

NOTES OF SDAC/30 MEETING
9.30 AM, FRIDAY, 31 MAY 1996
12TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
TRUST BANK BUILDING

1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 Present: *Members:* J Green (Chair), J Ramsay, B Davis, B Leaver, S Wardlaw, F Cattell, D Campin
Deputies: R Howlett, M Laughlin, D Lovell, M McGee, W Jones, E Fowler
Secretariat: S Kiriakoff, S Waight, P Scott, L Jerrim (minutes)
Visitors for Item 9: S Haines, D Spence(DPAC)

Apologies: G Rance, C Strong, Helen Pryor

1.2 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Matt McGee as an observer as his appointment is yet to be finalised by Executive Council. Chris Brooks has nominated M McGee to be his deputy as R Burton is now Deputy Secretary, DPAC.

S Wardlaw advised that LGAT has nominated Jeoff McNamara, Central Coast Council, as David Lovell's deputy.

The Premier's advice will be sought on a deputy for Christopher Strong, to represent community interests. Executive Council to be notified of proposed membership changes.

It was noted that Bruce Davis will be overseas from 23-29 August and 28 September - 27 October.

1.3 Minutes of Previous Meetings: SDAC/28 meeting - 29/3/96 & SDAC/29 Meeting - 22/4/96

As the meeting of 31 May did not have a quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

1.4 Inwards Correspondence:

Roads Policy	11
Water Policy	6
SDAC Admin	11
Miscellaneous	14
Total	42

2. STATE POLICIES & PROJECTS ACT - REVIEW

- 2.1 J Green reported that he met with S Haines and the Premier last week to discuss the roles and functions of SDAC and, in particular, SDAC's concerns in relation to the lack of direction from govt regarding prioritising and initiating draft State policies. The Premier advised that an inter-departmental committee (IDC) will be established with representation from government departments for the purpose of identifying which State policies are needed and how they will be prioritised. DPAC will take a co-ordinating role. A rural land use policy will be prioritised.

There was discussion about general principles of how projects will be dealt with and the importance of the consultative process. The Premier gave his assurance that there is government commitment to adequately resource SDAC in regard to its assessment of major projects. Some discussion on SoER.

Further discussions will continue with S Haines (DPAC). SDAC may be required to provide informal advice on the structure of future State policies. The State of Environment reporting process was recognised as important to the promotion of sustainable development.

The Premier suggested that SDAC may be invited to address an IDC on State policy issues from time to time.

D Spence, DPAC, will attend future SDAC meetings as an observer.

2.2 T Budge not in attendance. E Fowler thanked SDAC for its submission on the Second Stage Report and outlined issues relevant to SDAC which will be addressed in the final Budge Report on an Integrated System of Management and Planning Instruments. Issues included are:

- SDAC should retain its present statutory roles and functions i.e. to evaluate and report to Govt when directed on policies of State significance and SoER.
- Performance based policy statements are favoured and the format will be based on outcome statements.
- State Policies will need to concentrate on resource and environmental policies.
- A State policy needs implementation framework, monitoring & reviewing. There may be complimentary detailed guidelines proposed with a draft State policy to deal with processing issues.
- Question was raised whether a State policy is subordinate legislation and the implementation of State policies.
- What are State policies and how they will be put into effect needs clarification.
- The effect of interim policies and weight given to them needs clarification.
- Clear statutes needed. Role of State govt. in initiating State policies - steps to follow & resourcing & implementation should be considered by the govt. prior to referring a draft State policy to SDAC.

E Fowler indicated that it is envisaged that the SoE reporting indicators will assist identification of future State policies and will provide the basis for the interpretation of Schedule 1.

J Green stated that a draft State policy referred to SDAC should be certified as meeting the requirements of Section 5 of Schedule 1 of the SPP Act.

T Budge draft of the Stage Three Report to be circulated next week.

Govt through Cabinet should take responsibility for State policies. Further discussion needed on how State interests can be furthered using other mechanisms.

See attachments.

2.3 The Chair outlined the contents of SDAC's submission on the Stage Two Report on the Integrated System of Management and Planning Instruments consultancy.

Action Required: It was agreed that SDAC's formal letter on the Report would be circulated to SDAC members.

2.4 Refer to item 6.3.

3. DRAFT STATE POLICY ON WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

3.1 S Kiriakoff reported that 163 copies of SDAC's preliminary report on the Draft State Policy on Water Quality Management have been distributed. Information seminars have been organised around the State. 28 requests for the report following advertisement have been received. Four written submissions have been received. A press release has been despatched and S Kiriakoff has been interviewed by ABC Radio on SDAC's roles and functions in relation to the assessment of the DSPWQM.

- 3.2 The information seminars begin on 11 June for 7 days spread over 2 weeks. Lunch and early afternoons are the preferred time slots for the seminars following feedback from the DSPR seminars.

The Chair encouraged members to attend the seminars and provide introductions to the public on the draft State policy, outline SDAC's role and direct technical questions to a DELM departmental representative.

Action Required: Itinerary for information seminars to be distributed to members. Members to advise on which seminars they can attend.

- 3.3 D Campin advised that he spoke to W Jones earlier in the week on the economic impacts of the DSPWQM. He suggested SDAC contact agencies for their advice on an assessment of the economic impact of the policy in furthering the economic development of the State.

Action Required: Secretariat to liaise with W Jones on the design and distribution of an appropriate letter of request to agencies to assess the potential economic impact of the DSPWQM.

4. DRAFT STATE POLICY ON ROADS

- 4.1 S Kiriakoff summarised points raised in the tabled documents prepared by the Department of Transport on the proposed changes to the policy based on the feedback from information seminars. The Chair advised that some information seminars were well attended, others poorly. It was felt the exercise was positive. Issues raised should be systematically built in with a response by Transport. Need to meet statutory requirements for a State policy.

160 copies of the preliminary report on the Draft State Policy on Roads were despatched. 28 requests received for copies of the Report following advertisement. 4 written submissions received during the public exhibition period.

4.3 Final Report

Action Required: It was agreed that the Chair would write to N Aplin (Secretary of Transport Dept.) advising that the policy is too narrow in its focus and giving him the opportunity to withdraw the draft prior to SDAC submitting its final report to the Premier.

Action Required: It was further agreed that the Chair write to J Ramsay as Chair of the Land Use Planning Review Panel seeking advice on how they apply the objectives of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Action Required: It was agreed that the Chair write to N Aplin advising of process and timing issues in regard to the formalisation of a State Policy on Roads.

5. SDAC COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 The draft coloured SDAC brochure was circulated to those present for comment on the wording. The Premier's Dept. has advised that funds are available for the production of the SDAC brochure. Changes to the wording and design required are as follows:

- 2nd page - Premier could be a "she".
- 1st para - change "values in life forever" to "for now and into the future".
- change "precious" to "resources".
- 3rd dot point "facilitate economic development" should be consistent in accordance with objectives etc.
- need "in the first instance contact..." or "for further info. contact the internet etc."
- restrain colour
- too many images
- sustainable development pictures on front not "the whole world in our hands"
- remove bed time story/grandfather/grandchildren
- clear pictures

• 2nd para - D Campin - who is responsible? community, industry, consultant, government & local government - 4 categories should be chosen for their resource management expertise.

Action Required: Arrange meeting with J Ramsay, B Leaver, K Chung, C Sweeney, S Kiriakoff to finalise brochure design before print.

6. STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT '96

6.1 & 6.2 M Laughlin tabled a work program. Also tabled draft consultancy briefs for a Communications Consultant and SoER Part III Research Consultant.

It was pointed out that timing was crucial due to the editing process. The Report needs to be finished by mid-November with the sign off by SDAC mid-September. The Premier may launch the Report jointly with the Chair. Marketing and distribution of the Report will be SDAC's responsibility.

Part III of the Report will consist of two parts:

- (a) description of tools and instruments available to achieve environmental objectives; and
- (b) recommendations and commentary from SDAC.

It was agreed that Parts I and II would be published prior to the completion of Part III.

Action Required: Half day workshop to be convened - S Kiriakoff, B Davis, S Waight and P Scott to discuss content of Part III and if resources are available for the document to be done "in house" or engage an external consultant.

6.3 SoER Communications

M Laughlin suggested that resource requirements for communications for the SoER is an issue that should be built into current Cabinet consideration as well as DPAC considerations on the development and funding of State policies i.e. communications advisor should be established on the basis that SDAC charges the agency who has prepared a draft State Policy for the service of the advisor.

Action Required: Send letter to S Haines about establishing a communications advisor as an essential component of the SDAC Secretariat.

7. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

S Kiriakoff advised that the Premier feels SDAC should work with the understanding of sustainable development. It is the agency's responsibility to address the objectives of the RMPS and the issue of sustainable development. J Green stated that the proponent of a POSS should state in the Project Brief how the project furthers the objectives. The assessment would involve a thorough consultation process.

Need to develop a mechanism to verify that draft State policies and proposed developments further the objectives of Schedule 1. Examples of how methodologies are applied are needed.

Action Required: B/Leaver will prepare a paper on how he applies the RMPS objectives to PLUC enquiries.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 David Lovell to replace Garry Storch. David's Deputy is Jeoff McNamara from the Central Coast Council. Advice will be forthcoming in writing.

8.2 The Chair will write to S Haines seeking a nominee for C Strong's deputy.

9. DPAC WELCOME

Stephen Haines and David Spence were welcomed to the meeting. S Haines provided an overview of the transfer of SDAC to DPAC.

A point raised was that core funding for SDAC would need to include communications. SDAC is one of the vehicles to assist government protect the common wealth generating capacity of the State.

10. NEXT MEETING

10.00 am, Monday, 1 July 1996.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm

MINUTES OF SDAC/32 MEETING
10.00 AM, FRIDAY, 26 JULY 1996
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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Present: Members: J Green (Chair), D Campin, F Cattell, B Davis, B Leaver, D Lovell,
C Strong, S Wardlaw
Deputies: R Howlett, M Laughlin, M McGee, G Rance
Secretariat: S Kiriakoff, P Scott, L Jerrim
Observer D Spence (DPAC)

Apologies: C Brooks, E Fowler, W Jones, J McNamara, H Pryor, J Ramsay

1.3 Minutes of Previous Meetings - 1 July, 31 May, 22 April

Moved B Davis, seconded B Leaver that the notes of these meetings be approved.

1.4 Membership Changes

On 15 July, Executive Council formally accepted the resignation of R Burton and G Storch and approved the appointments of D Lovell as a Member and J McNamara and M McGee as Deputies. The appointment of a deputy for C Strong is progressing.

1.5 Executive Director's Administration Report

(a) Inwards Correspondence

74 pieces of correspondence received in total
39 - Water Policy
8 - Roads Policy
3 - SoER
2 - TPPC

Correspondence for Members' attention:

- Response from Premier's Office re: Premier's visit to SDAC on 30.8.96 (awaiting further advice).
- Issues paper from DPAC on the outcome of SPP Act (1993) Review.
- T Wilson explaining that N Aplin would not be attending SDAC Meeting due to withdrawal of Roads Policy.
- Draft letter from DPAC re: withdrawal of Roads Policy.
- Briefing notes on TPPC POSS from TDR. These notes are confidential and have been circulated to the working group.
- Chris Rees re: Coastal Policy likely to be in place in 2nd week of September.
- DPAC re: Cabinet decision on 15.7.96 has approved sitting fees for Members and Deputies to extend to information seminars and hearings at \$175/day.
- Copy of letter to S Haines from D Challen re: expiry of lease on Trust Bank Building for use by SDAC. SDAC members supported a move to the Executive Building if the opportunity arises.

(b) Outwards Correspondence

- Invitation to Premier to attend SDAC Meeting on 30 August.
- Letter to C Brooks (TDR) re: in-principle support, subject to further details of the potential assessment of the TPPC POSS by a joint State/Commonwealth team.
- Letters of acknowledgment and thanks to those who sent submissions on the Draft State Policy on Water Quality Management.

- (2)
- Letters of acknowledgment and thanks to those who sent submissions on the Draft State Policy on Roads.

(c) SDAC Budget

Increased from \$238,000 to \$292,000 with \$349,000 available as output budget which covers corporate costs etc.

SDAC will receive regular monthly budget statements.

(d) RMPS Conference

S Kiriakoff provided a brief summary on a conference conducted by the Local Government Association of Tasmania reviewing the implementation of components of the Resource Management Planning System. SDAC briefing was given by George Rance at the conference.

(e) TFGA Meeting

S Kiriakoff and P Scott met with TFGA staff recently to discuss rural policy issues and for a briefing on Landcare in Tasmania. It was mentioned that if SDAC members visit Launceston there is office space available at the TFGA. Please arrange with George Rance.

2.1 Report on progress of third stage of Integrated System of Management and Planning Instruments

P Scott advised that the final version of the Third Stage Report is due to be released today. Minor amendments have been made to remove the focus from SDAC as an approval body for State policies. A copy will be circulated to all members. Based on a preliminary draft of the Final Report, it is unlikely a detailed response will be required.

2.2 Progress Report on DPAC Review Implementation

D Spence referred to the circulated Issues Paper on the Review of the SPP Act (1993) dealing mainly with State Policies. He sought SDAC's views on three areas:

- (a) Recommendations within the Issues Paper aimed at refining the assessment system for draft State Policies.
- (b) Priority listing of State policies for drafting.
- (c) Impact of predicted increase in SDAC workload to deal with draft State policies.

Members will receive copies of the following documents as a guide to assist in their individual responses:

- Draft Discussion Paper, Tasmanian Sustainable Development, Vision and Goals, DELM, July 1996.
- Summary of NZ Environment 2010 Strategy.
- Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals.
- British Columbia, Land-use Goals.
- A Decade of Growth, TDR
- Preliminary comment on the Issues Paper by the SDAC Secretariat.

It was noted that in one of the papers "Guides to State Policies" the timeframe for the assessment of draft State policies has been shortened. The agency consultation period has been combined with the public consultation period on the basis that effective consultation is carried out in drafting the policies. R Howlett commented that it is important that refinement of the assessment process not be allowed to drive decisions on draft policies. It was questioned whether there had been any multi-party discussions on the details covered in the Issues Paper. D Spence advised such discussions had not taken place. D Campin asked which other groups outside government had been asked to comment on the Issues Paper. D Spence advised only the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and TFGA had been approached.

Action Required: SDAC Members to provide comment to S Kiriakoff for collation to D Spence by Friday, 2 August.

3. **Draft State Policy on Water Quality Management**

D Campin provided a summary of the current status of this Policy. Advice was sought from the Section 35 Sub-Committee on the economic impact of the Policy. SDAC's final report cannot be drafted until areas identified in public submissions are investigated further through the hearing process. The deadlines for the Policy should be met based on progress to date.

4. **Draft State Policy on Roads**

The Chairman reported that a Roads Panel meeting was held today. Some changes were made to SDAC's final draft report on the Policy. A letter will be sent to the Premier indicating that the Policy has been withdrawn. This matter will be deferred to a subsequent meeting of SDAC.

5. **SDAC Communication**

P Scott advised that SDAC's new brochure has been cleared by the Premier, is currently being printed and should be circulated to SDAC Members shortly. The Premier's Office has requested an additional photograph on forestry operations be included in the brochure.

6. **State of the Environment Report**

B Davis reported that a meeting of the SoER Panel was held on 12 July. The Panel is beginning to draft Part III including findings and recommendations. Falling behind schedule with Parts I and II by approximately two weeks. Final chapters will be available by the end of September and a draft of Part III will be circulated to SDAC members for perusal and comment at the next SDAC meeting. S Kiriakoff advised that, based on advice from DPAC that funds are available, Mr Steven Carter has been commissioned to assist with the preparation of the Report at a reduced fee to enable a draft of Part III to be released for consultation with Parts I and II this year. His work on the Report will be relevant to his PhD studies.

It has been suggested by S Waight that recognition be given to contributors of Parts I and II. A workshop to invite comment on part III from the Chairs of Part I Reference Groups and Part II Co-ordinators is proposed for late August.

Action Required: It was agreed that a letter of thanks should go to Parts I and II co-ordinators.

7. **Projects of State Significance - TPPC**

S Kiriakoff advised that the initial working group met on 15 July with representatives from the TDR and DELM and went through aspects of the project. J Green wrote to C Brooks seeking advice on who were proposed as Federal representatives and advising of the need for SDAC to commence discussions with them to agree on details of the joint assessment process. The working group will meet today to agree on issues arising on the draft proposals for the joint assessment which needs to be addressed based on details provided to date and to establish a preliminary budget.

M McGee responded verbally on behalf of C Brooks to J Green's letter and advised that no progress has been made in appointing Federal representatives. J Green advised that particular issues which SDAC will need to consider include:

- at what stage prior to a POSS referral should SDAC become involved and enter costs.
- the need for the EIS and SECIS guidelines to be established (including independent advice to SDAC and public comment). At an earlier meeting, the TPPC lawyer was keen that the proponent work from one set of guidelines from the government.

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It was agreed that SDAC become involved in the process as early as possible on the basis of providing advice to the government in anticipation of a POSS referral. This would ensure the integrity of the assessment process and enable the proponent to build in the point at which details of guidelines are finalised, into its decision-making process.

Resolution: That the Chairman write to the Premier with advice that it is SDAC's view that the assessment of guidelines for the EIS and SECIS should be initiated earlier rather than later to avoid difficulties with the project at a later date when guidelines are finalised. Moved B Leaver, seconded C Strong.

To meet government timelines, subject to advice on the joint assessment process, the Chairman sought members' advice as to whether the working group could advise the government of its agreement or otherwise.

Motion: That the working group advise members of what is proposed in the joint agreement with recommendations seeking an out-of-session response from members. Moved M McGee, seconded G Rance.

8. **Other Business**

M McGee advised that the re-development of Savage River Mines will be treated as a Level 3 activity and therefore be referred to SDAC as a Project of State Significance. He advised that SDAC will receive referral in the next couple of months. It is likely that specific legislation dealing with the project will be put to Parliament. The Chairman asked that SDAC be consulted on the drafting of the legislation to ensure procedural matters are correctly addressed. A letter formalising this request is to be sent.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

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MINUTES OF SDAC MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1996
 12TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
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 10.00 AM

1. Present: *Members:* J Green (Chair), D Campin, B Davis, B Leaver, F Cattell, D Lovell, C Strong, C Brooks
Deputies: H Pryor, M McGee, M Laughlin
Secretariat: S Kiriakoff, P Scott, L Jerrim, S Smyth
Observers: M Foster (Beca Simons), J Ashe (EPG), S Mercer (EPG), R Procter (EPG), C Lewis (DPAC), D Bushby (DPAC)

Apologies: J Ramsay, S Wardlaw, J McNamara, R Howlett, G Rance,

2. Minutes of last meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting be accepted.

Moved. B Davis
Seconded. D Campin
Carried.

3. Declaration of interest:

J Green noted that D Campin declared an interest in relation to the TPPC Project at the last SDAC meeting.

Motion: That D Campin attend today's SDAC meeting and provide technical advice.

Moved. J Green
Seconded.
Carried.

4. TPPC Project of State Significance:

J Green introduced Mike Foster, independent consultant to SDAC, from Beca Simons Melbourne P/L, Alistair Christie (Major Projects Tasmania), Alan Sann and Rob Casimaty (GHD), John Welsford (Jaako Poyry), Veronica Sakell, Marcus Higgs (RFA), C Lewis and D Bushby (DPAC).

- 4.1 Presentation co-ordinated by Dr Alistair Christie, Manager, Pulp Mill, Major Projects, DPAC, on the proposed TPPC pulp mill project

A Christie advised that Jaakko Poyry Group (JPG) are consultants to TPPC currently working on the feasibility study and GH&D are sub-consultants working with JPG on site selection. At this stage TPPC do not have a precisely defined project and won't have one until late December. This could be delayed due to the wood supply issue. There will not be a definite project until Phase 1 is complete and TPPC accept JPG's feasibility study report. Phase 1 (June-December 1996) includes researching mill options, site selection, wood supply issues and government approval processes. Phase 2 will involve the completion of the EIS and SECIS if the proponent decides to proceed.

The feasibility study process has had to 'second guess' the RFA outcome to some degree.

1 GH&D have done a lot of work on site selection and have some preliminary findings, however, the site cannot be determined until the wood resource negotiations are complete.

4.2 Presentation by John Welsford, Jaakko Poyry Group, (Helsinki)

A totally chlorine free mill has been constructed in Finland.

Critical issues: - minimise investment and operating costs;
- gain environmental approval.

See overheads. (Attachment I)

Preliminary research indicates that a bleached chemical/mechanical mill is not feasible in Tasmania as there is no eucalypt BCMP market.

Bleaching process: All mills in Scandinavia use ECF process which uses chlorine dioxide. TCF uses peroxide and ozone. Have found that there is not a significant difference in impact on the environment from ECF and TCF. However do not see any market demand for TCF and it is also more expensive to produce. It is proposed the TPPC mill will be designed to use both ECF and TCF with the emphasis on ECF.

Effluent treatment: Will need to design the bleaching and pulping process properly to keep effluent circulating around the plant. A balance needs to be reached between cooking, bleaching and effluent treatment.

Effluent disposal: A closed cycle mill has no effluent to dispose. A closed cycle bleach plant has no effluent to dispose of from the bleaching process which produces the effluent most difficult to dispose of. At this stage it is not possible to close a mill entirely because of the build up of non-process elements. A closed cycle mill cannot be economically built today, however a mill can be built so that the closed cycle can be introduced at a later date. The initial design for TPPC mill will be open cycle.

The mill will be designed to minimise water supply and maximise water recycling. The size of the mill will depend on available wood resources and finances. Economics of scale start reducing beyond 550 tonnes capacity. A paper machine added on would require more water.

TPPC will need its own woodchip mill and therefore will not want to pay a premium for already chipped wood. TPPC will seek wood supply as logs with bark to maximise energy.

4.3 Presentation by Alan Sann, GH&D

- Evaluation Factors

- Site selection
- Site-physical and environmental issues
- Infrastructure
- Strategic (corporate)
- Strategic (government)
- Community perspective

The site will need to be 80 to 100 hectares which includes space for 'over-the-fence' industries. The mill will require 45ML per day.

GH&D are currently conducting a comparative study of options for road and rail for Major Projects Tasmania. Only looking at economic analysis at this stage.

Water supply is a problem at all sites, some sites are more manageable, however all come at a cost. Workforce estimated at 280 permanent employees.

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It would be preferable if the site is at least 2km's away from sensitive rural areas, and preferably 5 km's. Traffic movements are estimated at 35 round trips per hour/12 hours per day. This needs to be discounted against existing movements in the areas of each potential site. A Christie advised the predicted movements are the same as those currently in the Long Reach/Bell Bay area. The cost of alienation of visual land also needs to be assessed.

4.4 Presentation by Veronica Sakell and Marcus Higgs on the RFA process.
See overheads. (Attachment III)

It is not the RFA brief to look at the specifics for a pulp mill. The proponent is seeking a 20 year supply agreement with a 5 yearly reporting cycle.

[Chris Brooks arrived at 12.15]

Commonwealth and State legislation will give effect to the RFA. The RFA will identify areas for logging and address sustainable management processes but not sustainable yields.

J Welsford advised that the price of wood will determine the mix between native and plantation wood supply. A Christie advised that from an investment perspective, Tasmania has the advantage of offering a sustainable well-managed resource.

V Sakell suggested SDAC and RFA should discuss the issues outlined in more detail.

[David Campin left the meeting]

5. Progress report on proceedings of the Joint Assessment Team:

5.1 Draft Public Advertisement

A copy of the draft advertisement was distributed to members.

J Green advised that the ad was to be placed in the newspapers on 7 December.

It was agreed that the words 'without cost' be inserted in the 1st line of the 2nd page.

It was agreed that the ad should appear in the first fold of the Australian.

It was agreed that the final sentence on the 1st page include the words '...produce a final set of guidelines.'

It was agreed that the postcodes be deleted.

Motion: That the draft advertisement, as amended, be agreed.

Moved. C Strong

Seconded. F Cattell

Carried.

5.2 Draft Report Structure for Public Comment

J Green advised that SDAC is legally required to publish the government's draft guidelines. SDAC's modified draft guidelines are an aid to the public for public comment.

Motion: That both the government's draft guidelines and SDAC's modified draft guidelines be published in the report.

Moved. B Leaver
Seconded. C Strong
Carried.

The Chair invited discussion on the government's draft guidelines. No comment.

SDAC modified draft guidelines:

The Chair invited discussion on the SDAC modified draft guidelines.

B Leaver suggested that the SDAC modified draft guidelines be printed on different coloured paper to make it easier for the public to distinguish between the two sets of draft guidelines.

H Pryor referred to section 3.1.2(6) and expressed the view that the EIS should include an assessment of environmental impact arising from the logging operations within the supply zones, or potential supply zones, in the event that this is not adequately addressed in the RFA.

Discussion followed and it was noted that section 3.0 'Project Description' addressed this issue.

M Foster noted that it will be necessary to address 'best sustainable use' as the RFA will not cover this. C Brooks disagreed and stated that it will be covered in the RFA. J Ashe commented that the Commonwealth would have a problem with an environmental assessment of the wood supply pre-empting the RFA outcome.

Motion: That section 3.1.2(6) include a requirement that an assessment of environmental impact arising from the logging operations within the supply zones, or potential supply zones, be carried out in the event that this is not adequately addressed in the RFA.

Moved. H Pryor
Seconded.

Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

C Strong requested that it be minuted that he did not second the motion because he understood that any inadequacies of the RFA will be picked up under section 3.0.

C Brooks queried why much of the SECIS terms of reference has been moved into the EIS guidelines. M Foster advised this approach provides the EIS consultant and the proponent the opportunity to state their full case beyond environmental issues.

M McGee noted that Christine Milne did not agree with the EIS being prepared by the proponent and supported the SECIS being prepared independently. In his view, some of the SDAC modified draft guidelines require the proponent to do some economic modelling which is beyond that required of an EIS.

J Ashe commented that he was surprised to see the content in the EIS which would normally be in the SECIS, however, if the details appear in both the EIS and the SECIS, then the Commonwealth has no objection.

M Foster explained that the inclusion of SECIS details in the EIS was to ensure the supply of raw data from the proponent to be used by the SECIS consultant. Obtaining this data from the proponent and critically analysing it is critical to the completion of an integrated assessment. It was not intended that the proponent complete the critical analysis of the data in the EIS but simply provide details. It was suggested that the Chair could write to the proponent requiring the EIS consultant to consult with the SECIS consultant where appropriate.

(3)

Motion: That sections 3.5 to 3.10 inclusive be deleted and replaced with "The project proponent will be expected to provide such details of the commercial elements of the project to allow the SECIS consultant to assess the following:

- outcomes for public revenues;
- broad economic outcomes;
- employment outcomes;
- outcomes for upstream/downstream industries;
- social and community outcomes;
- consistency with industry policies.

Information with respect to these elements is expected to include, but not be limited to:

- commercial arrangements with infrastructure providers;
- anticipated payments to governments;
- project proponent proposals to enhance or provide additional community services and facilities;
- extent to which raw materials and related services will be sourced locally;
- any contribution or participation in the provision of housing for company employees."

Moved. C Brooks
Seconded. C Strong
Carried.

It was agreed that the Secretariat make any consequential changes to the SECIS terms of reference.

J Ashe commented that section 3.2.2 is very detailed. J Green advised that under *the State Policies and Projects Act 1993* SDAC is required to identify all approval stages and therefore needs the proponent to provide all relevant information to allow SDAC to carry out its statutory functions. General discussion followed. It was noted that a number of comments and criticisms were made in respect to the detail in section 3.2.2. No resolution was made as the JAT would make the final decision.

C Brooks requested a copy of the amended sections before the report goes to the printer.

M McGee requested that the bold sections of Part III be checked to ensure they only highlight changes to the original SECIS terms of reference.

Some members advised they are not receiving readable email documents. It was agreed that the Secretariat research and solve these problems.

Meeting closed.

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Deputies: H Pryor, R Howlett, G Rance, M McGee
Secretariat: S Kiriakoff, P Scott, S Smyth
SoE Unit: S Waight
Observer: R Burton (DPAC), R Edwards (DPAC), M Foster (Beca Simon)

Apologies: S Wardlaw, J Ramsay, M Laughlin

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting, as amended, be accepted.

Moved. B Davis

Seconded. C Strong

Carried.

3. **Membership issues**

C Strong advised that he still does not have a Deputy. S Kiriakoff advised SDAC is waiting for advice from the Premier's office.

4. **Executive Director's Administration Report**

- **Correspondence (attached)**
- **Key Correspondence –**
 - Letter of thanks to Premier for assistance in SoE draft Vol. 2 launch with photograph 10/12/96.
 - Letter to Premier re: JAT membership 23/12/96.
 - Letter from D Campin requesting exemption from attending SDAC meetings re: TPPC project of State significance 10/12/96.
 - Letter from S Haines, DPAC, advising on TPPC SDAC assessment, budget approval 2/12/96.
 - Letter to S Haines requesting details of SoE implementation and use of SoE in natural Heritage Trust work 20/12/96.
 - Letter from S Haines re: SpE implementation 5/2/97.
 - Letter from S Wardlaw re: pecuniary interest 5/2/97.
- Confirmation of appointment of Stephen Smyth as Communications Advisor for an initial 12 months.
- All email problems now fixed. No further advice received from members on problems.
- Executive Director visited a number of SoE experts in Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane on 22-27 January. SoE public information seminars to run 17-26 February 1997
- Letter from D Campin dated 10 December 1996 requesting exemption from attending SDAC meetings re: TPPC project of State significance, was received, tabled and noted.
- S Kiriakoff advised that a letter has been sent to S Haines, DPAC, requesting advice on implementation of the SoER and whether the priorities it will identify will be considered in the allocation of Telstra sale money, the National Heritage Fund. R Burton suggested that SDAC invite Ken Felton, Natural Heritage Resource Trust, to attend an SDAC meeting to discuss these issues.

At this stage the rules for prioritising and distributing Telstra sale money has not been established. R Burton advised that SDAC can be assured that the SoE Report will be considered by the Natural Heritage Fund Team Leader, along with other major inputs in establishing the State's priorities for these funds.

- R Edwards advised that a Cabinet Minute is being prepared in relation to the SPP Amendment Bill which should be tabled in Parliament in late March. Parliament resumes on 13 March.

H Pryor arrived at 10.20 am.

5. Draft State Policy on Water Quality Management

J Green proposed that the resolution on endorsement of SDAC's report on the draft State Policy on Water Quality Management be deferred to another meeting. The SDAC Water Panel will meet on Friday, 14 February to attempt to resolve a number of issues raised by F Cattell in a memorandum dated 7 February 1997.

C Brooks arrived at 10.22 am.

All SDAC comments on the draft State Policy on Water Quality Management to be forwarded to P Scott.

It was agreed that at least six SDAC members will meet on Monday, 24 February at 2.30 pm to consider a resolution endorsing SDAC's report on the draft State Policy on Water Quality Management.

6. State of the Environment Report

S Kiriakoff presented a progress report on Volume 1 of the SoER.

S Waight advised that distribution of Volume 1 of the SoER will commence next week. There are 300 complimentary copies of the Report. Examples of the printed version of Volume 1 of the Report were circulated around SDAC members.

It was agreed that SDAC's appreciation for S Waight's work on the SoER be recorded.

S Smyth gave a report on the public consultation program for Draft Volume 2 again seeking advice from members on ways to improve the program and encourage more participation from the types of groups they work in/with and which they represent.

C Strong suggested the presentations during the consultation period and copies of Volume 2 should be sent to schools, school associations and universities.

D Campin gave a powerpoint demonstration of the type of presentations that will be made during the public consultation period.

S Kiriakoff gave a work program presentation and explained research to date towards both designing the final draft of Volume 2 and ensuring future SoE reports are useful to all stakeholders. Discussion followed on SDAC's need to understand implementation issues to produce a relevant cost effective report.

The Chairman requested the Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper on the degree to which SDAC needs to consider implementation issues.

7. Proposed Draft State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land

The Chairman advised that he has been informed that there is a proposal going to Cabinet recommending that the draft Policy be referred to SDAC. No further information is available at this stage.

8. Projects of State Significance (TPPC)

Motion. That the delegation to J Ashe, made by instrument of delegation dated 13 November 1996, be revoked and that he be replaced by S. Mercer. J Green to execute the instrument of delegation.

Moved. B Leaver

Seconded. F Cattell

Carried.

S Kiriakoff gave a progress report on the public comment stage. Some 1400 copies of the report have been circulated.

J Green reported that the JAT is meeting this afternoon to consider modifications to the EIS guidelines and SECIS terms of reference.

9. **Next meeting**

Special Meeting: Monday, 24 February 1997 at 2.30pm - DSPWQM

Regular Meeting: Friday, 18 April 1997 at 10.00 am.

Post Meeting: Next SDAC meeting rescheduled for Friday, 2 May 1997, 10.00am

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SDAC MEETING
MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1997
12TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
TRUST BANK BUILDING
2.30 PM**

1. **Present:** *Members:* J Green (Chair), J Ramsay, D Campin, S Wardlaw, F Cattell, D Lovell
Deputies: W Jones
Secretariat: S Kiriakoff, P Scott

Following deferral of the agenda item in relation to the SDAC report on the Draft State Policy on Water Quality Management at the SDAC meeting held on 13 February a special meeting of SDAC was called to finalise the report.

The Chairman opened the meeting and advised that following the last SDAC meeting the SDAC Water Panel met on 14 February to consider the issues raised in a memorandum signed by Frank Cattell dated February 1997. A number of the issues were resolved at that meeting, however, agreement has not been met on how protected environmental values will be determined.

The Chairman called for motions for modifications to the Draft Report.

D Campin urged that the term 'best practice environmental management' be used consistently in lower case.

Motion put by W Jones: That in clause 10.2(a) the words 'agencies and organisations' be deleted and replaced with 'stakeholders', and that clause 10.2(b) be deleted.

Seconded: J Ramsay

Discussion followed. It was proposed that this motion would remove the need for public consultation. D Lovell disagreed that there would be circumstances where there would not be a need to consult the public about existing protected environmental values. The community should have the opportunity for consultation.

It was proposed that this motion would remove the need for public consultation.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion put by D Campin: That after '... has taken all reasonable measures' insert (including public consultation and use of the media), and delete 'appropriate protected environmental values' and replace with 'existing protected environmental values'.

Discussion on the meaning of 'an interest' followed. It was generally agreed that the term 'an interest' goes beyond a 'financial interest'.

Moved: S Wardlaw

Seconded: J Ramsay

Carried.

Motion put by D Campin: That clause 10.2(b) be deleted.

Moved: S Wardlaw

Seconded: J Ramsay

Carried.

Motion put by W Jones that in clause 4 the words 'this Policy takes effect' be deleted and replaced with 'coming into operation', replace '6 months' with '12 months', and insert 'draft' before 'planning schemes' and 'planning instruments'.

Moved: J Ramsay
Seconded: S Wardlaw
Carried.

Motion put by S Wardlaw that clause 10.5 be deleted and replaced with 'Notwithstanding clause 10.4, all planning schemes shall identify the protected environmental values for specific bodies of water, segments of the coast and groundwaters within 3 years of this Policy coming into operation, or sooner, where a review or amendment to a planning scheme relates to significant water quality management issues. The protected environmental values shall be designated or reviewed through a catchment-based consultative process.'

Moved: J Ramsay
Seconded: S Wardlaw
Carried.

Resolution: Being a duly convened meeting of the Advisory Council, held on the 24th day of February 1997, at which a quorum is present the Advisory Council hereby RESOLVES that the attached report, with reference to the draft State Policy on Water Quality Management, be submitted to the Premier pursuant to s. 11(1) of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*, subject to any printing or editorial corrections.

Moved: J Ramsay
Seconded: S Wardlaw
Carried.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm.

MINUTES OF SDAC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 1997
10TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
TRUST BANK BUILDING
10.30 AM

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Present: *Members:* J Green (Chair), J Ramsay (Deputy Chair), I Woodward, B Davis, B Leaver, D Lovell, C Strong, D Campin
Secretariat: P Scott, S Smyth, L Jerrim (minutes)

Apologies: S Wardlaw, R Howlett, C Brooks, M McGee

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Chairman's opening remarks

A quorum being present, J Green declared the meeting open.

J Green advised that the *State Policies and Projects Amendment Act 1997* was proclaimed on 1 August. A new procedure is now in operation for State Policies – there will be one public comment period instead of two.

1.2 Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes be approved.
Moved B Davis, seconded C Strong

1.3 Membership issues

J Green advised that appointment of deputies for C Strong and D Campin is in the control of Executive Council. C Strong formally requested to be advised by DPAC about the appointment of his deputy.

J Green mentioned that SDAC's future may be an issue according to the Nixon Report. C Strong requested updates on this matter.

2. STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT '97

2.1 Progress Report on Volume 2 – B Leaver

B Leaver advised that a meeting of the SoE Panel was held recently and the Panel discussed layout, style and content for Volume 2. Papers were tabled as an example of the work the Panel has done on Volume 2. The writing of the document should be designed to address the target audience – the government. It will have a different layout to Draft Volume 2 and will be more concise. It will link with Volume 1. A consistent approach was taken when developing the objectives and recommendations. The recommendation will follow on from the objective and will avoid restating existing policy and programs. The recommendation should be sensible and achievable. The recommendation will target the "doer" to take the matter forward. The Panel has avoided introducing new material that has not been exposed to public input. Despite the reduction in number of recommendations, some of them are more "punchy". The contract writer, Ashley Fuller, is available to do editing and re-analysing public submissions etc.

Part 3 of the report is on attainment of resource management objectives. The Panel has decided to use the objectives identified for the recommendations as the resource

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management objectives. The next SoER will then have measurable objectives that can be assessed. A number of recommendations can be tagged with an indicator. Where indicators cannot be identified there will be a recommendation to develop an indicator.

The timeframe for completion of the report is the responsibility of the Panel. It was felt that the report will be rounded off quickly.

C Strong enquired about SDAC's future. J Green advised that SDAC is only working on the State of the Environment Report and the DSPPAL which is a commitment according to the Premier's Direction Statement. TPPC is still on hold following advice from the Premier and the President of the TPPC. J Green feels we need to wait on the outcome of the Nixon Report. Until a decision is reached about SDAC's future, SDAC is not in a position to comment. Staffing will remain as is. The Executive Director's position will not be filled at present as it will depend on the workload of SDAC in the future.

J Ramsay mentioned that a State Policy on Integrated Catchment Management is foreshadowed.

3. DRAFT STATE POLICY ON PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

3.1 Report by Chairman

J Green advised that SDAC has received a written direction from the Premier for the assessment of the Draft State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land by 31 March 1998. He introduced Mr Alistair Scott from DPIF who provided a background to the Policy.

A Scott provided information on the Policy development process and advised that the Policy was first announced in the last budget (1996/97). The attached overheads are provided as a backup to Mr Scott's presentation.

A Scott advised that a scan of literature has been done by DPIF, however a full study has not been done at this stage. A Scott advised that DPIF felt that it would be appropriate to come up with a shortlist of principles which can be understood by members of the public.

A Land Capability Classification System has been developed and mapping has been carried out from Launceston to Devonport. DPIF has allocated funds to mapping teams and is seeking additional funding from the Natural Heritage Trust to complete mapping.

Principle 6 of the Draft Policy brings in more marginal land eg classes 5 - 7. Will need to work cooperatively with farmers to implement this Principle - sustainable development of agricultural land.

3.3 Appointment of Panel and Delegation - Resolution

J Green advised that the appointment of a panel needs to be considered. The following nominations were received for membership of the panel.

S Wardlaw - nominated by J Ramsay

C Strong - nominated by B Davis

D Campin - nominated by J Ramsay

B Leaver (Chair) - nominated by J Green, seconded by J Ramsay

A preliminary timetable has been prepared for the information seminars.

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Being a duly convened meeting of the Advisory Council, held on the 20th day of August 1997, at which a quorum is present the Advisory Council hereby **RESOLVES** as follows:

That pursuant to s. 34(1) of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (SPP Act) the Advisory Council delegates its powers and functions for the purpose of reporting on the Government's Draft State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land (the Draft Policy) as follows:

1. A Panel shall be established and shall consist of the following Advisory Council members:

Bruce Leaver (Chair)
Stewart Wardlaw
Christopher Strong
David Campin

2. The said Panel shall jointly and severally:
 - (a) conduct public information seminars and publicise the Draft Policy and the Advisory Council's assessment processes;
 - (b) analyse submissions received in relation to the Draft Policy
 - (c) identify issues that require further clarification;
 - (d) undertake hearings where the Panel considers it appropriate and necessary to inform itself about any matters arising in relation to the Draft Policy;
 - (e) prepare a draft final report for the Advisory Council's endorsement prior to reporting to the Minister.
 - (f) deal with such issues that are incidental to or arise from the matters covered in paragraphs (a) to (e) above.

Moved D Lovell, **Seconded** B Davis. Carried unanimously.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Nixon Report

The question was raised as to whether there is likely to be any comment on certain statements in the Nixon Report e.g. section 6 on planning systems. J Ramsay advised that DELM has done a preliminary response and this issue will actively be followed up.

4.2 TPPC

Refer to item 2.1

4.3 SDAC Deputies

J Green advised that Helen Pryor wrote to SDAC concerning the decision to exclude deputies from attending SDAC meetings. **Secretary's Note:** This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

A date for the next SDAC meeting will be advised when the SoER Panel have a draft Volume 2 of the SoER for endorsement by SDAC.