



## LUCAS SHIFTING THE BLAME – AGAIN

Tuesday, 17 June 2008

Deputy-Premier and Minister for Infrastructure & Planning has been caught shifting the blame yet again by refuting claims by the Member for Noosa that he would not rule out Peregrine as a site for a desalination plant and claiming Glen Elmes had not read the Draft SEQ Water Strategy.

“Not only did I read it, I provided him and the media with copies of that section of the report that lists Peregrine as sixth on the list” Glen Elmes said.

“The Deputy-Premier’s comments in the press today are nothing short of a Minister trying to defend his actions – yet again – and I can prove it by providing the following facts.

“Every piece of correspondence I have listed below is available for anyone, including the Minister, to refer to or, my speech and press releases can be viewed on my website [www.glenelmes.com](http://www.glenelmes.com)

### Press Releases

**18 September 2007** “Government Should Come Clean on Desalination Plant”;

**9 November 2007** “Is there another BIG “State Secret” for Noosa?;

**15 November 2007** Extract from Hansard Thursday, 15 November 2007: Mr Lucas (to Mr Elmes): *You are not going to talk about desalination again, are you?*;

**14 February 2008** “Water on the brain” (Sunshine Coast Daily interview and story by Peter Gardiner);

**2 April 2008** “Counting the water cost” (Sunshine Coast Daily story by Bill Hoffman quoting my press release);

**28 March 2008** “Find us Site on Coast or Else” (Sunshine Coast Daily story by Kathy Sundstrom);

**28 March 2008** “Not suitable, or not negotiable” ‘The truth about why we’re getting desalination plants’ (Sunshine Coast Daily story by Carolyn Tucker);

**3 April 2008** “Bligh Government Continues its Desal Threat on Coast”;

**3 April 2008** “Desalination hard to swallow” Coolum & North Shore Advertiser interview with Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson and Cr Debbie Blumel;

**3 April 2008** Letter to Deputy-Premier and Minister for Infrastructure & Planning Paul Lucas providing the information from the GHD report and asking him to rule out Peregrine as a potential site;

**10 April 2008** “Peregrine desal plant’s still not “dead in the water”;

**15 April 2008** Speech to Parliament ‘Peregrine Beach, Desalination Plant’;

**17 April 2008** Question on Notice to Deputy-Premier and Minister for Infrastructure & Planning Paul Lucas;

**5 June 2008** response from Deputy-Premier and Minister for Infrastructure & Planning Paul Lucas confirming that Peregrine would not be considered as a potential site for a desalination plant.

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