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re : NBR Grants Scheme 2015 - EOI '*Winning World Heritage recognition*', '*Bringing fish life back to Noosa; restoring a lost habitat.*', '*Entrepreneurial restoration of biodiversity connectivity*'

for Noosa Parks Association

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for the Expressions of Interest you submitted to the NBR Foundation on behalf of Noosa Parks Association. We were pleased to receive a good range of EOI for this first round of the grants scheme, and particularly pleased to see that you have presented some exciting 'big ideas'.

Your EOI Project 1 ***Winning World Heritage recognition*** presents an outline that we believe forms a good basis for a broad, long-term, collaborative management program for the Noosa Biosphere® Reserve. The outline suggests a series of integrated strategies, along the following lines:

- Noosa river, lakes and coastal waters – conservation and sustainable use
- Biodiversity conservation connectivity across the region
- Rural development and conservation
- Environmentally and socially sustainable economic development
- Sustainable behaviours.

We would like to discuss with you at an early opportunity how best we might form a partnership and build an effective program to achieve this vision.

The other EOI submitted by NPA concern the first two of these strategies. The Board endorses both of these ideas and would like to see them developed into detailed proposals, in parallel, as you suggest, with developing the broader strategy.

EOI (18) ***Bringing fish life back to Noosa; restoring a lost habitat.***

The Board endorses the underlying concept of conserving and restoring the biodiversity, ecological health and natural amenity of the Noosa river and lakes system, and would like to support this project. A number of questions arose in our review of the present EOI, which we would like to discuss with you, with a view to presenting a suitable detailed proposal to the NBR Grants scheme. The questions relate to the costs of the proposed prawn study and the oyster reef pilot given our budgetary constraints, and their likely benefit-cost within a broader strategy for habitat and biodiversity restoration of the river and lakes system."

EOI (19) **Entrepreneurial restoration of biodiversity connectivity**

The EOI does not include a Grant funding proposal, and the Board will be pleased to work with you and others to develop the concept into a collaborative NBR project.

The Board has also responded positively to EOI (08) **Keeping it in Kin Kin...** submitted by Noosa & District LandCare and in which NPA would also be involved. It will be valuable to discuss development and implementation of this project also, within the broad strategic framework outlined above.

To discuss these ideas with you further, we will be back in contact with you to arrange a meeting between NPA and Board members shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Williams
Chair, Noosa Biosphere® Reserve Foundation Ltd