COMLAND MEETING AND FIELD TRIP: TASMANIA AUSTRALIA

25 – 29 OCTOBER 2014

MINUTES OF COMLAND MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2014

In attendance:

Kim McClymont, Jo Ann Moore, Ian Ackland, Owen Graham, Gabor Gercsak, Koichi Kimoto, Kaia Hodge, Andrea Vacca, Inge Keymulen, Desiree Lammerts, Sue Little.

Apologies: Michael Chilcott, Lily Tan-Ackland.

Chairperson:

Owen Graham (COMLAND Co-Secretary, Steering Committee member)

Attendees were welcomed by OG on behalf of the Chair, Paul Hudson who had sent apologies.

Field trip participants discussed the COMLAND field trip that was held in association with the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. It was considered that both organisations were well represented with approximately equal representation on the field trip. They identified the value of having environmental practitioners as well as research focused participants and how this mix of people enhanced discussions. It was recommended that future COMLAND field trip organisers consider the potential of this approach for their field trip planning.

The meeting recommended that for joint field trips where there is an associated conference, that there is a dedicated COMLAND stream of papers. This would be mutually beneficial in attracting COMLAND people to participate in the conference as well as field trip.

In consideration of the field trip, participants commented:

Thematic days were important and how they related to the objectives of COMLAND.

Participants suggested including information on local aquaculture as viewed from the cruise on Macquarie Harbour as well as inviting Parks staff to discuss management aspects of World Heritage Areas.

Participants recommended that there be attempts at encouraging younger people to be involved in the activities of COMLAND and EIANZ. It was suggested that future field trips and/or conferences could convene a half or full day session for student papers. It was also suggested that there should be sponsorship for student attendances as presenters.

The field trip organizer (OG) acknowledged the enthusiastic support from Tasmanian industry and government when scoping and running the field trip. Specifically, the following were acknowledged for their generous provision of staff time and resources: Forestry Tasmania, Southern Furniture Design Centre, University of Tasmania, Copper Mines of Tasmania, EPA Tasmania, Wilderness Woodworks, NRM South and Redlands Distillery. OG also thanked the EIANZ Central Office as well as the EIANZ NSW and Tasmanian Branches for their support and contribution.

Dr Andrea Vacca (COMLAND Steering Committee member) kindly offered to prepare a report of the field trip and its outcomes.

Meeting held in Strahan. Opened: 18:00, closed 18:45.