

***** Emails to which the response was attached *****

To All,

This is good news. I believe CSS has a committee meeting this week and will need to consider the attached letter from the Fund Directors.

The amount of funds to be provided from the Environment Fund is short of the \$4000 sought but there is an opportunity to use this offer of financial support to seek further financial support from other sources such as the Lands Department or caving community.

I believe we need some response from the CSS members on the following:

- 1) CSS to confirm they are committed to proceed with and manage the project, with support from the NSWSC, under the terms of the ASF Environment Fund offer.
- 2) CSS agreeing to submit a detailed budget proposal for the project so we can understand what additional financial support would be required.
- 3) CSS to advise a project plan with an outline of what support CSS would need from the NSWSC member clubs and other non ASF individuals to complete the project.

Best regards,
Denis

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Denis

Attached is the letter relating to the Dogleg project.

This is a very worthwhile project that should be supported strongly by member clubs and individuals, both financially and by in-kind assistance. The Fund will assist by launching a special appeal for this specific project as soon as written agreement is available from the landholder.

I undertook to try to get a reply to CSS in time for its Committee Meeting this Thursday. I'd appreciate it if you could forward the electronic letter to these CSS Committee Members promptly:

President andyspate@aliencamel.com
Secretary: johnbrush@ozemail.com.au
Treasurer: dirkjs123@bigpond.com

A hard copy will follow.
with best wishes
John



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Australian Speleological Federation Gift Fund

28 July, 2008

The President
NSW Speleological Council

Dear Denis

The Directors of the Australian Speleological Federation Gift Fund are pleased to support the NSWSC's application for funds to assist in the protection of Dogleg Cave at Wee Jasper.

The Directors agree that this project is long overdue and deserving of strong support, and have resolved as follows:

1. *Support for the project up to \$1,500 from current funds, with the following provisions:*
 - a) *An immediate grant of \$500 to Canberra Speleological Society through the NSWSC as soon as written approval is obtained from the landowner; and*
 - b) *The Advisory Committee is authorised to agree to payment of the balance up to \$1,000 upon receipt of an acceptable budget, evidence of in-kind support from NSWSC member and other clubs and individuals, and forwarding of an application to the NSW Lands Department for additional financial and in-kind assistance.*
2. *The Fund will be party to an application to the NSW Lands Department for this additional financial and in-kind assistance for the project.*
3. *In addition, the Fund will commence a Special Appeal for this specific project, to run for up to 12 months from the time that the applicants accept the Fund's offer, or until the project is completed.*
4. *The Fund will be satisfied with quarterly and final rather than bi-monthly progress reports in the form indicated by the applicant.*

The provisions under 1 a) and b) above relate to Operational Guidelines agreed upon by the ASF Council and to the fiduciary duty owed by the Directors. Our objective is to encourage partnership between all those with an interest in ensuring the continued protection of this important cave.

We would appreciate advice of acceptance of the grant in these terms from you and CSS.

Several additional comments were received from individual Directors which, while not detracting from the resolutions above, are worth conveying.

First, there seems general support for the concept of a 'semi-permanent' structure. Second, adverting to the vague statement that the gate will be controlled by the Lands Department "*in consultation with ASF*", some have asked about the arrangements for access and keys, in particular a comment from one of the Directors with considerable understanding and experience of the practicalities of management relating to "*the less than satisfactory provision that the gate will be controlled by the agency in consultation with the ASF - what does consultation mean? ... There is little security in that sort of wording. While this may resolve questions about ASF members having an excessively privileged position, it may also leave the door open for the gate to fail to achieve its intended aims.*"

Perhaps this is an issue which the NSW Speleological Council could address.

With best wishes

John Dunkley
For the Directors, ASF Gift Fund