

## Hayley Lockyer

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**From:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 September 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** 'Cook Electorate Office'  
**Subject:** RE: Outstation North Graduation

Hi Contrary to Public Interest

I have received advice this morning from Outstation North that the event will no longer go ahead.

Kind regards

### Hayley Lockyer

Executive Assistant/Office Manager

**Office of the Hon. Curtis Pitt MP**



Treasurer  
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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Executive Building 100 George Street Brisbane QLD 4000  
GPO Box 611 Brisbane QLD 4001

**From:** Cook Electorate Office  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 August 2015 3:27 PM  
**To:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Subject:** RE: Outstation North Graduation

Hi Hayley

Billy Gordon, Member for Cook preferred date is the 23 October I hope this fits in with the Treasurer

Regards

Contrary to Public Interest  
Member for Cook

**From:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 August 2015 11:15 AM  
**To:** Cook Electorate Office  
**Subject:** Outstation North Graduation

Hi Contrary to Public Interest

Further to our phone conversation, the Treasurer has been invited to attend the above event sometime between the dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October through to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at Mareeba in Cairns.

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of November

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November

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**From:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 September 2015 9:53 AM  
**To:** 'Cook Electorate Office'  
**Subject:** RE: Outstation North Graduation

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Thanks for sending this through. I believe they are trying to also line up Minister Scullion to attend this event as well.

Would Billy be available on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November? We haven't locked it in but I was asked this yesterday by Outstation North so just wanted to flag the date with your office – waiting on some other diary details for Curtis for this date as well first.

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**Subject:** Canceled: 5pm Meeting with Billy Gordon MP & Contrary to Public Interest Sea Swift  
**Location:** B29 Parliament House

**Start:** Wed 16/09/2015 5:00 PM  
**End:** Wed 16/09/2015 5:30 PM  
**Show Time As:** Free

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Curtis Pitt  
**Required Attendees:** 'Curtis Pitt'; External - Mulgrave Electorate Office; Jason Humphreys

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 October 2015 2:33 PM  
**To:** 'Tiffany X Styles'  
**Cc:** Ben Gertz  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Billy Gordon MP - request to meet

Hi Tif

I checked with the Treasurer and he met with Billy last night.

Kind regards

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**From:** Tiffany X Styles  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 October 2015 3:04 PM  
**To:** Ben Gertz  
**Cc:** Hayley Lockyer  
**Subject:** Letter from Billy Gordon MP - request to meet

Hi Ben,

As discussed, I received the attached request to prepare a letter of response. In the letter, Billy Gordon has requested to meet with the Minister regarding Torres Strait land tenure issues during the next Parliament sitting, as he will be in Brisbane (I have highlighted the relevant sentence).

Parliament is sitting this week, so I'm assuming this is the sitting he's referring to. Could you please follow up to make sure Billy is contacted this week? The letter of response has been requested by 3 November.

Thanks,

*Tiff*

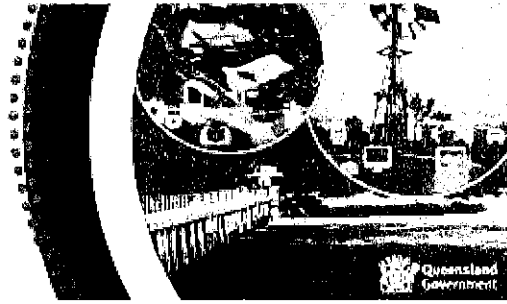
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Executive Services | Corporate and Client Services  
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**Attachments:** Letter from Billy Gordon MP re TS land tenure.pdf

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- Employment
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Request date: 26/10/2015 DUE to MO: (date/time) 03/11/2015

MO Ref: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Area: (DLO to complete) RILIPO, EP

**PLEASE PROVIDE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement letter
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**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

MO comments: Please provide a letter of response Ben.

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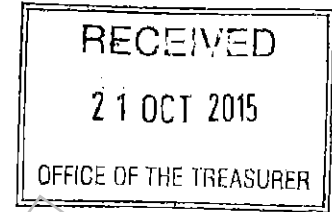
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As above.

If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: **Executive Services**

Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment), blue paper (Industrial Relations), or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).

**Kendall Chick**

**From:** Cook Electorate Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 October 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** Treasurer's Office  
**Cc:** Garth Morgan  
**Subject:** Letter from Cook MP  
**Attachments:** 151020FinalletterPBCsTreasurer.pdf



Dear Garth,

I refer to the attached letter from the Member for Cook addressed to the Hon. Treasurer.

Billy would appreciate if the letter could be delivered accordingly. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Contrary to Public Interest

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20 October 2015

Hon. Curtis Pitt, MP  
Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
GPO Box 611  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Minister Pitt,

## **Torres Strait Land Tenure Issues – Intervention Required**

I have received a briefing from representatives of registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (“RNTBCs”) in the Torres Strait region, arising out of the *Torres Strait Sea Summit*, held in Cairns last week.

The Chairs have expressed grave concerns about the Government’s administration of land tenure programs in the region. Land tenure in Indigenous communities remains a sensitive challenge with unique issues and problems. It continues to be a major impediment to the aspirations of the people of the Torres Strait to home-ownership, equity, and economic development. Hence, finding local solutions with them remains a top priority, and I had expressed my commitment to them when I recently visited Horn Island and the outer Islands of Saibai, Erub, Mer and Masig.

The land tenure system is complicated in the Torres Strait region. The feedback from the PBC’s, is that over decades, successive governments have added to the volume of land tenure laws without properly addressing the effectiveness in administering the laws that exist. Complexity, lack of effective coordination and poor tenure administration are contributing to this quagmire. It seems that the systems in the bureaucracy are irresponsive and have disregard to the needs of the Traditional Owners. The problems have come to a head. At the mentioned Sea Summit, the Chairs of all of the region’s RNTBCs stressed for an urgent and better approach to resolving the region’s tenure needs. I agree.

The Sea Summit discussed a number of positive ideas and three immediate land tenure concerns as follows:

- (a) The government’s proposal to use provisions in the *Native Title Act 1993* to extinguish native title in granting “Katter Leases.” The government could use ILUAs containing the non-extinguishment principle instead. The government’s proposed approach in extinguishing Native Title will reverse decades of hard-fought gains by Traditional Owners. Extinguishment of native title on this scale in the Torres Strait region, the home of respected Late Eddie Mabo, and champion of Native title in Australia, will not only raise the ire of Traditional Owners across the country, but would perpetuate other problems that the government has ignored vis a vis, implications for actual implementation.

- (b) The government is continuing the piece-meal approach in its land tenure administration. This confused, uncoordinated and inefficient, approach is disrespectful to Traditional Owners and ineffective. The Mualgal People and the Kaurareg People have put forward ideas about a whole new approach involving properly coordinated tenure resolution. Local problems will always best be solved by locally conceived solutions and the government needs to listen.

I am concerned with views emerging in the electorate that the government's roll-out of the "freehold option" in pilot communities is ill-advised and that such methods of transforming native title, when it comes to freeholding land, such as, using 'Katter Lease' grants to first 'extinguish' native title, will only cause untold division in the communities.

The RNTBCs are prepared to work with the government to explore the freehold option, on the basis of full participation by RNTBCs, in the planning and roll-out of the process from the beginning. From the feedback that I have received this is apparently not happening.

I will be in Brisbane for Parliament next week, and request to arrange a meeting to discuss this serious matter affecting my electorate. Please advise me of your availability and I thank you in advance for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Billy Cook MP  
Member for Cook

**Hayley Lockyer**

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**Subject:** 8.30pm Meet with Billy Gordon

**Start:** Mon 26/10/2015 8:30 PM

**End:** Mon 26/10/2015 9:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Curtis Pitt

**Categories:** Meetings - Portfolio

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## Garth Morgan

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**From:** Garth Morgan  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 September 2015 8:11 AM  
**To:** Clare O'Connor  
**Subject:** Accepted: Meet and Greet with Mr Billy Gordon, Member for Cook

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## Garth Morgan

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**From:** Cook Electorate Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 September 2015 4:49 PM  
**To:** Garth Morgan  
**Subject:** Stolen Wages  
**Attachments:** 150917StolenwagesCurtisletter.docx

Hey mate not sure if this should be directed at Curtis or not. Just some feedback.

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17 September 2015

Mr Curtis Pitt, MP  
Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
100 George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4001 Australia

Dear Curtis,

**Subject: Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce**

I am pleased that a Taskforce has been established to consult and advice on the Stolen Wages reparations matter and wish to raise the following issues for your consideration. This body will require adequate time and resources to conduct its work diligently, given the significance and sensitivity of the subject matter, and the number of communities it is tasked to consult. It is critical that community consultations are done well, in the first instance, to ensure a transparent, participatory-process, and to avoid mis-information, and/or misunderstanding, particularly on peoples' expectations of the Government on possible entitlements related to 'Stolen Wages.'

The Far North Qld representative on the Taskforce is expected to consult with community members stretching from Cardwell to Weipa; across to Lockhart River and west to Georgetown. This is a huge area. To be effective, he would have to hold at least two (2) community meetings in each of the communities and regional centres. This would require travel, accommodation, venue hire and secretarial support.

On the matter of reporting, I understand that written submissions are being encouraged. Without prejudice, given the communication norm and culture of Indigenous Australians, the Taskforce should also stress oral communication, as the preferred method, in Aboriginal communities.

The task ahead is challenging and I would appreciate any assistance your office could provide with additional resources to support the Far North Qld representative, throughout his tenure undertaking this important process. I look forward to the outcomes and wish you and the Taskforce every success.

Yours sincerely,

Billy Gordon, MP  
Member for Cook

## Garth Morgan

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**From:** Ben Gertz  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 October 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** Garth Morgan  
**Subject:** Media Items to Note.

Hey Grath,

There are three media items to note in today's clips.

1. Billy Gordon has made further comment on Aurukun Bauxite, and is suggesting that Glencore's tender be cancelled if they do not adhere to conditions set in the original agreement.
- 2.
3. This Part Out of Scope of Application

All three can be found in the DATSIP clips that was sent by Scott.

Cheers,

### Benjamin Gertz

Policy Advisor

Office of the Hon. Curtis Pitt MP



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**From:** Ben Gertz  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 August 2015 9:13 AM  
**To:** Garth Morgan  
**Subject:** Cairns media

<http://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/cairns/billy-gordon-domestic-violence-police-investigation-concluded/story-fnjpusyw-1227471565806?sv=ca38035db0c2830b2ee6983639656b51>

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**From:** Paul Newman  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 September 2015 1:51 PM  
**To:** Garth Morgan  
**Cc:** Tiffany X Styles  
**Subject:** Fwd: ABC Radio - Cairns

Hello Garth

Please note the below. I suspect this is a matter of confusion rather than cause for concern but can't know for sure.

Regards  
Paul

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Newman  
**Date:** 18 September 2015 1:40:58 pm AEST  
**To:** Ron Weatherall · Clare O'Connor

**Cc:** Debbie Waldron  
**Subject:** Fwd: ABC Radio - Cairns

Hello Ron and Clare

From the below it may be that the Member for Cook has the intention to attend the Taskforce meeting on Thursday. Obviously this is a closed meeting for Taskforce members only.

More likely he may have heard about the (attempted) low key public meeting on the Wednesday that Mick Gooda asked us to set up.

I will let Garth know about these possibilities.

Regards  
Paul

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Angela Ruska  
**Date:** 18 September 2015 12:40:43 pm AEST  
**To:** Paul Newman  
**Subject:** ABC Radio - Cairns

Hi Paul

Just letting you know the Minister office have been in touch with ray to let him know that ABC want to speak with him.

Ray phoned me to check whether it's okay etc. I've advised him and he's happy to do the interview. I've also asked him to let us know when it goes to air so that we can listen in.

Please also note that the Member for Cook, Billy Gordon has been in touch with him, asking questions. He also said to Ray that he would be at the Taskforce meeting next week. I'm not sure if he has confused it with the community meeting but Ray is certain, he meant the Taskforce meeting. I let Ray know that that was news to us – and reminded him that the Taskforce meeting is a closed meeting for members and staff only.

cheers

**Angela Ruska**  
Principal Policy Officer | Reparations Unit  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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## Bart Mellish

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**From:** Khiraan Kumar  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 September 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Bart Mellish  
**Subject:** Independent Member for Cook Billy Gordon and Katter's Australian Party MPs Shane Knuth and Rob Katter have revealed to The Cairns Post they would move an amendment to the Government's Bill that would designate Cairns and Mourilyan ports as "priority ports"

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<http://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/cairns/queensland-mps-unite-against-bill-which-could-sink-cairns-port/story-fnjpusyw-1227465438442>

### Khiraan Kumar

Policy Advisor

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## Curtis Pitt

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**From:** Jason Humphreys  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 July 2015 3:08 PM  
**To:** Curtis Pitt  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI - Billy Gordon

Regards

Jason Humphreys  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Hon. Curtis Pitt MP Treasurer

Mobile: Contrary to Public Interest

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Brendon Strong  
**Date:** 1 July 2015 3:01:18 pm AEST  
**To:** "@Premiers Media" \_\_\_\_\_, Jason Humphreys

Scott Forbes  
**Subject:** FYI - Billy Gordon

Martin Philip  
Tim Linley

Royalties rort

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**GORDON SLAMS GREEDY GOVERNMENT** BILLY Gordon has slammed the state government for denying Weipa access to its Royalties for the Regions funding, calling it "a slap in the face".

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## Curtis Pitt

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**From:** Scott Forbes  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2015 9:59 AM  
**To:** Curtis Pitt  
**Cc:** Jason Humphreys; Lachlan Smith; Martin Philip  
**Subject:** Releases: Please review  
**Attachments:** Contrary to Public Interest

**Importance:** High

Hi Treasurer,

Can you please look at the attached release? Billy Gordon has been criticising Minister Bailey over a lack of action on this one, so they're keen to get it out the door ASAP.

Cheers,  
-Scott

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**From:** Scott Forbes  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2015 7:35 PM  
**To:** Jason Humphreys; Lachlan Smith; Martin Philip; Imogen Beynon  
**Cc:** Martin Philip  
**Subject:** Releases: Please review

Hi Guys,

Can you please look over the attached.

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Cheers,  
-Scott

### Scott Forbes

Senior Media Advisor

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