

From: s 22(1)
To: s 47F
Subject: IPEA - Request for Information - Section 53 Notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 9:20:00 AM
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[image002.jpg](#)
[SIGNED - Section 53 Notice - The Rivulet \(Formerly Amberley House\).pdf](#)

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Dear s 47F

Thank you for speaking with me earlier, as discussed please find attached a notice pursuant to section 53 of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017*.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice please contact me on the numbers below.

Yours sincerely

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Director, Audit and Assurance
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From: s 22(1) @ipea.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 12:27 PM

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From: s 47F
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Subject: RE: IPEA - Request for Information - Section 53 Notice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:31:32 AM
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Independent Parliamentary
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1 December 2021

s 47F

The Rivulet (formerly Amberley House)
391 Sandy Bay Road
HOBART TAS 7005

Email: s 47F

Dear s 47F

Requirement to Provide Information

I write pursuant to subsection 53(2) of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act) to require you to provide information to the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA).

Background

IPEA has reason to believe that you have information or documents relevant to the performance of an audit that IPEA is conducting under paragraph 12(1)(i) of the IPEA Act.

IPEA is conducting an audit of the use of Travel Expenses and Allowances by Mr Andrew Laming MP for the period 21 June to 27 June 2019.

Details of the information required

As part of this process, IPEA requires you to provide:

1. details of accommodation bookings made in the name of Laming over the period 21 to 24 June 2019 including number of rooms, occupant capacity of rooms.
2. details of check-in and departure dates and times in relation to such bookings.

Consequences of not complying with this requirement

This letter is a formal notice under subsection 53(2) of the IPEA Act. IPEA has the power to require you to provide information under this provision.

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Deadline for providing the information to IPEA

You must provide the required information by email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business **Wednesday 15 December 2021**.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact **s 22(1)** on **s 22(1)** or email assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

s 47F

Annwyn Godwin
Chief Executive Officer
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
Email: Annwyn.Godwin@ipea.gov.au
Phone: 02 6215 3000

From: s 47F
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Request for Information [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 2:54:14 PM
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[Boutique Accommodation Tasmania Pty Ltd](#) s 47F

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To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Text Message A Laming MP
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:32:03 AM
Attachments: [IMG_3816.PNG](#)
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[IMG_3817.PNG](#)
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[IMG_3818.PNG](#)
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Text messages re extending booking:

Kind regards s 47F

-----Original Message-----

From: s 47F @me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:11 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: Text Message A Laming MP

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Done

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Ok - how do we book... if still available

Yes still available. I'll book you in

23 Jun 2019, 12:00 pm

Ok

23 Jun 2019, 4:04 pm

Pay?

The rate is \$139, do you want to pay via cc?

25 Jun 2019, 8:35 pm

Pls send the invoice and that confirmation-
Nothing received

Andrew.laming.mp@aph.gov.a

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Done

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iMessage
22 Jun 2019, 7:25 pm

s 47F - just checked in - and checking no cancellations, before we book down the road

Hi Andrew yes unfortunately still no cancellations.

22 Jun 2019, 9:49 pm

All good

23 Jun 2019, 8:39 am

And checking tonight if you are still full

We have got room 2 downstairs that is vacant tonight if you'd like to book it?

Let me check



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paid :

Delivered



He paid \$316.20 for the 3 nights via Expedia
He didn't end up extending his stay after asking if he could

confirmation-
Nothing received
Andrew.laming.mp@aph.gov.au

Thanks again for squeezing us in

26 Jun 2019, 3:00 pm

All ok- not needed

Sorry I've been doing invoicing this afternoon! I will do now for you 😊

Not needed

Thx

No worries, if you do please let me know.

Delivered



iMessage



From: s 47F
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Wotif guest response from Andrew Laming
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:32:09 AM

Confirmation of booking and auto text

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 9:51 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: Fwd: Wotif guest response from Andrew Laming

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Expedia PartnerCentral Team <s 47F@m.expediapartnercentral.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 4:55 PM
Subject: Wotif guest response from Andrew Laming
To: <boutiqueaccommtasfinance@gmail.com>



Amberley House

Andrew Laming responded to your message:

Hello Amberley House. Can I ask for a business hours phone contact please. Andrew

[Reply To Guest](#)

Regards,
Expedia Group Lodging Partner Services

Previous Messages:

Amberley House wrote: Jun 12, 2019

Dear Andrew Laming Thank you for your upcoming stay with us arriving on the 2019-06-21 and staying until 2019-06-24 We are delighted that you have chosen to stay at The Amberley during your visit in Hobart. Your Front Door access code is 3911# Please key this into the key pad at the front door and push the door open. The white key boxes are located on the left hand wall just inside the front entrance of the property. Your room key will access your Suite, and the front door of The Amberley. The key to your room will be left for you in the box with your room number on it. BREAKFAST: A complimentary light continental breakfast is available daily in the beautiful ground floor breakfast room. Breakfast is set up for all guests to help themselves to. CHECK IN PROCEDURE Check In time is from 2pm and check out time is 10am. Unfortunately we cannot offer early check ins or late check outs due to

the housekeeping requirements of the property. Our office hours are 8am - 6pm and we are available after hours for emergencies. Guests are advised that staff are not always on site and are not on site overnight. Therefore, for the safety and security of all guests we ask you to read the Emergency Evacuation Plan located on the back of each guest room door. WIFI- Complimentary Wi-Fi - Network is Amberley and password is redawnings Thank you again for choosing to stay at The Amberley. Please enjoy the property and its beautiful grounds and have a wonderful stay! Kind regards, s 47F

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From: s 47F
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Reservation Created in channelmanager via - Expedia - 30221188
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:32:19 AM

Channel Manager confirmation – Channel Manager is our platform we use that interfaces with online travel agents to accept bookings:

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 9:50 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: Fwd: Reservation Created in channelmanager via - Expedia - 30221188

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Channel Manager <noreply@channelmanager.com.au>
Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Reservation Created in channelmanager via - Expedia - 30221188
To: <boutiqueaccommtasfinance@gmail.com>



Dear Amberley House,

Reservation No	: 30221188	Guest Name	: Andrew Laming
Arrival Date	: 21-Jun-2019	Departure Date	: 24-Jun-2019
OTA Id	: 29	OTA Name	: Expedia
OTA Reservation Number	: 1276179782		

Selected Room	Adult	Child	RoomAccessCode
3 Night Super Saver - Standard	2	0	3911

Best Regards,
Channel Manager Team
<http://www.channelmanager.com.au>
<http://www.channelmanager.co.id/>



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From: s 47F
To: s 22(1)
Subject: FW: Expedia reservation notification via ChannelManager.com.au
Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:33:08 AM

Expedia Booking Details

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 10:04 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: Fwd: Expedia reservation notification via ChannelManager.com.au

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <noreply@channelmanager.com.au>
Date: Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Expedia reservation notification via ChannelManager.com.au
To: <boutiqueaccommtasfinance@gmail.com>

This booking notification has been sent by channelmanager.com.au for the reservation received from Expedia. Expedia do not send reservation notification emails when a property is registered with channelmanager.com.au.

ChannelManager has created the booking in your system and sent this booking e-mail to the e-mail address set up in your ChannelManager.

Occasionally e-mails do not get through so you may need to contact your e-mail Service Provider for assistance with receiving e-mails.

Reservation Details: 1276179782 Travel arrangements provided through Expedia

Status: Book **Reservation made on: 2019-06-12T02:03:00Z**

Hotel Id: 5947838

Reserved for : Andrew Laming	Room Id: 200747145
61 738210155	Room Name: Classic Queen Suite
andrew.laming.mp@aph.gov.au	Rate Plan Id : 209316174
2 adults 0 child	Check in : 2019-06-21
	Check out : 2019-06-24

Per Day Rates

Currency : AUD
Date : 2019-06-21 Base Rate : 105.40
Date : 2019-06-22 Base Rate : 105.40
Date : 2019-06-23 Base Rate : 105.40
Total Amount After Taxes : 316.20

Special Request

1 queen bed
Non-Smoking

Expedia Virtual Card will be activated from the day of Check-in.

Payment Information

Card Type : MC

Card Number : s 47F

Expiry Date : s 47F

Card Holder Name : s 47F

Address : 333 108th Avenue NE , Bellevue , US , 98004

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Date: Thursday, 25 November 2021 1:51:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[SIGNED - IPEA to Mr Laming MP - 25 Nov 2021.pdf](#)
[Section 53 Notice - Mr Andrew Laming MP.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Dear Mr Laming

Please see attached correspondence regarding the audit into your Travel Expenses and Allowances. Attached to this correspondence is a notice pursuant to section 53 of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017*. This notice requires a response by close of business **Thursday 9 December 2021**. Should you have any questions please contact me on the numbers below.
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25 November 2021

Mr Andrew Laming MP
Member for Bowman
PO Box 8024
Cleveland, QLD, 4163

Email: Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Laming

Audit of Travel Expenses and Allowances

On 8 November 2021, I wrote to request your assistance in providing information relating to the audit into your use of travel expenses and allowances. In that correspondence, I requested a written response by close of business Monday 22 November 2021.

As IPEA has not received a response, I now attach a Requirement to Provide Information notice pursuant to s53(2) of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017*. This notice requires you to provide the requested information within the timeframe and explains that failure to do so is an offence.

Please provide a written response to the notice via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business **Thursday 9 December 2021**. Should you require any clarification regarding anything in this letter, please contact me via email assurance@ipea.gov.au or by phone on **s 22(1)**.

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25 November 2021

Mr Andrew Laming MP
Member for Bowman, Queensland
PO Box 8024
Cleveland QLD 4163

Email: Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au

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Background

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IPEA is conducting an audit of your use of Travel Expenses and Allowances, for the period 21 June to 27 June 2019.

Details of the information required

As part of this process, IPEA requires you to provide:

1. details of the accommodation in which each of yourself, your spouse and your two daughters resided on each of the nights of 21, 22 and 23 June 2019, including number of rooms booked at each establishment and when these bookings were made.
2. details of the dates, times and sessions at which you attended during proceedings of the Combined Meeting of RANZCO & ANZSOPS at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, between 21 and 23 June 2019.
3. details of your use of the hire car collected at Hobart Airport on 21 June 2019 and returned on 24 June 2019, specifically, other than travel within the city of Hobart:
 - a. destinations and routes of travel
 - b. dates and times of travel at which each journey was undertaken
 - c. drivers and passengers on each journey

- d. locations at which you conducted inspections of Composite Fibre Technology structures
4. an unedited complete copy, including header, of correspondence from **s 47F** confirming your attendance at the RANZCO Tasmanian branch meeting on Sunday 23 June 2019. You provided IPEA with an extract of such correspondence on 7 July 2021.
 5. the name and contact details of the sponsor referred to in correspondence dated 18 May 2021 and 11 June 2021. On 18 May 2021, you advised IPEA “I was invited by a sponsor to attend the Congress to advance the electorate food hub proposal”. On 11 June 2021, you advised that your attendance at the conclusion of the Gala dinner “was by arrangement with a Queensland sponsor at a time when formal presentations had concluded that evening”.
 6. names of persons who may confirm that you engaged with them at the Hort Connections Congress on the night of 26 June 2019 to advance the electorate food hub project.

Consequences of not complying with this requirement

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One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

Phone: **s 22(1)** Email: Annwyn.Godwin@ipea.gov.au

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Subject: IPEA Information Request - Andrew Laming MP
Date: Thursday, 2 December 2021 12:53:07 PM
Attachments: [IPEAhm \(002.1\).docx](#)
[Dr Andrew Laming - Tasmanian branch meeting 2019.doc](#)
[LAMING, ANDREW, MR.pdf](#)
[ALaming_Amberley House Hobart 2019.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon s 22(1),

Please find attached additional information in answer to your recent questions.
Also see attached 2019 photo showing Mr Laming at Amberley House, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.
As a consequence of the previously referenced data loss, Mr Laming has sort third-party corroboration wherever possible.
We trust the attached will assist you in finalising this matter.
Please let us know if we can assist further.

Kind regards,

s 47F

Electorate Officer

Office of Andrew Laming . Federal Member for Bowman

PO Box 8024 | 10/32 Middle Street | Cleveland QLD 4163 | T: s 47F

Parliament House Canberra: T: s 47F | F: s 47F

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Dear Sir,

We continue to support this Assurance process, including information provision relating to the electorate, parliamentary and dominant purpose of my 2019 travel to Melbourne and Hobart.

The loss of the 2019 Outlook sent folder data for 2019 has now been independently investigated with over 30 hours invested in data recovery. The loss remains irrecoverable and pre-dates these inquiries.

Hobart: Upon arrival, the booked accommodation (Amberley House, Sandy Bay) was found to be unsuitable for the family unit due to illness. Despite those changing circumstances, the original accommodation was used by me, with additional commercial accommodation secured as discussed with IPEA earlier this year (Hotel Grand Chancellor invoice attached). All additional accommodation was at personal rather than Commonwealth expense.

s 47F initial word document of 30 June 2021 is attached. I asked that the exact timing of the Sunday address be included, which he approved with the further reply (below) 'Sure. That's what you did!'

-----Original Message-----

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 8:04 PM
To: Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Dr Andrew Laming - Tasmanian branch meeting 2019.doc

Sure. That's what you did!

Clinical Professor s 47F AM,OTL,CStJ President ,RANZCO Honorary Consul for Timor Leste
Hospitalier St. John, Australia Clinical Professor University of Tasmania Clinical Associate Professor
University of Sydney Consultant Ophthalmologist Hobart Eye Surgeons,
182 Argyle St. Hobart 7000,Tasmania,Australia Phone +61417873213 ranzco.edu etep.org.au

> On 30 Jun 2021, at 2:43 pm, s 47F wrote:
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> <Dr Andrew Laming - Tasmanian branch meeting 2019.doc>
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> Clinical Professor University of Tasmania Clinical Associate Professor
> University of Sydney Consultant Ophthalmologist Hobart Eye Surgeons,
> s 47F
> ranzco.edu etep.org.au

Vehicle rental details and destinations have been provided earlier; two regional CFT boardwalk inspection journeys (22 and 23 June), plus local travel within Hobart, and finally to attend education meetings on 24 June. This was the best value option, and all fuel costs were met by me personally, as is my usual practice.

Melbourne: The HortConnect table sponsor provided 'informal' advice on who to meet and when to arrive but played no official role in discussions with interstate stakeholders. Mr Thomson's third-party confirmation of my dominant purpose (electorate duties) for attending the event is as follows.

From: s 47F
Sent: Monday, 29 November 2021 6:53 PM
To: Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: HortConnect

Andrew
Below is my account of HortConnect in Melbourne in 2019

- I was Growcom CEO at June 2019. Growcom is the Horticulture peak body in Queensland
- I have since left the industry
- Andrew Laming is known to me from my 10 years as CEO of Stradbroke Ferries - a major employer in Bowman.
- I worked for Laming as a part time staffer for approx. 3 months in late 2018, following my resignation from Straddie Ferries and prior to my appointment as Growcom CEO
- Mr Laming made contact with me early in my Growcom tenure and asked if I could facilitate introductions to horticulture growers, who could be interested in a parcel of Commonwealth land at Birkdale
- I suggested that meeting them all in one place at HortConnect would make sense, rather than driving all over the state
- I told him that the annual Hort Conference, HortConnect was in Melbourne in June 2019
- I attended HortConnect with a delegation from Queensland and Mr Laming arrived at the gala dinner towards the end of the conference.
- Mr Laming was not a delegate to the conference but took the opportunity to attend as a visitor
- I introduced him to a couple of my table guests at the dinner and he then independently worked the room.

Regards,

s 47F

Summary: The Hobart segment is corroborated by both s 47F. The additional grounds for travelling twice out of Hobart align with electorate activity, verified by material outside the data loss window. The Melbourne segment is corroborated by s 47F (above), which given the short travel window, also confirms the dominant purpose of the journey.

Should any element of this claim, upon investigation, be found to be a non-claimable expense (two taxi fares have already been identified), then prompt repayment is our intention.

Our responses provide all available recollection and evidence for each leg of these journeys. Our responses also demonstrate a clear intention to achieve the best possible value for money for the Commonwealth. For this reason, our Assurance response below remains a comprehensive summary of electorate and parliamentary duties (Part A), dominant purpose (Part B) and ancillary detail (Part C).

We are available to respond to any additional queries.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Laming

PART A: Hobart - Electorate duties – matters of importance to constituents

Attendance at national and state health conferences is for both electorate and parliamentary purposes.

As a Parliamentarian and invited speaker, participation has multiple outcomes.

- Provision of health policy expertise at electorate level to full-time clinicians resulting in greater interest in regional service provision.
- Refinement of legislative and regulatory policy through feedback to the executive. Meetings provide a barometer on government performance from leading stakeholders allowing review and development work by committees through Ministerial referral (Chair education and training).

The combination of specialist qualifications (MBBS, FRANZCO, DRCOG, MPubPol, MPA) is unique, meaning that in health planning discussions, my contributions at these conferences are made as both a member of the government communicating its policy but also as a subject matter expert on issues of importance or interest to regional, island and Indigenous constituents.

Bowman includes southern Moreton Bay islands (SMBI), where access to health and medical services is precarious. Attendance at and engagement with both general and specialist medical colleges aimed to;

- promote the health needs of regional communities and develop efficient solutions,
- outline specifically the unique health needs of bay island communities, and
- cultivate within clinical groups an interest in servicing these communities, providing an electoral benefit.

In 2019, a strong focus in the electorate was enhancement of health and hospital infrastructure. Additional infrastructure reduces patient travel and increases opportunities for specialist service provision in underserved regions. At the time of the 2019 conference the electorate focus included;

- major hospital clinical upgrades
 - **May 2019:** <https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/6103315/laming-announces-30m-redland-hospital-upgrade/>
- major non-clinical infrastructure
 - **April 2019:** <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/the-liberal-national-government-will-contribute-up-to-16-million-to-develop-a-new-multi-storey-carpark-at-redlands-hospital>
 - **May 2019:** <https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/6798912/redland-hospital-to-get-five-level-car-park/>
 - <https://www.findhealthclinics.com/AU/Cleveland/208287436705393/Redland-Hospital%3A-Let%27s-fight-for-fair-funding>

Hobart-Parliamentary duties-Developing, reviewing and amending legislation

At the time of the 2019 RANZCO - ANZSOPS Conference, a range of legislative matters were in the public domain, in development or subject to review by the government and requiring amendment. Each of the following topics formed the basis of my presentation and questions I fielded following my presentation.

- **Workforce:** March 2019, COAG [announced](#) the development of a [National Medical Workforce Strategy](#). The aim of the strategy was to guide long-term, collaborative

medical workforce planning across Australia. Access and distribution of eye services to regional, rural and remote Australia was likely to be reliant on [A Stronger Rural Health Strategy](#) with the aim of providing 3,000 more doctors, into rural and regional areas over the next 10 years.

- **Medical Research Future Fund:** There was a high level of interest in how this additional allocation to research would be distributed, the balance between benchtop and service delivery research and whether the allocation would be politically influenced, together with duplication concerns around the NHMRC.

Hobart-Parliamentary duties- Research and communication connected with the business of the Parliament

Geographic classifications under our current health system have an impact on Medicare payments and on medical practice. The audience asked for specific details on whether this system would undermine the provision of services within the Bowman electorate or support existing services by offering locum and close clinical support. The application of RAMA arrangements and the Modified Monash remoteness scales impacted GP distribution and in turn, referrals from regional areas.

Training: The audience also focussed on the proposed [National Rural Generalist Pathway](#) (NRGP) and how specialist training could also increase regional intake to reduce geographic maldistribution but also asymmetries and underrepresentation in the trainee cohort.

Pharmaceutical benefits and services: comprised largely of Australian Government subsidies for anti-VEGF agents. Changes to these items which would affect not just practice viability but the ability of clinicians to perform marginally viable work in regional locations. Mechanisms to increase competition by bringing *Avastin* through the TGA as a more economical alternative was the key concern for delegates.

My Health Record: There were concerns about the PHR, Digital Health agency, data storage and challenges for medical specialists who were not running online patient management systems.

Private health care: Reforms to private health insurance

(<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/private-health-insurance-reforms-gold-silver-bronze-basic-product-tiers-campaign-fact-sheet>) in 2019 aimed to increase choice and transparency and affordability in the sector in order to arrest a decline in levels of private health cover.

Maintaining the viability of the sector was a priority, particularly in Bowman where a single private hospital provider was hosting much of the region's specialist medical work. Closure would have significant impact on availability of obstetric, day surgery and procedural work. Speaking at the conference aimed to;

- raise confidence in the Government's measures,
- maintain, if not increase willingness to provide services in regional Australia (IDEAS van), and
- discuss mechanisms to provide services to regions where specialist services don't exist.

Conference feedback from clinicians and practice managers helped to better understand how constituents can minimise out-of-pocket costs and secure earlier appointments for surgery. This information is extremely difficult to obtain without directly engaging clinical practice managers.

Declining PHI levels have direct impact on the viability of these private health services and the propensity of specialist colleagues to continue servicing regional areas like the islands in the Bowman electorate.

As the deadline for formal abstracts was May 24, the published program for the conference had already been finalised prior to confirmation of my attendance June 11. For this reason alone, my name did not appear on the online version of the program document, despite there being a clear 45-minute break period where my presentation was ultimately delivered.

PART B: Tasmania road travel - Electorate duties – matters of importance to constituents

The electorate and Parliamentary grounds for travel to the RANZCO - ANZSOPS Conference travel are outlined above.

If there is any remaining doubt about the electorate and Parliamentary purpose of the Hobart conference in the Assurance process, specific questions can be answered in additional detail.

Part B now outlines additional electorate and Parliamentary-related activity in Hobart that confirms dominant purpose for the entire Hobart period. It also establishes that there was no significant activity in the three day period not related to parliamentary or electorate duties.

To maximise taxpayer value-for-money, two other opportunities were included during the three-day stay and arranged by me after the Hobart RANZCO - ANZSOPS Conference address was confirmed.

1. Seeing sites (not sightseeing) where composite fibre technology (CFT) construction products have been deployed in environmentally sensitive boardwalk proposals, and
2. Independent Schools Tasmania roundtable meeting with three experts (see part C).

1: Boardwalk construction in environmentally sensitive sites

The development of a *Redland City coastal foreshore boardwalk network* is an electorate proposal to design, approve and construct an active transport and tourism infrastructure network using materials suited to the sensitive intertidal ecosystems, that will survive the harsh marine, saline environment and Q100 weather events. The project was conceived, driven and now managed by the Bowman electorate office. The objective is to connect Brisbane Airport arrivals with the Moreton Bay coastline through to the Gold Coasts 'Ocean Way' providing an active transport tourism infrastructure piece that brings international visitors to the Moreton Bay Coast and is complete by the 2032 Olympic Games. This plan was;

- one of the two largest election commitment projects in 2019, just two months prior to travel
- In development since late 2018 (appendix)

The Tasmania visit was critical to this electorate project. There are is no better place in Australia to observe the construction design and impact of similar boardwalk structures than Tasmania.

Tasmania is a leader in the use of specialist composite fibre boardwalk structures for these harsh and ecologically sensitive environments and the RANZCO conference timetable offered brief opportunities to visit a number of sites.

The Tasmania visit has subsequently led to;

- a detailed boardwalk proposal for the Bowman electorate by engaging with one of Australia's two manufacturers of these products,

- Correspondence with relevant State Government ministers on these matters
- Collaboration with the LGA to fully fund the replacement of ageing boardwalk assets (<https://news.redland.qld.gov.au/2021/07/stimulus-funding-spans-replacement-of-pedestrian-bridges/>) with novel composite materials. (<https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/local-roads-and-community-infrastructure/>).

Additional background on the development of this proposal (both prior to and following the data loss period) demonstrates clear investment and interest in this issue of high priority for the electorate.

Pre data-loss (March 2019)

Sept 2018: Collaboration with local stakeholders on a boardwalk proposal as a low-cost social employment project.



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To S 47F

Reply Reply All Forward Wed 12/09/2018 9:43 AM

Rod,
Great document coming together.
Remember we are looking at a lightweight construction on slab and making it a work for dole project.
So a rough sketch by a certifier would be good.
They can also do boardwalks, paths, and info stations.
Will allow the Employment people to see if it is possible.
andrew

Nov 2018: Development of a \$15million coastal walkway project as a federal election commitment.

RE: 2019 ELECTION WISH LIST.docx



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To S 47F

Reply Reply All Forward Thu 11/11/2018 10:52 AM

2019 ELECTION WISH LIST

1. Food and Agricultural Technology Hub – Birkdale land	\$10m
2. Koala rehabilitation facility – Sirromet	\$ 2m
3. Chelsea Rd traffic lights upgrade – Ransome	\$ 2m
4. Upgrade Old Cleveland Rd –Gateway Motorway	\$ 10m
5. Southern Russell Island Boat ramp	\$ 1m
6. Bridge to Russell Island (art)	\$20m
7. Redland Bay public swimming pool	\$10m
8. Multi- story carpark at Weinam Creek (reclaim ugly carpark	\$10m
9. Cyclones Rugby Union & Sharks Cricket club new clubhouse	\$ 1m
10. Tourist Organic food produce trail – Mount Cotton	\$ 1m
11. New jetty in front of Redland Bay pub/Grand View	\$ 2m
12. Attract major retailer (Myers/DI's) to Redlands Coast	
13. Coastal walkway	\$15m

Dec 2018: Social media survey on community support for one phase of a boardwalk network. This was a bulk sms campaign across the electorate to approximately 20,000 households.



Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au>

SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu, 13/07/2020 2:43 PM

Reply X/N to Andrew Laming MP
Does Chelsea Road need upgrade/rights when Greenhama upgrade finished?
Does Redland Bay need a Victoria Point bypass via Doublejump/Songmoo?
Is Torquay Harbour upgrade a good thing for Redland?
Would you support a better bikeway/boardwalk from Wellington Point to Redland Bay?

Post-data loss (January 2020)

July 2020: Application to a Commonwealth fund to finance project.



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: [REDACTED]

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue, 28/07/2020 2:29 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 July 2020 11:19 AM
To: Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Draft letter to Minister

Good morning Minister

My office intends to apply for funding to improve to extend and upgrade a series of disconnected walking and cycling tracks along the Moreton Bay foreshore

Bowman is very fortunate to be home to a large healthy Koala population and diverse mangrove flora and fauna.

Connectivity of tracks and trails will provide significant additional amenity, as well as a mechanism to access these areas for additional environmental remediation work.

It also improves access to koala populations because in many areas while tracks are complete, the lack of connection reduces regular access.

The addition of connecting paths and waterfront boardwalks would greatly improve these accessibility challenges.

The project will be delivered with Redland City Council, by engaging JobActive providers and host organisations. This arrangement has successfully delivered Community Environments Program.

Please consider this project for the Fund. The funding amount would not exceed \$100,000.

A more detailed proposal can be delivered at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Laming MP

August 2020: Fully application for Commonwealth funding.



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: S.47F

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 17/08/2020 2:21 PM

From: S.47F
 Sent: Tuesday, 11 Aug 2020 3:07 PM
 To: S.47F
 Subject: ERP [SIC=UNOFFICIAL]

Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au> S.47F

ENVIRONMENT RESTORATION FUND – BOWMAN PROJECT	
Project Title:	Manage impacts of urban residents on the core wildlife habitats and terrestrial koala corridors from Thornlands to Redland Bay
Proposed project duration:	September 2020 to 2024
Project design:	<p>Enhancing and protecting corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fragmentation of wildlife habitat in the Redlands has resulted in smaller disconnected patches of wildlife habitat with reduced wildlife movement, higher mortality rates and a reduction in biodiversity. Wildlife habitat, networks and corridors are the areas of connected native vegetation that enable the maintenance of ecological processes, the movement of wildlife and support the continuation of viable populations. The Wildlife Connectors Plan 2019-2028, aims to geographically identify, at a city-wide scale, and provide priority actions for the management, protection and enhancement of a network of core wildlife habitat and connecting corridors in Redland City. objectives and outcomes Improve Corridor Habitat Rehabilitation of gaps and pinch points. Prevent Wildlife Deaths Safe fauna passage Reduce Impacts on Corridors Management of urban and/or peri-urban and/or rural area impacts; and Management of storm tide and sea level rise impacts <p>Funding of the priority actions is critical to the success and performance of this plan. Delivery of the action plan will be funded through Environment restoration fund, Work for the dole projects and Redland city council general revenue.</p> <p>Redlands Coast provides a habitat for specialist species</p> <p>The Coastal Foreshore Corridors are a high priority for protection and rehabilitation, as they represent the value in terms of financial and ecological benefits</p> <p>The Coastal Foreshore Corridors predominately comprise of tidal flats, mangrove, saltpan, saltmarsh and casuarina habitats and may incorporate other fringing woodland vegetation (on coast dunes or alluvial land). These coastal foreshore corridors are crucial habitat for wader birds, intertidal marine vertebrates and invertebrates, and specialist species such as the Water Mouse.</p> <p>Analysis of overall gain/loss of koala habitat in south east Queensland should recognize that areas close to the coast highlighted on the maps attached can sustain more koalas per hectare than other areas further west where it's hotter and drier.</p>

I did all but the red bit.



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: S.47F

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 17/08/2020 2:21 PM

further west where it's hotter and drier.

1. Fox and feral cat control to protect native species in the coastal foreshore corridors
2. Protecting plant and animal biodiversity
3. 'Rewilding' threatened flora species
4. Protecting the habitat of specialist mammal species

Connectivity of existing tracks and trails

Project one: November 2020 start

Location: Thornlands-Pinklands Interconnector

Situation: current infrastructure restricts trail connectivity for 20,000 constituents. This is resolved with additional bus/land access to ensure all-weather access to degraded and flood-prone habitats. The project comprises two segments 100 metres wide requiring additional remediation. The works would be undertaken by Redland City Council and Work for the Dole projects through DESE.

Current infrastructure

Areas of the coastline can support reasonable access to the foreshore for a range of recreational activities taking into account environmental values and constraints.

Project activities would include

1. Barrier protection to keep pedestrian traffic away from rehabilitated foreshore
2. Upgrade and completion of existing trails on and off road, that currently run for around 4000metres along the City coastline, but do not connect. This prioritises informal pathways, litter and damage to delicate coastline. Trails provide shade, pedestrian management and opportunities to enhance areas degraded by unmanaged traffic.
3. Improved access to wetland and environmentally precious areas for conservation groups. The project will involve partnerships with bush care groups with expertise in local fauna/flora and be supported by the City Council.

Project 2: January 2021 start date

Location: Victoria Point-Redland Bay Interconnector

Situation: Current infrastructure restricts trail connectivity for 18,000 constituents. With the construction of two 750 metres of additional boardwalks allows remedial access to coastal foreshore, without the need to cross a private golf course. The Victoria Point side of the works includes large areas where informal tracks cross across marine park intertidal areas. The works would be undertaken by Redland City Council and WFTD projects.

1. Upgrade the network of foreshore access infrastructure
2. Upgrade and complete of existing trails on and off road, that stretch for 10 stunning kilometres along the coastline. These trails provide plenty of shade and opportunities to engage with the environment.
3. Improved access to wetland and environmentally precious areas for conservation groups.

Meeting with Independent Schools Tasmania

The Monday meeting with IST establishes that work directly relating to my electorate and parliamentary duties occurred on all four days of the Tasmania journey.

Parts A and B outline the parliamentary and electorate purpose of the Hobart journey;

- Conference and associated event attendance over two days,
- Boardwalk project inspections on two journeys out of Hobart, and
- IST roundtable meeting.

Parts A and B outline that there was no significant part of the Hobart leg that was not electorate or parliamentary in nature.

If there is any remaining doubt about the dominant purpose of the Hobart leg in the Assurance process, specific questions can be answered in additional detail.

PART C: Other related matters

Q1: Launceston flights: The original intention was to complete visits to composite fibre technology boardwalk projects after the Hobart Conference and *en route* to Launceston. When this was no longer feasible and the additional Hobart meeting confirmed, flights were changed. It is routine practice to cancel a booking when re-routing occurs and I had no idea this did not happen when it was requested.

Q2: Hobart conference arrangements were confirmed in the days prior to the June 11 accommodation booking.

Q3: This was a long-standing invitation from the organisers, and 2019 was the first time that I was available to attend.

Q4: Those details were previously provided to IPEA, when Dr Nitin Virma provided written confirmation of my presentation at the conference.

Q6: Details of nightly accommodation for Laming family members while travelling on 21-23 June.

Accommodation was at Amberley House in Sandy Bay; paid online June 12, 2019. All required documentation was provided at the time as prerequisite for reimbursement. Our data from that period has been lost from Outlook archive. The credit card evidence of purchase is below.

12 Jun	Wotif Wotif.Com	372.00
12 Jun		8.90
12 Jun		8.90

CommonwealthBank 

Transactions

Account 

17 May 2019- 17 Jun 2019

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Transactions

Date	Transaction details	Amount (A\$)
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Due to a family member falling ill, a hotel room at the conference venue was also secured to make caring for children easier. This room was not submitted for reimbursement. The Tasmania leg was three days, and the three-day claim submitted concurs.

Vehicle travel:

Mileage for this journey was not at tax-payer expense. It has been usual practice whenever renting a vehicle for Parliamentary purposes to pay personally for fuel unless time prevents a final tank fill at the airport. My understanding is that the tank was completely filled at Hobart airport prior to departure to ensure that none of the mileage costs were at Commonwealth expense. This practice is long-standing does not imply the use of the vehicle is not Parliamentary.

This is and has been my usual practice since becoming an MP- to pay personally for fuel and not to use the fuel cards provided. This was the case in Hobart with the vehicle being re-filled at Hobart airport at my expense prior to departure.

Q7: Aside from use for airport returns on Friday and Monday, best recollection of travel as a family group was;

Saturday:

Conference/evening event for electorate and Parliamentary purpose
Central plateau national parks. 600km route (Highland Lakes Rd) for electorate purpose

Sunday:

Conference for electorate and Parliamentary purpose
Sorell / Port Arthur return. 200km (Arthur Highway) for electorate purpose

Monday:

Parliamentary meetings Sandy Bay for Standing committee and electorate purpose.
Mt Wellington return

Specific **site seeing** (not sightseeing) was based on attempting to visit and inspect the significant use of composite fibre technology (CFT) boardwalk materials in particular Tasmanian locations. These materials were not widely used in my region of Queensland at the time.

Tasmania has a significant history deploying such materials in harsh environments and areas of high environmental sensitivity. These included Sorrell, Bicheno, Port Arthur, Great Lakes and the more easily accessible entries to national parks. These areas possess many similarities with the delicate RAMSAR protected intertidal grasses and mangroves which require minimally impacting construction techniques to deliver these projects.

Site meetings with relevant authorities was not possible on weekends, so I have made an offer to reimburse this vehicle car hire for the 24hour period. Since this is not possible, then the electorate justification for the travel stands. Meetings with authorities who were experts in these materials and projects were held at a later date, including three visits to the electorate, meetings with both Redland and Brisbane LGAs and a mapping project for electorate benefit that stems directly from this original journey.

This Tasmania visit formalised what became the **Bowman coastal foreshore boardwalk project**. The Tasmania visit was integral in activating this project for electorate benefit and securing the support of other levels of government, materials experts, environmental consultants, project designers and builders.

Work on this electorate project was first publicly reported as follows:

- Negotiations for a trial project Sept 2018 (attached above)
- Social media strategy Dec 2018
- Election wish-list (attached) 2019
- Print media October 2020 (<https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/6964877/lnp-backs-design-for-tingalpa-creek-outdoor-lifestyle-project/>)
- Online from August 2020 (<https://www.facebook.com/RedlandsBoardwalk>)
- Speeches in 2021 (<https://www.openaustralia.org.au/debate/?id=2021-05-24.219.1>)

Q8: Provide details of your meeting with Independent Schools Tasmania

The Monday 9-10am meeting with IST (<https://independentschools.tas.edu.au/about-us>) was arranged with s 47F, Senior Education Consultant (s 47F). It was at their Salamanca Place headquarters and two other experts attended the meetings. The time was on or around 9-10am.

Q9: Once the Hobart conference speaking invitation was accepted by me, all other appointments including IST were initiated by me in the following days to conform with travel dates and available timings. All that Outlook archive data for the 2019 year is unavailable.

Relevant correspondence

From: Laming, Andrew (MP) <Andrew.Laming.MP@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 7:39 PM

To: s 47F

Subject: Re: Thank you

On 1 Jul 2019, at 3:46 pm, s 47F s 47F wrote:

Dear Andrew,

I write to thank you for taking the time to meet with us recently in Hobart. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to share with you some of my thoughts about the current status of the teaching profession and wanted to write to reiterate my offer of assistance, should you require additional information about any of the topics raised in our discussion.

I wish you every success as you bring this important inquiry to a close and make recommendations for the future.

With my warm regards,

s 47F

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Tasmania
Email: s 47F

Phone: **S 47F**

Available remaining Outlook archive from 2019

(no material available from relevant period)

Laming, Andrew (MP) - Sent Items	By Date	↓
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Laming, Andrew (MP) S 47F - s26 [SEC=OFFICIAL] Let me know if you wish us to deal with this. Cheers, Steph	6/09/2019	📎
Laming, Andrew (MP) Accepted: Work for the dole proposal	5/09/2019	📅
Laming, Andrew (MP) Time for women to take steps on the moon; Nova IGS Network to deliver space ground connecti... From: Space Connect [mailto:editorial@spaceconnectonline.com.au]	26/08/2019	
Laming, Andrew (MP) FedEx Clearance Delay Notification - 480212438105 Spam? Sent from my iPhone	21/07/2019	↩
Laming, Andrew (MP) LNP's 2019 Annual Convention: Open Session Resolution Outcome Dear Mike, At your request, I am sending some information (please see below) relating to last	16/07/2019	→
Laming, Andrew (MP) Reminder: Unpaid Business Credit Account 9426067 From: S 47F	21/06/2019	
Laming, Andrew (MP) DATE CORRECTION - RWIB: EOFY Stretch and Sip Event Invitation From: Redland City Chamber of Commerce [mailto:naomi@redlandcitychamber.org.au]	17/06/2019	
Laming, Andrew (MP) Very important information S 47F	14/06/2019	
Laming, Andrew (MP) Promotion Products Quote: Magnets Steph, Graeme, can he match this quote andrew	10/06/2019	✓
Laming, Andrew (MP) Business-Card_NSW_MartinF_SimpsonO.pd.pdf	7/06/2019	→

Q10: Outline how the meeting with Independent Schools Tasmania meets the definition of parliamentary (and/or electorate) business.

The electorate and Parliamentary grounds for travel to Hobart was the Ophthalmology conference. This IST meeting is relevant to assessment of dominant purpose.

While there are both Parliamentary and electorate benefits that accrue from meeting with school organisations at any time, my specific interest was to understand the approach of a unique jurisdiction to Commonwealth programs, given that Tasmania operates Senior Colleges, rather than y7-12 high schools. The meeting was based on my Parliamentary Standing Committee Chair role and the ministerially referred parliamentary inquiry I was chairing at the time.

The appointment was initiated in an effort to maximise taxpayer value for money for the journey and to seek specific feedback on the following programs IST have responsibility for. This research and consultation benefits my electorate (understanding threats and opportunities for Chaplaincy), my work as Education Standing Committee Chair, and the development and review of the function of legislation controlling each of the following (best example is the impact at the time of the CAF).

- The Choice and Affordability Fund (CAF)
- The Australian Government Capital Grants Program (CGP)
- The National School Chaplaincy program (NSCP)
- The Special Learning Needs program (SLN)
- Vulnerability and Early Childhood and Kindergarten funding (ECD)

MELBOURNE

PART A: Melbourne leg - Electorate duties – matters of interest and importance to constituents

Attendance at Hort Connections was the most important stakeholder meeting opportunity in the 2019 year. It directly related to a crucial electorate matter at the time and since; the divestment of Commonwealth land in Birkdale (Budget 2018), and efforts to land a legacy project for that site with Commonwealth support, to justify the price paid by ratepayers for the transfer of that asset between jurisdictions (Commonwealth to LGA). Announcement of the deal was just nine weeks prior to Hort Connections. (<https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/6041212/council-to-buy-birkdale-bush-block/>)

Owing to a Monday evening Conference engagement in Canberra and a Tuesday electorate meeting, only Wednesday attendance was possible. The sole opportunity to network effectively across this Conference was the Awards evening when key grower groups could be identified and engaged via the seating plan for the event.

A Queensland AusVeg representative provided informal advice on when, where and who to meet. This was not a formal invitation from that organisation, because I was attending at their suggestion, rather than on their behalf. As a conference I had attended previously, I had sufficient awareness of Conference proceedings to attend at the appropriate time in the evening and to independently seek out those relevant to the revised Food Hub electorate proposal.

Electorate grounds for travel include but are not limited to:

- a) **Attracting a university to the electorate.** The Food hub proposal had been developed in 2018 but required redesign when a university funding application to relocate to the site was unsuccessful in April 2019. The initial plan for a food science hub and learning centre for post-graduate students was expanded at that point to demonstration farming, agri-tourism and a paddock to plate offering that captured the indigenous, heritage and agricultural value of the site.

Hort Connections was an irreplaceable opportunity to approach interstate Agriculture faculties like UNE but this correspondence on commercial matters is sensitive. Interstate tertiary providers enjoyed greater strategic benefit in re-locating than Brisbane providers who would effectively be duplicating their assets. For that reason, attending the national event was critical.

- b) **Continuing the grower presence in an urbanising electorate:** Also important was to discuss soil testing to allow better targeting of potential demonstration farming crops, in order to entice grower relocation. Meetings were held with tomato, broccolini, bean and mango growers. Strawberries are already grown locally, and relocation options had already been explored within Queensland. Hort Connections 2019 was an opportunity to meet grower groups and their representatives. The focus was interstate rather than Queensland grower groups because the former also saw strategic benefits in relocation to south-east Queensland, in contrast to many domestically based growers.
- c) **Supporting Pacifica produce in my electorate:** There was also work to assess suitability for tropical root and tuber harvesting. This is one of the largest local products grown in Bowman, due to the sizable Pacifica population in south-east Queensland. Expertise in this area was not high at local campuses. Part of the electorate duty had been to identify and

negotiate suitable plots for Pacifica farmers like § 47F to continue his cropping on behalf of his community. § 47F contact details are available. Food hub work would directly benefit this cohort of my electorate (even though not all of them are enrolled to vote).

- d) **Broadening the tourism offering diversifies local job opportunities:** Paddock to plate concepts are also more frequent in southern states. There had been contact with a number of them, with many suggesting attendance at Hort Connections. Blending agriculture with retail hospitality is complex and attending Hort Connections was an attempt to secure the best minds to help finesse the proposal.

The post-awards period of the Hort Connections dinner was sufficient to seek out the key industry representatives upon which the Bowman Food hub proposal was reliant. While the communications are lost from archive, the types of entities sought out may have included representatives of Industry groups (like Toro, Koldtek, FreshLogic, Global Table), and non-profits like Foodbank. Direct contact with both major supermarket representatives (§ 47F) was already in place and their relevant senior colleagues were re-engaged with Food Hub on that evening also.

Most important of all were attempts to connect with every relevant interstate grower group to assist with revision of the electorate Food Hub proposal, which at the time had lost its university faculty centrepiece (UNE). As a result, a pivot towards a paddock to plate offering and demonstration small-scale cropping was required in that instance. Those individual exchanges and email follow-ups are unavailable from the Outlook archive.

Melbourne: Business arising from other formal non-Parliamentary groups

Redland Foodies

In October 2018, Redland Foodies was initiated in the Bowman electorate office, to build support for the Food Hub. This group had its own private Facebook page, and had its first in-person meeting October 29 that year. This non-Parliamentary group was assisting to re-design the Food Hub proposal, after failure to fund the relocation of a university faculty to the site just two months earlier.



Andrew Laming

Admin · 12 October 2018 · 🌐

Welcome to our new members. We will be having a meeting in my office Monday 8am October 29 - so block it out if you can.

5 comments · Seen by 11

Andrew Laming updated the description.
Admin · 12 October 2018 · 🌐

My goal is all the quality food people together in one steering group that can throw ideas around regarding a food-tech agri-tech artisans' kitchen and educational hub. What a mouthful. We are talking to significant players (commercial and educational) but want to ensure we have really tailored the pitch to local needs. That is where you come in. It must be sustainable, with a business model that withstands future challenges. And we don't want a white elephant.

Seen by 11

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Write a comment...

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Andrew Laming
Admin · 12 October 2018 · 🌐

I love amazing local food. Where is the single place in Redlands you think most respects the concept?

1 comment · Seen by 9

👍 Like

💬 Comment

All comments ▾

Andrew Laming is at Brisbane Markets.
3 October 2018 · Brisbane · 📍

Great to know where your food comes from.



The objective of attending Horticulture Connections was to capitalise politically on the Commonwealth divestment of a Birkdale ACMA site to Council, on behalf of the electorate. The plan was to use proceeds of the divestment to seed fund the hub. The following documents are available as they are from prior to the January 2019 data loss window.

Redland Institute

The Redland Institute is a second formal non-Parliamentary group which I represented in Melbourne. I had taken over the public meeting and social media function of this entity in the

previous year when one of the founders passed away. Proposals for utilisation of the Commonwealth land were discussed publicly at Redland Institute events which were open discussion forums at Cleveland Guides Hall. Events were promoted by bulk email and sms, and the media and all levels of Government invited.

Food hub proposal development

FW: Hi from Brissie/Canberra



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: s 47F



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Wed 12/09/2018 1:53 PM

Work your magic.

This guy is v keen on a hub and NZ told me about him.

Bit embarrassing we didn't know.

Can you call and bring him to speed.

Remember we are meeting with CSIRO and are looking at a food bowl model.

andrew

From: s 47F

Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2018 1:07 PM

To: Laming, Andrew (MP); Steven Silvester

Subject: RE: Hi from Brissie/Canberra

Hi Andrew,

This email is to connect you with s 47F from Brisbane Marketing. I met with s 47F earlier this year on what Brisbane is doing in the F&B incubator and R&D space.

I'll leave you to connect, and Steven I will email you a few times so we can catch up on your developments since we last spoke in April.

Many thanks,
Alex



s 47F

Chief Executive

Ph: s 47F

Job: s 47F

RE: 2019 ELECTION WISH LIST.docx



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: s 47F

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 17/11/2018 10:52 AM

2019 ELECTION WISH LIST

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| 1. Food and Agricultural Technology Hub – Birkdale land | \$10m |
| 2. Koala rehabilitation facility – Sirromet | \$ 2m |
| 3. Chelsea Rd traffic lights upgrade – Ransome | \$ 2m |
| 4. Upgrade Old Cleveland Rd – Gateway Motorway | \$ 10m |
| 5. Southern Russell Island Boat ramp | \$ 1m |
| 6. Bridge to Russell Island (art) | \$20m |
| 7. Redland Bay public swimming pool | \$10m |
| 8. Multi- story carpark at Weinam Creek (reclaim ugly carpark | \$10m |
| 9. Cyclones Rugby Union & Sharks Cricket club new clubhouse | \$ 1m |
| 10. Tourist Organic food produce trail – Mount Cotton | \$ 1m |
| 11. New jetty in front of Redland Bay pub/Grand View | \$ 2m |
| 12. Attract major retailer (Myers/DI's) to Redlands Coast | |
| 13. Coastal walkway | \$15m |



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To [redacted]

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Thu 18/10/2018 3:47 PM

Executive Summary

The opportunity now exists to establish an agri-educational centre in south-eastern Brisbane close to the Gateway motorway connecting the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, twenty minutes from Brisbane CBD and Brisbane airport. The 80Ha of Commonwealth-Is owned by ACMA and ASA, with the former in the process of off-market divestment to Redland City Council.

This agri-educational hub would showcase Queensland food production heritage and underline the social licence of food production from paddock to plate. It would also be custodian to Redland's food production heritage with possible co-location of Redlands Museum.

Vision

Co-location of three 'super-growth' sectors (agribusiness, tourism and education) offers a unique product for south-east Queensland.

Agri-tourism in the Redlands would be more than just farming or food retailing; it would be about connecting city and country without leaving the city and less than ten minutes from the Gateway Motorway to the Gold Coast and two minutes from the route to North Stradbroke Island. It aims to complement Redland's Indigenous culture, fauna and scenic international tourism offering.

Co-locating Redland small-lot farming, farming history and rural community heritage delivers an educational experience that connects food history with food futures.

A commercial kitchen would be available to hire by the hour on a casual or permanent basis. The kitchen be fully equipped to help you start local food businesses create their products, the hourly rate would include, power, gas, water, high quality appliances, cookware, utensils, cleaning chemicals and temporary food storage for a short term. (up to 24 hours free) the commercial kitchens would be used by market stall holders, food manufacturers, caterers and food retail businesses to create, test and manufacture their products. The kitchen would also be perfect to host cooking classes, food tastings and other events.

Agri-tourism allows Redlands to regain and sustain its food and farming pre-eminence in the region. It capitalises upon Redland's geographic location, next to the Gateway motorway, halfway between two of Australia's top-ten cities and less than half an hour from the Brisbane CBD and airport.

Services provided in this proposal:

- Live and ongoing farm-
- Food tourism Paddock to plate experience
- Education – School excursions- senior school food science, primary school
- AITC- explore co-location
- Post-grad intensive programs for remote students
- Demonstrator and display kitchen, processing, packaging plant (all small scale but available at competitive rates for small operators to use) as per businesses such as BOOK TO COOK
- Market garden –Pacifica small crops etc.
- Organic farming qualifications
- Sustainability practices – education
- Farmers Market
- Catering and conferences
- Complete preservation of all bushland and creek ecology
- Collocated farming and food production in an urban locale
- Modest northern construction footprint for hub
- Additional farming lots, limited to existing cleared areas
- Bikeway connections to nearby rail (Thorneside and Birkdale)
- Bore water facility/water storage from Leslie Harrison Dam



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To [redacted]

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Sat 19/01/2019 9:32 AM

Hi [redacted]

Any way I could again explore with your team the appetite to consider a move into customer nutritional analysis of the shopping basket.

As we discussed, it can be in a number of forms depending on scope, but I could get a serious pre-budget commitment if I knew Woolies wanted to progress it.

My preference would be the obvious first step – an opt in trial at one store or a partnership with a private health insurer.

Interesting development below.

Sincerely
Andrew

P.s: the land sale is progressing slowly, but the **food hub** is awaiting UNE discussions; it won't be pre-Election.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 19 April 2018 12:54 PM
To: Laming, Andrew (MP); [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE:

Thank your for the introduction Tania, and thanks for your message Andrew.

In summary: yes you can.

RE: Birkdale Food Hub



Laming, Andrew (MP)

To: s 47F
Cc: s 47F

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Fri 21/09/2018 4:48 PM

Meeting with s 47F

They are 65% funded by government with 35% of revenue coming from industry.

Discussed model that complements existing arrangement

- Live and ongoing farm-
- Food tourism Paddock to plate experience
- Education – School excursions- senior school food science, primary school
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- s 47F

Actions required

- Council to secure Birkdale land
- Establish a steering committee Andrew Laming, Dr Chris Robson, David Thomson Growcom???, Steven Silvester Brisbane Marketing, John Aitken
- Look at facilities like Rocklea Markets educational kitchen
- Jamie Oliver Food School Ipswich
- Coopers Plains CSIRO
- Investigate the willingness of 400 high schools to use a facility like this

We are happy to expand on any remaining questions regarding the electorate and Parliamentary purpose of Hort Connections and the importance of the Food Hub proposal to the Bowman electorate.

PART B: Dominant purpose of Melbourne leg was Parliamentary.

The electorate-based grounds for attendance at Hort Connections 2019 was outlined in Part A.

Part B summarises two additional meetings that occupied the time prior to Hort Connections. These meetings were not the grounds for the journey, but they were included once the itinerary was settled to maximise value-for-money:

1. **Afternoon:** Melbourne University Graduate School of Education- A/Prof SM and her subsequent referrals to fellow academic experts to discuss a range of topics relevant to schools in my electorate, and as Chair of the Education Standing Committee, relevant to referrals. There was a particular focus on testing and metrics that impact NAPLAN, community support to raise participation rates and how school data is adjusted for socio-educational factors and reported publicly. This work assists me engage and support schools in my electorate where views of standardised testing of students are divisive. It also assists me to explain in detail, trends in ACARA reporting of interest to parents in the electorate.
2. **Early evening:** s 47F findings and particular viewpoints on financial planning reform that were not reflected by the relevant stakeholder groups and were confidential for that reason. There is no financial planner of this size in my electorate. These discussions directly inform the Treasurer's office and provide me with the background required to serve financial planners in my electorate.

These meetings are submitted to demonstrate dominant purpose for the Melbourne journey and to eliminate any other possible purpose for this journey.

If there is any remaining question about the dominant purpose of the Melbourne leg being electorate and Parliamentary related, additional detail on dominant purpose can be provided if required.

PART C:

Attendance at consecutive Hort Connections conferences

Part A and B outline the electorate-based grounds for travel to Melbourne and submits that the 24hour stay in Melbourne was for a dominant electorate and Parliamentary purpose as well as value-for-money. Part C addresses remaining questions of detail.

Bowman is an outer metro, coastal, islands-containing seat, less than an hour from a State capital. The three most significant non-social policy issues are:

- Over-development and loss of agricultural heritage,
- Maximising tourism jobs and the transport infrastructure required.

Based on the above needs and interests of the Bowman electorate, *horticulture and tourism* fall into both categories. This has led to the 2018 appointment of an Economic Development Advisory Board (<https://www.redlandcitybulletin.com.au/story/5147858/major-event-specialist-appointed-to-redland-council-board>) and as a federal MP, intensive and ongoing engagement in these areas.

Because these two sectors generate some of the highest levels of local interest, attendance at relevant events is imperative and ongoing. Given the direct role the Commonwealth plays in horticulture and tourism, and the electorate projects driven by the Bowman office in these areas, events like *Hort Connections* and *DestinationQ* are attended as frequently as is feasible.

Q1: Names and contacts of sponsor

I did not present at this Conference. It was exclusively a one-to one opportunity for commercial conversations about potential partnering with the Hub proposal. Because only the final day was available due to diary conflicts, the specific electorate objective was satisfied by meeting every possible stakeholder relevant to the Food Hub within a clear timeframe in the final half of the Wednesday Awards running order. No other part of Hort Connections held sufficient electorate value to justify the time required scouring such a large event for these meetings to occur.

The sponsor alluded to previously was a Queensland table sponsor at Hort Connections and AusVeg member who had invested significant time in understanding our proposal and its limitations, examining opportunities across the three days of Hort Connect and identifying relevant entities. Importantly they played no formal role in my attendance nor had any authority to. They played no material role in introductions or negotiations because that was not required. I performed the electorate-related meetings without their assistance, apart from being notified when in the evening meetings could commence. No third party played any role in the authorisation, planning or purpose of this journey, nor managed or arranged the activities at Hort Connections 2019. Taxi records clearly identify the time window of Conference attendance, and the electorate grounds for that attendance is outlined in Part A.

Q2: Attendance arrangements at Hort Connect was the original objective and reason for the Melbourne leg. Conflicting events cut short the Melbourne leg in the days prior to departure, particularly because an important electorate meeting was scheduled for that Tuesday. For this reason, arrangements were in a degree of flux, with the priority to find a way to attend the closing event.

Q3: All introductions and communication was by email. The entire Outlook archive for 2019 is irrecoverable, individual names of representatives from grower groups from two years ago can no longer be recalled.

Q4: The 2018 Food Hub proposal was a substantially different proposition by 2019. The Food Hub was yet to be secured, so a second HC attendance was required.

30 June 2021

Dr Andrew Laming

Re: RANZCO, Tasmanian branch meeting 2019

Dear Dr Laming,

Following your request, I have gone through the Program and can confirm that you attended the RANZCO Tasmanian branch meeting on Sunday 23 June 2019 and gave a short talk.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

S 47F

RANZCO, Tasmanian Branch Meeting 2019

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