

Dana Wilmington

From: ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 January 2016 11:42 AM
To: Adrian Jeffreys
Subject: RE: Yabulu.

Thank you Adrian

From: Adrian Jeffreys [mailto:adrian.jeffreys@premiers.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 21 January 2016 8:30 AM
To: ELLWOOD Dean
Subject: Yabulu.

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From: ELLWOOD Dean <Dean.Ellwood@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 4:24 PM
To: Adrian Jeffreys
Subject: returned your call



Regards
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Anthony Crack

From: Craig Wilson
Sent: Thursday, 8 October 2015 4:44 PM
To: Bernadette Zerba
Cc: Anthony Crack
Subject: Re: Queensland Nickel - tailings dam update

Well...

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Oct 2015, at 4:43 pm, Bernadette Zerba <Bernadette.Zerba@premiers.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Fyi – information from EHP below.

<image002.png> **Bernadette Zerba**
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From: BURGESS-DEAN Rachel [<mailto:Rachel.Burgess-Dean@ehp.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 8 October 2015 4:40 PM
To: Bernadette Zerba <Bernadette.Zerba@premiers.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Queensland Nickel

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Rachel

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Thanks so much for that Rachel.



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