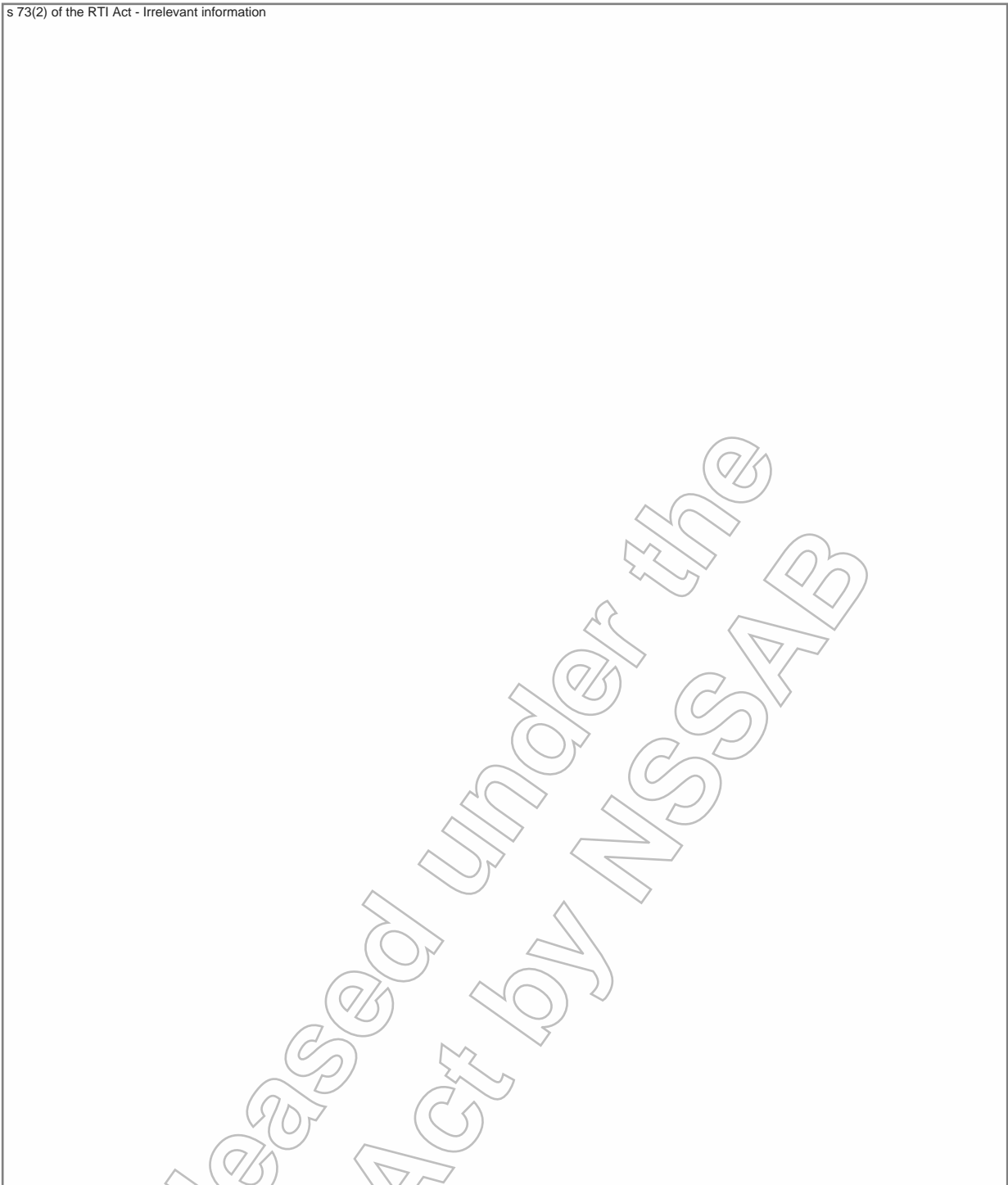
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6.3 Change of attribute

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6.3.6 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board considered the letter (dated 24 June 2010, received 28 June 2010), with attachments, from [redacted] in connection with the recent application to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board **resolved** to respond to [redacted] to acknowledge receipt.



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Apology: Dr J Roulston

Secretariat: Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor McLean opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed members.

The apology of Dr Roulston was noted. Professor McLean welcomed Mr David Robertson, proxy for Dr Roulston.

Professor Callan joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and left at 12:30 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was confirmed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of meeting 08/10, 1 July 2010

The minutes of meeting 08/10, 1 July 2010, were confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

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6. APPLICATIONS

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6.3.3 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted its 1 July 2010 letter to acknowledging receipt of the information she provided regarding Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School's re-zoning application with Toowoomba Regional Council.

6.3.4 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted:

- (a) the letter (dated 2 July 2010, received 7 July 2010) from Gabrielle Sinclair, Assistant Director-General, Strategic Policy and Research, concerning the application by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community for a review of the Board's decision to refuse to grant approval to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba in the attributes of accreditation for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School; and
- (b) its 7 July 2010 response to the Minister which was dealt with out of session by Professor McLean.

6.3.5 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted the Minister's letter (dated 30 July 2010, received 2 August 2010) concerning the application by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC) for a review of the Board's decision to refuse to grant approval to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba in the attributes of accreditation for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board considered the correspondence (dated 9 July 2010, received 15 July 2010) from MECC enclosing a copy of its application for review of the Board's decision to refuse to grant approval to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowomba in the attributes of accreditation for the school.

The Board **resolved**:

- (a) that Professor Lane would amend the draft submission to the Minister; and
- (b) that the final draft submission would be finalised by Professor McLean out of session.

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**NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES**

Meeting: 10/10

Date: 2 September 2010

Venue: Rydges Southbank Townsville, 23 Palmer Street, Townsville

Present: Emeritus Professor S V McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Mr D Robertson (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Byrne

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6. APPLICATIONS

s 73(2) of the RTI Act - Irrelevant information



6.3 Change of attribute



6.3.4 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board **noted** its 20 August 2010 submission to the Minister, with amendments made by Professor Lane and settled out of session by Professor McLean, concerning the Board's decision to refuse to grant the application by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

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11. SCHOOL, GOVERNING BODY, ISSUES ARISING (NEW MATTERS)

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11.2 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted the correspondence (dated 24 August 2010, received 27 August 2010) from [redacted] relating to Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba.

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**NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES**

Meeting: 11/10

Date: 7 October 2010

Venue: Room 12.18, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor S V McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Mr D Robertson (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Byrne

Apology: Dr J Roulston

Secretariat: Mr Pat Parsons, Ms M Cavanagh, Mrs T Belfiore

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor McLean opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed members.

The apologies of Dr Roulston and Professor Lane were noted. Professor McLean welcomed Mr David Robertson, proxy for Dr Roulston.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was confirmed. No conflicts of interest were declared by members.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of meeting 10/10, 2 September 2010

The minutes of meeting 10/10, 2 September 2010, were confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

All business arising from the minutes was dealt with under other items of business.

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6. APPLICATIONS

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6.3 Change of attribute



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6.3.5 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board **noted** the following information relating to the proposed Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba:

- (a) the 21 September 2010 article in The Chronicle (Toowoomba) entitled *Councillors table Maridahdi votes*;
- (b) the 22 September 2010 article in The Chronicle (Toowoomba) entitled *Council rejects Maridahdi school*; and
- (c) the letter (dated 27 September 2010, received 1 October 2010) from

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**NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES**

Meeting: 13/10

Date: 2 December 2010

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor S V McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Cailan, Ms A Brazier, Mr D Robertson (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Byrne

Apology: Dr J Roulston

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Professor McLean opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed members.

The apology of Dr Roulston was noted. Professor McLean welcomed Mr David Robertson, proxy for Dr Roulston.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was confirmed. No conflicts of interest were declared by members.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of meeting 12/10, 11 November 2010

The minutes of meeting 12/10, 11 November 2010, were confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

All business arising from the minutes was dealt with under other items of business.

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6. APPLICATIONS

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6.3 Change of attribute

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6.3.8 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted the letter (dated 12 November 2010, received 15 November 2010) from the Minister acknowledging receipt of the Board's submission regarding the application for review of the Board's decision on the proposed 1 South Street, Toowoomba, site for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.



Hon Geoff Wilson MP
Member for Ferny Grove

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Minister for Education and Training

12 NOV 2010

Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor McLean

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August 2010 regarding the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board's (the Board) decision of 30 April 2010 to refuse to grant an application by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (the applicant) to include a site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba in the applicant's attributes of accreditation.

I note the Board's representations in relation to service of the application on the Board.

I will consider the Board's representations, and will advise you of my decision in due course.

Should you require further information, I invite you to contact Ms Kateena Ryan, Director, Statutory Authority Relationships, on telephone (07) 3237 1120.

Yours sincerely

GEOFF WILSON MP
Minister for Education and Training

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Council rejects Maridahdi school

A SCHOOL'S bid to expand to a heritage-listed Rangeville home looks bound for the courts after Toowoomba Regional Council formally rejected its application yesterday.

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School principal Louis Bradfield stormed out of the Oakey council chambers as councillors voted 8-3 to not allow the school to establish a campus at 1 South Street.

Mr Bradfield earlier in the week told The Chronicle he had already started talks with lawyers ahead of an appeal. He was not willing to comment yesterday.

Councillors in favour of Maridahdi's plan had launched a last ditch effort to sway those opposed ahead of yesterday's meeting.

A week of intense backroom lobbying resulted in three amendments to the original report being tabled. But by 11am as the vote was cast, those efforts had failed.

Cr Peter Marks, one of three councillors in favour of the application, admitted it was inevitable Maridahdi would fight the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

And he was less than optimistic about the council's chances.

"It will be purely judged on planning grounds and not any emotional aspects," Cr Marks said.

"And it will be judged by someone who doesn't know anything about Toowoomba."

The Chronicle (Toowoomba)
22 September 2010

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Councillors table Maridahdi votes

MAYOR Peter Taylor does not expect a legal battle to result in a council backflip over the controversial Maridahdi school application.

Councillors last week indicated they would reject Maridahdi Early Childhood School's expansion to a heritage-listed home at 1 South Street by a vote of 8-3. That was despite planning officer Jessica Garratt recommending the application be approved subject to 116 conditions.

However, councillors will officially record their votes this morning at the council's general meeting in Oakey.

The vote will take place in the wake of Maridahdi principal Louis Bradfield's promise to appeal the council's decision if it rejects the application.

Mr Bradfield though will not be at the meeting. "It's not a good idea considering the rage and disappointment I'm feeling," he said.

Cr Taylor said the threat of legal action, or the pressure of residents opposed to the school, would not sway councillors.

"I hope councillors avoid that behaviour. Actually, I'm sure they will," he said.

Citizens Against School Establishment spokesman Geoff Castle said he expected councillors to stand by their decisions from last week.

"I don't think they'd be doing their credibility any good at this stage by changing their minds," he said.

The Chronicle's online poll asked whether people supported the council's decision. As of yesterday, 62 per cent of 456 participants had voted no.

The Chronicle (Toowoomba)
21 September 2010

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Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
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Dear Professor McLean,

I would like to keep you apprised of the recent developments with the proposal by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School to establish an additional site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba.

On 21 September 2010, the Toowoomba Regional Council refused the application for Material Change of Use – Impact “not preferred” – Educational Establishment – Maridahdi Early Childhood Community. A copy of the Council’s meeting minutes dated 21 September 2010 and PD online showing Decision: Refused are attached.

Concerned residents were shocked to see a group of Maridahdi children from the Bowtell Street campus carrying placards in favour of the site at 1 South St, accompanied by some adults, walking up the street (cnr of South and Bowtell Sts) at approx 3pm on Friday 17 September. We feel that it is inappropriate for the school to allow children to act as political pawns in this matter. Several concerned residents did ring the NSSAB that afternoon and spoke to Ms Tracey Jarrett to voice their concerns.

I have also sent a copy of this letter to the Hon Geoff Wilson MP Minister for Education and Training.

Yours sincerely,



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, DISTRICT SERVICE CENTRE, 64 CAMPBELL STREET, OAKEY
ON TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 9.03 A.M.

8.0 **MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - IMPACT 'NOT PREFERRED' -
EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT - MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD
COMMUNITY - MCUI/2009/7708**

MOTION:

Moved by Cr. Ramia, seconded by Cr. Cahill

That the application for Material Change of Use (Impact) for an Educational Establishment at 1 South Street, Toowoomba (MCUI/2009/7708) be refused pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.5.14 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed Educational Establishment would be detrimental to the amenity of residents adjoining the subject land and within the surrounding neighbourhood.
2. The proposed Educational Establishment would be inconsistent with the residential character of the surrounding locality.
3. The applicant has failed to establish that there is a community need for the proposed Educational Establishment on the subject land.
4. The proposed Educational Establishment is in conflict with the intent of the Neighbourhood Residential zoning and Escarpment Residential Precinct designation of the subject land under the Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003, and there are not sufficient planning grounds to warrant approval of the Development Application despite the conflict.
5. The proposed Educational Establishment would compromise achievement of Desired Environmental Outcomes (DEO) 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003 for the Planning Scheme area.
6. The proposed Educational Establishment would compromise achievement of Section 2.2.1(4) and 2.2.1(8) of the Centres Strategy within DEO 1; Sections 2.3.1(1), 2.3.1(2) and 2.3.1(4) of the Strategy within DEO 2; Section 2.4.1(6) of the Strategy for DEO 3; and Section 2.5.1(6) of the Strategy for DEO 4 of the Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003.
7. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that sufficient carparking can be provided on the subject land to cater for the demands of the proposed Educational Establishment for now and in the future.
8. The proposed Educational Establishment would create unacceptable traffic impacts on South Street and the surrounding road network.
9. Traffic generated by the proposed Educational Establishment, and on-street carparking demand, would pose a danger to pedestrians and motorists utilising the surrounding road network.
10. The proposed vehicular site access provision is insufficient to cater for the volume of traffic generated by the proposed Educational Establishment.

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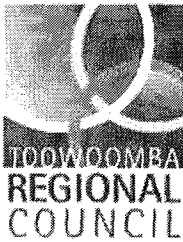
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Application Details

MCUI/2009/7708 - Material Change of Use - Impact

- Details** Description: Educational Establishment
Submitted: 16/12/2009
- Decision** Decision: Refused on 21/09/2010
- Status** Applicant Appeal Period
- Properties** 1 South Street RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
- People** Applicant : Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
- Events**

Started	Description	Due	Completed
17/12/2009	Lodgement	17/12/2009	21/12/2009
17/12/2009	Acknowledgment Notice Period	08/01/2010	05/01/2010
05/01/2010	Referral Agency Response	10/02/2010	15/03/2010
05/01/2010	Information Request	03/02/2010	03/02/2010
03/02/2010	Information Request Response	03/02/2011	24/03/2010
24/03/2010	Public Notification Stage	22/06/2010	27/04/2010
28/06/2010	Public Notification Stage	09/08/2010	11/08/2010
11/08/2010	Decision Making Period	03/11/2010	21/09/2010
23/09/2010	Applicant Appeal Period	26/10/2010	
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Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
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Dear Professor McLean,

I refer to my previous correspondence concerning the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include an additional site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba and would like to update you on further developments.

The development application is a Material Change of Use Impact (non-preferred) which is against the Toowoomba Regional Council Planning Scheme. The application to change the zoning from residential to educational establishment can only be approved if there are sufficient grounds to override the town plan. A copy of Council's policy position on this type of development is attached.

A copy of a Toowoomba Regional Council town planner's assessment dated 21 June 2010 is attached.

A copy of a parent Mr Alistair Hill's letter is attached. Mr Hill's letter was dropped into residents' letterboxes on 21 August 2010. This letter was also published in its entirety in The Chronicle newspaper on 24 August 2010. As part of the land at 1 South Street is classified as a "bushfire prone" area, being on the escarpment, Toowoomba Regional Council requires a mandatory Bushfire Risk Management Report. This report was prepared by Mr Hill and is clearly a conflict of interest and not acceptable when the lives and safety of children are at risk. Mr Hill also sits on one of the parents committees at Maridahdi. The site at 1 South Street does not have alternative and easy routes out in the event of an approaching bushfire which contravenes Council's Bushfire Strategies plan.

A copy of residents' response dated 22 August 2010 to Mr Hill's letter is attached.

I have also written to the Minister for Education and Training Mr Geoff Wilson MP to advise him of this update.

Yours sincerely



Application Stage of Impact Assessment Process

Within ten (10) business days of the application being 'properly made' Council is required to issue the applicant with an Acknowledgement Notice. An Acknowledgement Notice states the following:

- What type of work the applicant is seeking approval for (ie. material change of use or reconfiguring of a lot);
- The names of all referral agencies for the application (if applicable);
- Public Notification requirements within the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (cannot start until the Information and Referral Stage has been completed);
- Whether or not Council will be issuing the applicant with an Information Request (if further information is requested Council has 10 business days to send an Information Request); and
- Whether extended advertising requirements are required (triggered where there are three or more Concurrence Agencies) – if Concurrence Agencies are involved this is the time to refer the application to those agencies (eg. State-Controlled Road trigger would need to be referred to the Department of Main Roads).

Public Notification

It is a statutory requirement under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* that applications subject to Impact Assessment undertake Public Notification. Public Notification under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* involves:

- Placing a public notice sign on each street frontage of the subject site;
- Notifying the adjoining land owners of the proposed development by mail; and
- Placing an advertisement in the public notices sections section in a newspaper

Further details can be found on the Information Sheet entitled *Public Notification of Development Applications*.

Delegated and Non-delegated Authority

Applications are decided by one of two processes at Toowoomba City Council:

1. Planning Committee Recommendation to Council (non-delegated decision)

Some applications are debated by the Planning Committee (comprises all Councillors) who make recommendations for a decision to the formal Council Meetings held twice per month. Generally, applications decided by Council under this process include:

- Any applications that are impact assessable and are defined as a 'not preferred' use in the relevant zone;
- Impact assessable applications that have received submissions that are not in support of the proposal or have not raised an issue that could otherwise be conditioned within an approval;
- Any applications that have been recommended for refusal; and
- Any application that is contentious or "of interest" due to its nature and/or scale.

2. Delegated Authority

Any application that does not fall under the above categories including impact assessable applications that have not received a submission during the public notification process, are decided by senior Council staff who have been specifically granted delegated authority by Council to decide applications of this nature.

Need Further Information?

For further specific information and procedures on impact assessment contact the Duty Planner on (07) 4688 6357.

What is Impact Assessment?

Impact Assessment under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* involves a broader assessment of a development application (in comparison to Code Assessment). An Impact Assessable development application involves an assessment against the following documents:

- *Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003* (all applicable codes, Desired Environmental Outcomes and Zone/Precinct intents);
- other relevant Local Planning Instruments (where applicable);
- *State Planning Policies* (where applicable); and
- SEQ Regional Plan

Rationale for Impact Assessment

The *Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003* determines the level/category of assessment for the proposed development based on the zoning of the land and its proposed impacts to surrounding land uses. By a proposed land use being listed as Impact Assessable within the Planning Scheme, Council requires the level of public interest to be gauged during the assessment of the proposed development. Submissions received during the Public Notification Period are taken into consideration during the preparation of a planning report and subsequent decision whether to approve or refuse a development application. It should be noted that this is a more rigorous assessment than code assessment as it involves assessment against the Planning Scheme in its entirety.

Types of Impact Assessment

There are two (2) different types of Impact Assessment under the *Toowoomba Planning Scheme 2003* which are outlined below:

1. *Impact* – it should not be assumed that impact assessable development is appropriate and consistent with the planning scheme if it does not have a 'not preferred' designation. Any application requiring impact assessment will be assessed on its merits in accordance with the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.
2. *Impact (not preferred)* – indicates Council's general policy position that the nature and normal operational characteristics of the use and its potential impacts are highly likely to be inappropriate and inconsistent with the intent of the zone, the planning scheme strategies and the Desired Environmental Outcomes.

Stages of the Impact Assessment Process

Under the Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS) there are a number of stages that are applicable to an Impact Assessable development application. These stages are listed below:

1. Application Stage (application is lodged with Council);
2. Information and Referral Stage (application is reviewed and further information may be requested by Council or a Referral Agency, where applicable);
3. Notification Stage (public notification of the development application – for further details please refer to *Public Notification of Development Applications*); and
4. Decision Stage (stage where Council makes a decision on whether the development application is to be approved).

Stages must progress sequentially, i.e. one stage cannot start until the previous stage has been completed.

LAND USE PLANNING REFERRAL

Application Number:	MCUI/2009/7708
Address:	1 South Street, RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
Property Description:	L1/RP142232:PAR FLAGSTONE
Development Proposal:	Educational Establishment
DA Assessment Officer:	Jessica Garratt
LUP Assessment Officer:	Kate O'Connor
Date:	21 June 2010

PURPOSE OF REFERRAL

The proposed Educational Establishment is inconsistent with the intention of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone under the Toowoomba Planning Scheme.

DESIRED ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Desired Environmental Outcome 1 – Economic Development

Toowoomba is a regional centre with a diverse economic base that builds upon the City's strengths in manufacturing, education, community and health services, retailing and commercial activity, and provides a wide range of regional and local employment opportunities.

2.2.1(4) In relation to any proposal for additional floor space outside a zoned centre:

- (a) it must be demonstrated that:
 - i) there is a need for additional floor space to serve the community. This will be considered in the context of such factors as additional population arising from in-fill residential development and the need for more modern floor space than may exist in older local or neighbourhood centre buildings;
 - ii) ...
 - iii) ...
- (b) where the additional floor space is justified by (a) above, it is provided as an extension of an existing centre, rather than as a new centre.

The application submitted to Council did not discuss the need of an educational establishment within the proposed locality. Rather, the application focussed on the needs of the school and that the site satisfied their requirements.

Given the number of schools located within the close proximity to the proposed site it is unlikely that a need for an additional school can be demonstrated. Further, due to the specialised nature of the school, may be sourced from a wider area rather than targeting local children.

This Desired Environmental Outcome seeks to prevent out of centres development. In particular, this requirement is only intended to facilitate an extension to an existing land use activity and not the establishment of a new node. Therefore, regardless of the applicant providing further information to justify a need for the development, the proposed development will compromise the achievement of this DEO.

Desired Environmental Outcome 2 – Liveability

Toowoomba has safe, distinctive and attractive urban areas in which residents have good access to open space, services and facilities and employment, a range of housing options and opportunities for social interaction.

2.3.1(2) *Establish appropriate criteria for the design and location of housing and intended non-Residential Uses in Residential Areas to ensure that the type, location and design of development in residential Areas reflects the:*

- (a) *environmental capability of the land;*
- (b) *availability of urban services;*
- (c) *proximity of recreation, commercial and activity centres; and*
- (d) *character of the area.*

The proposed development is to be located within an existing residential area that borders the escarpment. As identified in the report submitted to Council, the proposed development is to accommodate a specialist school program which will attract students from a wide catchment. This school is not intended to meet the needs of the local community, but rather the broader community. In such a scenario, it can be expected that fewer students will have the capability of utilising alternative forms of transport, such as walking or riding a bicycle. Due to the remote location of the proposed development there are no viable public transport opportunities. Therefore, students will essentially rely on private motor vehicle to be transported to school each day.

While it is acknowledged that the school will provide a shuttle bus facility for siblings of students who attend the pre-Preparatory and Preparatory program in Bowtell Street, this will only play a very minor role in reducing the vehicle movements to the South Street campus. Therefore, the site does not provide for sufficient availability to urban services.

Further, the proposed site is located within an existing residential community. Access to the site can only be gained via South Street as no other vehicle or suitable pedestrian links are available. The proposed land use activity will generate up to 600 additional vehicle movements within a residential street each day. This quantity of traffic is incompatible with the residential amenity and will significantly decrease the quality of life experienced by existing residents. Therefore, the proposed development will adversely impact upon the character of the area and will compromise the achievement of this DEO.

Desired Environmental Outcome 3 – Infrastructure Provision

A city in which the efficient, timely and environmentally acceptable provision and maintenance of engineering, community and transport infrastructure occurs in ways that meet community needs and ensure the sustainable use of resources.

2.4.1(6) *Ensure that the transport network is safe, accessible and convenient to use and achieves:*

- (a) *minimal conflict, congestion and community severance;*
- (b) *pedestrian, cycle and vehicle connectivity;*
- (c) *... ..*
- (d) *maximum public transport opportunities.*

As stated previously, the proposed development will generate up to 700 additional vehicle movements within South Street each school day. South Street is a residential street that currently experiences approximately 100 vehicle movements each day. The accessibility and convenience that the residents currently experience will be decreased due to the significant increase in traffic generated to the area.

Further, South Street does not provide connectivity within the road network. As a result, the transport route that is available to parents is limited to South Street with no viable alternatives.

Public transport opportunities will also be minimised as the road network will not provide a comprehensive route for the service to operate.

This DEO seeks to minimise conflict and congestion within the road network. However, due to the significant increase in traffic to the area it is likely that congestion and conflict during school drop off and pick up times will be dramatically increased. It is therefore anticipated that the proposed development will compromise the achievement of this DEO.

2.4.1(7) Protect the existing and future capacity, function, safety and efficiency of the main thoroughfares within the City and minimise non-residential traffic intrusion into Residential Areas. The City Road Hierarchy, including the long term network, is identified.

The proposed development is seeking consent for a non-residential land use activity to be established within a residential area. As stated previously, the proposed school is to offer a specialist program and will attract students from within the regional. Therefore, the school will not operate in the traditional sense as it is not intended to only accommodate students from the immediate area. This will result in greater traffic movements within the residential street in order to access the school. South Street will effectively operate in a transport thoroughfare in which to transport students. It is therefore considered that the proposed development will compromise the achievement of this DEO as the development will increase non-residential traffic intrusion into a residential area.

Desired Environmental Outcome 4 – Natural Environment

A city where:

- *Ecologically or visually important areas and remnant bushland are conserved or rehabilitated;*
- *The creeks and their ecological processes are conserved or restored;*
- *The impacts of land uses and development on water catchments are minimised;*
- *Development is sensitive to the physical attributes and environmental capacity of the land; and*
- *High standards of water, acoustic and air quality are maintained.*

2.5.1(6) Encourage a reduction in private motor vehicle use and an increase in public transport use, walking and cycling to conserve energy and reduce environmental impact by:

- (a) clustering non-residential activities;*
- (b)*
- (c)*
- (d)*

The subject site is located at the most eastern end of South Street. The property is located within a residential area that does not accommodate any commercial or community land use activities. The proposed school is to be a stand alone development which is not integrated within a community node. Further, the area is constrained which will reduce the opportunity for additional facilities to establish and assist in creating a community node. Therefore, the proposed development will not seek to cluster non-residential activities and will compromise the achievement of this DEO.

STRATEGIC INTENTION OF PLANNING SCHEME

Zoning

The subject is located within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone within the Escarpment Residential Precinct, under the Toowoomba Planning Scheme. The proposed land use

activity is defined as an Educational Establishment. The use of the property for the purposes of an Educational Establishment is listed as Impact (Not Preferred) Assessable.

The intention of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone is for the area to be developed primarily for detached housing with a lot size in excess of 500m². The Statement of Intent for the zone further prescribes that community uses are only established in areas that designate the uses as preferred development in a precinct or structure plan. The intention of the Escarpment Residential Precinct is to encourage 'lower density residential development' and therefore the proposed development is also inconsistent with this requirement.

STRUCTURE PLAN

Not applicable.

OTHER PROJECTS

Not applicable.

HISTORY

The subject site accommodates a homestead known as Beecumb. The building is identified as possessing heritage character worthy of preservation as it is listed on the State heritage register. Therefore, the application is to be referred to DERM as a concurrence agency.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Educational Establish is an incompatible use on the proposed site due to the adverse impacts it will transfer onto the surrounding area. In particular, the proposed development is seeking consent for a facility that will occupy up to 200 students. Such a land use activity will dramatically increase the number of vehicles accessing the residential road network. Further exacerbating the situation is the lack of road network surrounding the destination. The subject site is somewhat land locked as the only vehicle and viable pedestrian access routes are only to be gained via South Street. Therefore, the burden of the traffic generation can not be shared throughout the locality's road network. This will result all vehicles generated to the site using only South Street for access. As a result, the existing residents will be adversely impacted by increased traffic and decreased privacy and safety within their residential environment.

Further, the development does not integrate with existing infrastructure of services or land use activities in which to create a community node. The school will be a stand alone development that fails to connect with complimentary uses, such as child care centres, public transport, etc. Therefore, the proposed development is an undesirable land use activity on the subject site.

The proposed development has not demonstrated that the Desired Environmental Outcomes of the Toowoomba Planning Scheme will be compromised as a result of the development. Section 3.5.14(2) of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 states:

- (2) *If the application is for development in a planning scheme area, the assessment manager's decision must not—*
 - (a) *compromise the achievement of the desired environmental outcomes for the planning scheme area; or*
 - (b) *conflict with the planning scheme, unless there are sufficient grounds to justify the decision despite the conflict.*

Therefore, the proposed development needed to demonstrate sufficient grounds in which to justify the conflict with the Desired Environmental Outcomes of the Toowoomba Planning Scheme. The justification provided by the applicant was not worthy of support when evaluating the adverse impacts that the proposed development will transfer on to the existing community. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed development should not be given favourable support.

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Attacks on small education specialist and school children go too far.

Vociferous attackers of early childhood education specialist Maridahdi have sunk to new lows in their campaign of misinformation and fear raising, in order to prevent a very small private school being located in their neighbourhood.

The tiny school is planned for eventual growth, ultimately some years in the future, to a potential maximum of 200 pupils; however in the next few years this number is not expected to exceed 120. A core group of Maridahdi attackers have read these details in the development application, ignored them, and gone about telling local residents that there will be 500 plus cars driving in their area. In falsifying these and most other statistics that they quote, their aim is to raise false fear and concern, and gain supporters for their cause – to prevent the school taking up lodgings in a heritage listed property (“Geeumbi”) at the eastern end of South Street.

Anti- Maridahdi organisers planned a protest rally in the area at the end of July. They approached Rangeville State School claiming to be a church group, and asking for the use of the school hall for a meeting. In agreeing to the use of the school hall for this purpose, the Principal of Rangeville State School initially had no idea that the meeting was about preventing an increase in educational capacity in the area. This dishonest tactic, used by anti Maridahdi organisers was, however, consistent with their use of lies, deceit and misinformation to achieve their goal.

In some ways unconventional, this school has no school bell or regimented school breaks where children release pent up energy, normally in a noisy fashion, as happens at most schools. The school uses a number of principles in education that are “new” and innovative compared to the standard model. It plans to have three staggered starting and finishing times which results in fewer vehicles simultaneously needing to drop off or collect the few children that are involved. Not something that would be done by other schools, this is to integrate more sensitively with the rest of the community and avoid the “normal” 9am or 3pm school rush.

As a town grows, the demand for services grows within it. Maridahdi have spent the last 3 years and 11 attempts in finding new premises in the area to which to relocate. On this latest occasion, Council has given all the indications to Maridahdi, that planning investigations were worth pursuing for the South Street location. Maridahdi have spent over \$100 000 in undertaking an extraordinarily comprehensive planning for the school, acknowledged by Councillors and town planners as one of the most meticulous and well thought out development plans of this type that they have ever seen.

Every single aspect of safety, sound, traffic, visual amenity, has been addressed in the plan, but this isn't what anti school campaigners are interested in. They simply don't want a school in their neighbourhood, full stop. Even a small and unobtrusive one. Apparently they will go to any length to stop the school with their NO SCHOOL campaign. Ironically most of these campaigners received an education somewhere, and in most cases at a school which was close to where somebody else lived. Maridahdi has to go somewhere and the answer is not Withcott, Glenvale or Hell as some of the anti school campaigners have suggested. Maridahdi is currently based in Rangeville, and don't want to be transported to another part of the planet.

A community has to find within itself the capacity to accommodate growth or change without extremist or self destructive behaviour. The school and its parents and supporters' conduct have consistently demonstrated honest and respectful values towards the Rangeville community. It has distressed them immensely that this small group of attackers has used such dishonest tactics to drum up local unrest.

Unwelcome harassment of residents by the "NO SCHOOL" organisers to join their cause against the school has been another unfortunate development.

Libellous attacks on the headmaster of Maridahdi are another. But rather than responding with similar vitriol or legal action, Maridahdi has quietly maintained a dignified acceptance of others. It has maintained an open, honest and inclusive approach to asking for their small patch of ground in Rangeville, for a very small and "unusually" quiet school.

Council has recently stated that the decision on Maridahdi's future will not be one for Council's Planning division, but one for Council (Iors). One of the concerns that Maridahdi has, so often demonstrated elsewhere, is how a minority group can create sufficient distress when they work hard enough, that politicians react with inappropriate action simply to appease the noisy few.

After their total commitment to making the move to "Geeumbi" a success for the school and the community, the silent majority of supporters for Maridahdi are aware of one thing. If Councillors reject this model application, simply to appease a demonstrably dishonest NO SCHOOL lobby, then they will have created an obligation for themselves (i.e. those self same Councillors) to find an alternative place for Maridahdi nearby. The cost of the required planning will be considerable, as already demonstrated, morally to be borne by Council (How many more times does funding have to be wasted in repeats of this same process?) There will inevitably be some (minority) opposition for any location anywhere near where somebody lives. We have to educate our children, and schools have to go somewhere (accessible), to provide parents with a feasible choice as to where they send their children. As "Leaders" in our community, Councillors have the role of showing how it is possible to accommodate growth for goods and services within the community, provided that there has been the degree of planning and consideration that Maridahdi have plainly already demonstrated in their application and behaviour.

Alistair Hill (parent)
220 Rowbotham Street
Toowoomba

Response to Letter by Alistair Hill Regarding South Street CASE Group and Residents Against School Development at 1 South Street

August 22 2010

Dear Resident

You may have recently received a letter from a Maridahdi parent, Alistair Hill. We apologise that we have to take up more of your time but we would like to respond to the accusations made by Mr Hill in order to clarify any misunderstandings and to dispel any fears.

With relation to the 500 plus vehicle movements a day, these figures came from pages 188 and 200 of Maridahdi's original application (available on public record on Toowoomba Regional Council's internet site) which states that traffic numbers on South Street south of Rodway Crescent due to the introduction of the school will increase by 418 trips per day from the current 90 resulting in more than 500 vehicles per day in total. As these figures only include South Street east of Rodway Crescent, traffic numbers west of Rodway Crescent would be higher. This does not include staff and service vehicles. More recent figures have indicated that these figures will be even higher. The following excerpt from a council document states:

"Further, the proposed site is located within an existing residential community. Access to the site can only be gained via South Street as no other vehicle or suitable pedestrian links are available. The proposed land use activity will generate up to 600 additional vehicle movements within a residential street each day. This quantity of traffic is incompatible with the residential amenity and will significantly decrease the quality of life experienced by existing residents. Therefore, the proposed development will adversely impact upon the character of the area and will compromise the achievement of this DEO (Desired Environmental Outcome)."

We have researched our facts well and all figures come from Maridahdi's development application and their consultants. We have also commissioned our own independent traffic report and town planning assessments which further validate any statistics that we have quoted.

The spurious statement that our public meeting held on 1 August was booked under the guise of a church group meeting is completely erroneous. At no stage was any attempt made to deceive the school or the public. No-one in the Community Against School Establishment (CASE) group was contacted by Rangeville State School to advise them that there may be any conflict concerning the nature of our meeting.

The actions of the CASE group have always been transparent and neither Maridahdi nor its school community have ever been publicly vilified. We have always stated publicly that we are not against the school itself or any of the school's adherents.

The staggered start/finish times which are proposed by the school will not decrease the total volume of traffic. It will in fact mean that residents can expect traffic and accompanying noise to be constant throughout the day.

The financial outlay by the applicant should not constitute grounds for right of passage. The CASE group has also committed considerable time and finances in the protection of the amenity of the area on behalf of the immediate community as well as the whole of Toowoomba. We are primarily highlighting the precedence that would be set by allowing a non-residential development in a residential only area that has never been targeted for any non-residential establishments.

Issues such as safety, noise, traffic and visual amenity have in fact been at the fore of the CASE group's concerns. The anomalies found in Maridahdi's application regarding these issues were the basis for the CASE group's formation. Our investigations into the figures and solutions provided resulted in more concerns being raised than fears allayed.

Regarding the location of the school, data provided as per council's website has clearly shown that parents of the applicant's school are prepared to travel from the outskirts of Toowoomba. Therefore this indicates the school could be located in areas such as Highfields (13 kms from Toowoomba) or Drayton where some of the sites previously considered by the school as feasible were located.

The statements in this letter are based on information obtained from official documents, not on emotive or falsified facts. We have documentary evidence that substantiates all of our statements.

We are a group of concerned residents acting on behalf of a large number of residents who are opposed to the proposal at 1 South Street for a non-residential development in an escarpment residential only area. Letters of objection to council re the development have heavily outweighed letters of support. There have been over 660 letters of objection written to council.

Thanking you for your time in consideration of the above matters.

The South Street CASE Group

If you require any further information regarding this letter, please contact:

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20 August 2010

Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board

The Honourable Geoff Wilson MP
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Dear Minister

Re: Maridahdi Early Childhood Community: Review of Board decision

I refer to your letter, dated 30 July 2010, granting the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (the "Board") an extension of time within which to accede to your request to provide you with written representations, in accordance with s.103(4) of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* (the "Act"). This request concerns the Board's decision, made on 30 April 2010, to refuse to grant an application, lodged by the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (the "MECC") on 29 July 2009 to include a site situated at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School (the "School").

Background

As the history of relevant correspondence shows, your original request for written representations from the Board was contained within your letter, dated 2 July 2010 (ref: 10/151618), received on 7 July 2010. In that letter, you explained that you had received a letter from the MECC, dated 1 June 2010, requesting a review of the Board's decision. Your letter asked the Board to provide you with:

- (i) a copy of the material that led to the Board's original decision; and
- (ii) confirmation that MECC was provided with that material.

Consistent with s.103(4) of the Act, your letter of 2 July 2010 also invited the Board to make written representations on the material that led to the Board's decision; the reasons for the Board's decision and on any other material which you, the Minister, may decide to consider.

Your letter also requested a response from the Board by 16 July 2010, or within 14 days of being served by the applicant (presumably a reference to the statutory obligation placed on the applicant by s.103(2) of the Act), whichever was the latter date.

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As the correspondence also shows, the Board's immediate written response, dated 7 July 2010, advised you that it had not yet received a copy of the review application and that in accordance with s.103(4) of the Act, the Board considered that a period of 14 days within which to provide you with the requested representations was insufficient time. The Board requested a period of 21 days, and your letter in response, dated 30 July 2010, acceded to that request by allowing for a period of either 21 days from the date of your 30 July 2010 letter, or from the date of being served by the applicant – whichever is the latter date.

Section 103(2) of the Act

Before addressing the details of the request relating to the Board's decision, it is important to refer to an issue concerning s.103(2) of the Act in so far as it relates both generally to applications for review by the Minister of Board decisions as well as this application for review in particular.

To begin with, s.101(1) of the Act provides that a person dissatisfied with an information notice for a decision (given by the Board) may apply to the Minister for a review of that decision and s.102(1) specifies that this must be done "*within 28 days after*" the day on which the person is given the information notice, or the day the person becomes aware of the information notice.

As well as this, s.103(2) of the Act requires the applicant to "*serve a copy*" of the application for review on the Board. However, in its current wording, s.103(2) does not expressly specify that this must be done within the same period as that specified by s.102 relating to receipt by the Minister – and the Act is otherwise silent as to this.

The absence in s.103(2) of any time frame within which the applicant must "*serve a copy*" of the application for review on the Board has direct relevance for the powers and obligations conferred on the Minister by s.103 of the Act – in particular, the obligation to afford the Board "*a reasonable opportunity*" to respond to a request for written submissions relating to the review. This is because the time at which a request from the Minister is received by the Board may be the first time the Board becomes aware that an application for review has been made to the Minister.

In fact, this is the situation relating to this particular application for review – as the correspondence shows, the Board did not initially receive a copy of MECC's application for review, dated 1 June 2010. MECC subsequently forwarded a copy to the Board by letter dated 9 July 2010.

Accordingly and bearing in mind Chapter 4 of the Act as a whole, it is the Board's view that in discharging the obligation specified in s.103 to afford the Board "*a reasonable opportunity*" to respond, it will be important to ascertain whether or not the Board has, in fact, been properly served a copy of the application for review.

The Board's decision refusing the application

The Board's decision, dated 30 April 2010, refused MECC's application to include a site at South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the School. An

Information Notice, dated 14 May 2010, was sent to MECC in accordance with s.52(5) of the Act.

The material leading to the Board's decision

Apart from one item, mentioned below, the written material considered by the Board in reaching its decision was provided to the Board by MECC, most of which was made up of responses by MECC to written requests by the Board for further information relevant to the original accreditation application. The relevant material is set forth at the end of this letter.

One item of written material received by the Board from a source other than MECC, was not provided by the Board to MECC, namely, a letter (with attachments) from [redacted] dated 16 April 2010, received 22 April 2010, referring to the proposed South Street site.

[redacted] letter followed the release to her on 30 March 2010 of particular information (89 folios) under the *Right to Information Act 2009* (the "RTI Act") in response to her 10 March 2010 RTI access application to the Board.

In summary, the material within [redacted] letter and attachments comprised:

- (i) her personal objections to the site being used as a campus of the School;
- (ii) copies of various articles from *The Chronicle*;
- (iii) a copy of a notice from MECC and the School about a School open day and information session;
- (iv) a copy of an extract from a development plan apparently lodged by MECC with the Council;
- (v) a copy of a 11 August 2010 letter from MECC to the local community;
- (vi) a suggestion that MECC may be misrepresenting to the Board the status of its application to Toowoomba Regional Council;
- (vii) her concerns that residents of South Street, and the immediate surrounding area, were not informed of the proposal to use the site for a campus of the School; and
- (viii) a suggestion that MECC had not complied fully with the Act in connection with publishing the required "catchment area notice" about the application.

Shortly after its receipt, [redacted] letter was circulated to individual Board members. However, the contents of the letter were not formally considered by the Board as a whole until the Board's 13 May 2010 meeting – that is, 13 days after the Board's decision on 30 April 2010 to refuse the application.

Subsequent to this, the Board wrote to [redacted] on 15 June 2010, noting:

- (i) her comments;
- (ii) that she had also sent a copy of her correspondence to you; and

- (iii) that from the Board's understanding, your Principal Advisor had responded to her on your behalf, addressing the concerns raised in her letter.

In summary, the material in or attached to [redacted] letter comprised matter:

- (i) some of which was prepared by MECC;
- (ii) that referred to community objections to the proposal (which were already in the public domain and clearly already known to MECC); and
- (iii) that related to the statutory criteria in the Act relating to eligibility for Government funding (which were not, at that time, relevant to the application).

Accordingly and having regard to what the letter comprised, it is important to note that:

- (i) consistent with obligations set forth in s.78 of the RTI Act, a copy of the documents to which access was granted in part or in full in response to [redacted] RTI application (referred to earlier) were included on the Board's disclosure log on 1 April 2010 and were therefore publicly accessible from that date;
- (ii) some of the material contained in [redacted] letter was prepared and circulated by MECC itself;
- (iii) much of the material in the letter concerned publicly made submissions of community objection or support in response to MECC's development application before the local authority concerning its proposal to establish a campus of the School at South Street;
- (iv) apart from the specific public notification provisions within chapter 3, part 3, of the Act, neither the Board nor the Funding Committee have a specific statutory obligation to advise applicants of the existence of publicly made submissions which object to, or support, development applications lodged with local authorities relating to applications before the Board; and
- (v) in any event, in terms of the letter's reference to such public submissions, it was reasonable for the Board to conclude that MECC was well aware of them.

The Board's reasons for decision

The Board's reasons for decision are set forth in the *Information Notice*, dated 14 May 2010, sent to MECC.

MECC's application to the relevant local authority for development approval:

As the *Information Notice* sent to MECC states, the Board could not be reasonably satisfied that, in the relevant time frame available under the Act, MECC would obtain the development application approval necessary from the local authority (Toowoomba Regional Council) in order to operate a school at the proposed site.

The Board's reasons for this conclusion are evident from the written material leading to the Board's decision, most of which is comprised of written letters of correspondence with MECC.

As that material indicates, at the time of lodgement of its application on 29 July 2009, MECC informed the Board that the proposed site for the school was within an area approved by the local authority (Toowoomba Regional Council) for residential use, rather than for the purpose of education. Accordingly and at the Board's request, MECC then provided information indicating that it had engaged a town planning consultant to prepare a Material Change of Use (MCU) application. MECC stated that it would be lodged with Toowoomba Regional Council in mid-September 2009.

However, no confirmation of this was received from MECC until March 2010 when MECC advised the Board that an MCU application had been lodged on 16 December 2009. MECC also advised that it was confident of securing the necessary approvals from the local authority by March or April of 2010. In subsequent ongoing correspondence with MECC, the Board specifically requested to be kept informed on the progress of the local authority's decision on developmental approval.

In the meantime, the Board became aware of information publicly reported which indicated that there was strong opposition in the local community to the location of the proposed South Street school site. Although approval was ultimately a decision for the local authority, this information was directly at odds with information provided to the Board by MECC (14 August 2009 letter, 22 February 2010 letter, 29 March 2010 letter, 6 April 2010 email) concerning its stated expectations of positive progress of its MCU development application with the local authority.

In summary, it is important to note that, subsequent to its receipt of the initial application, the Board continuously made a number of requests for further information from MECC about the development application approval matter (see, for instance, the Board's earlier letters of 7 August 2009, 16 September 2009 and 18 November 2009). However, apart from reiterating its confidence that the local authority would make a favourable decision on the South Street site, no substantial evidence to that effect was ever provided by MECC.

It should be noted that on 1 March 2010, the Board received a letter from Toowoomba Regional Council confirming that on 16 December 2009, it received a properly made application from MECC for development permit for a MCU for the South Street Site.

Finally, it is important to refer to relevant events subsequent to the Board's decision which justify the basis of the Board's reasons concerning this matter.

In particular, MECC's application for review states that the MCU application was due to be decided by Toowoomba Regional Council by 24 June 2010. However, this did not occur. On the contrary, as the Board ascertained on 23 June 2010, Toowoomba Regional Council issued MECC with a formal directive requiring it to undertake a new public notification process on the basis that the earlier process had not been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* and the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998*. At the time of this letter, the fate of the MCU application was not known to the Board.

Building and educational facilities:

As the *Information Notice* sent to MECC states, the Board could not be reasonably satisfied that, in the relevant time frame available under the Act, the proposed buildings and educational facilities would be operational at the proposed commencement of the site – 12 July 2010.

By way of explanation and following a request by the Board on 7 August 2009 for information, MECC responded by letter dated 14 August 2009, providing certain details of the buildings and educational facilities that it intended to be operational at the proposed site at the required time. MECC's letter stated that these facilities would include administration offices, general learning areas, art areas, computer room, staff facilities and children's toilets facilities within the existing dwelling. The facilities, as described by MECC, also included the construction of a library, two car parks, playground facilities and two teaching pods to include general learning areas, art areas and toilet facilities.

Having regard to the nature of the proposed facilities; the time frame within which they would have had to have been in place and the evidence concerning the MCU application before the local authority, the Board could not be reasonably satisfied that, on the evidence available, the proposed buildings and educational facilities would be operational by the intended commencement date of 12 July 2010.

MECC's application for review of the Board's decision

MECC's apparent misunderstanding of the relevant type of application:

One of the submissions made in MECC's application for review of the Board decision appears to be based on a misapprehension concerning the relevant type of accreditation application. MECC states in its application for review: *"It is our understanding of the Act, that the issuing of provisional accreditation allows the school to meet the accreditation criteria within a period of 12 months."*

This is incorrect to the extent that it assumes that the granting of provisional accreditation for the proposed new site at South Street allows the School twelve months within which to meet the statutory accreditation criteria.

By way of explanation, the original application, lodged by MECC on 29 July 2009, was to include the site at South Street in the attributes of accreditation of the existing School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for MECC in respect of the School. Accordingly, the decision of the Board under review was governed by the operation of s.59 and the relevant sections contained within the divisions of the Act it refers to.

In essence, the Board was required, by s.52(3), to determine whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the School would comply with the accreditation criteria. Moreover, by virtue of these provisions, the last day on which the Board could have made a decision on this application was 30 April 2010. The Act does not provide for

this date to be extended.

It is perhaps important to point out MECC's apparent misapprehension may be based on a mistaken belief concerning the nature of its original application. In particular, different considerations apply where the Board is considering an application for provisional accreditation for a new type of education. In that case, and relevant to the powers and functions set forth in chapter 2, part 2, division 2, subdivision 2 of the Act, the Board is obliged by s.18(1)(b), to consider whether a school will comply with the accreditation criteria within the particular school's provisional accreditation period.

It is also worth noting that, irrespective of the type of application (that is, either an application for a change in attribute or an application to commence a new type of education), the school's governing body must not operate the school in contravention of any federal, State or local law.

In summary and for the reasons outlined above, MECC's submission that the issuing of provisional accreditation allows the school to meet the accreditation criteria within a period of 12 months is misconceived.

MECC's submission concerning a proposed commencement date:

MECC's application for review states that the school has not been provided with the opportunity to amend the student-intake day for the commencement of the site.

However, this is inconsistent with the fact that MECC had already amended the proposed commencement date (referred to as the student-intake day) from 30 September 2009, to 19 April 2010 and then to 12 July 2010.

By way of explanation, the Act does not expressly require or authorize the Board to request an applicant to amend the designated commencement day or student-intake day and it is not customary for the Board to do so, having regard to the general manner in which the Act establishes the process of accreditation.

In essence, MECC elected to amend its application by specifying a new student-intake day on two separate and previous occasions. It was therefore well aware that it was able to further amend the student-intake day if it felt it necessary to do so.

In summary, MECC ultimately chose 12 July 2010 as the commencement date of the new site. Accordingly, the Board was required by the Act to be satisfied that on this date, the school would comply with the accreditation criteria prescribed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001*.

As the Board's reasons for decision, set forth above, explain, the Board could not be reasonably satisfied that this would be the case.

MECC's assertion that the Board lacks understanding of issues concerning a new school site:

MECC's review application asserts that the Board has a lack of understanding of

issues concerning a new school site. The Board rejects such an assertion. On the contrary, the Board has a well developed awareness of the very considerable issues facing a school in establishing a new site. Since the Board's inception it has dealt with 38 applications from governing bodies to add a site to an existing school. It is acutely aware through those experiences, of the issues governing bodies face, including the challenge of securing local authority approvals in a timely and prudent manner.

MECC's assertion that the Board's decision disregards students' welfare and parents' desires:

MECC's review application also asserts that the Board's decision appears to have no concern for the welfare of the students or the needs of parents wishing to access the School.

Again, the Board rejects such an assertion. To begin with, the objects and purpose of the Act and the manner in which they are reflected in the functions imposed on the Board emphasise the importance of such matters. Moreover, in discharging its statutory obligations, the Board recognises the need to ensure as far as possible that these objects are achieved. In that respect, the Board is acutely aware of student welfare and the needs of families.

By way of illustration, the Board's concern to recognise the paramount importance of student welfare is evident in recent dealings it has had with MECC on a different matter. In November 2009, MECC applied to the Board to add to the School's attributes a 'temporary' site at the University of Southern Queensland campus. The Board made clear in its initial response to MECC, the governing body's obligations to ensure approval was granted prior to the commencement of operations at the proposed site. As the extended nature of the correspondence which followed indicates, the Board found it necessary to make repeated requests for assurances from MECC concerning particular health and safety issues relating to students at the site, specifically, the availability of access to student-only toilets (rather than what was proposed as shared-use toilets with members of the university community on the site), safe access to ovals and the safety of student pick-up and drop-off areas.

In particular, this site had not been approved by the Board in April 2010, when the Board ascertained that MECC had already commenced operating at the site, thus giving rise to a change in attribute without the Board's approval, as required under s.52 of the Act, by virtue of s.59. As s. 63(1)(e) of the Act indicates, this is a ground for cancelling a school's accreditation. Furthermore and under the Act, MECC's actions in operating on an unapproved site are relevant to its suitability to continue to be the governing body of the school.

The relevance of this stems from the fact that despite the options of sanctions, the Board gave particular consideration to the ongoing educational and social welfare of students and their families by providing MECC with the opportunity to respond to this situation and rectify the matter itself. As a result and shortly after, the Board was informed by MECC that it had ceased operating at the university site.

In other words, this instance illustrates the manner in which the Board seeks to ensure a measured response to matters of this nature, in order to give effect to its ongoing concerns with the educational and social welfare of students and the impact of such actions on parents.

Conclusion

The matters, explained above, illustrate the basis of the Board's reasons for its decision and its rejection of matters raised by MECC in its application for review. The Board sees no basis for withdrawing any of the reasons underlying its decision, as set out in the *Information Notice*. It believes that its original decision took into account only relevant considerations and gave appropriate weight to them. The Board is also satisfied that the findings it made on the original decision were open on the evidence before it.

Finally, in the Board's view, there is nothing in the available material which would warrant the Minister referring the matter back to the Board for further consideration.

Material before the Board leading to its original decision

The following documents have been identified as relevant and a copy of each is enclosed for your assistance:

Enclosure No.	Document
1.	Copy of Board's letter dated 14 May 2010 to MECC, with attached <i>Information Notice</i> .
2.	Extract of Board meeting minutes of 13 May 2010, 06/10.
3.	Copy of Board's 30 April 2010 s.123(6) 'notice of resolution'.
4.	Copy of [redacted] 16 April 2010 letter with enclosures, received on 22 April 2010 and considered by the Board as a whole at its 13 May 2010 meeting, and Board's 15 June 2010 response.
5.	Copy of MECC's email on 6 April 2010.
6.	Copy of email from Board Secretariat to MECC on 6 April 2010.
7.	Extract of Board meeting minutes of 1 April 2010, 05/10.
8.	Copy of application overview for 1 April 2010, 05/10, Board meeting.
9.	Copy of MECC's 29 March 2010 letter.
10.	Copy of MECC's 22 February 2010 letter, with an enclosure.
11.	Extract of Board meeting minutes of 4 March 2010, 04/10.
12.	Copy of application overview for 4 March 2010, 04/10, Board meeting.
13.	Copy of email from MECC on 24 February 2010.
14.	Copy of Minister's 10 February 2010 letter to the Board.
15.	Copy of Board's 18 November 2009 letter to MECC.
16.	Extract of Board meeting minutes of 17 November 2009, 16/09.
17.	Copy of MECC's 16 November 2009 letter.

18. Extract of Board meeting minutes of 5 November 2009, 15/09.
19. Copy of application overview for 5 November 2009, 15/09, Board meeting.
20. Copy of MECC's 23 October 2009 letter.
21. Copy of email from MECC on 16 October 2009.
22. Copy of email from Board Secretariat to MECC on 14 October 2009.
23. Extract of Board meeting minutes of 8 October 2009, 14/09.
24. Copy of application overview for 8 October 2009, 14/09, Board meeting.
25. Copy of MECC's 30 September 2009 letter.
26. Copy of Board's 16 September 2009 letter to MECC.
27. Extract of Board meeting minutes of 10 September 2009, 13/09.
28. Copy of application overview for 10 September 2009, 13/09, Board meeting.
29. Copy of MECC's 9 September 2009 email.
30. Copy of MECC's 14 August 2009 further information provided to the Board.
31. Copy of Board's 7 August 2009 letter to MECC.
32. Copy of Board's 6 August 2009, s.50(3)(b) statutory notice, to the Minister.
33. Extract of Board meeting minutes of 6 August 2009, 11/09.
34. Copy of application overview for 6 August 2009, 11/09, Board meeting.
35. Copy of application from MECC, received by Board on 29 July 2009.

As per s.103(3) of the Act, the Board has now provided you with all material the Board had before it that led to its original decision.

Please contact me if the Board is able to be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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14 May 2010

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SENDER TO KEEP

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Dear Ms Tully

Re: Information Notice to Maridahdi Early Childhood Community — application to include site at South Street, Toowoomba, in attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

I refer to the application to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, by Maridaydi Early Childhood Community, to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board has decided, pursuant to section 52 of the Act, to refuse to grant the application. The Board made this decision on 30 April 2010.

I enclose an *Information Notice* about this decision, in accordance with section 52(5) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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INFORMATION NOTICE

Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (the "Board")

Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001 (the "Act") Section 52

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- Issued to:** Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (the "applicant")
- Name of school:** Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School (the "school")
- Date of issue:** 14 May 2010
- The decision:** On 30 April 2010, the Board decided to refuse to grant the application to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the school.
- Material considered by Board:** The Board considered the following material:
- A. the application (and all accompanying documents) lodged by the applicant on 29 July 2009; and
 - B. information provided by the applicant on 14 August 2009, 9 September 2009, 30 September 2009, 23 October 2009, 16 November 2009, 24 February 2010, 22 February 2010, 29 March 2010, and 6 April 2010, and
 - C. the Minister's letter dated 10 February 2010 approving eligibility for Government funding for the proposed South Street site.
- Reasons for decision:**
1. The Board is not satisfied that the school will comply with the following accreditation criteria prescribed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001* (the "Regulation") after the change in attribute to include the site at South Street is effected:
 - (a) land and buildings (Regulation, section 12, refers); and
 - (b) educational facilities and materials (Regulation, section 13, refers).
 2. The Board has made this determination on the following basis:
 - (a) the applicant's proposed commencement date for the new site is 12 July 2010;
 - (b) having regard to the information provided in the application and provided subsequently by the applicant in support of the application, the applicant has not satisfied the Board that:
 - (i) the school will comply with relevant land use legislation and building legislation in relation to the South Street site by the stated commencement date; and
 - (ii) the school will have the education facilities and materials necessary for the effective delivery of the school's educational program at the South Street site by the stated commencement date.
- Right of review:** The applicant has a right to apply to the Minister for Education and Training for a review of the Board's decision to refuse grant the application.
- The application for review must be made within 28 days after this

Information Notice is given to the applicant.

The application for review must be in writing and state fully the grounds of the application.

Under section 103 of the Act, after reviewing the original decision the Minister may either:

- (i) refer the matter to which the decision relates back to the Board for further consideration, subject to any directions decided by the Minister; or
- (ii) decline to refer the matter to which the decision relates back to the Board for further consideration.

Sections 101, 102 and 103 of the Act give more information about the way in which the Board's decision is reviewed if an application for review is lodged.

The Minister's postal address is:

The Honourable G Wilson MP
Minister for Education and Training
PO Box 15033
CITY EAST QLD 4002.

The applicant must serve a copy of the application for review on the Board.

The Board's postal address is:

Emeritus Professor Sandra Vianne McLean AM
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002.

END

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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting: 06/10

Date: 13 May 2010

Venue: Stuartholme School, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong

Present: Emeritus Professor S McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Mr D Robertson (Proxy for Dr J Roulston), Mr M Byrne

Apology: Dr J Roulston

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.1 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, South Street site

The Board noted:

- (a) the correspondence (dated 16 April 2010, received 22 April 2010) from [redacted] and
- (b) its decision on 30 April 2010, by virtue of section 123(6) of the Act, to refuse to grant the application to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board **resolved** to issue an information notice, as per the draft considered, advising Maridahdi Early Childhood Community of its decision to refuse to grant the application.

Mr Robertson raised a concern with his perception that there may have been some inconsistencies between decisions on applications involving school sites in respect of local authority approvals.

The Board **resolved** to hold over discussion on strategies to ensure consistency of Board decisions, and place the matter on the agenda for either the June or July scheduled meeting.

ENCLOSURE 3

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From: BELFIORE, Teresa [Teresa.BELFIORE@deta.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 29 April 2010 10:19 AM
To: Sandra McLean; v.callan@business.uq.edu.au; Bill Lane;
dbriskey@bigpond.net.au; BRAZIER, Anna; drobertson@aisq.qld.edu.au;
mikeb@qcec.catholic.edu.au
Subject: Urgent NSSAB resolution for consideration from Professor
McLean

Board members: I would appreciate receiving as soon as possible, but no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, 30 April 2010, your response to my resolution in connection with the application to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

Background to resolution

Applicant: Maridahdi Early Childhood Community

Application:

The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation for the school with a student-intake day of 12 July 2010, and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals.

Final decision date: 30 April 2010

Key actions to date:

At 1 April 2010 meeting, the Board resolved that it would deal with the next phase of the Board's consideration of the application by utilising the "notice of resolution" mechanisms under section 123(6) of the Act.

The Board received a letter (dated 10 February 2010, received 11 February 2010) from the Minister approving eligibility for government funding for the South Street site.

The Board wrote to Maridahdi Early Childhood Community on 6 August 2009 requesting documents demonstrating that Maridahdi Early Childhood Community will own the site or will obtain a legal right to occupy the site for the purposes of a school.

The Board received a letter (dated 29 March 2010, received 31 March 2010) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community advising that the Public Notification period will end on 23 April 2010, and it was still awaiting land use consent.

As at 29 April 2010, Maridahdi Early Childhood Community has not provided evidence that it has obtained land use consent from Toowoomba Regional Council.

Resolution

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School application for change of accreditation attribute:

In view of the failure of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to obtain land use consent to operate a school at the proposed site, I recommend that the Board:

(a) decide that, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will not comply with the land and buildings accreditation criterion and the criterion related to educational facilities by the applicant's proposed commencement date. [Act, s 52(3)];

(b) refuse the application to include 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation for the school [Act, s 52(1)]; and

(c) issue an information notice about the decision to refuse the application [Act, s 52(5)].

In your response please state whether you:

- (a) approve the resolution;
- (b) do not approve the resolution; or
- (c) abstain.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM Chairperson

Sent on Professor McLean's behalf by:

Teresa Belfiore

Business Support Officer (Accreditation) Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board Secretariat

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Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School – Electronic Resolution

Date: 30 April 2010

Applicant: Maridahdi Early Childhood Community

FILE COPY

Application:

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Final decision date: 30 April 2010

Resolution from Professor Vi McLean on 29 April 2010

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- (a) decide that, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will not comply with the land and buildings accreditation criterion and the criterion related to educational facilities by the applicant's proposed commencement date. [Act, s 52(3)];
- (b) refuse the application to include 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation for the school [Act, s 52(1)]; and
- (c) issue an information notice about the decision to refuse the application [Act, s 52(5)].

Members' Response:

Sandra McLean [redacted] Thursday, 29 April 2010 10:45 AM
I support the resolution.

Victor Callan [v.callan@business.uq.edu.au] Thursday, 29 April 2010 12:57 PM
I approve the resolution.

Bill Lane [wb.lane@qut.edu.au] Friday, 30 April 2010 10:38 AM
I approve the resolution.

Two points:

1. In light of Mike's concern (that we frequently approve where no formal planning approval has yet been received) I think it is important to distinguish this one - what appears to make it quite different is the level of public concern and opposition to the proposal - this make it difficult to predict that it probably will receive approval - ie in the context of s.52 and on the evidence in front of us, we we could not be 'reasonably satisfied' that it will.
2. Perhaps not necessary now - but for next time - I would like to see a slightly different wording of the resolution, having regard to the wording of s.52. I would prefer the resolution to say "that the Board is not satisfied that after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with ...etc"

Darryl Briskey [redacted] Thursday, 29 April 2010 10:32 AM
I approve the resolution.

BRAZIER, Anna Thursday, 29 April 2010 10:32 AM
I approve the resolution

David Robertson [DRobertson@aisq.qld.edu.au] Thursday, 29 April 2010 1:47 PM
For these reasons, I do not support the motion.

I am unsure as to why accreditation is being denied because land use consent has not been received from the Toowoomba Regional Council. (I am assuming that all other accreditation criteria have been ticked-off).

The Board has in the past granted accreditation in cases where land use consent has not been received.

If the Board is now going to require land use consent prior to granting provisional accreditation, then I am concerned that there will be a significant increase in the number of applications being refused on the basis of the nine months provision. I don't believe that this is the intention of the legislation.

It is my view that provisional accreditation should be granted and then it is a matter for the school to resolve the land use consent issue within the required timeframe applying to provisional accreditation. Clearly, if the school does not get the required land use consent, the provisional accreditation would be surrendered.

Mike Byrne: mikeb@gcec.catholic.edu.au Thursday, 29 April 2010 5:05 PM

... if forced to make a decision at this time I would favour conditional approval.

I am on the road during this week and have found it difficult to get my head around the issues again and would have appreciated the opportunity to discuss the issue with the Board. My own position is that it is a matter for the Council to consider zoning approval for the school based on their processes. I don't believe that it is the role of the Board to presume what decision the Council might make and on that basis refuse approval.

I am aware that over recent years the Board has made several decisions to grant approval subject to Council approval at a later date. I think we put ourselves in a difficult position as a Board if we now decide to refuse this application. I recognise that the Board does have a number of concerns about the site e.g. proximity to toilets and supervision. I believe these matters can be resolved by the Board with further negotiation and discussion.

Again, I would dearly like to discuss this with Board members but if forced to make a decision at this time I would favour conditional approval.

I am in Toowoomba at the moment and do have a full-day Commission meeting tomorrow but I would be happy to excuse myself from the meeting should you wish to discuss this with me further. In case you don't have it my mobile No. is [REDACTED] s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

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ENCLOSURE 4

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Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347 City East
QLD 4002

RE: RTI Application No: 01/10. Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

Dear Emeritus Professor McLean,

Thank you for forwarding me the CD under the RTI Act in relation to the submission from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School to add a site to school at 1 South Street Toowoomba 4350.

I note that Maridahdi published the Public Notice in the Toowoomba's Mail on 6 August 2009. Mr Louis Bradfield stated that the notice was published in "the local paper The Toowoomba Mail." The correct name of this paper is "Toowoomba's Mail". I do not know if this was a deliberate play on words to align the name closer to The Courier Mail with a circulation across Queensland. Toowoomba's Mail is a free weekly paper delivered free to homes and businesses across the community. Its delivery to homes is intermittent to say the least. It is similar to The Advertiser in Brisbane. I did not see the Public Notice in Toowoomba's Mail. The main, most widely read newspaper in Toowoomba is The Chronicle and I would have expected an important Public Notice to appear in this paper. As manager of a government office, I do read The Chronicle very carefully every day as it is a requirement of my employment and I would have certainly seen this notice if it had been published there.

Instead, the first time that I (and many other residents) became aware of the proposed development was when I read the front page headlines of The Chronicle on Saturday 3 September 2009. It was a shock to find out about the proposed development in this way. A copy of this news article is attached. The article also stated that Maridahdi alerted neighbouring residents to its plans through a letter box drop the previous month. I live at [redacted] which is only approx [redacted] metres from 1 South Street and I did not receive any notification in the letter box. I have only since become aware in February 2010 that the letter box drop went only to a handful of immediate neighbouring properties. The notification in the letter box was dated 11 August 2009 and it made no mention of the NSSAB Public Notice which was published only 5 days before on 6 August 2009 or advise residents that they could at that time view the application and accompanying documents at Maridahdi.

The invitation cited in the letter to those few residents to come down to Maridahdi at a future time to view the plans never eventuated. A copy of this letter box drop notice is attached.

I only became aware of Maridahdi's involvement and obligations with the NSSAB when I read the development application plan which was lodged with Toowoomba Regional Council on 16 December 2009.

I am also concerned that Maridahdi in its correspondence with NSSAB is inferring that the development approval by Toowoomba Regional Council is almost "a fait accompli". This is certainly not the case. Since the article appeared in The Chronicle on 3 September 2009 there has been much community concern and anger by residents who are opposed to the proposed development. I have attached some articles from The Chronicle to show the level of concern. Mr Bradfield is well aware of the community concern as he called for a meeting at Maridahdi on 31 March 2010 for members of the public to come and ask about the proposed development and "learn the facts". A copy of this invitation is enclosed. Residents have been publicly labelled as posh, selfish, misinformed and opposed to Maridahdi, its students and style of education. This is completely untrue. This is an average community with residents with a mixture of professions and life styles and interests including a number of educators who are fully aware of the value of education. The proposed site for the establishment of Maridahdi school and subsequent Material change of use for this site is totally inappropriate for any educational establishment.

The proposed development is in conflict with the Toowoomba Regional Council Planning Scheme as the area is zoned Neighbourhood Residential, Escarpment Residential Precinct and any educational establishment is non-preferred. Residents (myself included) are presently in the process of submitting objections to the proposed development to the Toowoomba Regional Council. The Decision Making Period is due 20 July 2010, the Applicant Appeal Period is due 24 August 2010 and the Submitter's Appeal Period is due 21 September 2010. Residents who are opposed to the development are planning to appeal any unfavourable decision by the Toowoomba Regional Council to the Planning and Environment Court.

There has been much public debate and news articles about the proposed development since 3 September 2009 that have all appeared in The Chronicle. After the widespread media coverage including TV and advance notice for the residents to be looking out for the Public Notice of Development Application which signalled the start of the Public Notification Stage, it is very interesting that Maridahdi chose to publish this notice in The Chronicle rather than Toowoomba's Mail.

I also would like to draw your attention to the Development Application Plan submitted to Toowoomba Regional Council on 16 December 2009 - I have attached the part about Accreditation 3.1.4. I understood that Maridahdi had provisional accreditation only conditional upon planning approval and that accreditation occurred at a later date following the student intake day.

I realise that the NSSAB Public Notification period has finished but just wanted to make the point that I consider that Maridahdi publishing the NSSAB Public Notice in

a newspaper that is not widely read to be against the intent and spirit of the NSSAB Act and Guidelines. The intent of a Public Notice should be to most effectively notify the public. This appears to be an omission from the Act and/or guidelines in that the type of newspaper in the catchment is not specified. I am therefore forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr Geoff Wilson MP Minister for Education and Training.

Yours Sincerely



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YOUR LETTERS Tell us what you think about the news

Plans mock 'residential' zoning

AS A resident who will be directly affected by the proposed primary school at 1 South Street, I wish to state categorically that my concerns are not directed in any way towards the school, students, individuals or the Maridahdi school community at large, or the type of education that Maridahdi provides. In speaking with other concerned residents, some of whom are working or have worked as educators, I can say these are also their sentiments.

I do not doubt that the staff of Maridahdi are kind and caring and completely dedicated to providing children with an exceptional start in their educational journey.

I, along with other concerned residents, have been publicly accused of being snobbish, selfish, uncaring and possessing "a conservative mindset" as well as not having a clue about the style of education that Maridahdi offers. I research my facts and have been reading about the history of the Waldkindergarten style of education that Louis Bradfield is researching as well as other information on the style of education that Maridahdi offers.

I was in the audience at University of Southern Queensland two years ago when Louis presented his thoughts on education along with a number of other educators and I was impressed by his passion, determination and commitment to his beliefs on how children should be educated.

I agree that it "takes a whole village to raise a child"

None of this however has any bearing on the concerns that residents have regarding Maridahdi's proposed second campus.

If the school is allowed to proceed, it will make a



Nationals' Senator Barnaby Joyce.

LETTER OF THE DAY

Bypass remains part of 'plan'

I READ in last Tuesday's *The Chronicle*, much to my amusement, that Barnaby Joyce says "the Toowoomba Bypass is a key part of his plan".

He seems to infer that if it wasn't for the current Federal Government's spiralling debt it would go ahead.

Can someone please remind Mr Joyce that just over two years ago his government had had 11 years to put up for a bypass with most of those years the budget being in surplus and some of those years a record surplus.

So please forgive me for my cynicism. I'll believe it when I see it, not hear it or when Mr Joyce speaks it.

In fact I'd probably vote for the first team to put up its hand up and say this is just way too hard and we don't want to do it.

STEWART DORMAN,
Toowoomba

mockery out of town planning.

Councils implement various town zonings for a reason. Residents in our area have bought or built their homes in the firm belief that this is a "residential only" zoned area. The area has never been targeted for future development of a school or other non-residential establishments.

If the school is allowed to proceed, no resident in Toowoomba can feel assured that their "residential only" zoning will always remain so. Residents of South Street as well as neighbouring streets will be penalised with all the many accompanying problems that placing a school in this particular location will have simply because the "right

boxes" have been ticked.

In truth, this isn't about Maridahdi at all, it is about the suitability of the proposed location of the school as well as residents being able to have confidence and faith in their council to act in their interest and in upholding the integrity of town planning.

MANUELA BERTOLDI,
Rangeville

Explicit film highlights trade

I HAVE just read the article regarding the film being shown for the opening of Easterfest.

Firstly I believe that this is only one of the films that are running for the festival.

Second in regards to this particular film, I admit I have not seen it so I can only comment on what I have read in the article.

I do understand what the film is trying to achieve, and that is the evil human trafficking trade that is running rampant in overseas countries and while I agree wholeheartedly in efforts to try to make people aware of this horrific situation of human trafficking, I just wonder, if we as Christians, need to use such explicit materials to bring this cruel and evil activity to people's attention.

We are called to be holy — set apart and different in our attitudes from the world — and by using such explicit material I believe that we are in danger of compromising our beliefs.

As Christians we do have a message of hope which needs to be proclaimed, especially this time of year, and we must not be ashamed of the message of the Gospel.

It is my prayer and hope that as Christians we do not try to trick people into hearing the Gospel but proclaim the Gospel boldly and proudly.

PASTOR PAUL KERANS,
Crows Nest

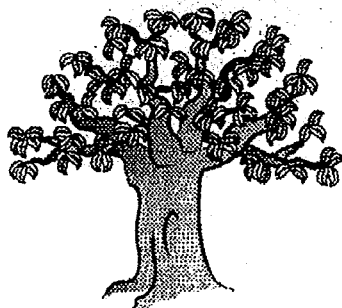
System demands cabinet approval

MR FRIEND in his letter (T/C 30/3/10) "View Sought" in part asks me to "help on this last question; as an ex-minister he would have seen all the cabinet papers".

To what subject matter he is referring, I don't know.

Anyway, under the Westminster System no minister or ex-minister can reveal the deliberations of Cabinet without Cabinet's approval.

KERRY SHINE MP,
Member for Toowoomba North



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Come and see Maridahdi in action!

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That night, Maridahdi will be hosting an Information Session from 7 - 8pm.

Maridahdi has a Development Application with Toowoomba Regional Council to use the heritage listed property, Geeumbi, as a second campus for our school. This proposal has created a lot of discussion, as well as a lot of misinformation and concern.

Maridahdi is providing an opportunity for members of the public to come and ask about our proposed development and learn the facts. Some of our planning consultants will be on site to aid us with their professional knowledge of our Geeumbi project. We warmly welcome you and your questions.

This event is by invitation and is not a "public meeting"; if, however, you know of anyone else who would be interested in this session, please forward this invitation on behalf of Maridahdi. To join us, please register by phoning us on 4635 143 during our school hours (9am - 3pm).

Kind Regards,


Louis Bradfield
Principal

Phone: 4635 1413 Fax: 4635 1116 Email: admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au

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Protest meeting to halt school

Peter Hardwick | 22nd February 2010

THE push to halt Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School's application for a new home on the Range gained momentum yesterday with a meeting of Rangeville neighbours affected by the project.

Maridahdi has put in a development application to move into the stately *Geeumbi* house at 1 South Street to initially cater for 200-plus children from prep to Year 7.

However, residents maintain the site is not an appropriate spot for a school and 50 residents yesterday met with Toowoomba Regional Councillors to discuss the proposal.

One of the meeting organisers, Carlo Bertoldi, who lives two doors away from the proposed school site, said residents were not against the school itself, just where it was going to be established.

"One of the biggest concerns is that, if this goes ahead, it sets a very dangerous precedent in that if you live in a residential area you can suddenly have anything built beside you," he said.

"The Rowbotham/South street intersection is one of the most dangerous in Toowoomba and yet this will bring increased traffic.

"There will be more kids on foot, on bikes and people dropping their children off to school.

"And, when it gets foggy you have just about zero visibility.

"It's just not safe to put a school there."

The issue took a sinister turn on Friday night when a number of "No School" protest signs were ripped from residential yards and thrown down the street.

Residents representative Iain Gibson addressed the meeting, which included Toowoomba Regional Councillors Paul Antonio, Joe Ramia, Anne Glashen and Mike Williams, telling the audience the open forum was designed to gauge the feelings of the residents to the project with the aim of then moving forward.

Mr Gibson suggested to the meeting if the group was successful in blocking the project, then group members should find Maridahdi a suitable venue.

One of the meeting organisers Vicki Schwerin said the group would be holding another committee meeting next week to discuss the feedback from the yesterday's gathering.

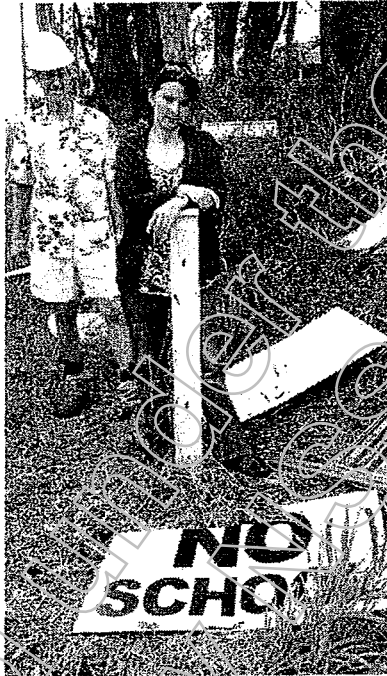
"We need to prepare a formal objection so it can be lodged at the appropriate time," she said.

She also said the group needed to organise a meeting with TRC town planning staff and Cr Ros Scotney to discuss the heritage aspects of the proposed site.

She said it was wonderful to have the councillors support.

"Councillor Paul Antonio comment was 'it is a no brainer'," she said.

"All the councillors I have spoken to have said it was an inappropriate site for a school."



Residents Roy Podmore and Vicki Schwerin, who are against the school being developed at 1 South Street, were shocked to find "No School" protest signs ripped down on Saturday morning.

Dave Noonan Madsen

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- the curriculum provides and encourages opportunities for students to care for small animals, tend vegetable and herb gardens and includes the preparation of meals from the produce derived from these gardens.

Maridahdi's approach to education is supported by extensive research on the value of children spending time exploring and discovering their natural environment. Maridahdi's Principal, Louis Bradfield, is currently researching a paper on "waldkindergarten" (schooling in the woods), a European concept that is sympathetic with Maridahdi's approach. The setting of "Geeumbi", at the edge of Toowoomba's bushland escarpment reserve provides an ideal environment for such educational innovations. In addition, the heritage and character nature of the "Geeumbi" buildings and surrounds adds to the ability of the site to accommodate these requirements and encourage children to explore and discover unique elements not necessarily available at other locations.

It is also important to note that just as Maridahdi does not operate like a traditional school; neither does it look like a traditional school. This is apparent when viewing the existing campus at Bowtell Street. It is acknowledged that the development plans at **Appendix A** do not include formal outdoor sporting fields, swimming pool, basketball courts, gymnasium, assembly hall, performing arts centre, formal playground equipment areas, chapel, parade ground, uniform shop, tuckshop etc. In other words, none of the usual facilities associated with a conventional school. This site does however, provide sufficient area to satisfy Maridahdi's requirements in terms of teaching floor space, children play areas, amenities and carparking.

Consequently, it is considered that there is a combination of factors that contribute towards the subject site proving to be highly suitable for the proposed educational facilities including:

- Proximity of the site to the existing Bowtell Street campus is approximately 700m;
- Availability of sufficient area (1.699ha) to accommodate the required teaching floor space, children play areas, amenities and carparking;
- Proximity to the natural environment being adjacent to the Picnic Point Bushland Reserve along its northern and eastern boundaries and the inclusion of substantial areas of existing remnant vegetation (bushland) on-site; which will adequately facilitate one of Maridahdi's major teaching principles, 'the environment as teacher'; and
- Availability of "Geeumbi's" heritage and character buildings and surrounds which provides unique elements that will positively contribute towards the discovering/exploring ethos of Maridahdi's teaching curriculum.

3.1.4 Accreditation

To formally operate as a school, the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community requires accreditation from the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB). The NSSAB considers matters such as educational program, facilities, financial viability and governance. As part of this process, the Board needs to be satisfied that a site and the proposed facilities are suitable for use as a school.

The NSSAB has a discrete Eligibility for Government Funding Committee; an extract from the Committee's website includes the following:

"Applications for eligibility for government funding are assessed by the Eligibility for Government Funding Committee. The Funding Committee considers each application in relation to the following criteria:

- *the projected population of school-age children expected to reside in the catchment area;*
- *the likely impact on other schools within the catchment area;*

- the extent of unfilled enrolment capacity of other schools operating in the catchment area;
- the extent of religious, philosophical, or educational delivery choice in education available to students in the catchment area; and
- whether the anticipated enrolment of students over five years of operation meets the prescribed minimum enrolment."

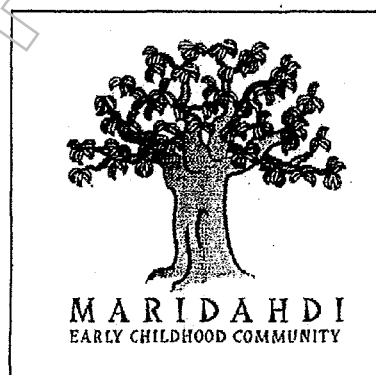
In order for a school to be eligible for State & Commonwealth recurrent (operational) funding, this Committee must determine that the school fills a need, as outlined above; acknowledging that it is possible for a school to be accredited but not funded. The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community submitted its application for accreditation of the South Street site in July 2009 acknowledging that a formal decision could not be made until relevant development approvals were in place. Despite this requirement, the school has been advised verbally that the site has been recommended both for accreditation and for funding. The Board is now awaiting advice that appropriate development approvals have been issued prior to formally issuing accreditation and eligibility for funding.

It is considered that the Committee's verbal recommendation is evidence that the body charged with most responsibility for the placement of non-state schools, ie NSSAB, supports the establishment of a primary school for the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community on this site.

3.1.5 Funding

The main source of funding for the proposed South Street campus will be the Block Grants Authority (BGA) of Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ). The BGA is responsible for administering State & Commonwealth capital funding for the construction and expansion of schools. Similar to the NSSAB described in section 3.1.4 above, the Authority requires evidence of the 'educational need' for any school-based project that it recommends for funding, and this is extended to include the appropriateness of the location and facilities. The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community has recently received written advice from the Commonwealth Government confirming its component of the BGA funding and Maridahdi has been verbally advised that the State Government component of the BGA funding has been recommended for approval. The Minister for Education is expected to announce this funding (subject to development approval) in the near future.

It is noted that when BGA representatives recently visited the South Street site, they were highly supportive and enthusiastic in relation to the suitability of the site for a second Maridahdi campus. The BGA had visited several previous alternate sites considered by Maridahdi and were of the view that the South Street site was 'close to ideal'. The BGA is familiar with the operations of the existing Maridahdi campus at Bowtell Street and based on this knowledge, advised that the South Street site was highly suitable as a second campus. The BGA had expressed concerns about earlier alternate sites in relation to matters associated with access, proximity to students and public transport. However, the BGA advised Maridahdi that it had no such concerns about the proposed South Street site for a second campus. Similar to the NSSAB, the State Government component of the BGA funding body are not in a position to formally advise of funding availability until such time as the appropriate development approvals are in place.





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The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School is currently located in Bowtell Street, Rangeville.

It accommodates 75 children from pre-prep age to year five but is looking to extend its offering to year seven and is exploring the possibilities for a second site.

The school's Community Governing Council has set its sights on a luxurious escarpment property at 1 South Street.

A State Heritage listed property, "Geeumbi", is reportedly on the market for \$1.75 million. But some residents in the neighbourhood are far from excited about their potential new neighbours.

Vicki Schwerin's family has lived next door to the property for six years and said a primary school would ruin the tranquillity of the area.

"It's supposed to be a nice, peaceful area and this would just completely annihilate it," she said.

Mrs Schwerin said her property's value would decrease and traffic in the quiet street would significantly increase.

"It's a very quiet area and that's one of the reasons we purchased there."

Neighbours Lisa Withers and Carlo Bertoldi shared Mrs Schwerin's concerns.

Mrs Withers was also concerned about the impact a school would have on the escarpment's wildlife.

"We're on the escarpment because we like the quiet, but I think that would certainly change if the school went ahead," Mrs Withers said.

"It's a nice and quiet area and we enjoy it that way," Mr Bertoldi said.

School community members alerted neighbouring residents to its plans through a letter-box drop last month.

It had previously looked at purchasing sites at Highfields and Drayton, but both proved to be unsuitable.

Maridahdi principal Louis Bradfield declined to comment yesterday, pending the finalisation of negotiations to purchase the South Street property.

A school newsletter said the school's Community Governing Council was trying to secure funding from the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution fund to go towards its purchase.

It said half the funds would go towards the purchase of the land and the other portion to building a library/multi-purpose centre on site.

The residential zoned site would need to be rezoned for community use and accredited by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board.

The property is part of an original 90 hectare landholding and was designed and built in 1912 by former Toowoomba Mayor Thomas Price.



A small community school has its sights set on this luxurious \$1.75 million property, but the neighbourhood's residents say a primary school would ruin the tranquillity of their suburb.

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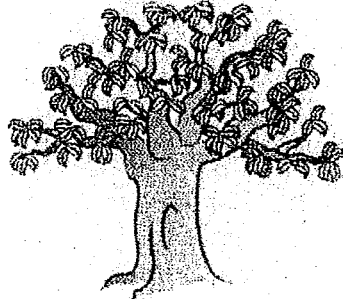
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11 August 2009

Dear Neighbour

Maridahdi Community School will shortly be applying to Toowoomba Regional Council to use the property known as 'Geeumbi' at 1 South Street for a small primary school.

As your home immediately adjoins this property, we wish to give you the courtesy of some advance notice about our plans.

At this stage we would plan to make virtually no change to the home itself, and to replace the current large white shed with a less visually obtrusive library building of comparable size. In the longer term, we would look at adding two classroom 'pods' underneath the trees near the tennis court.

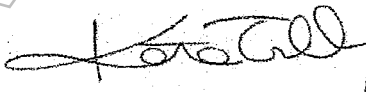
Our plans do *not* include removal of trees, any significant changes to the 'Geeumbi' residence, or any reduction to your existing views. Also, the style of schooling that we provide at Maridahdi does not have the noise issues usually associated with schools: we do not have bells, PAs, whistles etc.

We will have plans drawn up in the next few weeks, and at that time will invite you to Maridahdi to for an opportunity to show you the plans, address any questions you may have, and gain your input.

In the meantime, you are most welcome to call the school with any questions.

Sincerely,


LOUIS BRADFELD
Principal


KATE TULLY
Chair, Governing Council

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15 June 2010

Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board



Dear 

I refer to your correspondence of 16 April 2010 in connection with the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board seeking approval to establish a new site of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School at South Street, Toowoomba.

The Board notes your comments and notes too that you have also sent a copy of your correspondence to the Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP.

It is understood that the Minister's principal advisor has recently responded to you on the Minister's behalf about your concerns.

The Board trusts that the information provided on behalf of the Minister is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: kate tully [s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2010 12:22 PM
To: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: RE: NSSAB consideration for South Street application

Thank you, Tracey. We held a public meeting last week with a very positive response, so are hopeful of a favourable decision soon! Kate

-----Original Message-----

From: JARRETT, Tracey [mailto:Tracey.JARRETT@deta.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2010 12:14 PM
To: kate.tully [s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act]
Subject: FW: NSSAB consideration for South Street application

Dear Kate

The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board received and considered Maridahdi Early Childhood Community's information regarding the progress of land and building approvals from Toowoomba Regional Council for the South Street site. As indicated in your letter the Public Notification period will be finished on 23 April 2010 and therefore the Board have held any decision on the application in abeyance until soon after this date. Accordingly, the Board invite MECC to keep it informed on the progress of the council's decision.

Regards

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ENCLOSURE 6

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: JARRETT, Tracey
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2010 12:13 PM
To: 'admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au'; 'kate.tully' s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act
Subject: NSSAB consideration for South Street application

Dear Kate

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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD

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Meeting: 05/10

Date: 1 April 2010

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor S McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Ms A Brazier, Mr M Byrne, Ms R Collins (Proxy for Dr J Roulston)

Apology: Professor V Callan, Dr J Roulston

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.1 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, South Street site

The Board considered the correspondence (dated 29 March 2010, received 31 March 2010) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in relation to zoning and land-use matters at the proposed 1 South Street, Toowoomba site of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board noted that:

- (a) to date, the applicant has not received Council approval regarding land use, and
- (b) the final consideration date for the application is 30 April 2010, which is prior to the Board's next scheduled meeting.

The Board resolved:

- (a) that based on the information before it, the Board is unable to determine whether the school will comply with the accreditation criteria, specifically in relation to the land and buildings criterion;
- (b) to hold in abeyance further consideration pending Council approvals; and
- (c) to deal with the next phase of the Board's consideration of the application by utilising the "notice of resolution" mechanisms under section 123(6) of the Act prior to the final consideration date of 30 April 2010.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION					
School	<p>Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School</p> <p>The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.</p>				
Applicant	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community				
Current applications	<p>The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school.</p> <p>The commencement date at the proposed new site has been amended from 19 April 2010 to 12 July 2010.</p>				
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Board required to	<p>When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to:</p> <p>(a) if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and</p> <p>(b) consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and</p> <p>(c) consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and</p> <p>(d) if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>				
Considerations for 1 April 2010 meeting					
Secretariat's recommendation	<p>It is recommended that the Board:</p> <p>(a) note that the applicant was requested to advise the Board with developments on the lease/purchase arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and</p> <p>(b) note that no further information has been received from the applicant to date;</p> <p>(c) note that the final consideration date for the application is 30 April 2010, which is prior to the Board's next scheduled meeting;</p> <p>(d) decide:</p> <p>(i) that based on the information before it, the Board is unable to determine whether the school will comply with the accreditation criteria, specifically in relation to the land and buildings criterion [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) to refuse the application to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) to issue an information notice about the decision to refuse the application [Act, s 52(5)].</p> <p><i>Board decided to hold over consideration pending further information from applicant regarding land + building approvals</i></p> <p><i>Decision prior to 29 April 2010</i></p>				
Key actions to date					
4 March 2010	<p>The Board:</p> <p>(a) noted that the Minister has approved eligibility for government funding for the South Street site;</p> <p>(b) noted that the applicant has advised that the development application for material change of use for an educational establishment was lodge with Toowoomba Regional Council on 16 December 2009 and the applicant expects a decision from the Council in March/ April 2010.</p>				

	<p>(c) requested that the Board's Secretariat contact the applicant requesting the Board to be kept inform on developments with land-use and zoning matters prior to the 1 April 2010 meeting; and</p> <p>(d) <u>held over consideration of the following:</u></p> <p>(iv) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(v) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(vi) if (c)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>
5 Nov 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <p>(a) noted that the applicant has amended the student-intake day for the proposed site from 30 September 2009 to 19 April 2010;</p> <p>(b) noted that the applicant will advise the Board with developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and</p> <p>(c) <u>hold over consideration of the following:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>
8 October 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <p>(a) gave the EFGFC recommendation to the Minister [Act, s 85(2)]; and</p> <p>(b) <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>
10 Sept 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <p>(a) considered the additional information provided by the applicant in conjunction with the application;</p> <p>(b) wrote to the applicant, as per the draft letter, requesting to be kept informed of developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and</p> <p>(c) <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>
6 August 2009	<p>The Board resolved to:</p> <p>(a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister;</p> <p>(b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the site, information and documentation relating to accreditation criteria for the proposed new site regarding staffing, land and buildings, educational facilities and materials; and</p> <p>(c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria;</p>

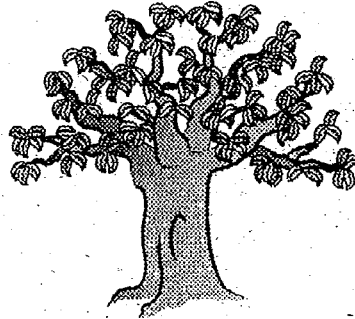
(ii) whether to grant the application; and

(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day).

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BY:

Emeritus Professor S V McLean
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

29 March 2010

Dear Professor McLean

Change of attribute: South Street campus

I write with a further update on progress of our proposed campus at South Street, Toowoomba.

We have lodged our response to the Information Request issued by Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC). The Public Notification period has now commenced and will finish on 23 April. As the correspondence from TRC (provided earlier) confirms, TRC's decision-making period follows immediately thereafter. Maridahdi is increasingly confident that the application will be approved.

I therefore repeat our request that the Board gives consideration to approving our application at its 1 April meeting. Again, we are well aware that the South Street campus will be unable to accommodate students until all accreditation criteria – including land use consent – are in place.

I thank the Board for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Tully'.

KATE TULLY
Chair, Maridahdi Community Governing Council

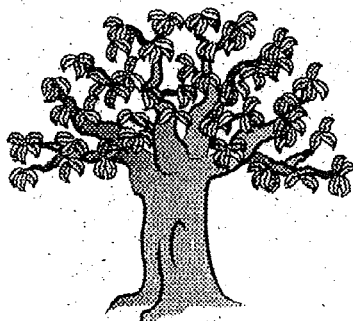
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BY:

22 February 2010

Emeritus Professor S V McLean
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor McLean

Change of attribute: South Street campus

I write with an update on progress of our proposed campus at South Street, Toowoomba, and with a request to the Board.

As the accompanying letter from Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) confirms, our application is currently in progress. We expect to have our response to the Information Request lodged with TRC next week, which means a decision is expected in March/April.

Maridahdi is confident that the application will be approved. We have had many, many discussions with TRC to ensure that the requirements of the Planning Scheme are met and all impacts are appropriately managed. You will be aware that the planning report accompanying our application took many months of preparation; the report includes six separate expert reports and has been described by the most senior Council planning officer as 'very well documented and comprehensive'. Our application was referred to both the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DERM), due to heritage considerations, and to Queensland Transport & Main Roads (QTMR) for road and traffic considerations. Both agencies have approved our proposal to proceed.

I am aware that the Board needs to make a decision on our Change of Attribute Application before the end of April, which in effect means not later than its meeting on 1 April 2010. You will note from the information above that it is unlikely we will have formal approval from TRC before that date.

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You will also be aware that we have already received a letter from the Minister confirming his approval of the South Street site for recurrent funding.

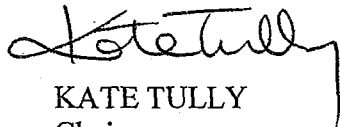
I am therefore requesting that the Board gives consideration to approving our application at its next meeting.

We are well aware that the South Street campus will be unable to actually accept students until all accreditation criteria – including land use consent – are in place.

However – as I'm sure you can imagine – it would be devastating for Maridahdi to be thwarted by this 'race against the clock' and to receive a 'deemed refusal' from the Board when we are so close to securing the required consent.

I thank the Board most sincerely for all of its support to date, and for its consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



KATE TULLY
Chair,
Maridahdi Community Governing Council

Encl.:

Enquiries: Tanya Duggan
Contact: Toowoomba, 4688 6943
Our Reference: MCUI/2009/7708

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25 February 2010

BY:.....

Emeritus Professor S V Mc Lean
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Profess Mc Lean

Re: Clarification of application for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community at 1 South Street, Rangeville Qld 4350 described as L1/RP142232: Parish of Flagstone.

Council has been requested by the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to confirm the details of their development application at 1 South Street Rangeville (MCUI/2009/7708).

On 16 December 2009, the Toowoomba Regional Council received a properly made application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Educational Establishment from Maridahdi care of Precinct Urban Planning, to use 1 South Street Rangeville for a second campus for their school.

Council on the 3 February 2010 issued an Information Request, seeking clarification on a number of issues.

Once Maridahdi responds to this Information Request, there will be a Public Notification period of 15 business days, followed by the Decision Making Period.

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Duggan, Planning Projects Officer on the above number.

Yours faithfully


Ilija Susnja
Senior Planner, Development Assessment Urban

cc.
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**NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES**

Meeting: 04/10

Date: 4 March 2010

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor S McLean AM (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mr D Briskey, Professor V Callan, Ms A Brazier, Dr J Roulston AM, Mr M Byrne

Proxy: Mr M Wilkinson (Proxy for Mr Byrne from 12:15 p.m.)

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.8 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School – South Street site

The Board noted:

- (a) the letter (dated 10 February 2010, received 11 February 2010) from the Minister granting approval for eligibility for government funding for the South Street site; and
- (b) the applicant's letter (dated 22 February 2010, received 1 March 2010) providing an update on progress of the proposed South Street site but, as yet, not providing advice with regards to developments on the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters.

The Board **resolved** to hold over further consideration of the following:

- (a) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria;
- (b) whether to grant the application; and
- (c) if the application is approved – the day before which this change must be effected.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION

School	<p>Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School</p> <p>The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.</p>				
Applicant	Maridahdi-Early Childhood Community				
Current applications	<p>The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school.</p> <p>The commencement date at the proposed new site has been amended from 19 April 2010 to 12 July 2010.</p>				
Key dates	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Valid lodgement</td> <td>29 July 2009</td> <td>Latest decision date</td> <td>30 April 2010</td> </tr> </table>	Valid lodgement	29 July 2009	Latest decision date	30 April 2010
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Board required to	<p>When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and (b) consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and (c) consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and (d) if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 				
Considerations for 4 March 2010 meeting					
Secretariat's recommendation	<p>It is recommended that the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) note that the Minister has approved eligibility for government funding for the South Street site; (b) note that the applicant is yet to advise the Board with developments on the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and (c) <u>hold over consideration of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; (ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and (iii) if (c)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 				
Key actions to date					
5 Nov 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noted that the applicant has amended the student-intake day for the proposed site from 30 September 2009 to 19 April 2010; (b) noted that the applicant will advise the Board with developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and (c) <u>hold over consideration of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; (ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 				

8 October 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) gave the EFGFC recommendation to the Minister [Act, s 85(2)]; and (b) <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; (ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].
10 Sept 2009	<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) considered the additional information provided by the applicant in conjunction with the application; (b) wrote to the applicant, as per the draft letter, requesting to be kept informed of developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and (c) <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; (ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].
6 August 2009	<p>The Board resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister; (b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the site, information and documentation relating to accreditation criteria for the proposed new site regarding staffing, land and buildings, educational facilities and materials; and (c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria; (ii) whether to grant the application; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day).

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: kate tully [kate.tully@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 February 2010 1:30 PM
To: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: Maridahdi

Dear Tracey

I am currently preparing a letter for the Board's next meeting, regarding a possible decision on our South St application. I will have this to you in the next day or so. In the meantime, we wish to revise our student intake date for this application (currently 19 April 2010) to 12 July 2010.

Many thanks,

KATE TULLY

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Member for Ferny Grove



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10 FEB 2010

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb AO
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

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BY:

Dear Professor Webb

Thank you for your letter dated 8 October 2009 regarding the recommendation of the Non-State Schools Eligibility for Government Funding Committee in respect of the application by the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community for eligibility for Government funding for an additional site of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, Toowoomba.

I am pleased to advise that I have approved the application for eligibility for Government funding for the governing body of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School at the additional site to be located at 1 South Street, Toowoomba (Preparatory Year to Year 7, co-educational, classroom delivery, non-boarding and educational programs based on Queensland Studies Authority syllabus framework/s).

In accordance with subsection 55(7) of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, I have notified the governing body of the school of my decision.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you can contact Ms Christine Rutledge, Manager, Office of Non-State Education, on telephone (07) 3224 5536.

Please pass on my appreciation to Associate Professor Jim Watters and other members of the funding committee for preparing the recommendation.

Yours sincerely

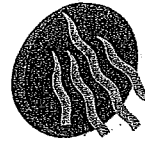
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18 November 2009

Ms Kathryn Tully
Chair
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
PO Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA EAST QLD 4350

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Dear Ms Tully

I refer to your letter dated 16 November 2009 to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board informing of the progress of the proposed South Street site of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, and requesting the Board's opinion about the legitimacy of operating from an alternative site due to enrolments for 2010 exceeding the capacity at the Bowtell Street site.

The Board notes that Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC) is still awaiting developmental approvals from Toowoomba Regional Council for the South Street site. The Board looks forward to receiving further information in due course from MECC as to the outcome of this process.

As acknowledged in your letter, the site at which a non-State school operates is an attribute of a school's accreditation, and must be approved by the Board before the school is able to operate on that site.

The *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* sets out the way in which the governing body of a non-State school must apply for the Board's approval to change the school's attribute to include a new site, and the way in which the governing body must apply for the Minister's approval to be eligible for Government funding for the new site.

The Act does not authorize the Board to grant approval to add a new site (on a temporary or permanent basis) in any other way. The Board, therefore, would not be able to sanction the school to operate on a University of Southern Queensland site without the necessary approvals in place.

While the Board cannot give MECC advice on a particular course of action, it wishes to point out that even if MECC were in a position to lodge immediately an application to add the university site to the school's accreditation, and an application for that site to be eligible for Government funding, it is highly unlikely that those applications could be decided before the commencement of the 2010 school year.

In relation to your specific request about "flexible arrangements", the Board does not consider that the proposal for the school to cater for some 25 (maximum) of the school's enrolled students on the university campus would satisfy the requirements of section 182 (Flexible arrangements-non-State schools) of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb AO
Chairperson

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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD**MINUTES****Meeting: 16/09****Date: 17 November 2009**

Venue:	Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane
Present:	Emeritus Professor R Webb AO (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs P Reust, Mr D Briskey, Dr J Roulston AM, Mr M Byrne, Ms A Brazier (Proxy for Ms J Haddrell)
Secretariat:	Mrs T Jarrett, Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Belfiore

4.8 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

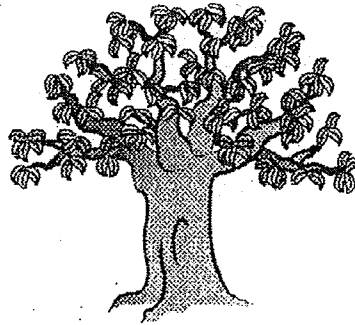
The Board considered the letter (dated and received 16 November 2009) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC) seeking advice about a temporary arrangement to operate the school from an alternate site.

The Board **resolved** to write to MECC, as per the draft letter with amendments, informing MECC that:

- (a) a site must be approved by the Board before the school is able to operate on that site;
- (b) the Act sets out the way in which the governing body of a non-State school must apply for the Board's approval to change the school's attribute to include a new site, and the way in which the governing body must apply for the Minister's approval to be eligible for Government funding for the new site
- (c) the Board, therefore, would not be able to sanction the school to operate on a University of Southern Queensland site without the necessary approvals in place; and
- (d) in relation to MECC's specific request about "flexible arrangements", the Board does not consider that the proposal put forward would satisfy the requirements of section 182 (Flexible arrangements–non-State schools) of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

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16 November 2009

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor Webb

I wish to update the Board on our progress towards our second campus, and to ask the Board's advice. As you are aware, Maridahdi's plans to expand to a second campus during 2010 are well underway and we are pleased with progress to date. However, our proposed new campus in South Street, Toowoomba will not be available to us for the start of next year (as we had originally hoped), as we will still be awaiting town planning approval and hence accreditation.

However, our enrolments for 2010 now exceed our capacity at our current campus. We have been able to secure teaching space at the University of Southern Queensland, which we will lease on a temporary basis from January until South Street is ready to occupy. We envisage that this will cater for a maximum 25 students (currently 15) from Years 4-7, with a full-time teacher and assistant.

The school's governing body, the Maridahdi Community Governing Council, is aware that it would generally be a requirement to have this site accredited by the Board. However, given the timeframe *plus* the fact that this is a temporary measure only, our Council would prefer to cater for these students under the Flexible Arrangements Policy endorsed by ISQ, until we are able to move them to South Street during 2010.

I am writing to seek the Board's opinion on whether this option is acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

KATE TULLY
Chair,
Maridahdi Community Governing Council

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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting: 15/09

Date: 5 November 2009

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor R Webb AO (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs P Reust, Mr D Briskey, Dr J Roulston AM, Mr M Byrne, Ms A Brazier (Proxy for Ms J Haddrell)

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.8 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board noted the letter (dated 23 October 2009, received 2 November 2009) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC) advising that:

- (a) MECC now has a contract to purchase the proposed new campus at 1 South Street; and
- (b) The amended student-intake day for the site is now 19 April 2010.

The Board **resolved** to hold over further consideration of the application pending advice regarding developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters.

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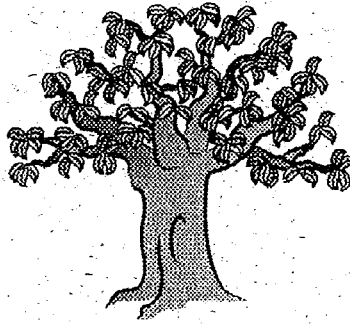
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION

School	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.		
Applicant	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community		
Current applications	The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school. The commencement date at the proposed new site has been amended from 30 September 2009 to 19 April 2010.		
Key dates	Valid lodgement	29 July 2009	Latest decision date 30 April 2010
Board required to	When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 		
Considerations for 5 November 2009 meeting			
Secretariat's recommendation	It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> note that the applicant has amended the student-intake day for the proposed site from 30 September 2009 to 19 April 2010; note that the applicant will advise the Board with developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and <u>hold over consideration of the following:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and if (b)(ii) is approved -- the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 		
Key actions to date			
8 October 2009	The Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> gave the EFGFC recommendation to the Minister [Act, s 85(2)]; and <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and if (b)(ii) is approved -- the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]. 		

<p>10 September 2009</p>	<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) considered the additional information provided by the applicant in conjunction with the application; (b) wrote to the applicant, as per the draft letter, requesting to be kept informed of developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and (c) <u>held over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].
<p>6 August 2009</p>	<p>The Board resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister; (b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the site, information and documentation relating to accreditation criteria for the proposed new site regarding staffing, land and buildings, educational facilities and materials; and (c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria; (ii) whether to grant the application; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day).

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23 October 2009

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor Webb

Change of attribute application

I am pleased to advise that Maridahdi now has a contract to purchase our proposed new campus at 1 South Street. We will advise you further as the various contract conditions are met.

I also advise that our amended commencement date is 19 April 2010.

Sincerely,

KATE TULLY
Chair,
Maridahdi Community Governing Council

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JARRETT, Tracey

From: Maridahdi [admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au]
Sent: Friday, 16 October 2009 9:15 AM
To: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: RE: Amended commencement date for new site

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Will do!

Kate Tully
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
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-----Original Message-----

From: JARRETT, Tracey [mailto:Tracey.JARRETT@deta.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 October 2009 2:10 PM
To: Maridahdi
Subject: Amended commencement date for new site

Dear Kate Tully

As you are aware the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board have requested to be kept informed on the progress of the development approvals and lease arrangements for the proposed new site at South Street. In accordance with this request, the Board will need to receive an amended commencement date when the approvals and arrangements have been finalised as the original date of 30 September 2009 has now passed. It would be appreciate if you could include this information in your correspondence.

Regards
Tracey

TRACEY JARRETT
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Regards
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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD
MINUTES

Meeting: 14/09

Date: 8 October 2009

Venue: Room 12.2, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane
Present: Emeritus Professor R Webb AO (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs P Reust, Mr D Briskey, Dr J Roulston AM, Mr M Byrne, Ms A Brazier (Proxy for Ms J Haddrell)
Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs E Phillpotts, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.1 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board gave consideration to the response (dated and received 30 September 2009) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to its 16 September 2009 letter, and the favourable recommendation from the Funding Committee.

The Board **resolved:**

- (a) to give the Funding Committee's recommendation to the Minister; and
- (b) to hold over further consideration pending receipt of information from the applicant on land use consent for the site.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION

School	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.		
Applicant	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community		
Current applications	The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school. The commencement date at the proposed new site is 30 September 2009.		
Key dates	Valid lodgement	29 July 2009	Latest decision date 30 April 2010
Board required to	When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to: (a) if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and (b) consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and (c) consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and (d) if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].		
Considerations for 8 October 2009 meeting			
Secretariat's recommendation	It is recommended that the Board: (a) give the EFGFC recommendation to the Minister [Act, s 85(2)]; and (b) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u> (i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; (ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].		
Key actions to date			
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6 August 2009	The Board resolved to: (a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister; (b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the		

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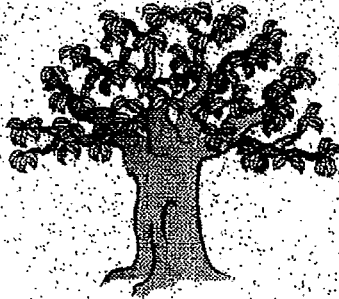
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- (iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day).

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BY:

30 September 2009

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor Webb

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2009, regarding our recent application. I am pleased to provide the following further clarification.

I confirm that we are seeking for both sites to be accredited Prep - Year 7. This will provide maximum flexibility as we make the adjustment to having dual sites. Amendments may be required at a later date, once our enrolment patterns are more firmly established.

In relation to staff, the maximum number of classes envisaged long-term at the South Street site is eight, so the maximum staff planned for that site would be as stated previously. At our Bowtell Street site, we will continue to have a teacher and assistant for each class. It is likely that the Principal and support staff will work between both campuses.

I trust this information addresses your queries.

Sincerely,


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Chair,
Maridahdi Community Governing Council

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**Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board**
Queensland Government

Ms Kathryn Tully
Chair
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Dear Ms Tully

I refer to the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC), under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals.

The Board received and considered at its last meeting, the information provided by MECC dated 14 August and the email received on 9 September 2009 in response to the Board's correspondence of 7 August 2009.

The Board notes from the information that MECC:

- (i) prefer to be accredited for Preparatory Year to Year 7 as the years of schooling attributed to the school's accreditation at both Bowtell Street and South Street sites. However it is also stated that, "*At this stage, what we propose to offer is Prep to Year 1 at Bowtell Street and Years 2-7 at South Street site*";
- (ii) is preparing to lodge an application in mid-September with the Toowoomba Regional Council for developmental approvals for the proposed site and has also applied to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning to be listed in the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998* to accelerate the approval process;
- (iii) is currently negotiating an agreement to obtain a legal right to occupy the site; and
- (iv) intends to employ a Principal, 8 teachers, 8 assistants and up to 3 non-teaching staff at the South Street site.

Confirmation is requested on items (i) and (iv) above as the information provided does not give the Board a clear indication of the scope of the application in regard to the years of schooling to be attributed to the school's accreditation and related staffing to be allocated at each of the Bowtell Street and South Street sites.

The Board also requests to be kept informed of the developments with the matters (ii) and (iii) as listed above.

Relevant to this request, the Board is obliged by the Act to be satisfied that after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria prescribed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001*.

The Board looks forward to receiving the further information to assist in the consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb AO
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NON-STATE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting: 13/09

Date: 10 September 2009

Venue: Crowne Plaza Pelican Waters Hotel, 38 Mahogany Dve, Caloundra

Present: Emeritus Professor R Webb AO (Chairperson), Professor W Lane (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs P Reust, Mr D Briskey, Dr J Roulston AM, Ms A Brazier (Proxy for Ms J Haddrell), Mr M Wilkinson (Proxy for Mr M Byrne)

Secretariat: Mrs T Jarrett, Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.10 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board gave consideration to the additional information provided in the letter (dated 14 August 2009, received 21 August 2009) from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (MECC).

The Board **resolved** to write to MECC as per the draft letter, with amendments:

- (a) noting that MECC:
- (i) prefer to be accredited for Preparatory Year to Year 7 at both Bowtell Street and South Street sites;
 - (ii) is preparing to lodge an application with Toowoomba Regional Council for developmental approvals for the proposed site and has also applied to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning to be listed in the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998* to accelerate the approval process;
 - (iii) is currently negotiating an agreement to obtain a legal right to occupy the site; and
 - (iv) intends to employ a Principal, 8 teachers, 8 assistants and up to 3 non-teaching staff at the South Street site; and
- (b) requesting:
- (i) confirmation on items (i) and (iv) above; and
 - (ii) to be kept informed of developments with the matters listed in (ii) and (iii) above.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION

School	<p>Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School</p> <p>The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.</p>		
Applicant	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community		
Current applications	<p>The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school.</p> <p>The commencement date at the proposed new site is 30 September 2009.</p>		
Key dates	Valid lodgement	29 July 2009	Latest decision date 30 April 2010
Board required to	<p>When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to:</p> <p>(a) if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and</p> <p>(b) consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and</p> <p>(c) consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and</p> <p>(d) if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)]</p>		
Considerations for 10 September 2009 meeting			
Secretariat's recommendation	<p>It is recommended that the Board:</p> <p>(a) consider the additional information provide by the applicant in conjunction with the application;</p> <p>(b) write to the applicant, as per the draft letter, requesting to be kept informed of developments with the lease arrangements, zoning and land-use matters; and</p> <p>(c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>		
Key actions to date			
6 August 2009	<p>The Board resolved to:</p> <p>(a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister;</p> <p>(b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the site, information and documentation relating to accreditation criteria for the proposed new site regarding staffing, land and buildings, educational facilities and materials; and</p> <p>(c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria;</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day).</p>		

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BADINSKI, Candice

From: Maridahdi [admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2009 5:05 PM
To: BADINSKI, Candice
Cc: JARRETT, Tracey
Subject: Maridahdi update ATT: Mr P Parsons

Dear Pat

I would like to provide the following update in relation to our Change of Attribute Application to be considered by the Board at tomorrow's meeting.

- Contracts have been drafted and we hope to have these signed within the week. The vendor has accepted our offer and terms.
- We have engaged a town planning consultant to prepare our Material Change of Use Application, and have a Pre-lodgement meeting next Tuesday, 15/9/09.
- Our BER funding has been approved for this site.

I reiterate our request that the Board provides accreditation conditional upon tenure. We understand that accreditation cannot be confirmed until the site is approved for recurrent funding, which will only occur when we have planning approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. We look forward to hearing from the Board after tomorrow's meeting.

With kind regards,

Kate Tully
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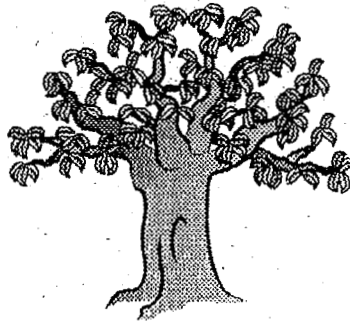
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14 August 2009

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
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Dear Professor Webb

Thank you for your letter of 7 August 2009, responding to our recent application. I am pleased to provide the following information regarding each of the matters raised.

1. Years of schooling to be offered at each site

Maridahdi's preference is for both campuses to be accredited Prep to Year 7, to allow maximum flexibility with multi-age and family groupings. This is what we have applied for in this application, and what is stated in our Public Notification.

We appreciate, however, that there may be some concern at the Board about whether Maridahdi is planning to double its provision by adding this second campus; our statement about surrendering partial accreditation at Bowtell Street is our reassurance that this is not the case.

At this stage, what we *propose* to offer is Prep to Year 1 at Bowtell Street, and Years 2-7 at South Street.

However, unless the Board *does* wish to limit our accreditation, then Prep-Year 7 accreditation at both campuses will give us optimal flexibility.

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2. Land and buildings

(a) Planning approval

Maridahdi has engaged a town planning consultant who is currently preparing a Material Change of Use (MCU) application for Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC). We envisage that this will be lodged by mid-September. We have already commissioned a number of the expert reports required for the MCU application, and have also had several positive discussions with senior TRC officers and Councillors. TRC's Senior Planner has indicated that three months is the expected timeframe for processing of an MCU application. Maridahdi believes that approval is the likely outcome.

Maridahdi has also applied to the Department of Infrastructure & Planning (DIP) for the South Street campus to be listed in the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998*, schedule 11, section 5; this process stems from amendments to this regulation to expedite the release of funds under the Commonwealth's Building the Education Revolution (BER) funding initiative. (The development of our South Street campus is in part a BER-funded project.) If our application is accepted by the Minister, this process will accelerate the MCU process. This outcome will be known next month.

(b) Tenure

Maridahdi is currently negotiating dual agreements for the property: a 25-year lease and an option to purchase contract. Our offer and terms have been accepted by the vendor, and the contracts are now being drafted. The contracts will be conditional upon (inter alia) accreditation and planning approval.

We request that the Board grants provisional accreditation that will take effect as soon as Maridahdi has tenure, which will be upon signing of the lease.

(c) Site plan

Attached is our site plan. The building labeled 'Classrooms & Admin' will accommodate GLAs, art areas, admin offices, computer room, staff facilities and children's toilet facilities. The library will also include toilet facilities. The teaching pods each include GLAs, art areas and toilet facilities.

3. Staffing

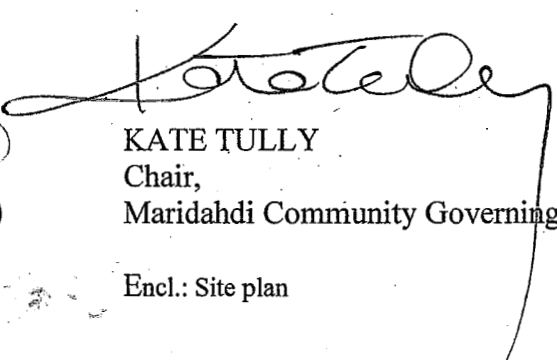
We envisage a maximum staff at the South Street site comprising Principal, 8 teachers, 8 assistants and 2-3 non-teaching staff. The latter will be employed in a combination of administrative, financial and school management responsibilities.

4. Educational facilities and materials

The facilities and materials to support the effective delivery of our educational program will be the same as those already approved for our existing site. In addition, we will make more extensive use of IT, and will also have much more outdoor playspace than at our current site.

We thank the Board for its further consideration, and look forward to hearing from you again after your 10th September meeting.

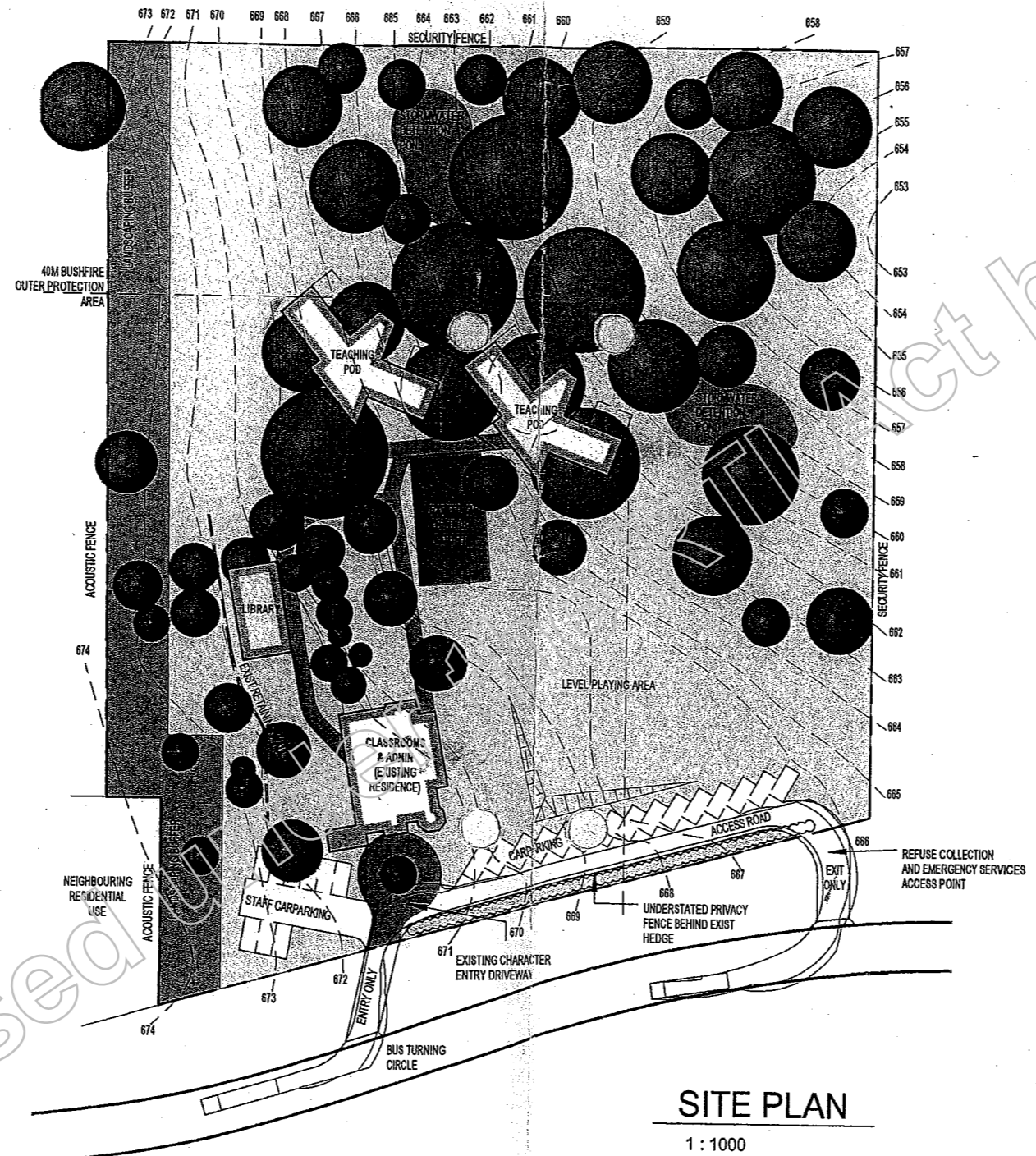
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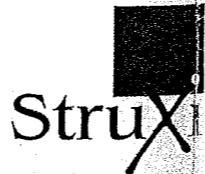
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Encl.: Site plan

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7 August 2009

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Ms Kathryn Tully
Chair
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
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Dear Ms Tully

I refer to the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community, under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals.

The Board has given preliminary consideration to the application at meeting today and has resolved to seek further information and documentation from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community.

Relevant to the Board's requests for further information and documentation, the Board is obliged by the Act to be satisfied that after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria prescribed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001*.

I now turn to each of the matters raised by the Board.

1. Years of schooling to be offered at each site

The Board notes from the application, under the heading Background, that "... *this current application seeks to incorporate this site (South Street) into our existing Prep - Year 7 accreditation. We reiterate that this application does not entail any new provision, but is simply the addition of a new address.... If required, Maridahdi would be prepared to surrender accreditation for some years at our current site (e.g. Prep-Year 3 at Bowtell Street, and Years 1-7 at South Street).*"

The Board additionally notes, under the public notification details, that the application is for "... *funding of Prep to Year 7 primary education at 1 South Street, Toowoomba ...*"

The Board requests further clarification as to the years of schooling Maridahdi Early Childhood Community proposes to offer at the Bowtell Street and the South Street, sites and/or whether it proposes to offer Preparatory Year to Year 7 at both sites.

2. Land and Buildings

The Board notes in the application, that "*Our proposed change of attribute will not affect any of the accreditation criteria, except for (i) Land and buildings. Our use of our new site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, will comply with relevant land use,*

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building and WHS legislation. Our plans for this site are currently being developed, in conjunction with the relevant regulatory authorities."

In addition, the Board notes from the application that the current land-use zoning is "Residential – DIP exemption pending".

The Board requests:

- (a) information known to Maridahdi Early Childhood Community about the likelihood of Council granting the necessary development approval for the South Street site, and about the expected timing around Council's decision;
- (b) documents demonstrating that Maridahdi Early Childhood Community will own the site or will obtain a legal right to occupy the site for the purposes of a school; and
- (c) a marked-up plan of the land and buildings of the new site with a brief description of specific areas and usages including classrooms, other teaching and staff facilities, parking, playground and toilet facilities. (NB: These drawings do not have to be professionally drafted).

3. Staffing

The Board requests information on the number of teaching and non-teaching staff to be employed at the South Street site and information relating to their key responsibilities.

4. Educational facilities and materials

The Board requests a description of the educational facilities and materials that will support the effective delivery of the educational program at the proposed new site.

Under the Act, the Board must give an applicant at least 30 days to provide further information or documents. Accordingly, the Board requires that the additional material mentioned above be provided by close of business on Monday, 14 September 2009. If the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community fails to provide the required material within this time the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community is taken to have withdrawn this application.

Also, the Board asks Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to keep it informed in writing about Council's considerations of the zoning and land-use matters.

It should be noted that the Board has raised the matters set out above as a result of its preliminary examination of the application. Other issues may arise as the Board continues its assessment of the application and may contact Maridahdi Early Childhood Community again later to seek further information and documents.

The Board looks forward to receiving the additional information.

Yours sincerely



Emeritus Professor Roy Webb AO
Chairperson

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6 August 2009

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The Honourable Geoff Wilson MP
Minister for Education and Training
PO Box 15033
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

Re: Statutory Notice to Minister about application received under *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*

Under section 50(3)(b) of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, as soon as practicable after receiving an application about a change in attribute applying to a non-State school which relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the school's governing body seeks Government funding, must give the Minister a notice stating: (a) that the Board has received the application; and (b) the day the application was received.

Notice of Application Received

School: **Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School**

Applicant: **Maridahdi Early Childhood Community**

Date received: **29 July 2009**

Application scope: **Application to include a site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation (primary education, Preparatory Year to Year 7) of the school and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community. The applicant's intention is for the new site to commence on 30 September 2009.**

The Board has today given the Non-State Schools Eligibility for Government Funding Committee a copy of the application. The Committee will make its recommendation to you about eligibility for Government funding in due course.

No response to this notification is required.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb AO
Chairperson

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MINUTES

Meeting: 11/09

Date: 6 August 2009

Venue: Room 12.02, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane

Present: Emeritus Professor R Webb AO (Chairperson), Mrs P Reust, Mr D Briskey, Mr M Byrne, Dr J Roulston AM

Secretariat: Mr P M Parsons, Mrs T Jarrett, Mrs T Belfiore

6.3.12 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

The Board gave consideration to the 29 July 2009 application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

The Board resolved:

- (a) to refer the application to the Funding Committee and give the statutory notice to the Minister;
- (b) to write to the applicant, as per the draft letter enclosed with the meeting papers, requesting:
 - (i) clarification on the year levels to be located at the site;
 - (ii) documents demonstrating that the governing body will own the site or will obtain a legal right to occupy the site for the purposes of a school;
 - (iii) a plan of the land and buildings of the new site;
 - (iv) information on the number of staff to be employed at the site and their key responsibilities; and
 - (v) a description of educational facilities and materials that will support the effective delivery of the educational program; and
- (c) to hold over further consideration until a subsequent meeting.

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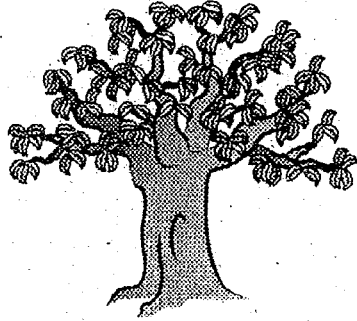
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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE OF ACCREDITATION

School	<p>Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School</p> <p>The school is currently accredited for primary education and is EFGF for Preparatory Year to Year 7.</p>		
Applicant	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community		
Current applications	<p>The application is to include the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and to include this site in the eligibility for Government funding approvals for Maridahdi Early Childhood Community in respect of the school.</p> <p>The commencement date at the proposed new site is 30 September 2009.</p>		
Key dates	Valid lodgement	29 July 2009	Latest decision date 30 April 2010
Board required to	<p>When considering an application to change an attribute of accreditation (other than governing body) [Act, ch 2 pt 3 div 2], the Board is required to:</p> <p>(a) if the application relates to an aspect of the operation of the school for which the governing body is seeking eligibility for government funding, refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)]; and</p> <p>(b) consider whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the school will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)]; and</p> <p>(c) consider the application and either grant or refuse to grant the application [Act, s 52(1)]; and</p> <p>(d) if the Board grants the application, decide the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>		
Considerations for 6 August 2009 meeting			
Secretariat's recommendation	<p>It is recommended that the Board:</p> <p>(a) refer the application to the EFGFC and give the statutory notice to the Minister [Act, s 50(3)];</p> <p>(b) write to the applicant, seeking clarification on the year levels to be located at the site, information and documentation relating to accreditation criteria for the proposed new site regarding staffing, land and buildings, educational facilities and materials; and</p> <p>(c) <u>hold over consideration of the following until a subsequent meeting:</u></p> <p>(i) whether, after the change in attribute is effected, the centre will comply with the accreditation criteria [Act, s 52(3)];</p> <p>(ii) whether to grant the application [Act, s 52(4)]; and</p> <p>(iii) if (b)(ii) is approved – the day before which this change must be effected (change day) [Act, s 52(4)].</p>		
Key actions to date			
	This is the first meeting at which this application has been considered.		

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BY:

28 July 2009

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor Webb

We are pleased to enclose our *Change of accreditation attribute* application, together with supporting documentation.

We thank the Board for its consideration of this application, and look forward to hearing from you after your 6th August meeting.

Sincerely,

KATE TULLY
Chair,
Maridahdi Community Governing Council

Encl.: Completed Form NSS-301 and appendices, original + 17 copies

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Form NSS-301

Change of accreditation attribute

Application for accreditation and funding eligibility

NAME OF SCHOOL			Office use only
MARIDANDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL			
Details of person to contact about this application			CIS No.
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Surname			CIS No. Appendices
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Privacy Information

Form NSS-301: *Application for change of accreditation attribute and funding eligibility* collects information for the following purposes:

- to enable the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board to decide whether to approve the change of attribute under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* (the "Accreditation Act"); and
- where applicable, to enable the Non-State Schools Eligibility for Government Funding Committee to decide whether to grant eligibility for government funding status under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*.

Certain data collected in this survey is 'personal information' within the meaning of the Queensland Government Information Standard 42, which deals with the collection and handling of such information by government agencies. Form NSS-301 collects personal information about:

- a contact person for the purpose of processing the application;
- a person authorised by the incorporated governing body to act on its behalf for the purpose of processing the application; and
- the directors or members of the executive management group of the incorporated governing body making the application for the purpose of ascertaining whether the governing body complies with the requirements of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*.

The information collected in this survey may be disclosed to the following entities:

- the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts;
- the Office of Non-State Education within the Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts and other relevant areas of the Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts;
- assessors and auditors appointed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*; and
- any person who inspects an application or asks an applicant for a copy of an application under sections 82 and 83 respectively of the Accreditation Act.

PLEASE NOTE

Attachments must be labelled with the corresponding number and title of the related item in the application form.

PART 1 APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Applicant

Name of the governing body applying to change an attribute or attributes of accreditation.

MARIDANDI EARLY
CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

2. Is this application seeking eligibility for government funding for the change of attribute?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Automatic by virtue of the transition provisions of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*

If No, Not Applicable or Automatic, proceed to Item 3.

If Yes, please address all of the following items:

a) Is the school to be operated on a not-for-profit basis?

- Yes
- No

Note: A school is *not operated for profit* only if any profits made from the school's operation are used entirely to advance the school's philosophy and aims, as stated in the school's statement of philosophy and aims. Only schools operating on a not-for-profit basis are eligible for government funding.

b) In relation to the operation of the school, has the governing body entered into any prohibited arrangement?

- Yes
- No

Note: A *prohibited arrangement* is a contract or arrangement entered into by a school's governing body or proposed governing body and a for-profit entity not dealing with each other at arm's length.

c) In relation to the operation of the school, does the governing body intend to enter into any prohibited arrangement?

- Yes
- No

Note: A *prohibited arrangement* is a contract or arrangement entered into by a school's governing body or proposed governing body and a for-profit entity not dealing with each other at arm's length.

d) Currently, is there a direct or indirect connection between the governing body and any for-profit entity?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, attach a statement explaining how the governing body is ensuring that there are no connections between it and any for-profit entity that could reasonably be expected to compromise its independence when making financial decisions.

e) With the change of attribute, will there be a direct or indirect connection between the governing body and any for-profit entity?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, attach a statement explaining how the governing body intends to ensure that there will be no connections between it and any for-profit entity that could reasonably be expected to compromise its independence when making financial decisions.

3. Details of governing body

Note: If applying to change the governing body, provide details of the proposed governing body. For all other changes of attribute, provide details of the existing governing body.

Attach the following:

- a) a copy of the constitution or like document of the governing body and the rules under which it operates;
- b) documentation showing the corporate structure of the governing body, including details of related entities and the relationships between these entities;
- c) documentation showing the current membership of the governing body e.g. ASIC Company Extract;
- d) a copy of the positive notice blue card issued by the Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian for each director or member of the executive management group of the governing body;
- e) a copy of the policy used by the governing body for identifying, declaring and dealing with any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest a director or member of the executive management group of the governing body may have in regard to the operation of the school; and
- f) (for new governing body only) documentary evidence that the proposed governing body is a corporation, ensuring that the type of incorporation is included.

See Appendix 1

PART 1 APPLICANT DETAILS

4. Offences

Note: *If applying to change the governing body, provide details of the proposed governing body. For all other changes of attribute, provide details of the existing governing body.*

Has any director or member of the executive management group of the governing body been convicted of an indictable offence?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, attach details.

Has the governing body been convicted of an offence?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, attach details.

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PART 2 CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE DETAILS

5. Current location of school

If a change of attribute is being proposed for more than one site, please complete Appendix 1 for each site other than the one indicated below.

With the exception of the governing body of the school, attributes of accreditation are specific to each site.

Street address

3-7 BOWTELL ST.	
TOOWOOMBA QLD	
4350	
	Postcode

Real property description of existing school site

Lot no.	Plan no.
Lot 6	RP 133692

6. Accreditation attributes

a) Indicate the anticipated date of the proposed change of accreditation attribute.

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b) Tick to indicate which attribute/s the school's governing body is seeking to change.

- Governing body of the school
Proceed to Item 13.
- Location of the school
Proceed to Item 7 then to Item 13 and onwards.
- Curriculum model
Proceed to Item 8 then to Item 13 and onwards.
- Mode of delivery of education
Proceed to Item 9 then to Item 13 and onwards.
- Years of schooling and student-intake type
Proceed to Item 10 then to Item 13 and onwards.
- Inclusion of boarding facilities
Proceed to Item 11 then Item 13 and onwards.
- Sector student-intake day
Proceed to Item 12 then Item 13.

7. New location of school

Proposed street address

1 SOUTH ST	
TOOWOOMBA QLD	
4350	
	Postcode

Real property description of proposed school site

Lot no.	Plan no.
Lot 1	RP 142232

Current land use zoning

Residential - DIF exemption

8. Curriculum model

Attach a statement providing details of the proposed change of curriculum model/syllabus framework to be used by the school.

If the proposed change will result in the use of a curriculum model/syllabus framework other than those approved or accredited by the Queensland Studies Authority, attach details to show that the proposed curriculum model/framework will enable students to achieve standards of learning at least comparable to Queensland standards of learning.

9. Mode of delivery of education

Attach a statement providing details of the proposed change in the mode of delivery of education.

10. Years of schooling offered and student-intake type

Attach a statement providing details of the proposed change in the years of schooling offered and the student-intake type (i.e. females only or males only or co-educational) to be enrolled in each new year of schooling.

11. Boarding facilities

Attach a statement providing details of the proposed change relating to boarding facilities at the school.

PART 2 CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE DETAILS

12. Sector student-intake day

Attach a statement providing details of the proposed change/s to sector student-intake day/s.

A sector student-intake day is the first day students will commence education within the following sectors of schooling:

- Preparatory Year to Year 3
- Years 4 to 7
- Years 8 to 10
- Years 11 to 12.

13. Accreditation criteria

Attach statements explaining how each of the following criteria will be affected by the proposed change in attribute/s.

- a) Statement of philosophy and aims;
- b) Educational program;

- c) Students with a disability;
- d) Distance education delivery;
- e) Flexible arrangements approvals;
- f) Health and safety of students and staff;
- g) Conduct of staff and students;
- h) Staffing;
- i) Land and buildings;
- j) Educational facilities and materials;
- k) Improvement processes; and
- l) Financial viability.

If clarification or further information is required, is permission given for the Board to liaise with the qualified person who prepared the financial viability statement or certificate?

- Yes
- No

Provide details of the qualified person who has prepared the financial viability statement or certificate.

Title (eg. Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr, Pastor) MR	Given names ANTHONY	Preferred first name TONY
Surname HOOPER		
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End of application for accreditation.

Please proceed to Part 3 if you wish to apply for eligibility for government funding.

PART 3 FUNDING APPLICATION DETAILS

14. Funding eligibility

Do you wish to modify your eligibility for government funding to incorporate the proposed changes?

Yes

No

Where modification to funding eligibility is being sought, provide the information requested below as it relates to the proposed changes.

Where a proposed change in attribute only involves the *discontinuation* of an attribute, eg, discontinuation of Years 11 and 12 or discontinuation of boarding facilities, there is no need to complete the following items.

15. Catchment area

The catchment area is defined in the Accreditation Act as the geographical area in which at least 80 per cent of the school's students reside or are likely to reside.

Attach the following as they relate to the proposed change/s for which funding is being sought:

- a) a description and map/s of the modified catchment area of the school with the catchment boundary and Statistical Local Area (SLA) and/or the Census Collector District (CD) codes clearly marked on the map/s;
- b) a statement of supportive argument for both:
 - the selection of the SLAs/CDs included in the catchment area;
 - the exclusion of the SLAs/CDs that are adjacent to the catchment area boundary;
- c) for both the first and fifth year of operation of the proposed change, a list of the SLAs/CDs that comprise the catchment area ranked by magnitude of prospective student enrolments by percentage and numbers; and
- d) a list of the SLAs/CDs that comprise the catchment area ranked by proximity to the school;
- e) the catchment area map showing:
 - the site of the new school; and
 - the names and locations of all existing schools, both non-State and State.

16. Educational choice

If it is claimed that the proposed change/s for which funding is being sought will provide new elements of choice for schooling in the catchment area, attach a statement explaining the features that are not currently available in existing schools, for example:

- a) the school's philosophical or religious foundations;

- b) the educational program and mode of delivery;
- c) the student welfare and pastoral care provisions; and
- d) any other factors.

The Funding Committee's consideration of the educational choice criterion may include matters other than those noted above.

17. Anticipated enrolments

In relation to the proposed change/s for which funding is being sought, attach a table of the anticipated enrolments by year level or age for the five years from the anticipated date of the proposed change of attribute. Indicate the number of any intended overseas students separately.

18. Minimum enrolments

If necessary, attach an explanation for periods when the minimum enrolment requirements under the Accreditation Act are not likely to be met.

19. Projected population of school-age children

Attach the following as they relate to the change/s for which funding is being sought:

- a) a table showing data on the projected population of school-age students in the catchment area by relevant age or year level cohort for the first and fifth years from the anticipated date of change; and
- b) details of the source/s of the projected population data (eg Australian Bureau of Statistics, Department of Local Government and Planning, or other independent and authoritative sources).

20. Anticipated share of cohort

In relation to the change/s for which funding is being sought, attach supporting argument for the share of the total cohort of school-age students in the catchment area, by age or year level, that is claimed as the anticipated enrolment.

21. Public notification

Attach the following as it relates to the change/s for which funding is being sought:

- a) a statement on how the public notification requirements will be met;
- b) copy of the public notice to be published; and
- c) a list of people, with their addresses, to whom the notice will be given.

PART 3 FUNDING APPLICATION DETAILS

22. Impact on other schools *(Optional)*

Attach a statement on the likely impact of the proposed change/s over the next five years on existing schools in the catchment. The statement would address impact on existing schools in terms of:

- a) changes to their enrolments;
- b) changes to their curriculum offerings;
- c) their future viability; and
- d) positive effects.

23. Unfilled enrolment capacity *(Optional)*

Attach a statement relating to the changes that comments on the current demand for student places and the likely effect on the overall unfilled enrolment capacity of other schools in the catchment area.

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Declaration

The person authorised by the incorporated governing body to act on its behalf, eg the chairperson or secretary, is to sign the declaration and provide the contact details requested below.

I, (print full name here)

KATHERINE ANN TULLY

of (print full address here)

s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

declare that the information provided in and attached to this Application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.



Signature of declarant

Date

28/7/09

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Change of accreditation attribute – July 2009

MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

Background and attachments

Background

In late 2008, Maridahdi received accreditation to provide schooling from Prep to Year 7; our previous accreditation (2005) was to Year 3.

As foreshadowed, we have sought an additional campus, as demand for places at Maridahdi exceeds capacity at our current site (Bowtell Street): our numbers here are capped by Toowoomba Regional Council at 75, including up to 25 Pre-Prep children.

We have found a site in South Street, less than 800 metres from our Bowtell Street site; this current application seeks to incorporate this site into our existing Prep-Year 7 accreditation.

We reiterate that this application does *not* entail any new provision, but is simply the addition of a new address. Our total numbers are virtually unchanged from those stated in our Prep-Year 7 application. If required, Maridahdi would be prepared to surrender accreditation for some years at our current site (e.g. Prep-Year 3 at Bowtell Street, and Years 1-7 at South Street).

PART 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

Q3. Details of governing body

Relevant documentation is attached at **Appendix 1.**

PART 2: CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE DETAILS

Q13. Accreditation criteria

These criteria have each been addressed in Maridahdi's previous applications for accreditation. Our proposed change of attribute will not affect any of the accreditation criteria, except for (i) Land and buildings. Our use of our new site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, will comply with relevant land use, building and WHS legislation. Our plans for this site are currently being developed, in conjunction with the relevant regulatory authorities.

Financial viability will not be adversely affected. Refer **Appendix 2.**

PART 3: FUNDING APPLICATION DETAILS

Q15: Catchment area

Our new site, at 1 South Street, Toowoomba, is less than 800 metres from our current site and thus shares the same catchment area.

a) Description

The catchment area for Maridahdi is based on five SLAs within the Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries of Toowoomba Central. These are:

- Toowoomba Central – covers the suburbs of South Toowoomba, Southtown and Toowoomba City.
- Toowoomba South-East- covers the suburbs of Rangeville and Middle Ridge.
- Toowoomba West- covers the suburbs of Newtown, West Toowoomba and Kearney Springs.
- Toowoomba North-West- covers the suburbs of Hariaxton, Rockville and Wilsonton.
- Toowoomba North-East- covering the suburbs of Mt Lofty, East Toowoomba and Prince Henry Heights.

The map at **Appendix 3** shows this catchment area, the location of Maridahdi and the location of other state and non-state schools. It also shows the residential locations of the 85% of our families who live within the four nominated SLAs.

b) SLAs included and excluded

The five SLAs represented on this map are those that have been used previously to define the School's catchment area. Comparing the locations of our current families to data from 2003, we believe that these SLAs remain the most appropriate. The exclusion of any one of these five would result in a map that does not encompass 'a geographical area in which at least 80% of the school's students reside or are likely to reside'.

It follows that the adjoining SLAs have been excluded firstly because they are not required in representing 80%. Also, while the majority of families outside the defined catchment area reside adjacent to the West, North-West and South-East SLAs, they are not concentrated in any single adjoining SLA.

c) SLAs ranked by prospective student numbers

2009 Rank	SLA	No. students aged 3-12	% 3-12 student cohort
1	South-East	3716	27.4
2	West	3527	26.0
3	North-West	2877	21.2
4	Central	1790	13.2
5	North-East	1657	12.2
	Total	13567	100

2013 Rank	SLA	No. students aged 3-12	% 3-12 student cohort
1	West	3821	27.3
2	South-East	3773	26.9
3	North-West	2929	20.9
4	Central	1794	12.8
5	North-East	1689	12.1
	Total	14007	100

Source: Planning Information and Forecasting Unit, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Queensland Government, July 2008. See **Appendix 4**.

d) SLAs ranked by proximity

Rank	SLA	Suburb	Proximity to Maridahdi (km)
1	South-East	Rangeville	0.0
		Middle Ridge	1.8
2	Central	Southtown	4.2
		South Toowoomba	5.0
3	West	Newtown	6.5
		Kearney Springs	7.0
4	North-East	Prince Henry Hts	7.2
		Mt Lofty	8.5
5	North-West	Harlaxton	12.7

Q16: Educational choice

Enhancing genuine educational choice was the main reason for Maridahdi's 2008 application to extend our accreditation to Year 7. As foreshadowed at that time, our current campus in Bowtell Street is not able to accommodate our anticipated expansion; thus we require accreditation of a second site in order to be able to offer the educational choice for which the need has been well established.

As noted previously, Maridahdi's philosophy and educational program is quite distinct from anything else available in the Toowoomba region.

The success of Maridahdi's recent expansion from early childhood education into lower primary is evidenced by:

- our full classrooms – for example, our initial application anticipated that in 2008 we would have 15 children in our Year 2-3 class, while in fact we had 25;
- ongoing support from families by continuing to enrol siblings;
- the support from current families for expansion beyond Year 3 – in a 2008 survey, of all families who intend to send their children to Maridahdi for lower primary, 75% indicated that they would also favour sending their children to Maridahdi for the remaining primary years;
- our substantial waiting lists (which would more than fill available places).

This success has proven that there is demand for an alternative to Toowoomba's mainstream offering. The expansion to a second campus will mean that families can continue to enjoy some degree of educational choice for all primary years.

Q17: Anticipated enrolments

The table below shows our anticipated *minimum* enrolments, from 2009 through to 2014, when a total enrolment of 139 is expected. While this number provides the school with a sound base for economic and educational viability, we do not believe it will impact on the viability of other schools in the area – refer also to Q22 and Q23.

Pre-Prep		Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Total (school)
2 x 24	2009	16	16	7	11	0	1	0	0	51
2 x 24	2010	20	16	16	7	11	4	0	0	74
2 x 24	2011	20	20	16	16	7	11	4	0	94
2 x 24	2012	20	20	20	16	16	7	11	4	114
2 x 24	2013	20	20	20	20	16	16	7	11	130
2 x 24	2014	20	20	20	20	20	16	16	7	139

Q18: Minimum enrolments

As Maridahdi already has more than the minimum 25 enrolments required, we do not envisage a period where this minimum level will not be met.

Q19: Projected population of school-age children

Please refer to *Appendix 4*.

Q20: Anticipated share of cohort

In support of our claim for the student numbers anticipated in Q17, we note:

1. As the table below shows, in 2009 Maridahdi's 99 students (48 Pre-Prep plus 51 school-age) represent 0.73% of the cohort of students aged 3-12 in our catchment area.
2. Our increase to 122 students (48 plus 74) in 2010 can be safely assumed, as this requires only for existing students to continue (or be replaced) and for Prep places to be taken up by only around half our current Pre-Preps.
3. Similarly, minor increases in student numbers will occur in subsequent years as our existing students progress through the primary years; the only 'new' students anticipated in the above table are children who will come from our Pre-Prep programs.

Given that we currently have 0.73% of the 3-12 years cohort, our expectation of 1.26% of the full cohort is well-founded, and probably conservative.

Year	No. students aged 3-12 years in catchment area	Students at Maridahdi Community School and Maridahdi Early Childhood Kindergarten		
		Number	Year Levels	% of cohort
2009	13567	99	Pre-Prep-Yr 4	0.73
2013	14007	176	Pre-Prep-Yr 7	1.26

Q21: Public notification

a) Notification requirements

The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School will fulfil the requirements of public notification by publishing a Catchment Area Notice within 7 days of lodging this application. The Catchment Area Notice will be published in the local newspaper, *The Toowoomba Mail*, which circulates throughout the entire catchment area. The Catchment Area Notice will also be sent to all state and non-state schools operating in the catchment area, the Director-General of Education in the Queensland Department of Education, the Executive Director of Queensland Catholic Education commission and the Executive Director of The Association of Independent Schools of Queensland Inc.

A letter confirming our compliance with the notification requirements will be sent to the Chair of the Non-State Schools Eligibility for Government Funding Committee.

b) Copy of Catchment Area Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that Maridahdi Early Childhood Community of 3-7 Bowtell Street Toowoomba Q 4350 has lodged an application for government funding with the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board for funding of Prep to Year 7 primary education at 1 South Street Toowoomba Q 4350. The enrolment catchment area relevant to the application is a geographical area including Toowoomba South-East, Toowoomba North-East, Toowoomba West, and Toowoomba North-West. Anyone may inspect the application and accompanying documents at the registered office of the applicant Maridahdi Early Childhood Community at 3-7 Bowtell Street Toowoomba Q 4350 or at the Office of Non-State Education, Floor 18 Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane. Copies of the application may be obtained from the applicant at the above location. Copies of any accompanying documents will not be provided. Anyone may make a submission about the application to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, PO Box 347, Brisbane Albert Street BC, Q 4002. A properly made submission is one that is written, is signed by, or for, each person making the submission, states the name and address of each signatory, and is lodged within 35 days from the date of this notice. Submissions may address only the criteria for eligibility for government funding stated in sections 85 and 86 of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*.

Q22: Impact on other schools

We believe that the impact of the proposed change of attribute will have no impact on existing schools. This assessment is based on the small student cohort across a relatively large catchment area; it is highly unlikely that our students' attendance at Maridahdi will have any perceivable impact on the viability or operations of other schools.

Q23: Unfilled enrolment capacity

This application does not entail any significant increase in student numbers at Maridahdi, beyond the proposal for which we have already received accreditation. This application relates to a new site, but not to student numbers that are substantially different from those put forward in our previous application.

We reiterate that the size of Maridahdi does not place at risk the viability of any other school - state or non-state.

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Appendices

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Appendix 1

PART 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

Q3. Details of governing body

- a) Constitution of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
- b) Maridahdi Community Governing Council (MCGC) structure
- c) Office of Fair Trading return, showing current membership of MCGC
- d) Copies of Positive Suitability Notices of MCGC Members
- e) Conflict of Interest Policy

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CONSTITUTION OF THE MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

NAME

1. The name of the organisation shall be MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY (hereinafter called "the Organisation")

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the organisation are:-
 - (1) To establish and direct a junior primary school;
 - (2) to provide educational and associated needs to school age children on a not-for-profit basis; and
 - (3) maintain compliance with educational laws and accreditation requirements including maintaining and encouraging a high standard of building, equipment and staffing of the school;
 - (4) at all times facilitate and nurture young children, their families and the community by:-
 - (a) ensuring the focus is the child and supporting children as "thinkers and learners" in their early years;
 - (b) enhancing the natural potential of each child;
 - (c) providing continual and unlimited creative opportunities and experiences including through the Arts as paramount program;
 - (d) acknowledging that the Organisation's most valued resource is the family of each child with the many diverse contributions those families offer.

CLASSES OF MEMBERS

3. (1) The members of the Organisation shall consist of ordinary members, life members and honorary members.

MEMBERSHIP

4. (1) The number of ordinary members and of life members shall be unlimited.
- (2) Subject to this Constitution any person who is not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible to become a member of the Organisation upon payment or tender to the Organisation of his or her annual subscription for the current financial year.

LIFE MEMBERS

5. (1) The organisation may from time to time, at any annual or general meeting, determine the fee to be paid by any member desiring to compound for his annual subscription and to become a life member of the organisation.
- (2) Any ordinary member upon payment of the fee as determined by paragraph 5(1) shall be entitled to become a life member, having all of the privileges appertaining to an ordinary member of the organisation without payment of the annual subscription. Save as aforesaid a life member shall be subject to all the provisions of this Constitution.

HONORARY MEMBERS

6. (1) Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person, firm, organisation or company who, in the opinion of the Governing Council, has rendered outstanding service to the Organisation or has made a substantial donation to the funds of the Organisation.
- (2) Honorary membership shall be for such period, either unlimited or otherwise, as the Governing Council decided and shall not entitle the holder thereof to vote at a meeting, except when exercising the rights of an ordinary member.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

7. (1) The annual subscription for each financial year shall be five (5) dollars or such other sum in lieu thereof as the members at any annual or general meeting may from time to time determine.
- (2) The annual subscription shall be payable in advance on the first day of January in every financial year after which no resignation, termination or forfeiture of membership shall exempt a former member from payment of the current year's subscription.
- (3) Payment or tender of the annual subscription shall be made to the Secretary personally or through the post addressed to the Secretary.
- (4) A financial member at any material time is a member who is not then indebted to the Organisation in respect of any annual subscription or levy or other payment whatsoever, in his capacity as a member of the Organisation.
- (5) Only those members who are financial members at the time shall be entitled, subject to the lawful procedure of the meeting to speak or vote upon any motion at any annual or general meeting of the Organisation.
- (6) A member who is in arrears with his annual subscription for two (2) calendar months shall be deemed to have forfeited his membership but the Governing Council or on appeal from an adverse decision of the Governing Council the members, may reinstate him on payment of the amount due.

ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

8. (1) The application for membership shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Governing Council may from time to time reasonably prescribe.
- (2) Admission to ordinary membership shall be by election of the Governing Council or, upon appeal, by the members. At the Governing Council meeting next following the payment or tender to the Secretary of the annual subscription for the current financial year as provided by this Constitution, the Governing Council shall consider the application of each applicant and shall elect or reject him or her as a member.
Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Governing Council present at the meeting at which his or her application is being considered shall be declared elected by the Chairman as an ordinary member.
- (3) Upon election or rejection of an application for membership the secretary shall forthwith give to him or her notice in writing of such election or rejection.

APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

9. (1) A person whose application for membership has been rejected, may within one month after receiving written notification of such rejection, appeal against the decision of the Governing Council to a general meeting of the members of the Organisation held for the purpose of

determining that appeal.

Notice in writing of his or her intention to appeal shall be given to the Secretary

The Governing Council shall convene such a general meeting so that the general meeting is held within three months of the date of receipt by the Secretary of a notice to appeal, at a time suitable to the majority of members to attend thereat.

At such a meeting the appellant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case either orally or in writing or partly by one of these means and partly by the other and the Governing Council or those members thereof who rejected the application shall subsequently likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the majority of the financial members present at that meeting.

- (2) Where a person, whose application is rejected, does not within the time prescribed by this Constitution, appeal against the decision of the Governing Council, or so appeals but his or her appeal is unsuccessful, the Secretary shall refund to him or her the amount of the annual subscription paid to the Secretary.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

10. (1) A member may resign from the Organisation at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall only take effect at the time when such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.

11. IF A MEMBER:

- (1) is convicted in a Court of Law of an indictable offence; or
 (2) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Constitution; or
 (3) conducts himself or herself in a manner considered injurious or prejudicial to the character or the interests of the Organisation.

the Governing Council shall consider whether his or her membership shall be terminated.

The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his case and if the Governing Council resolved to terminate his or her membership they shall instruct the Secretary to advise the member accordingly. The member may, within one month after receiving such written notification, appeal to a general meeting of members.

Notice in writing of his or her intention to appeal shall be given to the Secretary.

The Governing Council shall convene a general meeting so that such meeting is held within three months of the date of receipt by the Secretary of a notice of intention to appeal, at a time suitable to the majority of members to attend thereat.

At such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity of fully presenting his case either orally or in writing or partly by either of these means and the Governing Council or those members thereof who intend to terminate his or her membership shall subsequently likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the financial members present at that meeting.

Where any person, whose membership the Governing Council intends to terminate, does not appeal against the decision within the time provided by this Constitution, or so appeals but his or her appeal is

unsuccessful, the membership of that person shall thereupon be deemed to be terminated.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

12. (1) The Governing Council shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Organisation and the date of admission.
- (2) Particulars shall also be entered of resignations, terminations and reinstatement of membership and any further particulars as the Governing Council or the members at any annual or general meeting may require from time to time.
- (3) the register or members shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applied to the Secretary for such inspection.

MANAGEMENT

13. The general control and management of the administration of the Organisation shall be by the "Maridahdi Community Governing Council" consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, School Principal and at least two (2) other Governing Council Community Representatives as the members of the Organisation at any annual general meeting may from time to time appoint.
14. At the annual general meeting of the Organisation, all the members of the Governing Council for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible for re-election.
15. Any member of the Governing Council may resign at any time from membership of the Governing Council by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary but such resignation shall only take effect at the time when such notice is received by the Secretary unless some later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or he or she may be removed from office at any general meeting of the organisation convened for that purpose.

At any such general meeting the member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his or her case either orally or in writing or partly by either of these means. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the majority of the financial members present at such general meetings.

VACANCIES ON GOVERNING COUNCIL

16. The Governing Council shall have power to appoint a financial member who may or may not then be a member of the Governing Council to fill any casual vacancy on the Governing Council until the next annual general meeting. Where a member of the Governing Council is so appointed, then the Governing Council may fill the vacancy caused by such appointment by a financial member who is not then a member of the Governing Council.

Every member so appointed shall retire at the next annual general meeting but shall be eligible for election as a member of the Governing Council at such meeting.

FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

17. Subject to this Constitution and to any resolution of the members of the Organisation carried by a general meeting, the Governing Council shall act in every respect as the managers of the affairs of the Organisation and as the representatives of the members of the Organisation and shall have control of

the property and business of the Organisation. Without in any way restricting the powers of the Governing Council, the powers of the Governing Council shall include power:

- (1) to purchase, take on lease or exchange or otherwise acquire and hold for the purpose of the Organisation any Real or Personal property including any rights or privileges;
- (2) to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage enfranchise, dispose of, to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Organisation;
- (3) to take any gift whether of real or personal property, whether subject to any special trust or not and including devises and bequests;
- (4) to borrow or otherwise raise money in such manner as the Governing Council shall think expedient, and to mortgage, charge, encumber or otherwise pledge the assets of the Organisation with the repayment of such money;
- (5) to invest and deal with the moneys of the Organisation not immediately required for the purposes of the Organisation upon such securities and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Governing Council;
- (6) to delegate any of their powers to Sub-Committees subject to such conditions and directions as they shall think fit;
- (7) to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments and to authorise any two or more of their members to sign such documents, not required to be under the seal of the Organisation;
- (8) to undertake and execute any trusts where the undertaking whereof may seem desirable and either gratuitously or otherwise;
- (9) to do such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects, provided that in case the Organisation shall take or hold any of the Organisation's property which may be subject to any Trusts, the Organisation shall only deal with the same in such manner as allowed by law, having regard to such Trusts;
- (10) to interpret the meaning of this Constitution and matter relating to the organisation on which the Constitution is silent.
- (11) To ensure at all times that any belief statement or mission statement of the Organisation is or are considered in decision making processes to ensure the continued pursuit of the philosophy of the Organisation.

MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

18. (1) The Governing Council shall meet at least ten (10) times in each financial year to exercise its functions. One (1) meeting shall be held immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) A special meeting of the Governing Council shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing of not less than three (3) members of the Governing Council, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (3) At every meeting of the Governing Council fifty (50) percent of the members of the Governing Council shall constitute a quorum, at least two of whom shall be office bearers.
- (4) Subject as previously provided in this Rule, the Governing Council may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit.
Provided that questions arising at any meeting of the Governing Council shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of equality of votes on any question or at any meeting of the Governing Council the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.
- (5) Not less than fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to members of the Governing Council of any special meeting of the Governing Council.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETINGS

19. (1) Subject to this Constitution the Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of February in each year.
- (2) The business to be transacted at every Annual General Meeting shall be:-
- (a) the receiving of the Governing Council's report and the balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year;
 - (b) the receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year;
 - (c) the election of the members of the Governing Council;
 - (d) the appointment of an auditor;
 - (e) any other business of which the Secretary shall have notice twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting; such business shall be set out in the notice of the meeting.
20. (1) At the annual general meeting twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum and at a general meeting twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum.
- (2) If at the expiration of thirty (30) minutes of the commencement of any meeting a quorum be not present the meeting shall stand adjourned for one (1) week at the same time and place. If after the expiration of thirty (30) minutes of the commencement of such adjourned meeting a quorum be not present the meeting shall proceed with those members present.
21. The Secretary shall:-
- (1) When directed to do so by the Governing Council; or
 - (2) Upon being given a requisition in writing signed by not less than three (3) members of the Governing Council or not less than six (6) ordinary members and clearly stating the purpose for which the general meeting is desired; or
 - (3) Upon being given a notice in writing of appeal against the decision of the Governing Council to reject an application for membership or of intention to terminate the membership of any person;
- convene a general meeting of members.
22. The Secretary shall convene all annual and general meetings of the organisation by giving not less than fourteen (14) days notice of such meeting. The manner by which such notice is given shall be determined by the Governing Council.
23. Unless otherwise provided by this Constitution, at every annual and general meeting:-
- (1) The President shall be chairman and in his/her absence a chairman shall be elected by resolution of a majority of the financial members present at the meeting;
 - (2) The Chairman shall maintain order and conduct at the meeting in a proper and orderly manner;
 - (3) Every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the financial members present;
 - (4) Every financial member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote;
 - (5) Voting shall be by show of hands or a division of members, unless not less than six financial

members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot.

The Chairman shall appoint two (2) members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as he/she shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairman shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded;

- (6) The Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Governing Council meeting, annual meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be provided for that purpose, such book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applied to the Secretary for that inspection.

BY-LAWS

24. The Governing Council may from time to time make, amend or repeal By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, for the internal management of the organisation and any By-Law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

ALTERATION OF RULES

25. (1) This Constitution may be amended from time to time by a resolution carried at any Annual or General Meeting.

COMMON SEAL

26. (1) The Secretary shall provide for the safe custody of the seal which shall only be used by the authority of the Governing Council and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by any two of the Present, Secretary and Treasurer.

EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL OF LABOUR

27. (1) The Governing Council shall have the power to employ and dismiss labour.
- (2) No member of the Organisation shall admonish or reprimand an employee but if a member has any complaint, he/she shall make the same in writing to the President, Secretary or Treasurer who shall bring the same before the Governing Council.

FUNDS

28. (1) The income and property of the Organisation shall be applied in promotion of its objects.
- (2) The funds of the Organisation shall be banked in the name of the Organisation in such bank as the Governing Council may from time to time direct.
- (3) Property books and accounts shall be kept and maintained showing a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Organisation and the particulars usually shown in books of like nature.
- (4) All monies shall be banked as soon as practicable after receipt of them;
- (5) All amounts of \$100.00 or over shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President,

Secretary or Treasurer or by other persons authorised by the Governing Council from time to time.

- (6) Cheques shall be crossed "not negotiable" except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recouplements which may be open.
- (7) The Governing Council shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on the imprest system.
- (8) Accounts for payment shall be presented and passed at a Governing Council meeting.
- (9) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial meeting the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement of receipts and payments and income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the financial year just ended.
- (10) All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present his report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the annual general meeting next following the financial year in respect of which audit was made.
- (11) No honorarium shall be granted to any persons from the funds of the Organisation and no dividends shall be paid to, and no income or property of the organisation shall be distributed amongst the members.

FINANCIAL YEAR

29. The financial year of the Organisation shall close on 31 December in each year.

DISSOLUTION

30. The Organisation shall be dissolved:-

- (1) If the membership is less than three (3) persons; or
- (2) If a resolution to that effect is carried by a vote of a three-fourth majority of the financial members present at a general meeting convened to consider the question.
- (3) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Organisation there remains after satisfaction of all of its debts and liabilities, any property or monies whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed amongst members of the Organisation, but the same shall be given or transferred to some other body having objects similar to those of the Organisation and, and exempted under the provisions of the Section 78 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1936) (as amended or as re-enacted) and by its Constituent Rules prohibiting the distribution of its income and property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed upon this Organisation, as is determined by the members by majority vote at a general meeting at or before the winding up or dissolution, or in default of such determination, by a member of a Court of competent jurisdiction.

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION

31. All money and property received or derived in connection with the Organisation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Organisation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by any means whatsoever by way of profit to members of the Organisation provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith to any person, including a member or employee of the Organisation:-
- a. Of reasonable and proper remuneration in return for any services actually rendered to the Organisation;
 - b. For goods supplied in the ordinary and usual conduct of the Organisation;

- c. Of interest at rates not exceeding those for the time being prevailing in the community on money borrowed for the objects of the Organisation;
- d. Of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Organisation for the objects of the Organisations.

Released under the
RTI Act by NSSAB

MARIDAHDI CORPORATE STRUCTURE

GOVERNING BODY

MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY
incorporated under the now repealed
Religious Educational and Charitable Institutions Act 1861,
Letters Patent dated 18 December 2003.

Under its constitution, the Executive Management Group
of the Governing Body is called the
Maridahdi Community Governing Council.

The Directors of the Governing Body are thus the current
members of the Maridahdi Community Governing Council, namely:

Kathryn Tully (President)
Brent Trezise (Treasurer)
Lucy Evans (Secretary)
Louis Bradfield (School Principal)
Nicole Delaney
Adam Waterhouse
Kathleen Brutnall (Wise)



SCHOOL

The school operated under this governing body is called
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

July 2009



Queensland Government

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

ABN: 13 846 673 994

Associations Incorporation Form 12-1

Associations Incorporation Act 1981

This form is effective from 1 September 2008



MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN INC. THE SECRETARY PO BOX 4742 TOOWOOMBA EAST QLD 4350

Organisation Number: IA35389

Financial Year End Date: 31 December 2008

MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN INC.

ANNUAL RETURN OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received

Lodgement details

LU no.:

Instructions

Please use BLOCK letters when completing this form. Attach extra sheets if necessary. All dates should be DD/MM/YYYY.

Privacy statement - Please read

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General is collecting information, including personal information, on this form for the purposes of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999. In accordance with the legislation a register of this information and any documents required by the Department is available for inspection by the public upon payment of a prescribed fee. Where authorised or required by law, information on this form can be disclosed without your consent.

Fee: \$40.00. No GST is payable on these fees.

Part 1 - Incorporated association details

Definitions

Please tick appropriate box.

Note: Where association is required to have an audit under the Collections Act 1966 or Gaming Machine Act 1991, please tick Level 1.

[X] Level 1 - An association is within Level 1 if its current assets are in excess of \$100,000 or its total revenue is in excess of \$100,000.

[] Level 2 - An association is within Level 2 if its current assets are between \$20,000 and \$100,000 or its total revenue is between \$20,000 and \$100,000. But excludes those required to have an audit under Collections Act 1966 or Gaming Machine Act 1991.

[] Level 3 - An association is within Level 3 if its current assets are less than \$20,000 and its total revenue is less than \$20,000. But excludes those required to have an audit under Collections Act 1966 or Gaming Machine Act 1991.

New postal address

Complete only if address details have changed.

Current details THE SECRETARY PO BOX 4742. TOOWOOMBA EAST QLD 4350

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Nominated address for service

Complete only if address details have changed.

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable.

Current details THE SECRETARY 3 - 7 BOWTELL STREET, TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

New address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Date of annual general meeting

Please tick appropriate box.

The association's audited/certified financial statements were presented at the annual

general meeting held on 17 / 02 / 2008 (date) and [X] adopted / [] not adopted by members.

Part 1 – Incorporated association details – continued

<p>Office bearers Complete new details only if current office bearer details have changed.</p> <p>A post office box is not acceptable.</p>	<p>Current details LU JUARA ABERNATHY <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p>
	<p>New details (if applicable)</p> <p>President's name <u>KATHRYN TULLY</u></p>
	<p>Address <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p> <p>Suburb <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small> State <u>QLD</u> Postcode <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p>
	<p>Current details MAREE FITZGIBBONS <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p>
	<p>New details (if applicable)</p> <p>Secretary's name <u>LUCY EVANS</u></p>
	<p>Address <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p> <p>Suburb <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small> State <u>QLD</u> Postcode <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p> <p>Email</p>
<p>Current details JOSEPH STARK <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p>	
<p>New details (if applicable)</p> <p>Treasurer's name <u>BRENT TREZISE</u></p>	
<p>Address <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p> <p>Suburb <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small> State <u>QLD</u> Postcode <small>s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act</small></p>	

Part 2 – Financial details

<p>Association's financial details</p> <p>Complete new details only if current details have changed.</p> <p>Note: BSB and Account No. will not be shown on the public register.</p> <p>Note: Account must be in the registered name of the association.</p>	<p>Current details WESTPAC BANK – TOOWOOMBA, 034221 405429.</p>
	<p>New details (if applicable)</p> <p>(a) Name of financial institution</p> <p>Branch</p> <p>BSB & Account no.</p>
	<p>Financial Statements</p> <p>Level 1</p> <p>Please enclose audited financial statements for the association for its last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a Statement of Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Signed Auditor's Report). An incorporated association may also be subject to the reporting or auditing provisions of other legislation e.g. <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991, Collections Act 1966.</i></p> <p>Level 2</p> <p>Please enclose a copy of the association's financial statement for the last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet) and a statement signed by a person who is an auditor or an approved accountant that states: the person has sighted the association's financial records; and the association's financial records show that the association has book keeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.</p> <p>Note: Where an association is required to have an audit under the <i>Collections Act 1966</i> or <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991</i>, Level 1 applies.</p>

Part 2 – Financial details – continued

Level 3
 Please enclose a copy of the association's financial statement for the last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet) and a statement signed by the president or treasurer that states the association keeps financial records in a way to properly record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.
Note: Where an association is required to have an audit under the *Collections Act 1966* or *Gaming Machine Act 1991*, Level 1 applies.

<p>Auditor or approved accountant details</p> <p>Must be completed for Levels 1 and 2. Must be completed for Level 3 where an audit is required.</p> <p>Form 21 – Application for approval of auditor can be downloaded from www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au.</p>	Full name <u>ANTHONY WILLIAM HOOPER</u>
	Contact phone no. <u>07 46 379 363</u> Email <u>tonyh@hooperaccountants.com.au</u>
<p>Auditor's qualifications (please tick one of the following):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A person registered as an auditor under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member of CPA Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CPA' or 'FCPA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CA' or 'FCA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member of the National Institute of Accountants who is entitled to use the letters 'MNIA', 'FNIA', 'PNA' or 'FPNA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A person approved by the chief executive to audit this association.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please complete Form 21 advising details of auditing experience and title of accounting qualifications (if any) including the name of the educational institution from which qualifications were obtained.</p>	

Part 3 – Checklist and declaration

<p>Checklist</p>	<p>Please tick appropriate box:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you completed all relevant parts of the return (Parts 1 and 2)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you attached the relevant following financial statements (Part 2):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income and expenditure?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance sheet?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed auditor's report (Level 1)?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed statement (Level 2 and 3 as outlined under Part 2)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has the Secretary or Acting Secretary signed and dated the form (Part 3)?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you included the fee of \$40.00?</p>
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Part 3 - Checklist and declaration - continued

Declaration

Note: It is an offence to supply incorrect or misleading information.

I have checked and completed the current information, made necessary alterations beside the relevant areas and state that the details are true and correct in every detail.

Name of secretary or acting secretary Lucy Evans

Phone (H) s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act (W) (M) s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

Email s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

Signature of secretary or acting secretary *Lucy Evans*

Dated / /
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Part 4 - Lodgement

Lodgement details

Please lodge the completed form, any supporting documentation and fees to the department at the address below, or at one of our regional offices.

By mail:
 Registration Services
 Department of Justice and Attorney-General
 GPO Box 3111
 Brisbane QLD 4001

In person:
 Registration Services
 Department of Justice and Attorney-General
 Ground Floor
 Brisbane Magistrates Court
 363 George Street
 Brisbane QLD 4000

By fax:
 (07) 3008 8225 (credit card payments only)

The counter is open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

If you would like more information, call 13 13 04, or visit www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au.

Payment details

Cash Credit card Money order Cheque (Make money order or cheque payable to the Office of Fair Trading)

Credit card payment

A receipt will not be issued unless specifically requested.

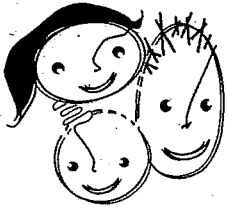
Charge my Mastercard VISA AMEX

Credit card no.

Cardholder's name: _____

Amount authorised: \$ _____ Expiry Date: /
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Cardholder's signature: _____



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www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

31 July 2008

Reference: 209477 / 1116822

Ms Julie Hintz
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
PO Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Dear Ms Hintz

CONFIRMATION OF VALID BLUE CARD

The Commission has received the consent of the blue card applicant to provide you with confirmation of their current blue card status.

Accordingly, I advise that Mr Bradfield currently holds a valid positive notice blue card enabling the card holder to work in child-related employment or operate a child-related business as regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act).

The Blue Card details are as follows.

Name on blue card:	Louis John Bradfield
Blue card number:	209477
Expiry date:	30 June 2010

As you are now an authorised contact person, you may receive notifications in the event of a change to the card holder's blue card status.

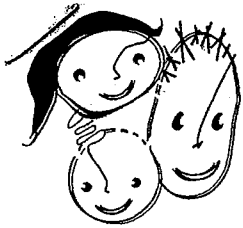
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We hope this information is of assistance and thank you for your support in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of Queensland's children.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Miller

Michelle Miller
Director, Employment Screening Services Program
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29 April 2008

Reference: 224263 / 1093385

Mr Louis Bradfield
Maridahdi East Toowoomba Kindergarten & Preschool
PO Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Dear Mr Bradfield

CONFIRMATION OF VALID BLUE CARD

The Commission has received the consent of the blue card applicant to provide you with confirmation of their current blue card status.

Accordingly, I advise that Mrs Tully currently holds a valid positive notice blue card enabling the card holder to work in child-related employment or operate a child-related business as regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act).

The Blue Card details are as follows.

Name on blue card:	Kathryn Ann Tully
Blue card number:	224263
Expiry date:	29 April 2010

As you are now an authorised contact person, you may receive notifications in the event of a change to the card holder's blue card status.

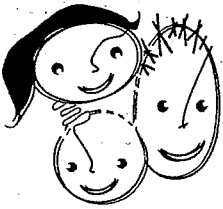
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17 March 2009

Reference: 345165 / 1016489

Ms Kathryn Tully
Maridudi Early Childhood Community
PO Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Dear Ms Tully

CONFIRMATION OF VALID BLUE CARD

The Commission has received the consent of the blue card applicant to provide you with confirmation of their current blue card status.

Accordingly, I advise that Mr Trezise currently holds a valid positive notice blue card enabling the card holder to work in child-related employment or operate a child-related business as regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act).

The Blue Card details are as follows.

Name on blue card:	Brent Trezise
Blue card number:	345165
Expiry date:	19 February 2010

As you are now an authorised contact person, you may receive notifications in the event of a change to the card holder's blue card status.

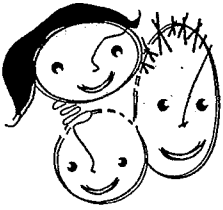
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Yours sincerely

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30 July 2008

Reference: 717529 / 1102073

Mr Louis Bradfield
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
Po Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Dear Mr Bradfield

CONFIRMATION OF VALID BLUE CARD

The Commission has received the consent of the blue card applicant to provide you with confirmation of their current blue card status.

Accordingly, I advise that Mrs Brutnall currently holds a valid positive notice blue card enabling the card holder to work in child-related employment or operate a child-related business as regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act).

The Blue Card details are as follows.

Name on blue card:	Kathleen Mary Patricia Brutnall
Blue card number:	717529
Expiry date:	02 April 2010

As you are now an authorised contact person, you may receive notifications in the event of a change to the card holder's blue card status.

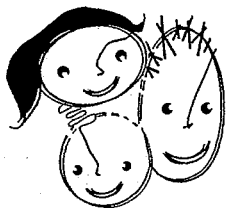
Further information is available from our website at www.bluecard.qld.gov.au or by telephoning the Blue Card Contact Centre on **3247 5145** or **1800 113 611**.

We hope this information is of assistance and thank you for your support in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of Queensland's children.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Miller

Michelle Miller
Director, Employment Screening Services Program
Commission for Children and Young People
and Child Guardian



09 October 2008

Employer Ref: 195039

Mr Louis Bradfield
Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
Po Box 4742
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Dear Mr Bradfield

ISSUE OF BLUE CARD AND POSITIVE NOTICE LETTER

To assist your organisation in complying with its responsibilities under the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act) a copy of the positive notice letter issued to **Nicole Maree Delaney** is outlined below.

Dear Applicant

A blue card and positive notice letter has been issued to you enabling you to engage in child-related activities regulated by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act). Your blue card details are as follows:

Blue card number: 225326/3
Expiry date: 9-Oct-10 (unless cancelled earlier)

You must retain your blue card and this positive notice letter until your card expires.

As a blue card holder you have certain responsibilities which include the requirement to notify the Commission within 14 days if:

- you change your name or start using a different name
- your contact details change
- your blue card or positive notice letter is lost or stolen.

If you acquire or have a change in criminal history including a charge or conviction (conviction means a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt by a court, whether or not a conviction is recorded) you must do the following:

- if you are a **volunteer, student or paid employee** you must immediately disclose to your organisation that a change has occurred. You are not required to disclose the details of the change, only that it has occurred. The organisation must notify the Commission by lodging a *change in criminal history form*, or
- if you are **carrying on a regulated business** you must immediately notify the Commission by lodging a *change in criminal history form*.

To assist you in meeting your blue card responsibilities and to avoid penalty under the Act, forms and general information are available from the Commission's website at www.bluecard.qld.gov.au or by telephoning the Blue Card Contact Centre on 1800 113 611 or 3247 5145.

You should either retain this letter or keep a written record of this information to meet your risk management responsibilities under the Act. Thank you for your support in ensuring a safe service environment for Queensland's children and young people.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Fraser
Commissioner for Children and Young People
and Child Guardian

PART C Applicant's details
(this section must be completed by the person applying for the blue card)

7 Have you ever applied for or held a blue card?
 Yes No
 Blue card No. (if known) _____

8 Your title Mr Mrs Miss Ms
 Other _____

9 Name you presently use
 Family Name EVANS
 First Name LUCY
 Middle Name YI-NI LIU
 I do not have a middle name (please tick)

10 Do you currently use an abbreviation/nickname/alias for your first name? eg. Elizabeth abbreviation Betty
 Name/s _____

11 Have you ever been known by any other name/s?
 This includes:
 • name at birth • married name
 • change following divorce • alias
 • maiden name • change by certificate/deed poll
 • change the order of your name (eg. known by middle name) • different first/middle name (eg. different abbreviations)
 Note: It does not matter how long ago you changed your name or how long you used another name for.
 (Please tick) No Go to question 12
 Yes give details below:
 If you require more space, please tick this box and attach a separate list
 Family Name LIU
 First Name LUCY
 Middle Name YI-NI
 Reason for change MAIDEN NAME

12 Are you Male Female

13 Date of birth _____
s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act
DAY MONTH YEAR

14 Place of birth
 Town/city _____
s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act
 State _____
 Country _____

15 Current postal address
 (Note: your postal address must be in Australia)

s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

16 If you have lived at a different address in the last 5 years, please provide details on a separate sheet of paper and tick this box

17 Your telephone numbers
s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act
 Daytime _____
 After hours _____
 Mobile _____

18 Do you identify as? (please tick)
 Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 Australian South Sea Islander
 Other (specify) _____

19 What language do you mainly speak at home?
 English Other (specify) _____

20 Are you, or have you ever been, any of the following in Queensland (please tick the appropriate box/es):
 registered teacher
 carer approved by Dept of Child Safety
 registered health practitioner
 registered or enrolled nurse or midwife
 licensee of a child care service
 director or nominee of a care service licensed by the Department of Child Safety
 director of a school's governing body

21 Applicant's declaration
 Note: It is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application.
 I declare:
 • the information and identification documents provided for this application are true and correct;
 • that I am proposing to carry on a regulated business and am not entitled to an exemption;
 • I am aware of my obligations as a blue card applicant/card holder;
 • that I am not a disqualified person^a (see page 4);
 • I consent to the Commission obtaining information from police, courts, prosecuting authorities and other bodies under Part 6 and to publishing/providing confirmation on whether or not my blue card is valid.
 Do not sign outside the box as your signature will be scanned onto your card.

s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act
 Date of signature 15 / 2 / 2009
DAY MONTH YEAR

2 Applicant's Name Lucy Evans

Postal address: _____

and other police services including charges, convictions (including findings of guilt or pleas of guilt, whether or not a conviction was

PART D Proof of Identity Declaration
(this section must be completed by the prescribed person)

A prescribed person is responsible for sighting the applicant's identification documents.

A prescribed person is a:

- Justice of the Peace
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Lawyer
- Police Officer

Identification requirements

The applicant must produce two original identification documents to confirm their identity. Together the documents must show:

- full name
- date of birth
- signature

The prescribed person responsible for sighting the identification must complete **Parts D and E** and ensure that the details provided on the application form are the same as those appearing on the documents sighted.

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One original document from List 1 and one original document from List 2 which together show the applicant's full name, date of birth and signature.

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Where any document is in a former name, an original official document (eg. marriage certificate or change of name certificate) showing the change of name must be sighted.

If possible, please attach a photocopy of documents sighted to this application form for verification purposes.

Please indicate which identification documents have been sighted by placing a in the box.

22 LIST 1

Signature Document

Current driver licence/learner's permit/proof of age card (with photo)

Document No: _____ s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

Issued in the state of: QLD

Current passport (with photo)

Passport No: _____ s 47(3)(b) of the RTI Act

Non-Signature Document

Birth certificate (or extract)

Reference No: _____

Australian citizenship certificate or current document evidencing permanent Australian residency status

Reference No: _____

23 LIST 2

Signature Document

Current Pension Concession Card/Dept of Veterans' Affairs Entitlement Card/Senior's Health Card/Health Care Card/any other current financial entitlement card issued by Centrelink.

Current Credit Card or account card from a bank/building society/credit union (with name and signature)

Current Positive Notice Blue Card (issued by the Commission)

Current student identification card issued by a tertiary education institution or school (with photo and signature)

Current Qld Gaming Machine Licence

Current Qld Licence issued under the Weapons Act

Non-Signature Document

Current Medicare card

Current Qld crowd controller/private investigator/security officer licence

Passbook or account statement issued by a bank/building society/credit union dated in the last 6 months

Australian taxation assessment notice dated in the last 6 months

Note: If you cannot provide an identification document from either List 1 or List 2 please contact the Commission on 3247 5145 or 1800 113 611.

PART E Declaration by prescribed person (to be completed by the prescribed person)

I declare I have checked the details provided in this form and confirm they match those on the identification documents sighted.

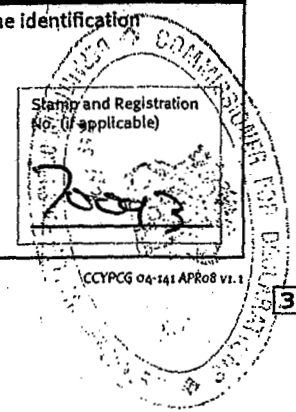
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I am a: Justice of the Peace Commissioner for Declarations
 Lawyer Police Officer

Signature: _____

Full Name: BRYAN JAMES CURRIE Date: 18/01/2009
DAY MONTH YEAR

Applicant's Name: Lucy 91-NI LINDA EVANS



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24 For religious representatives only

What religious entity/group are you accountable to?

Name of entity/group:

Contact person:

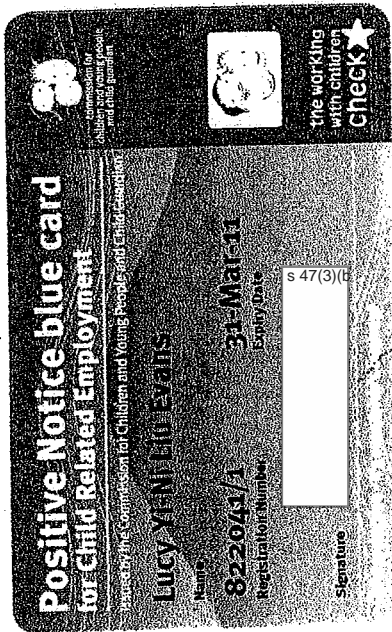
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Middle Name JAMES

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(Please tick) No Go to question 12
Yes give details below:

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Date of signature 19 / 03 / 2009
DAY MONTH YEAR

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Applicant's Name ADAM JAMES WATERHOUSE

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Non-Signature Document

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- I am a: Justice of the Peace Commissioner for Declarations
 Lawyer Police Officer

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Full Name: RANZALL E. WALL

Date: 19/03/2009
DAY MONTH YEAR

Stamp and Registration No. (if applicable)
JP of QUAL (QUAL)
No 44496

Applicant's Name: ADAM JAMES WATERHOUSE

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24 For religious representatives only

What religious entity/group are you accountable to?

Name of entity/group:

Contact person:

Postal address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Please note: Under the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* the Commission has an obligation to notify the religious entity/group, to which you are accountable, of certain outcomes.

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- seek information from relevant disciplinary bodies to obtain certain disciplinary information
- seek additional information from courts, police and prosecuting authorities
- notify authorised agencies of the outcome of your application in certain circumstances
- refer information to Queensland Police Service to monitor changes in police information and blue card compliance, and
- provide information on valid blue card numbers.

An applicant can withdraw their consent to screening at any time before a decision is made about their application.

Certain obligations apply to blue card applicants or card holders and employers. For more information see www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

Disqualified people

It is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application consenting to employment screening.

A disqualified person:

- has been convicted of a disqualifying offence (eg. a child-related sex or pornography offence or child murder), or
- is the subject of:
 - reporting obligations under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*
 - an offender prohibition order under the *Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008*
 - a disqualification order issued by a court prohibiting the person from applying for, or holding a blue card.

A disqualified person can apply to the Commission for an eligibility declaration. In limited circumstances they may be declared eligible to apply for a blue card.

For more information about disqualified people, including a full list of disqualifying offences, or for an application form, go to www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

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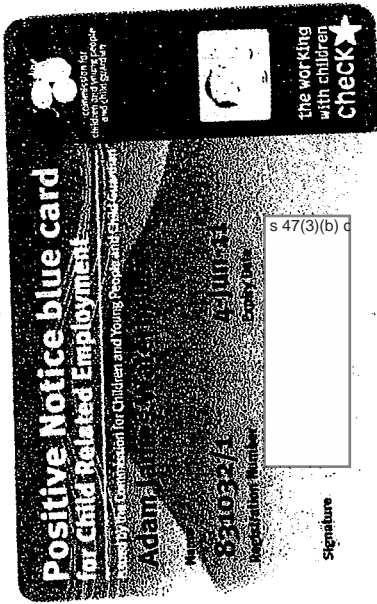
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Applicant's Name

ADAM JAMES WATERHOUSE

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MARIDAHDI EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Conflict of Interest Policy (Council)

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to clarify guidelines to protect against potential conflicts of interest by members of the Maridahdi Community Governing Council, to observe legislation regarding conflict of interest, and to engage in school business activities in a fashion designed to avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

Scope

The policy covers the types of activities which may constitute a conflict of interest, how a conflict of interest might be determined and the responsibilities of board members with regard to declaring conflicts of interest

Responsibility

Chair

Point of Contact

Chair

DEFINITIONS/LEGISLATION

For the purposes of this policy, a conflict of interest is "Any situation where a Council Member may be in (or may potentially be in) a position of being involved in a decision or action where they may not be perceived to be able to put the interests of the school first and foremost".

Corporations Act 2001– Directors are required by the Corporations Law to give notice of material personal interests in matters that relate to the affairs of their Company

Associations Incorporation Act 1981- requires that Directors must avoid actual or potential conflicts between their interests and those of the Association and not exploit business opportunities for themselves at the expense of the Association.

Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001 – allows that in assessing the suitability of a governing body, the Accreditation Board may take into account:

- Whether the governing body has appropriate guiding principles and procedures for identifying, declaring and dealing with any conflict of interest.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Maridahdi Community Governing Council that all Council members avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest.

For this reason, the Council has determined to:

1. contract for goods and services in a manner that will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest;
2. avoid conflict of interest in relation to employment of staff; and
3. require full disclosure from Council members in situations where they, their relatives, partners or friends, may benefit financially, or in any other material way, from a decision made by the Council.

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In particular, Council members may not:

- apply the school's property either for their personal benefit or for the benefit of any other person without the authority of the full Council
- benefit financially, or in any other material way from the outcome of a decision made by the Council;
- cause any relative, partner or friend, or any organisation in which they have equity or of which they are an employee or a board member, to benefit from their position on the Council
- make unauthorised use of confidential information belonging to the School
- intentionally gain an advantage (directly or indirectly) for any person or causes detrimental to the School.

Limitation on Related Employees

The Maridahdi Community Governing Council may not employ any staff member related by blood or marriage to a Council member except by a unanimous vote of the full Council.

Conflicts Prior to Taking Office

A Council member with personal financial interest in a sale, lease, or contract with the school, which was entered before the Council member took office and presents an actual or potential conflict of interest, shall immediately notify the Council of such interest. It shall thereafter be the responsibility of the Council member to refrain from participating in any discussion or action relating to the sale, lease, or contract by the Council.

Conflicts While in Office

If at any time a Council member believes that he or she may appear to be unable to maintain professional objectivity on any issue, because of a personal situation, employment, or other reasons, the member must notify the Chair and must not vote on the matter or be present when the matter is being considered by the Council.

Determination as to Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

The determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists is to be made by the Council. Any Council member who has an actual or potential conflict shall notify the Chair of such conflict immediately. The member shall thereafter cooperate with the Council as necessary for Council to make its determination.

POLICY RELEASE DETAILS

Date of Policy

January 2008

Approved by

Chair

Review Date

Annually

Appendix 2

PART 2: CHANGE OF ATTRIBUTE DETAILS

Q13. Accreditation criteria

Statement of financial viability from Mr Anthony Hooper, auditor

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Partners -

Tony Hooper B.Bus, CPA
Jim Rawlings B.Com, CPA, DipFS (FP)
Accountants -

Dane Zeeman B.Com, CPA
Tony Beverland B.Com, CPA
Sarah Dance B.Com

Liability limited by a scheme
approved under Professional
Standards Legislation

Monday, 27 July 2009

Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 347
BRISBANE ALBERT ST BC QLD 4002

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Maridahdi Early Childhood Community Inc
Application for change of Accreditation Attribute**

With reference to the above application, we confirm that in our opinion the School has access to adequate financial resources for it's viable operation.

We trust this meets with your requirements, but please feel free to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Anthony W Hooper B.Bus, CPA
PARTNER

Appendix 3

PART 3: FUNDING APPLICATION DETAILS

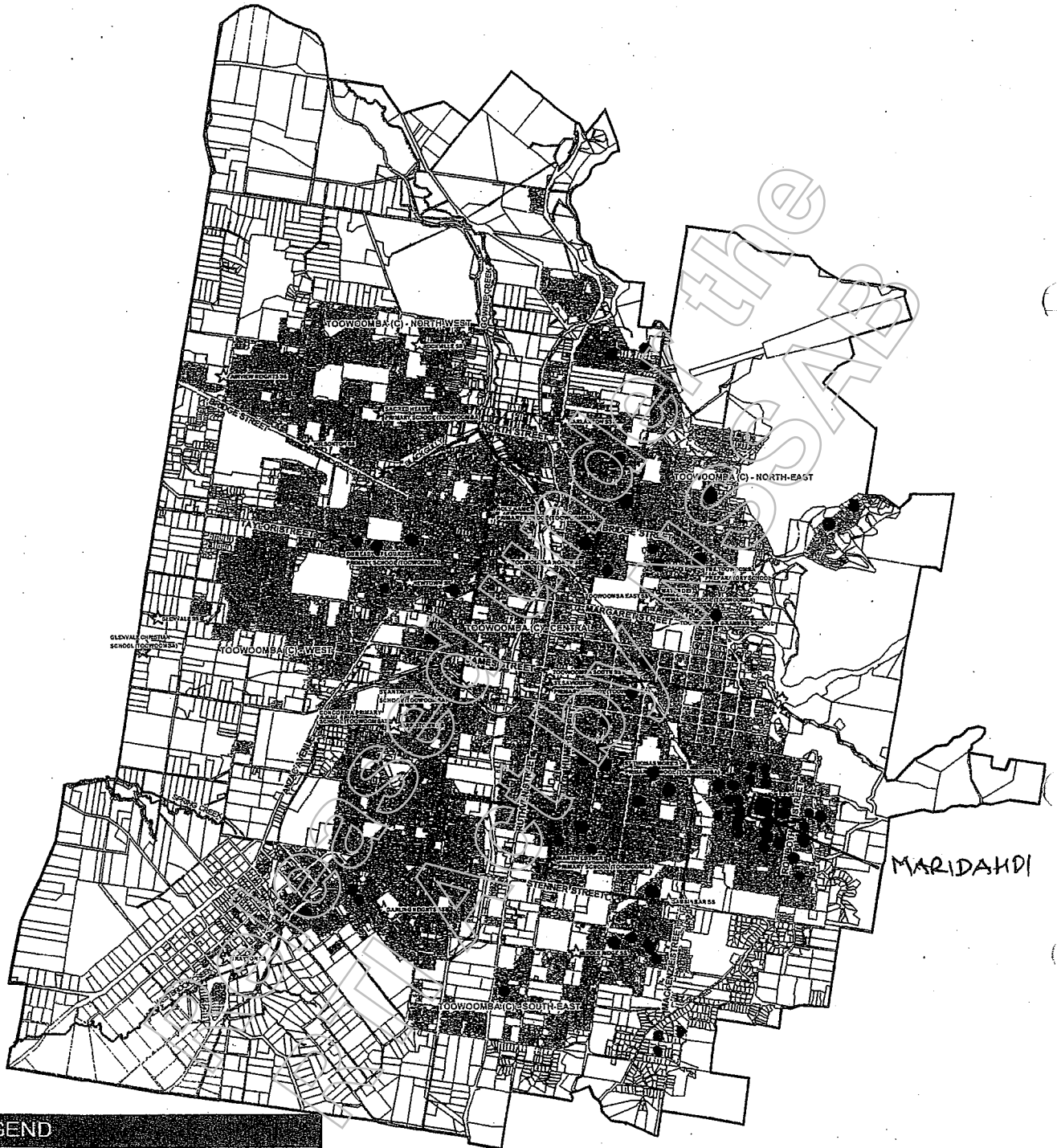
Q15: Catchment area

- a) Catchment Area Map

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Toowoomba City - Primary Schools and SLA's

CATCHMENT AREA & LOCATION OF OTHER SCHOOLS



LEGEND

- TOOWOOMBA LGA BOUNDARY
- STATISTICAL LOCAL AREA BOUNDARY
- RIVERS/CREEKS/WATERCOURSES
- STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE
- NON STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE
- MAJOR ROADS

TOOWOOMBA (C) CENTRAL SLA NAME

● Maridahdi family residence

Appendix 4

PART 3: FUNDING APPLICATION DETAILS

Q15: Catchment area

Q19: Projected population of school-age children

Produced for Maridahdi by the Planning Information and Forecasting Unit, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Queensland Government, July 2008

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Department of Infrastructure and Planning

2006 edition age sex projections (Medium Series)

March 2007

These population projections have been prepared using the latest available information.

Note that the figures set out herein are subject to change as part of PIFU's ongoing program of updating and refinement.

For more information please contact PIFU on (07) 3237 1115 or visit our website www.dlpp.qld.gov.au/pifu.

Disclaimer: While every care has been taken in preparing these population projections, neither the State of Queensland nor Demographics Australia accepts responsibility for decisions or actions taken as a result of these data.

Consultancy Date:

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

SCHOOL AGE-SEX PROJECTIONS FOR TOOWOOMBA CITY SLAs

School age population projections (Mid-year)

3 to 12 year olds
13 to 18 year olds

2009

SLA	Males		Females		Persons	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds
36901 Toowoomba (C) - Central	931		859		1,790	
36903 Toowoomba (C) - North-East	843		814		1,657	
36905 Toowoomba (C) - North-West	1,431		1,446		2,877	
36906 Toowoomba (C) - South-East	1,895		1,821		3,716	
36908 Toowoomba (C) - West	1,801		1,726		3,527	
Total catchment	6,901		6,666		13,567	

3 to 12 year olds
13 to 18 year olds

2013

SLA	Males		Females		Persons	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds	3 to 12 year olds	13 to 18 year olds
36901 Toowoomba (C) - Central	926		868		1,794	
36903 Toowoomba (C) - North-East	859		831		1,689	
36905 Toowoomba (C) - North-West	1480		1450		2,929	
36906 Toowoomba (C) - South-East	1934		1839		3,773	
36908 Toowoomba (C) - West	1965		1856		3,821	
Total catchment	7,164		6,843		14,007	

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Hon Geoff Wilson MP
Member for Ferny Grove

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Government

BY:

Minister for Education and Training

30 JUL 2010

Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Professor McLean

Thank you for your letter dated 7 July 2010 advising that Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (the Board) has not been served with a copy of the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community (the applicant) for a review of the Board's decision of 14 May 2010, not to approve the inclusion of a site 1 South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

I appreciate the need for the Board to have a proper opportunity to examine the applicant's submitted materials. As such, I grant the Board's request for an extension in which to provide its written representations for the review, to 21 days from the date of this letter, or 21 days from the date of being served by the applicant, whichever is the later date.

Should you require further information, I invite you to contact Ms Kateena Ryan, Director, Statutory Authority Relationships, on telephone (07) 3237 1120.

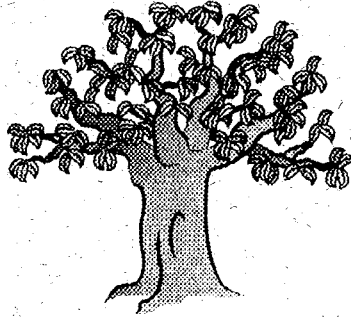
Yours sincerely

GEOFF WILSON MP
Minister for Education and Training

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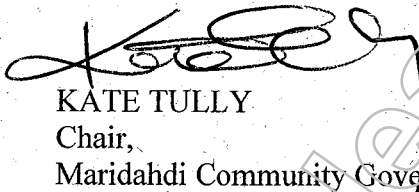
Emeritus Professor S V McLean
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
PO Box 15347
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Dear Professor McLean

Change of attribute: South Street campus

Please find attached a copy of our letter to Hon. G. Wilson, seeking a review of the Board's decision to refuse this application.

Sincerely,



KATE TULLY
Chair,
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1 June 2010

The Hon G Wilson MP
Minister for Education and Training
PO Box 15033
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Dear Minister

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community as the governing body for the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School (the School), in accordance with the provisions of the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, (the Act) hereby seeks a review of the decision by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (the Board) to refuse to grant the application by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include in the attributes of accreditation of the school, the site at 1 South Street, Toowoomba.

The details of the Board's decision are outlined in correspondence dated 14 May 2010 from the Board in the form of an Information Notice as provided for under the Act.

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community believes that an appropriate further decision by the Minister, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, would be to refer the matter back to the Board for further consideration.

The grounds for this appeal are outlined below.

Brief History and Background to the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

Maridahdi has operated as a non-state school for five years. It evolved from a community kindergarten that was established in 1973, and which still operates as our dual-stream C&K-affiliated kindergarten.

The school initially operated Prep-Year 3, but demand from parents encouraged the school to extend its accreditation to Year 7 at the end of 2008. The school currently operates at full capacity (with a waiting list) at its site in Bowtell Street, Toowoomba.

It has been searching since 2008 for a second campus in order to fill anticipated demand. We have investigated more than a dozen sites, before finding this one (1 South Street), which suits our requirements well. The site currently comprises a State-listed residence on approximately four acres of landscaped gardens and remnant vegetation. Maridahdi's

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plan is to add three discrete, contemporary buildings to create a school for up to 200 primary children. We currently have a Development Application before Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC), which is due to be decided by 24 June 2010.

Impact of the Board's Decision

The school has been working towards acquisition of the South Street site for a year. Establishing a new campus is a lengthy, complex and expensive process for any school, but particularly so for a small, young school like Maridahdi.

Our DA process has been especially complex, but we are confident of an approval. We have also been successful in securing funding from the Block Grants Authority Capital Grants program, as well as the Commonwealth's Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.

As the Minister would be aware, however, none of this funding can be released until the site is accredited.

The impact of the Board's decision to refuse accreditation would therefore be devastating. Assuming that our DA is approved, we would wish to move immediately to settlement and commencement of our refurbishment/building program. None of this could occur without the release of our already-approved funding, which cannot occur without accreditation.

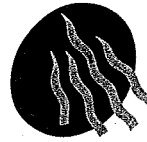
In 2011, Maridahdi intends to move approximately 75 students from our Bowtell Street campus to our South Street campus. If the South Street site is not accredited at much the same time as we receive our development approval, we will be unable to do so. We will then either need to make temporary arrangements to accommodate these students off-site, or 'lose' them. Both are highly unsatisfactory outcomes for a school seeking to fill a clear demand to expand.

It is worth noting also that, while Maridahdi's style of schooling suits most children, it has proven particularly suitable for children with high support needs, for which more traditional schooling is often inappropriate.

Support of the Community

Maridahdi's innovative approach to education enjoys very strong support from its parent community, as well as the wider education community. TRC received more than 200 individual letters in support of our DA.

It should be noted also that no objections were lodged in response to the school's public notification of this application.



7 July 2010

The Honourable Geoff Wilson MP
Minister for Education and Training
PO Box 15033
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board

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Dear Minister

I refer to the 1 June 2010 application under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* by Maridahdi Early Childhood Community for a review of the decision of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board to not approve the inclusion of the site at South Street, Toowoomba, in the attributes of accreditation of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School.

By letter (ref: 10/151618) dated 2 July 2010, received on 7 July 2010, the Board is required to provide any written representations on the applicant's submissions in the review application within 14 days of the date of the letter, or within 14 days of being served by the applicant consistent with the statutory obligation placed on the applicant by section 103(2) of the Act, whichever is the latter date.

For your information, the Board has not received a copy of the review application from the applicant under section 103(2).

Nevertheless, I am concerned that the Board will not be able to properly prepare a fully-considered response to the applicant's submitted material within the 14 day timeframe specified.

Material provided by the applicant in the review application (as yet unseen by the Board), including any new lines of argument in support of the application, will require meticulous examination and discussion by the Board.

A careful and thorough examination of the applicant's submitted material is in the best interests of proper statutory decision making and, in the interests too, of procedural fairness which the review process must afford all parties.

I feel that the Board will require a short extension of time to consider the material, when received, and to finalise its section 103(4) representations for your consideration.

Accordingly, I request that under section 103(4) you grant the Board 21 days to make its written representation to you, which is consistent with the time you allowed it in connection with the most recent similar review application, viz.: Blackall Range Independent School Association Inc.

In the interests of expediting your review, the Board (as is customary) will respond to you sooner if it is in a position so to do.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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Addressing the Reasons for Decision

The Information Notice outlines the specific conclusions upon which the decision of the Board is based, namely –

“1. The Board is not satisfied that the school will comply with the following accreditation criteria prescribed under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001* after the change in attribute to include the site at South Street is effected:

- a) Land and buildings (Regulation, section 12 refers); and
- b) Educational facilities and materials (Regulation, section 13 refers).

2. The Board has made this determination on the following basis:

- a) the applicant’s proposed commencement date for the new site is 12 July 2010;
- b) having regard to the information provided in the application and provided subsequently by the applicant in support of the application, the applicant has not satisfied the Board that:
 - () the school will comply with relevant land use legislation and building legislation in relation to the South Street site by the stated commencement date; and
 - (i) the school will have the educational facilities and materials necessary for the effective delivery of the school’s educational program at the South Street site by the stated commencement date.”

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community submits the following in relation to these conclusions.

The school has kept the Board updated regarding progress of its Development Application. TRC itself wrote to the Board in February, confirming timeframes, and the school provided further information prior to the Board’s April meeting.

We note that in coming to its decision to refuse the application, the Board refers to the proposed commencement date of 12 July 2010 at the new site.

It is our understanding that schools are often afforded the opportunity to amend the student intake date (principally due to the issues of preparation of a new site, including relevant planning approvals), and indeed we had already made previous changes to the student intake date for this application. We note that our school does not appear to have been provided with the same opportunity in this case, even though the student intake date appears to have been central to the Board’s decision to refuse.

We believe it was amply evident from our correspondence to the Board that we did not expect to be operational by 12 July 2010, albeit we had not formally requested a further change to the intake date.

The school now wishes to formally change the student intake date to 24 January 2011.

Further, whilst it is recognised that the relevant planning approvals from the Toowoomba Regional Council were not in place when the Board made its decision, the school is aware of other non-state schools having been granted provisional accreditation in such circumstances by the Board.

It is our understanding from the Act that the issuing of provisional accreditation allows the school to meet the accreditation criteria within a period of twelve months.

We would suggest to you that the Board would not be in a position to determine whether or not the school would be able to meet the accreditation criteria within the provisional accreditation period.

The Board has not provided any evidence in the Information Notice to support its conclusion.

Conclusion

We respectfully submit that the decision of the Board appears to have no concern for the welfare of the students or the needs of parents wishing to access Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School, nor the very considerable issues faced by the school in establishing a new site.

Given the above information, Maridahdi Early Childhood Community considers that the Minister should refer this matter back to the Board for further consideration.

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community invites the Minister or any of his staff to meet with the School. The School would also be happy to provide any additional or further information the Minister requires to review his decision.

Yours sincerely

LOUIS BRADFIELD
Principal
Maridahdi Early Childhood
Community School

KATE TULLY
Chair
Maridahdi Community Governing Council



Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
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Dear Professor McLean

BY:

I advise that by letter dated 1 June 2010, the Maridahdi Community School (applicant) applied for a review of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board's (Board) decision of 14 May 2010 refusing to grant an application for a change of attributes of accreditation in respect of a new site located at 1 South Street, Toowoomba.

As the Minister has not received the relevant material from the Board, it appears that the applicant may not have served its application for review on the Board as required by the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001 (Act)*. I have written to the applicant seeking confirmation that service of the application for review has been effected on the Board.

In order to facilitate the review, please provide a copy of the material that led to the Board's decision and a copy of the Board's decision. Please confirm that the applicant was provided with this material.

As part of the review process, the Minister is obliged under s.103(4) of the Act to give the Board a reasonable opportunity to make written representations on the material that led to, and the reasons for, the original decision, together with other relevant material that the Minister may decide to consider.

Accordingly, I invite you to make written representations for the Minister's consideration, or otherwise advise that the Board does not wish to make written representations.

I request the Board's response within 14 days of the date of this letter, or within 14 days of being served by the applicant, whichever is the later date.

Should you require further information, please contact Ms Kateena Ryan, Director, Statutory Authority Relationships, on telephone (07) 3237 1120.

Yours sincerely

Gabrielle Sinclair
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Strategic Policy and Research

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5 July 2010

Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board



Dear 

I refer to your correspondence of 24 June 2010 in connection with the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board seeking approval to establish a new site of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School at 1 South Street, Toowoomba.

The Board acknowledges receipt of the information you have provided regarding further developments in the school's re-zoning application with Toowoomba Regional Council.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM
Chairperson
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
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Dear Professor McLean,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2010 concerning the application to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board from the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include an additional site at 1 South Street Rangeville 4350.

I would like to inform you of further developments in the re-zoning application to Toowoomba Regional Council.

As Maridahdi has not complied with the public notification process, they are required to publicly re-advertise the Material Change of Use application for a further minimum period of 30 business days (6 weeks).

I have enclosed a copy of the letter dated 24 June 2010 that I have sent to the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Minister for Education and Training and two letters dated 23 June 2010 from Toowoomba Regional Council outlining the public notification matters.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]



Office of the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP
Minister for Education and Training
PO Box 15033
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Dear Mr Wilson,

Thank you for Principal Advisor Mr Murray Daniel's letter dated 14 June 2010 concerning the application to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board from the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include an additional site at 1 South Street Rangeville 4350.

As you have noted my personal objections to this site being used as a campus of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community and are aware of opposition to the site from other residents of South Street and surrounds, I would like to inform you of further developments in the re-zoning application to Toowoomba Regional Council.

As Maridahdi has not complied with the public notification process, they are required to publicly re-advertise the Material Change of Use application for a further minimum period of 30 business days (6 weeks).

I am not aware of Maridahdi's proposed course of action at this time and when the notification period will commence (if public notification is to be undertaken again). The application is no longer in the Decision stage. It is unlikely that there would be a decision by Council until at least November 2010 taking into account the appeal periods for applicant and submitters. In the event of an adverse decision by Council to approve the change of use to educational establishment, residents will appeal the decision to the Planning and Environment Court.

Two letters dated 23 June 2010 from Toowoomba Regional Council outlining the public notification matters are enclosed. I have also written to Emeritus Professor Vi McLean AM to inform the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board about this matter.

Yours faithfully





23 June 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

Application: Material Change of Use (Educational Establishment)
Location: 1 South Street, RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
Property Description: Lot 1 RP142232, Parish of Flagstone

I refer to your letter received by Council on 14 May 2010 and our subsequent telephone discussions regarding public notification at the above site. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this reply.

It has come to Council's attention that the applicant has not undertaken public notification in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.7.1A of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* and Schedule 8 of the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998*. As the subject site is located adjacent to a place on the Queensland Heritage Register (Picnic Point Bushland Reserve), the development application is required to be notified for a minimum of 30 business days.

It is noted that the trigger for the extended notification period is the subject site's location adjacent to an area listed in a regulation (i.e. Picnic Point Bushland Reserve), and not three or more concurrence agencies. The Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Department of Environment and Resource Management are the only concurrence agencies for the application.

In this instance, Council does not have any discretion under the Act to waive non-compliance with the public notification requirements. Council has informed the applicant of the oversight with regard to the notification period, and we understand that they are in the process of assessing their options with regards to progressing the application.

If the application is to be re-advertised, Council will write to all people who made a properly made submission to inform them of the new notification period. Any submission made during the first notification period is taken to be a submission for the second notification period. New or revised submissions may be made by any interested party, but submissions do not need to be resubmitted in order to be considered.

I hope the above information answers your questions. Please contact Council's Planning Projects Officer, Jess Garratt on the telephone number above if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully



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Hester Gerber
Senior Planner, Development Assessment

Our Reference: MCUI/2009/7708
Contact Officer: Jessica Garratt
Contact: Toowoomba Office, 4688 6943

Maridahdi Early Childhood Community
C/- Precinct Urban Planning
PO Box 3038
TOOWOOMBA VILLAGE FAIR QLD 4350

23 June 2010

Dear Paul,

Application: Material Change of Use (Educational Establishment)
Location: 1 South Street, RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
Property Description: Lot 1 RP142232, Parish of Flagstone

I write to confirm our verbal discussions from last week regarding the applicant's apparent failure to comply with the requirements of Section 6.7.1A of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* with respect to publicly notifying the proposal.

To summarise, it has come to Council's attention that the Development Application for Material Change of Use for the purpose of Educational Establishment at 1 South Street, Rangeville was required to be publicly notified for a minimum of 30 business days pursuant to s6.7.1A of the *Act*. This extended notification period is triggered as the site is adjacent to Picnic Point Bushland Reserve which is listed in the Queensland Heritage Register. Pursuant to Schedule 8 of the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998*, where a site shares a common boundary with a registered place under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, development for a Material Change of Use must be publicly notified for a minimum of 30 business days.

It is noted that Council does not have the ability to vary this provision or apply discretion to the applicant's compliance with this provision.

Further, as the Notification stage of IDAS is required to be undertaken again (in order for the application to proceed further), the application is no longer in the Decision stage and Council is not in a position to make a decision with respect to the application until the statutory requirements have been complied with. Once the compliance notice is received by Council, a new Decision stage will commence.

It would be appreciated if you could please advise your proposed course of action and (if public notification is to be undertaken again), when the notification period will commence.

Please contact Council's Planning Projects Officer, Jess Garratt on the telephone number above if you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter or matter regarding the application.

Yours faithfully

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Hester Gerber
Senior Planner, Development Assessment



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15 June 2010

Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board



Dear 

I refer to your correspondence of 16 April 2010 in connection with the application from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board seeking approval to establish a new site of the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School at South Street, Toowoomba.

The Board notes your comments and notes too that you have also sent a copy of your correspondence to the Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP.

It is understood that the Minister's principal advisor has recently responded to you on the Minister's behalf about your concerns.

The Board trusts that the information provided on behalf of the Minister is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
Chairperson

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**Queensland
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Office of the
Minister for Education and Training

Dear 

Thank you for providing a copy of your letter dated 16 April 2010 to the independent Non-State Schools Accreditation Board regarding the application under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools Act 2001)* from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community to include an additional site of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School at South Street, Toowoomba. The Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Minister for Education and Training, has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

Without delving into the respective circulation and reader statistics of *Toowoomba's Mail* and *The Chronicle* it would appear on its face that publishing the required "catchment area notice" about the application in either of these newspapers would be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Act in this regard.

The applicant is not obliged to personally inform residents of South Street, or the immediate surrounding area, of an application under the Act, and on this basis the Minister is unable to comment on the sufficiency or completeness of the applicant's arrangements and efforts in this respect.

The Minister has asked me to assure you that in connection with applications lodged with local authorities, neither he nor the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board consider an outcome favourable to the applicant as a *fait accompli*. Irrespective of what an applicant might infer in correspondence to the Minister or the Board about matters within the jurisdiction of local authorities, it is understood clearly that local authorities will make their own decisions in accordance with their statutory obligations.

Your personal objections to the site at South Street being used as a campus of Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School have been noted by the Minister. The Minister is also aware of opposition to the site from other residents of South Street and surrounds. As you correctly point out, however, the zoning of this parcel of land for educational purposes is a matter for Toowoomba Regional Council.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Tracey Jarrett, Manager Non-State Schools Accreditation Board via email Tracey.JARRETT@deta.qld.gov.au or on telephone 07 3234 1627.

Thank you for bringing your views on this matter to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely

MURRAY DANIEL
Principal Advisor
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BY:



Emeritus Professor S Vianne (Vi) McLean AM
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Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
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RE: RTI Application No: 01/10. Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School

Dear Emeritus Professor McLean,

Thank you for forwarding me the CD under the RTI Act in relation to the submission from Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School to add a site to school at 1 South Street Toowoomba 4350.

I note that Maridahdi published the Public Notice in the Toowoomba's Mail on 6 August 2009. Mr Louis Bradfield stated that the notice was published in "the local paper The Toowoomba Mail." The correct name of this paper is "Toowoomba's Mail". I do not know if this was a deliberate play on words to align the name closer to The Courier Mail with a circulation across Queensland. Toowoomba's Mail is a free weekly paper delivered free to homes and businesses across the community. Its delivery to homes is intermittent to say the least. It is similar to The Advertiser in Brisbane. I did not see the Public Notice in Toowoomba's Mail. The main, most widely read newspaper in Toowoomba is The Chronicle and I would have expected an important Public Notice to appear in this paper. As manager of a government office, I do read The Chronicle very carefully every day as it is a requirement of my employment and I would have certainly seen this notice if it had been published there.

Instead, the first time that I (and many other residents) became aware of the proposed development was when I read the front page headlines of The Chronicle on Saturday 3 September 2009. It was a shock to find out about the proposed development in this way. A copy of this news article is attached. The article also stated that Maridahdi alerted neighbouring residents to its plans through a letter box drop the previous month. I live at [redacted] which is only approx [redacted] metres from 1 South Street and I did not receive any notification in the letter box. I have only since become aware in February 2010 that the letter box drop went only to a handful of immediate neighbouring properties. The notification in the letter box was dated 11 August 2009 and it made no mention of the NSSAB Public Notice which was published only 5 days before on 6 August 2009 or advise residents that they could at that time view the application and accompanying documents at Maridahdi.

The invitation cited in the letter to those few residents to come down to Maridahdi at a future time to view the plans never eventuated. A copy of this letter box drop notice is attached.

I only became aware of Maridahdi's involvement and obligations with the NSSAB when I read the development application plan which was lodged with Toowoomba Regional Council on 16 December 2009.

I am also concerned that Maridahdi in its correspondence with NSSAB is inferring that the development approval by Toowoomba Regional Council is almost "a fait accompli". This is certainly not the case. Since the article appeared in The Chronicle on 3 September 2009 there has been much community concern and anger by residents who are opposed to the proposed development. I have attached some articles from The Chronicle to show the level of concern. Mr Bradfield is well aware of the community concern as he called for a meeting at Maridahdi on 31 March 2010 for members of the public to come and ask about the proposed development and "learn the facts". A copy of this invitation is enclosed. Residents have been publicly labelled as posh, selfish, misinformed and opposed to Maridahdi, its students and style of education. This is completely untrue. This is an average community with residents with a mixture of professions and life styles and interests including a number of educators who are fully aware of the value of education. The proposed site for the establishment of Maridahdi school and subsequent Material change of use for this site is totally inappropriate for any educational establishment.

The proposed development is in conflict with the Toowoomba Regional Council Planning Scheme as the area is zoned Neighbourhood Residential, Escarpment Residential Precinct and any educational establishment is non-preferred. Residents (myself included) are presently in the process of submitting objections to the proposed development to the Toowoomba Regional Council. The Decision Making Period is due 20 July 2010, the Applicant Appeal Period is due 24 August 2010 and the Submitter's Appeal Period is due 21 September 2010. Residents who are opposed to the development are planning to appeal any unfavourable decision by the Toowoomba Regional Council to the Planning and Environment Court.

There has been much public debate and news articles about the proposed development since 3 September 2009 that have all appeared in The Chronicle. After the widespread media coverage including TV and advance notice for the residents to be looking out for the Public Notice of Development Application which signalled the start of the Public Notification Stage, it is very interesting that Maridahdi chose to publish this notice in The Chronicle rather than Toowoomba's Mail.

I also would like to draw your attention to the Development Application Plan submitted to Toowoomba Regional Council on 16 December 2009 – I have attached the part about Accreditation 3.1.4. I understood that Maridahdi had provisional accreditation only conditional upon planning approval and that accreditation occurred at a later date following the student intake day.

I realise that the NSSAB Public Notification period has finished but just wanted to make the point that I consider that Maridahdi publishing the NSSAB Public Notice in

a newspaper that is not widely read to be against the intent and spirit of the NSSAB Act and Guidelines. The intent of a Public Notice should be to most effectively notify the public. This appears to be an omission from the Act and/or guidelines in that the type of newspaper in the catchment is not specified. I am therefore forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr Geoff Wilson MP Minister for Education and Training.

Yours Sincerely



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YOUR LETTERS Tell us what you think about the news

Plans mock 'residential' zoning

AS A resident who will be directly affected by the proposed primary school at 1 South Street, I wish to state categorically that my concerns are not directed in any way towards the school, students, individuals or the Maridahdi school community at large, or the type of education that Maridahdi provides. In speaking with other concerned residents, some of whom are working or have worked as educators, I can say that these are also their sentiments.

I do not doubt that the staff of Maridahdi are kind and caring and completely dedicated to providing children with an exceptional start in their educational journey.

I, along with other concerned residents, have been publicly accused of being snobbish, selfish, uncaring and possessing "a conservative mindset" as well as not having a clue about the style of education that Maridahdi offers. I research my facts and have been reading about the history of the Waldkindergarten style of education that Louis Bradfield is researching as well as other information on the style of education that Maridahdi offers.

I was in the audience at University of Southern Queensland two years ago when Louis presented his thoughts on education along with a number of other educators and I was impressed by his passion, determination and commitment to his beliefs on how children should be educated.

I agree that it "takes a whole village to raise a child".

None of this however has any bearing on the concerns that residents have regarding Maridahdi's proposed second campus.

If the school is allowed to proceed, it will make a



Nationals' Senator Barnaby Joyce.

LETTER OF THE DAY

Bypass remains part of 'plan'

I READ in last Tuesday's The Chronicle, much to my amusement, that Barnaby Joyce says "the Toowoomba Bypass is a key part of his plan".

He seems to infer that if it wasn't for the current Federal Government's spiralling debt it would go ahead.

Can someone please remind Mr Joyce that just over two years ago his government had had 11 years to put up for a bypass with most of those years the budget being in surplus and some of those years a record surplus.

So please forgive me for my cynicism. I'll believe it when I see it, not hear it or when Mr Joyce speaks it.

In fact I'd probably vote for the first team to put up its hand up and say this is just way too hard and we don't want to do it.

STEWART DORMAN,
Toowoomba

mockery out of town planning.

Councils implement various town zonings for a reason. Residents in our area have bought or built their homes in the firm belief that this is a "residential only" zoned area. The area has never been targeted for future development of a school or other non-residential establishments.

If the school is allowed to proceed, no resident in Toowoomba can feel assured that their "residential only" zoning will always remain so. Residents of South Street as well as neighbouring streets will be penalised with all the many accompanying problems that placing a school in this particular location will have simply because the "right

boxes" have been ticked.

In truth, this isn't about Maridahdi at all, it is about the suitability of the proposed location of the school as well as residents being able to have confidence and faith in their council to act in their interest and in upholding the integrity of town planning.

MANUELA BERTOLDI,
Rangeville

Explicit film highlights trade

I HAVE just read the article regarding the film being shown for the opening of Easterfest.

Firstly I believe that this is only one of the films that are running for the festival.

Second in regards to this particular film, I admit I have not seen it so I can only comment on what I have read in the article.

I do understand what the film is trying to achieve, and that is the evil human trafficking trade that is running rampant in overseas countries and while I agree wholeheartedly in efforts to try to make people aware of this horrific situation of human trafficking, I just wonder if we as Christians, need to use such explicit materials to bring this cruel and evil activity to people's attention.

We are called to be holy — set apart and different in our attitudes from the world — and by using such explicit material I believe that we are in danger of compromising our beliefs.

As Christians we do have a message of hope which needs to be proclaimed, especially this time of year, and we must not be ashamed of the message of the Gospel.

It is my prayer and hope that as Christians we do not try to trick people into hearing the Gospel but proclaim the Gospel boldly and proudly.

PASTOR PAUL KERANS,
Crows Nest

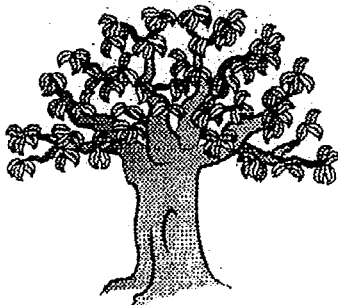
System demands cabinet approval

MR FRIEND in his letter (T/C 30/3/10) "View Sought" in part asks me to "help on this last question; as an ex-minister he would have seen all the cabinet papers".

To what subject matter he is referring, I don't know.

Anyway, under the Westminster System no minister or ex-minister can reveal the deliberations of Cabinet without Cabinet's approval.

KERRY SHINE MP,
Member for Toowoomba North



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For our students and teaching staff it will be "business as usual"; for you, it's a relaxed opportunity to talk with our Principal, our parents and our students. Bring your children and bring your questions – tea and scones are on us!


That night, Maridahdi will be hosting an Information Session from 7 - 8pm.

Maridahdi has a Development Application with Toowoomba Regional Council to use the heritage listed property, Geeumbi, as a second campus for our school. This proposal has created a lot of discussion, as well as a lot of misinformation and concern.

Maridahdi is providing an opportunity for members of the public to come and ask about our proposed development and learn the facts. Some of our planning consultants will be on site to aid us with their professional knowledge of our Geeumbi project. We warmly welcome you and your questions.

This event is by invitation and is not a "public meeting"; if, however, you know of anyone else who would be interested in this session, please forward this invitation on behalf of Maridahdi. To join us, please register by phoning us on 4635 143 during our school hours (9am – 3pm).

Kind Regards,


Louis Bradfield
Principal

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Protest meeting to halt school

Peter Hardwick | 22nd February 2010

THE push to halt Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School's application for a new home on the Range gained momentum yesterday with a meeting of Rangeville neighbours affected by the project.

Maridahdi has put in a development application to move into the stately *Geeumbi* house at 1 South Street to initially cater for 200-plus children from prep to Year 7.

However, residents maintain the site is not an appropriate spot for a school and 50 residents yesterday met with Toowoomba Regional Councillors to discuss the proposal.

One of the meeting organisers, Carlo Bertoldi, who lives two doors away from the proposed school site, said residents were not against the school itself, just where it was going to be established.

"One of the biggest concerns is that, if this goes ahead, it sets a very dangerous precedent in that if you live in a residential area you can suddenly have anything built beside you," he said.

"The Rowbotham/South street intersection is one of the most dangerous in Toowoomba and yet this will bring increased traffic.

"There will be more kids on foot, on bikes and people dropping their children off to school.

"And, when it gets foggy you have just about zero visibility.

"It's just not safe to put a school there."

The issue took a sinister turn on Friday night when a number of "No School" protest signs were ripped from residential yards and thrown down the street.

Residents representative Iain Gibson addressed the meeting, which included Toowoomba Regional Councillors Paul Antonio, Joe Ramia, Anne Glasheen and Mike Williams, telling the audience the open forum was designed to gauge the feelings of the residents to the project with the aim of then moving forward.

Mr Gibson suggested to the meeting if the group was successful in blocking the project, then group members should find Maridahdi a suitable venue.

One of the meeting organisers Vicki Schwerin said the group would be holding another committee meeting next week to discuss the feedback from the yesterday's gathering.

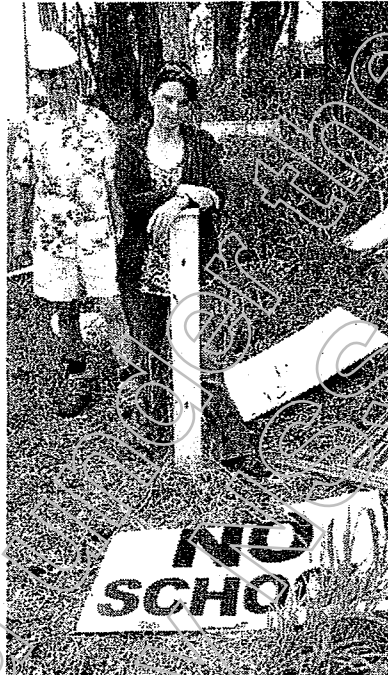
"We need to prepare a formal objection so it can be lodged at the appropriate time," she said.

She also said the group needed to organise a meeting with TRC town planning staff and Cr Ros Scotney to discuss the heritage aspects of the proposed site.

She said it was wonderful to have the councillors support.

"Councillor Paul Antonio comment was 'it is a no brainer'," she said.

"All the councillors I have spoken to have said it was an inappropriate site for a school."



Residents Roy Podmore and Vicki Schwerin, who are against the school being developed at 1 South Street, were shocked to find "No School" protest signs ripped down on Saturday morning.

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- the curriculum provides and encourages opportunities for students to care for small animals, tend vegetable and herb gardens and includes the preparation of meals from the produce derived from these gardens.

Maridahdi's approach to education is supported by extensive research on the value of children spending time exploring and discovering their natural environment. Maridahdi's Principal, Louis Bradfield, is currently researching a paper on "waldkindergarten" (schooling in the woods), a European concept that is sympathetic with Maridahdi's approach. The setting of "Geeumbi", at the edge of Toowoomba's bushland escarpment reserve provides an ideal environment for such educational innovations. In addition, the heritage and character nature of the "Geeumbi" buildings and surrounds adds to the ability of the site to accommodate these requirements and encourage children to explore and discover unique elements not necessarily available at other locations.

It is also important to note that just as Maridahdi does not operate like a traditional school; neither does it look like a traditional school. This is apparent when viewing the existing campus at Bowtell Street. It is acknowledged that the development plans at **Appendix A** do not include formal outdoor sporting fields, swimming pool, basketball courts, gymnasium, assembly hall, performing arts centre, formal playground equipment areas, chapel, parade ground, uniform shop, tuckshop etc. In other words, none of the usual facilities associated with a conventional school. This site does however, provide sufficient area to satisfy Maridahdi's requirements in terms of teaching floor space, children play areas, amenities and carparking.

Consequently, it is considered that there is a combination of factors that contribute towards the subject site proving to be highly suitable for the proposed educational facilities including:

- Proximity of the site to the existing Bowtell Street campus is approximately 700m;
- Availability of sufficient area (1.699ha) to accommodate the required teaching floor space, children play areas, amenities and carparking;
- Proximity to the natural environment being adjacent to the Picnic Point Bushland Reserve along its northern and eastern boundaries and the inclusion of substantial areas of existing remnant vegetation (bushland) on-site; which will adequately facilitate one of Maridahdi's major teaching principles, 'the environment as teacher'; and
- Availability of "Geeumbi's" heritage and character buildings and surrounds which provides unique elements that will positively contribute towards the discovering/exploring ethos of Maridahdi's teaching curriculum.

3.1.4 Accreditation

To formally operate as a school, the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community requires accreditation from the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB). The NSSAB considers matters such as educational program, facilities, financial viability and governance. As part of this process, the Board needs to be satisfied that a site and the proposed facilities are suitable for use as a school.

The NSSAB has a discrete Eligibility for Government Funding Committee; an extract from the Committee's website includes the following:

"Applications for eligibility for government funding are assessed by the Eligibility for Government Funding Committee. The Funding Committee considers each application in relation to the following criteria:

- *the projected population of school-age children expected to reside in the catchment area;*
- *the likely impact on other schools within the catchment area;*

- the extent of unfilled enrolment capacity of other schools operating in the catchment area;
- the extent of religious, philosophical, or educational delivery choice in education available to students in the catchment area; and
- whether the anticipated enrolment of students over five years of operation meets the prescribed minimum enrolment."

In order for a school to be eligible for State & Commonwealth recurrent (operational) funding, this Committee must determine that the school fills a need, as outlined above; acknowledging that it is possible for a school to be accredited but not funded. The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community submitted its application for accreditation of the South Street site in July 2009 acknowledging that a formal decision could not be made until relevant development approvals were in place. Despite this requirement, the school has been advised verbally that the site has been recommended both for accreditation and for funding. The Board is now awaiting advice that appropriate development approvals have been issued prior to formally issuing accreditation and eligibility for funding.

It is considered that the Committee's verbal recommendation is evidence that the body charged with most responsibility for the placement of non-state schools, ie NSSAB, supports the establishment of a primary school for the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community on this site.

3.1.5 Funding

The main source of funding for the proposed South Street campus will be the Block Grants Authority (BGA) of Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ). The BGA is responsible for administering State & Commonwealth capital funding for the construction and expansion of schools. Similar to the NSSAB described in section 3.1.4 above, the Authority requires evidence of the 'educational need' for any school-based project that it recommends for funding, and this is extended to include the appropriateness of the location and facilities. The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community has recently received written advice from the Commonwealth Government confirming its component of the BGA funding and Maridahdi has been verbally advised that the State Government component of the BGA funding has been recommended for approval. The Minister for Education is expected to announce this funding (subject to development approval) in the near future.

It is noted that when BGA representatives recently visited the South Street site, they were highly supportive and enthusiastic in relation to the suitability of the site for a second Maridahdi campus. The BGA had visited several previous alternate sites considered by Maridahdi and were of the view that the South Street site was 'close to ideal'. The BGA is familiar with the operations of the existing Maridahdi campus at Bowtell Street and based on this knowledge, advised that the South Street site was highly suitable as a second campus. The BGA had expressed concerns about earlier alternate sites in relation to matters associated with access, proximity to students and public transport. However, the BGA advised Maridahdi that it had no such concerns about the proposed South Street site for a second campus. Similar to the NSSAB, the State Government component of the BGA funding body are not in a position to formally advise of funding availability until such time as the appropriate development approvals are in place.



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Posh suburb snubs school

3rd September 2009

PLANS for a new primary school in an exclusive Toowoomba suburb have residents up in arms.

The Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School is currently located in Bowtell Street, Rangeville.

It accommodates 75 children from pre-prep age to year five but is looking to extend its offering to year seven and is exploring the possibilities for a second site.

The school's Community Governing Council has set its sights on a luxurious escarpment property at 1 South Street.

A State Heritage listed property, "Geeumbi", is reportedly on the market for \$1.75 million. But some residents in the neighbourhood are far from excited about their potential new neighbours.

Vicki Schwerin's family has lived next door to the property for six years and said a primary school would ruin the tranquillity of the area.

"It's supposed to be a nice, peaceful area and this would just completely annihilate it," she said.

Mrs Schwerin said her property's value would decrease and traffic in the quiet street would significantly increase.

"It's a very quiet area and that's one of the reasons we purchased there."

Neighbours Lisa Withers and Carlo Bertoldi shared Mrs Schwerin's concerns.

Mrs Withers was also concerned about the impact a school would have on the escarpment's wildlife.

"We're on the escarpment because we like the quiet, but I think that would certainly change if the school went ahead," Mrs Withers said.

"It's a nice and quiet area and we enjoy it that way," Mr Bertoldi said.

School community members alerted neighbouring residents to its plans through a letter-box drop last month.

It had previously looked at purchasing sites at Highfields and Drayton, but both proved to be unsuitable.

Maridahdi principal Louis Bradfield declined to comment yesterday, pending the finalisation of negotiations to purchase the South Street property.

A school newsletter said the school's Community Governing Council was trying to secure funding from the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution fund to go towards its purchase.

It said half the funds would go towards the purchase of the land and the other portion to building a library/multi-purpose centre on site.

The residential zoned site would need to be rezoned for community use and accredited by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board.

The property is part of an original 90 hectare landholding and was designed and built in 1912 by former Toowoomba Mayor Thomas Price.

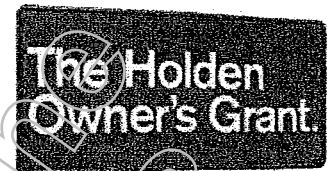


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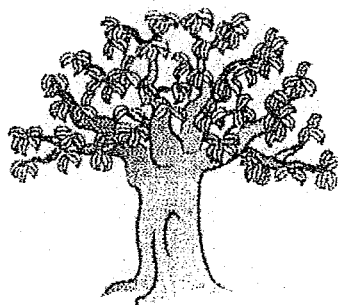
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Dear Neighbour

Maridahdi Community School will shortly be applying to Toowoomba Regional Council to use the property known as 'Geeumbi' at 1 South Street for a small primary school.

As your home immediately adjoins this property, we wish to give you the courtesy of some advance notice about our plans.

At this stage we would plan to make virtually no change to the home itself, and to replace the current large white shed with a less visually obtrusive library building of comparable size. In the longer term, we would look at adding two classroom 'pods' underneath the trees near the tennis court.

Our plans do *not* include removal of trees, any significant changes to the 'Geeumbi' residence, or any reduction to your existing views. Also, the style of schooling that we provide at Maridahdi does not have the noise issues usually associated with schools: we do not have bells, PAs, whistles etc.

We will have plans drawn up in the next few weeks, and at that time will invite you to Maridahdi to for an opportunity to show you the plans, address any questions you may have, and gain your input.

In the meantime, you are most welcome to call the school with any questions.

Sincerely,


LOUIS BRADFIELD
Principal


KATE TULLY
Chair, Governing Council

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