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Mr Mark O'Brien
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Dear Mark

July-December 2009 Performance Reporting

Thank you for the submission of the South West Natural Resource Management Ltd (SW NRM) performance report for July – December 2009 for Caring for our Country and Q2 Coasts and Country, which the Joint Strategic Investment Panel (JSIP) considered at its meeting of 10-11 March 2010.

The JSIP was pleased to note that the performance reports of regional NRM bodies in most cases resulted in clear evidence of positive and productive progress. These reports will continue to be an invaluable resource to all parties.

The JSIP made the following comments specifically in relation to your performance report:

- noted the performance report package and congratulated SW NRM on the timeliness and quality of the reporting and noted the highlights for the period;
- accepted the 2008-09 Caring for our Country SW TRIS 01 progress report as the Final Report subject to financial acquittal following review of audited Financial Statements by the Contract Management & Grants unit;
- accepted the SW TRIS 03 Jul-Dec 2009 progress report;
- approved the SW TRIS 03 scheduled Apr-Jun 2010 payment of \$106,250;
- accepted SW TRIS 02 Jul-Dec 2009 regional progress report; and
- approved the release of SW TRIS 02 fourth scheduled 2009-10 payment of \$278,000 for Apr-Jun 2010.

The JSIP noted the concerns expressed by many regions and the Regional Groups Collective about performance reporting, in particular the differing requirements for government NRM programs and the important role of enquire. We would like to assure you that both governments will continue to work together towards a more streamlined and efficient reporting process for the next reporting period. We cannot overstate the importance of reporting and the role it plays in providing Australian and Queensland Government Ministers with information on the progression of delivery program goals.

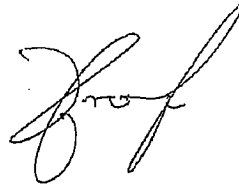
We encourage your organisation to continue to work with us to ensure the standard of reports remains strong and informative.

Please contact your Regional Liaison Officers in the first instance if you wish to seek clarification or further assistance with any of the issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Joint Strategic Investment Panel



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