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Dear Mr Recsei

NINGALOO REEF COAST

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2008 in which you advise further of your view regarding the Western Australian Government's Strategy for the use and protection of the Ningaloo coast.

I refer you to my previous reply of 13 December 2007 (ref: 02-034409) regarding the limitations to the scale, type and locations of development opportunities to be provided for under the Strategy. The protection of the Ningaloo coast is a primary objective of the Government and the tourism framework and management objectives are set to preserve and harmonise with the natural values of the area. You may be interested to note the following facts regarding the nodes identified in the Coastal Tourism Framework in the Strategy:

Node Type	Max No. Beds	No. Nodes - Strategy	No. Nodes - Existing (pre-Strategy)	
Tourism Nodes	500	6	5	
Minor Tourism Node	200	4	2	1 additional node in an existing large seasonal campground (Bruboodjoo). Lease to be granted to pastoral leaseholder. 1 additional node immediately adjacent to existing homesteads at Warroora Station. Note that the node envelopes in the vicinity of the Warroora Homestead are based on a concept developed by the Warroora leaseholder and submitted to the process of preparing the Strategy.
Ecolodge	100	4		To be confirmed

Camping will be retained as outlined in the Strategy to provided a range of camping experiences taking in to account existing usage patterns. Day use access only will also be catered for, and I bring to your attention the Environmental Management Priority areas identified in the Strategy. I will not elaborate further on the detail of the Strategy here, and suggest again that you contact Mr David Nunn, Director Ningaloo Sustainable Development Office on (08) 9941 3559 if you would like to further clarify the detail and thrust of the Strategy.

I also suggest that you note the information provided in my previous reply regarding the land tenure changes along the Ningaloo coast, and that the pastoral leaseholders are undertaking most of the immediate development opportunities, as well as being offered a management partnership with the State.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely



**ROB GILES
CHIEF OF STAFF**

Node Type	No. Nodes No. Existing (pre-Strategy)	No. Nodes Existing (pre-Strategy)	No. Nodes Existing (pre-Strategy)
1	3	3	
2	4	2	1 additional node in an existing pastoral lease area
3	100	4	1 additional node immediately adjacent to existing homesteads at Warrook Station. Note that the node envelopes in the vicinity of the Warrook Homestead are based on a concept developed by the Warrook Homestead and submitted to the process of developing the Strategy. To be confirmed