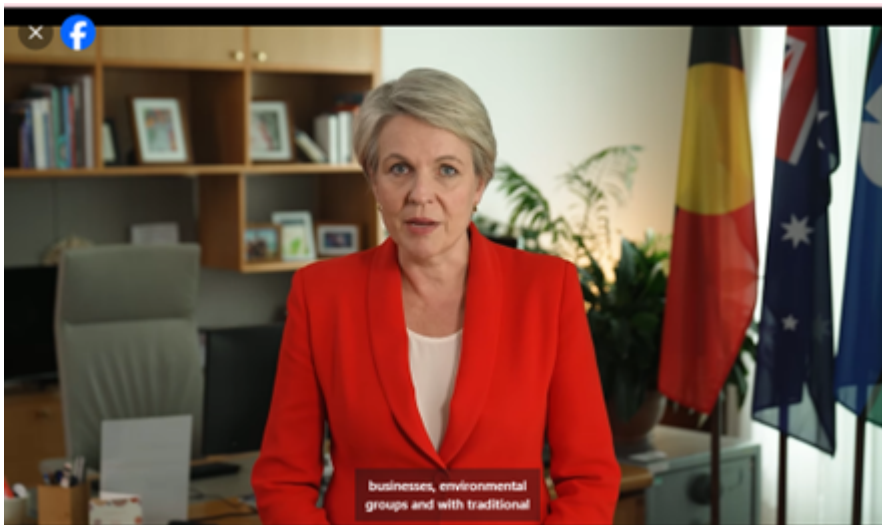




14 April 2024

## Your response requested by Minister Plibersek



**The Australian Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek has called for public feedback by 23 April on her proposed decision to refuse the Toondah Harbour development by the Walker Corporation.**

The proposed decision to reject a real estate development of 3,600 high-rise units over 60 hectares of dredged and reclaimed land upholds Australia's commitment as signatory to the international Ramsar Convention and requirements under national environmental law.

<https://www.facebook.com/tanya.plibersek/videos/1081587419621703>

Please send Minister Plibersek a strong message to make the decision final through the official portal

<https://epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-notices/project-decision/?id=7e9392b9-03f6-ee11-a1fe-6045bde4dad9>

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There have been many articles, Facebook posts, radio and television interviews since the announcement and here's another good overview by Redlands2030 this morning. [Overview](#)

## Fire Ants confirmed on Coochiemudlo Island

Quick action by a local resident last week sending film of a suspect ant nest on his nature strip to Biosecurity Queensland's saw Operations Ground Co-ordinator, Stuart Harland on island within 24 hours. After taking samples for DNA testing and treating the nest on the edge of a concrete culvert drain beside a road, Stuart spent the rest of the day inspecting the golf course, Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve and other major recreational zones.

The nest is the first confirmed Fire Ant nest on Coochiemudlo Island. Officers will continue surveillance of properties in the area and treatment of any further nests.

The following day two Biosecurity Inspectors spent time interviewing people, door-knocking, distributing brochures and investigating possible leads.



Inspecting nest after treatment



Ants for DNA testing

All residents and business owners on island and nearby locations are urged to check their properties now and [report any suspected nests](#). You can do this [online](#) or by calling 13 25 23.

### **Don't spread fire ants**

Businesses and individuals working with materials that may carry fire ants, including soil or fill, quarry materials, potted plants, mulch, turf, compost, hay or animal manure, need to follow legislative movement controls when moving them from or within the biosecurity zones.

See our [fire ant compliance tool](#) for tailored compliance information based on your location. You can also be proactive and implement the fire ant risk mitigation strategies if moving these materials in close proximity to the fire ant biosecurity zones.

If you are receiving construction, landscaping or other organic materials, it's important to ask your supplier if it has been produced, processed and stored using fire ant-safe practices.

### **Managing fire ants**

Fire ants are everyone's responsibility. Under the [Biosecurity Act 2014](#), everyone is required to regularly check their property for fire ants and take all reasonable steps to prevent spread. Failing to report fire ants is an offence and penalties apply.

This means you should:

- [look](#) for signs of fire ants on your property regularly

- [report](#) any suspected fire ants or nests
- manage ongoing fire ant treatment on the property

## Annual membership now due

### Membership fees

- Single annual membership \$2
- Family annual membership \$5
- Life Membership Single \$50
- Life Membership Family \$100

If your details have changed please fill out a [membership form](#).

Choose your membership level and Direct Deposit to Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc – Commonwealth Bank BSB 064-149 Account 10096929.

You can:

- Return your form with payment to 94 Victoria Parade, Coochiemudlo Island; or
- Email your form and a copy of your payment receipt to [coochiecoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:coochiecoastcare@gmail.com).  
(If paying electronically, please include your full name as the reference.)

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