

STOP THE TOAD

KEEP WA CANE TOAD FREE

13 April 2006

Dear Kimberley Toadbusters,

Thank you for meeting with members of the Committee of Management and staff of the Stop The Toad Foundation (STTF) in Kununurra recently.

I refer to our meeting of Friday 7 April which was attended by:

- Lee Scott-Virtue, Sarah Brett, Dean Goodgame, Del Collins, Georgina Wilson and Adrienne Meredith for Kimberley Toadbusters (KTB);
- Gae Mackay, Gordon Graham and Errol Kruger for CALM; and
- Robert Edel, Luc Longley, Dennis Beros, Graeme Sawyer and Derek Monks for STTF

and also our meeting of Monday 10 April which was attended by:

- Lee Scott-Virtue and Sarah Brett for Kimberley Toadbusters;
- Robert Edel, Dennis Beros, Graeme Sawyer and Derek Monks for STTF

We understood from these two meetings that KTB and STTF were in substantial agreement on the following:

1. That past communications between our two organisations had been unproductive;
2. Both groups have important and complimentary roles to play in the cane toad initiative;
3. There are many areas of operation where a cooperative approach would be mutually beneficial to our organisation and enhance the overall cane toad project;
4. A more conventional communications model is desirable to achieve this;

As a result it was agreed that each organisation would put forward one representative (Sarah Brett and Graeme Sawyer were discussed) to take primary responsibility for communications between the two groups.

Also that these two representatives would, on behalf of and in accord with their respective organisations, jointly evaluate the need for establishing committees or other mechanisms to quickly progress those areas where cooperation is most urgently needed.

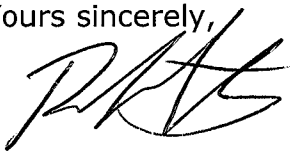
Some of the areas discussed were:

- On-ground strategy: While it was acknowledged that each group had their own on-ground strategy it was agreed that open debate of the merits of each was healthy and that it would help to clarify which elements each group would focus upon;
- Fundraising: It was agreed that a coordinated and cooperative approach to fundraising would maximise fund flow to the entire cane toad exercise. Discussed was the potential for our organisations to make applications jointly or separately in light of that approach. This included application to funding bodies as well as approaches for government, corporate and public support;
- Capital equipment: We discussed that there would be benefit in analysing the merits of which organisation capital equipment is vested in;
- Indigenous engagement: Both organisations held a desire to support the involvement of indigenous peoples in their programs and it was noted that there was merit in exploring the relative strengths and constraints of each before determining which group undertook what. One specific possibility involving Georgina Wilson was discussed briefly;
- Trap building: It was noted that STTF was well-placed with its school-based program to supply traps to the front, and that it had some hundreds of doors ready to ship, as had been agreed in January with Chris Spurr;
- Retrospective funding: STTF reiterated its preparedness to consider retrospective payments and agreed to forward guidelines for progressing this (attached);
- Future funding: STTF indicated that a \$25,000 allocation to SWEK for KTB exercises had been approved and was awaiting finalisation. We also drew your attention to our 'Application for support' process which is open to KTB for any one-off projects, and we pointed out that any larger project proposals put forward by KTB would be considered by STTF. (General funding guidelines are also attached).

KTB agreed to provide STTF with a list of funding bodies that it intended to approach and the name of the person it nominates to its principal STTF communication role.

I trust that this summary is in accordance with your understanding of the two meetings, and look forward to your earliest reply in order that we may begin to really battle the toad together, with the most effective tools we have.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Edel
Chairperson