

# STOP THE TOAD

## KEEP WA CANE TOAD FREE

14 July 2006

Board of Kimberley Toadbusters

Cc: Errol Kruger (DEC)  
Hon Mark McGowan

Dear Kimberley Toadbusters,

The board of STTF extend our congratulations on receiving a grant of \$225,000 from the Australian Government for your toad busting activities. We are genuinely pleased that this extra funding will be brought to bear on efforts to keep the cane toad out of WA.

STTF believes it is now more important than ever that STTF and KTB understand what activities the other is carrying out and planning, so that there is no duplication of activities and so that both groups can capitalise on any synergies which may be gained by cooperative works.

We note that at the last meeting of the Kununurra Cane Toad Working Group (KCTWG) on 27 March 2006 it was agreed that a sub-committee should be established comprising representatives from DEC (then DCLM), KTB and STTF to liaise on strategic and operational matters. While this sub-committee has not yet formed, one informal meeting took place on 6 April 2006 between Errol Kruger (DEC), Lee Scott-Virtue and Dean Goodgame (KTB), Derek Monks and Graeme Sawyer (STTF). We suggest that this sub-committee now be convened urgently to discuss these critical matters in the interests of a united effort on cane toads this dry season. Graeme Sawyer will contact Errol Kruger, Lee Scott Virtue (or Sarah Brett if Lee is not available) shortly to discuss how and when this sub-committee can meet.

STTF also believes it is vital that the three active organisations develop data collection, use and sharing protocols, so all our works can immediately be informed by the most up-to-date data. We expect that this matter would be one of the most critical early considerations for the sub-committee.

We note that your letter of 21 April states your relationship with Biodiversity Protection WA (Inc) prevents you from providing your data to anyone else for commercial fundraising purposes and that you have made a reciprocal arrangement with CALM for data sharing. STTF has entered into a similar arrangement with CALM and agrees not to use any KTB data for fundraising purposes. There should therefore be no obstacle to a three-way data-sharing agreement, essential to an effective and united effort in the field.

STTF notes that it may be best for our organisations to develop a working relationship for on-ground activities through the Kununurra Working Group subcommittee before broaching any other areas, but continues to believe that it is important for our two organisations to agree on the other matters set out in our letters to KTB of 17 February and 5 May. We therefore suggest that a joint committee of Sarah Brett for KTB and Graeme Sawyer for STTF be established to discuss outstanding issues between us and welcome any response you have to these letters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Edel', is written over a light pink rectangular background.

Robert Edel  
Chair  
Stop The Toad Foundation (Inc)