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Correspondence Series 1 1965 General conservations issues

Abbreviations used in this series

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JBC/CORR/1/1 18 June 1965 To the Shire Clerk. Johnstone Shire Council, regarding a definition of the esplanade.

JBC/CORR/1/2 14 July 1965 To JB from L. Webb (CSIRO) regarding the preservation of rain forest in the North Queensland Mossman-Ingham Region.

Research note: 14 July 1965 Len Webb (CSIRO) to J Busst stresses that he and fellow scientists must not be quoted indiscriminately and anything they say must be regarded as unofficial. Official statements must come from the Chief, Division of Plant Industry at CSIRO. Also stresses need to be realistic and practical – no resources or time available for much of the survey work required.

Refers to his paper presented at Armidale Summer School Jan 1965 which listed the Queensland rainforest habits which should be preserved.

Records his "immense approval" of JB's efforts to arouse interest of locals and influential people in the South but stresses need for systematic approach. Ideally he and Geoff Tracey need to spend a couple of months preparing detailed report with photographs but, lacking this, LW urges Büssst to get some local press publicity and local support/assistance to identify areas and define boundaries.

JBC/CORR/1/3 30 July 1965 To R. A. Armstrong from the Minister for Local Government and Conservation regarding the preservation of rain forest in the Bingal Bay/Mission Beach area and swamp area on the El-Arish-Maria Creek road.

JBC/CORR/1/4 16 July 1965 To JB from G. Tracey (CSIRO) regarding the importance of preserving the habitats of North Queensland lowlands and enlisting local knowledge.

Research note: 16 July 1965 Geoff Tracey to JB – enthuse the locals who may know of unprotected virgin rainforest areas. Also notes that preservation of diverse habitats more important than those which may be beautiful but are already damaged by logging, cyclones etc.

JBC/CORR/1/5 23 July 1965 To the Minister for Local Government and Conservation from the Shire Clerk, Johnstone Shire Council regarding the CSIRO scientific investigation from Clump Point to Bingil Bay. Requesting the preservation of rain forest and desiring contact by National Parks officer with JB.

Research note: 23 July 1965 Johnstone Shire Council letter to Minister for Local Gov & Conservation (Qld) – supporting JB’s request to preserve rainforest from Bingil Bay to Clump Point (following assessment by L Webb, G Tracey and scientists from Sorbonne and Cambridge Universities)

JBC/CORR/1/6 2 Aug 1965 To JB from L. Webb. Not possible for CSIRO department to assist in pinpointing areas that should be preserved.

Research note: 2 August 1965 LW to JB - explains that cutbacks at CSIRO are severely affecting their rainforest ecology work - “don’t kick us because we’re handy and vulnerable: vent your aggression in deserved quarters”. Urges JB to continue campaign by approaching CSIRO chief directly and asking for a proper survey to be conducted - “full scientific study and delineation”

JBC/CORR/1/7 17 Aug 1965 To JB from the Minister for Local Government and Conservation regarding the formation of a local committee. Discussion with Conservator of Forests to arrange inspection and furnish report.

JBC/CORR/1/8 25 Aug 1965 To JB from the Shire Clerk, Johnstone Shire Council regarding the inspection by District Forester of rain forest in the Bingil Bay/Mission Beach and swamp area at El Arish/Maria Creek Road.

JBC/CORR/1/9 30 Aug 1965 To Harold Holt from JB regarding the North Queensland rain forest, its preservation and need for a CSIRO officer to detail exact areas required.

Research note: 30 August 1965 “Dear Harry” letter from JB to Harold Holt (Holt was Fed Treasurer until Menzies retired in Jan 1966) - claims that in last 2 years 87000 acres of the Cardwell Shire alone has been bulldozed for cattle, cane assignments etc (many cane assignments not take up so cleared land is just lying idle, soil erosion etc. Cites instant of rare rainforest on red basaltic soil which had particularly impressed one of the Sorbonne scientists (Prof D’Aubreville) – exactly a week later it had gone. Urges the need for scientific assessment and delineation before too late.

JBC/CORR/1/10 3 Sept 1965 To the Chairman, Executive, CSIRO from JB regarding the importance of preserving the rain forest for scientific research, the rate of destruction and uniqueness of the North Queensland rain forest.

Research note: 3 Sept 1965 – similar letter to CSIRO chairman, Sir Frederick White

JBC/CORR/1/11 10 Sept 1965 To JB from L. Webb regarding minor errors in the Busst letter to the Chairman, Executive, CSIRO.

Research note: 10 Sept 1965 LW to JB – congratulates JB on letter to White and corrects “minor errors”. Notes that NQ r/f is unique for historical reasons because of juxtaposition of and competition with Eucalypt vegetation and says JB should not say Eucalypts are of no notable scientific interest ... despite this scientists will “bless Büssst as they dally with Dallachy” (NB who was Dallachy?)

JBC/CORR/1/12 22 Sept 1965 To P. Scanlon Chief Forestry Officer, Mackay from JB regarding the Rain Forest Preservation Committee and the conditions required to include rain forest area, habitat, typography and list of plants found in the area.

Research note: 22 Sept 1965 – letter similar to those to Holt and White sent to P. Scanlon, Chief Forestry Officer, Mackay.

JBC/CORR/1/13 27 Sept 1965 To JB from the Minister for Local Government and Conservation regarding the land being offered for grazing selection and fan palm swamp.

Research note: 27 Sept 1965 - H. Richter (Min. for Local Gov and Conservation) re 100 acres of fan palm swamp within an area of 6000 acres to be offered for grazing selection on 15 October

JBC/CORR/1/14 1 Oct 1965 To JB from L. Webb regarding the habitat types that should be preserved.

Research note: 1 October 1965 To JB from LW – re fan palm swamps and his view that threat mentioned by JB may be unstoppable – too far advanced. He and Geoff Tracey are so personally committed that they will do private survey of necessary in Nov/Dec – if official one doesn’t get the go-ahead. Will provide information to TRFPC members on “broad aspects of conservation and ecological principles” Could use Bush Pilots for aerial identification?

JBC/CORR/1/15 9 Oct 1965 To the Chairman, Executive, CSIRO from JB regarding follow up letter to 3.9.1965 receiving no reply.

JBC/CORR/1/16 14 Oct 1965 To JB from the Assistant Secretary CSIRO regarding the letter of 9.10.1965. Chairman to contact soon.

JBC/CORR/1/17 21 Oct 1965 To JB from L. Webb regarding CSIRO approval for visit by L Webb.

Research note: 21 October 1965 – LW to JB – confirming official approval for himself and GT to identify representative habitats from Daintree to Ingham – wants to include Jiro Kikkawa. Has seen Everist (?? probably Qld Gov botanist Selwyn Everist)) about McDonalds letter (??) and the 400 acres of fan palm swamp.

JBC/CORR/1/18 22 Oct 1965 To JB from L. Webb regarding his visit to do survey.

Research note: 22 October 1965 - LW to JB – announcing arrival with GT and JK on 10th November, returning to Brisbane 21 November. “it will be the first survey of its kind in Qld., if not in Aust.”

“congratulations once again on your untiring, dedicated and bloody annoying efforts to get applied ecology “off the ground” in North Queensland”

JBC/CORR/1/19 25 Oct 1965 To JB from the Chairman CSIRO regarding approval for L Webb to undertake a survey of rain forest areas in North Queensland.

Research note: 25 October 1965 – CSIRO chairman Frederick White letter responding to JB's of 3/9/65 “putting things in perspective”. Mentions first meeting of ACF in Sept and Len Webb's forthcoming survey.

JBC/CORR/1/20 25 Oct 1965 To J. Goodwin, Land Agent Cairns from JB (Rainforest Preservation Committee) regarding the fan palm swamp at Euramo and thanking him for assistance.

Research note: 25 October 1965 – Letter to Land Agent in Cairns, thanks for assistance in having 100 acres of fan palm swamp set aside for scientific research.

JBC/CORR/1/21 9 Nov 1965 To members of the Fauna and Flora Protectors' Association from the secretary E. H. Webb advising a visit of scientists and lecture on rainforests.

JBC/CORR/1/22 2 Nov 1965 To JB from L. Webb regarding the visit of scientists.

Research note: 2 November 1965 – Confirming arrangements – hoping JB will provide sketches necessary for report, “art + practice = ecology (the new Busst equation!”

JBC/CORR/1/23 6 Dec 1965 To E. Webb from E. Walton (Nerada) asking to contact scientists regarding the preservation of area bounded by the Francis Range (20,000 acres).

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JB = John Busst

JBC/CORR/2/1 24 Jan 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the submission of completed report, Fan Palm Swamp at El Arish and West property.

Research note: 24 Jan 1966 – Len W to JB. Completed report had been sent to A.R. Trist, Conservator of Forests at end of Dec, response from those who have seen it so far is favourable. Urges JB to look after himself “we need you now that you have got us into all this trouble”

JBC/CORR/2/2 3 Feb 1966 To JB from E. Webb regarding the property at the Palmerston adjoining property of E Walton at Nerada.

Research note: 3 Feb 1966 – From Eddie Webb (Johnstone Shire Chairman) to JB regarding 20,000 acres at Nerada/Palmerston felt to be very valuable and worthy of protection.

JBC/CORR/2/3 8 Feb 1966 To JB from S. Baillieu Myer regarding the Australian Conservation Foundation.

JBC/CORR/2/4 14 Feb 1966 To Sir Frederick White (CSIRO) from JB regarding the report by L. Webb, asking for advance copy and forwarding a copy to the Prime Minister. Also offered assistance to the Australian Conservation Foundation.

JBC/CORR/2/5 15 Feb 1966 To JB from [unknown] regarding ownership of the continental shelf and attempt to increase boundaries.

JBC/CORR/2/6 28 Feb 1966 To JB from Dr White (CSIRO) regarding the Webb report and the beginnings of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Research note: 28 Feb 1966 – Frederick White to JB – promising to send copies of final report when available.

JBC/CORR/2/7 8 Mar 1966 To JB from S. Baillieu Myer with attached copy of letter dated 1.3.1966 to the Prime Minister H. Holt about the progress of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

JBC/CORR/2/8 9 Mar 1966 To A. Trist, Conservator of Forests from JB regarding the urgency of a stay of proceedings to clear the area of buffer zone and reserve.

Research note: 9 March 1966 – JB to Trist – re 100 acres of Fan Palm reserve and the need for 300-400 acres buffer zone to protect the reserve (recommended by LW). Is apparently an imminent threat of clearing by the lessees, so seeks stay of proceedings until Len's recommendation can be considered. Also refers to report's recommendation that Barretts Lagoon be declared a fauna reserve.

JBC/CORR/2/9 9 Mar 1966 To F. Ratcliffe (CSIRO) from Larry Foley (News Officer People of the North Committee) regarding the Webb report and press release.

Research note: 9 March 1966 – Larry Foley (People of the North Committee) to Francis Ratcliffe suggesting ACF issues press release re Webb report

JBC/CORR/2/10 14 Mar 1966 To Larry Foley from F. Ratcliffe regarding the Webb report and press release.

Research note: 14 March 1966 – FR to Larry F to say Webb report not published by ACF, suggests LF contacts Len Webb directly.

JBC/CORR/2/11 14 Mar 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the threat to Fan Palms.

Research note: 14 March 1966 – LW to JB, urging JB to urgently raise local support in defence of Fan Palms – better than anything he (LW) can do.

JBC/CORR/2/12 19 Mar 1966 To JB from Janette Bruce with congratulations on effort of the committee to preserve rainforest.

JBC/CORR/2/13 21 Mar 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the army application at McNamee Creek and concern about Fan Palm area. Sending draft of report. Attached article from NQ Register 12.3.1966 regarding the army application.

Research note: 21 March 1966- LW to JB re McNamee Creek and offering his support re Fan Palm area – will approach Trist. [NB. Cattle farmers also objected to loss of McNamee Creek area to the army as it is good cattle fattening area]

JBC/CORR/2/14 17 May 1966 To JB from S. Baillieu Myer regarding an approach by the Australian Conservation Foundation to the treasurer and Prime Minister.

JBC/CORR/2/15 17 May 1966 To W. McMahon (Treasurer) from F. Ratcliffe (Treasurer, Australian Conservation Foundation) regarding the nature and objectives of the foundation and attempts to raise funds.

JBC/CORR/2/16 19 May 1966 To J. Woodward from L. Webb regarding the collection of seed. Attached copy of "An appeal for authentic

information on plants used as medicines and poisons by native peoples”.

- JBC/CORR/2/17 20 May 1966 To JB from F. Ratcliffe regarding the Australian Conservation Foundation meeting with the treasurer. Attached telegram from S. Baillieu Myer.
- JBC/CORR/2/18 27 June 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the visit by F. Ratcliffe to North Queensland.
- JBC/CORR/2/19 5 July 1966 To JB from Dr R. Douglas (Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society) with suggestion to contact Hugh Lavery at the Animal Health Station, Oonoonba (Committee of the Royal Society of Queensland). The society would welcome JB as a member.

Research note: 5 July 1966 – Dr RA Douglas (medical practitioner, Townsville) to JB re starting up WLPS (ieWPSQ) in Townsville. Ron Kenny was approached and he recommended JB speak to Hugh Lavery (Animal Health Lab, Oonoonba)

- JBC/CORR/2/20 6 July 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the Webb report to be published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Queensland. Report to be treated as a public document and okay to go ahead and publicise.

Research note: 6 July 1966 – Report has been accepted for publication by Proceedings of Royal Society of Queensland and can now be treated as a public document – but LW asks Busst to note that it differs from the advanced copy that JB has. “Off the record” Qld Forestry Dept are very sympathetic so pressure should be directed at Qld Ministers Richter (Loc Gov & Conservation) and Fletcher (Lands)

- JBC/CORR/2/21 16 July 1966 To H. Richter (Minister for Local Government & Conservation) from the Committee for Tropical Rain Forest Preservation regarding the Webb report and recommendations with a list of areas to be preserved plus descriptions.

Research note: 16 July 1966 – LW to Richter including details of Webb’s 20 reserves

- JBC/CORR/2/22 23 July 1966 To the editor, Innisfail Advocate from JB regarding the public meeting to form a Northern Branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society.

Research note: 23 July 1966 – JB to Innisfail Advocate announcing forthcoming meeting to form first northern branch of WLPS in Innisfail (NB. WLPS=Wild Life Preservation Society of Queensland, founded by Judith Wright, Kathleen McArthur et al) – more usually takes initials of WPSQ)

- JBC/CORR/2/23 24 July 1966 To H. Richter from JB regarding a copy of the act to declare land as a trust. Formation of a committee to allocate

future land assignments and suggestions for possible members to be included in the committee.

Research note: 24 July 1966 – JB to Richter following a meeting with him in Cairns

JBC/CORR/2/24 28 July 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding unable to make any changes to the report. Suggests contacting the National Trust.

Research note: 28 July 1966 LW to JB – cannot change or add to the report which is now in press. Urges local action and representation to local parliamentarians and Qld Ministers. Also expresses realism “can’t save everything” eg fragments of r/f at Clump Point – realistically this area will be developed for tourism – “sorry to pour cold water on your zeal” [but] “a greater public consciousness has to develop”

JBC/CORR/2/25 29 July 1966 To the Flora & Fauna Protectors’ Association from E. Webb regarding the public meeting to form the North Queensland Committee of Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland.

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JB = John Busst

JBC/CORR/3/1 1 Aug 1966 To JB from E. Webb regarding the visit of H. Lavery to the meeting of the Fauna & Flora Protectors’ Association.

JBC/CORR/3/2 4 Aug 1966 To JB from E. Stephens regarding the importation of exotic plants. Attached letters of 17.5.1966 and 27.6.1966.

JBC/CORR/3/3 9 Aug 1966 To JB from R. Gill regarding a committee matter.

JBC/CORR/3/4 No date By Bill Williams on the Wet Tropical Rainforest.

JBC/CORR/3/5 11 Aug 1966 To JB from H. Richter regarding an endorsement of the Webb report by the Dept of Forestry. Submitted to Land Administration Commission & Mines for their views. Explanation of River Improvement Trust Acts, 1940 to 1965.

JBC/CORR/3/6 16 Aug 1966 To Garfield Barwick from H. Holt regarding a tax concession for donations to the Australian Conservation Foundation.

JBC/CORR/3/7 30 Aug 1966 To L. Webb from JB regarding a recommendation to the minister to include natural vegetation on each side of watercourse.

JBC/CORR/3/8 9 Sept 1966 To Billie Gill from Kathleen McArthur regarding the Conservation Act and registration of firearms.

JBC/CORR/3/9 12 Sept 1966 To JB from Billie Gill regarding committee matters.

JBC/CORR/3/10 12 Sept 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding a query about 'defined watercourse' with definition from the Soil Conservation Act 1965.

JBC/CORR/3/11 No date Paper on the McNamee Creek area with concern for army training and argument for its conservation.

JBC/CORR/3/12 No date Memo to all members the Australian Conservation Foundation.

JBC/CORR/3/13 13 Sept 1966 To JB from F. Ratcliffe regarding the government grant to the Australian Conservation Foundation and tax deductibility and pressing for verges of undisturbed vegetation along waterways.

JBC/CORR/3/14 14 Sept 1966 To F. Ratcliffe from JB regarding support for move to allow 2 chains of natural vegetation on both sides of a defined watercourse.

JBC/CORR/3/15 14 Sept 1966 To H. Richter from JB regarding a recommendation to allow 2 chains of natural vegetation along both sides of a defined watercourse.

JBC/CORR/3/16 19 Sept 1966T To JB from C. Bunker (Land Ranger) with a copy of Land Settlement in Queensland.

JBC/CORR/3/17 20 Sept 1966 To JB from F. Ratcliffe regarding the Australian Conservation Foundation taking up the recommendation on watercourse verges.

JBC/CORR/3/18 29 Sept 1966 To JB (Chairman, Tropical Rainforest Preservation Committee) from the Shire Clerk, Johnstone Shire Council regarding the Council representation concerning reservation of rainforest areas, Clump Point.

JBC/CORR/3/19 29 Sept 1966 To the Chairman, Johnston Shire Council from JB regarding the rainforest reserve Clump Point.

JBC/CORR/3/20	3 Oct 1966	To L. Webb from JB regarding the rainforest reserve – Narragon Beach to Clump Point as a matter of urgency.
JBC/CORR/3/21	18 Oct 1966	To JB from L. Webb regarding the Narragon Beach to Clump Point Reserve.
JBC/CORR/3/22	12 Nov 1966	To the Lands Administration Committee regarding the rainforest preservation at Clump Point.
JBC/CORR/3/23	No date	From the Australian Conservation Foundation to Commonwealth Treasurer regarding funds to employ full time staff.
JBC/CORR/3/24	3 Oct 1966	To JB from S. Baillieu Myer thanking JB for his assistance.
JBC/CORR/3/25	12 Oct 1966	To JB from L. Webb regarding the zoological survey team.
JBC/CORR/3/26	18 Oct 1966	To JB from L. Webb regarding the North Queensland paper and covering letter.
JBC/CORR/3/27	27.10.1966	To L. Webb from JB regarding the proposed reserve No. 5 at Cowley Beach and interest from the army.
JBC/CORR/3/28	No date	To the Shire Chairman, Mulgrave, Cardwell etc from JB regarding the reasons for preserving the North Queensland Rain Forest.
JBC/CORR/3/29	15 Oct 1966	To the Qld Minister for Local Government & Conservation from the Johnstone Shire Council regarding the present position of the department on rain forest area reservation.
JBC/CORR/3/30	2 Nov 1966	To JB from the Queensland Minister for Local Government & Conservation referring concerns to appropriate departments.
JBC/CORR/3/31	8 Nov 1966	To JB from L. Webb regarding distribution of the report and concern that the army may be interested in the McNamee Creek area.

Research note: 8 Nov 1966 Len Webb to JB "We are preparing stencils of the covering letter for the North Queensland paper and shall send a stencil up for you to sign fairly soon" – this letter was to be signed by JB and Judith Wright. LW says it's "time for you and the locals to bring out all your 'big guns' to campaign for the suggested reserves" Also expresses dismay at army's interest in acquiring McNamee Creek. LW regards this as being important to protect because it contains "optimal type of vegetation"

JBC/CORR/3/32 9 Nov 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the stencil of the covering letter for signing.

JBC/CORR/3/33 11 Nov 1966 To H. Holt from JB asking him to contact the Minister for the Army regarding plans to take over the rainforest area.

Research note: 11 November 1966 – JB to Harold Holt – “Would you contact the Minister for the Army and tell him “No!” [this is about McNamee Creek] and signs off “Help, chum, I need it”

An added handwritten note (not by JB) comments the PM declared a moratorium and later McNamee Creek was preserved, and that Malcolm Fraser was the Minister for Defence[sic] (In fact it was ‘Minister for the Army’ at this time, only became Defence in 1969. LD)

JBC/CORR/3/34 11 Nov 1966 To H. Holt from JB regarding the necessity for reserves to be held undisturbed and in perpetuity.

JBC/CORR/3/35 11 Nov 1966 To JB from the Minister for Local Government & Conservation regarding the Rainforest Committee recommendation to preserve natural vegetation beside watercourses.

JBC/CORR/3/36 12 Nov 1966 To L. Webb from JB regarding concerns over the Webb report and the loss of land to agriculture and the army.

Research note: 12 Nov 1966 – JB to LW complains about wording of the document (ie letter mentioned above?) prepared by Francis Ratcliffe for him to sign, which is not strong enough – “fuss-footing [sic], polite, ivory-towered vapourings, it takes the bloody cake” – “I was expecting a somewhat more vigorous script” but “I sign it with a sigh”. JB feels the need is for action not education “Look, chum, just forget about the education angle for a while, will you?” – there won’t be anything left for education of future generations if action not taken now. Concludes “see you in December – and for Christ’s sake don’t bring that ivory tower”

Army wanted 2,600 (or 4,500?) acres of Reserve no 7 ... for weapons testing?

JBC/CORR/3/37 12 Nov 1966 To the Lands Administration Commission from JB regarding the progress on the matter of rainforest preservation.

JBC/CORR/3/38 15 Nov 1966 To the TRFPC committee from the Shire Clerk. Johnstone Shire with attached reply from the Minister for Local Government & Conservation referring the matter to the Land Administration Commission and Mines Department.

JBC/CORR/3/39 23 Nov 1966 To JB from the Queensland Minister for Primary Industries regarding the need to balance conservation

with land utilization and the need for fauna and habitat conservation. Attached documents on other Queensland fauna sanctuaries.

JBC/CORR/3/40 18 Nov 1966 To JB from L. Webb regarding the distribution of the report with changes made to JB's letter to the Shire Chairman.

Research note: 18 Nov 1966 – LW to JB. Judith Wright had agreed with JB that the Ratcliffe letter was not vigorous enough and therefore best for JB to distribute the report as chairman of the TRFPC, with his own covering letter – copies to go to Shire chairmen and councillors. Asks what about land agents and other officials and influential citizens? 40 copies of report being sent. Suggests ACF and WPSQ distribute copies with their own covering letters.

JBC/CORR/3/41 No date To Bill Williams (CSIRO) from Bernie Hyland (Atherton) with notes on the State Forest Reserve 608. The area is not suitable for Army purposes as the forest is different to Vietnam.

JBC/CORR/3/42 No date Notes written by JB with a suggestion for a letter from the Rainforest Committee.

JBC/CORR/3/43 28 Nov 1966 To JB from the Minister for Labour & Tourism forwarding a copy of the Rainforest Committee letter to the Minister for Lands.

JBC/CORR/3/44 30 Nov 1966 To JB from Jiro Kikkawa (UQ) advising sending student Greg Jordan to conduct mammal count in area.

Research note: 30 Nov 1966 – Jiro Kikkawa to JB– also indicates that the urgency was not being adequately conveyed. He himself was [temporarily] “dropping all examination papers” [to write to JB and LW]. “I reminded [LW] of another duty, as a conscientious member of the public outside his work, that he has not quite finished the task in his private capacity through various organisations. Please do appeal to his conscience as an individual!”

JBC/CORR/3/45 16 Dec 1966 To JB from the Minister for Lands regarding the retention of natural vegetation along watercourses with a copy of the relevant schedule.

JBC/CORR/3/46 18 Dec 1966 To L. Webb from JB regarding correcting errors in the report and providing an alternative to the army.

Research note: 18 Dec 1966 – JB urges LW to “please start behaving as a totally dedicated individual to try to save the Rain Forest not as a 9-5 scientist (we taxpayers pay you for that!)” and commends Jiro Kikkawa “God knows he’s sticking his neck out far enough, and it’s not even his bloody country” ... and signs off “Happy Christmas – bastard, Yours – The Other”

Also in this letter JB seems to be looking at alternative areas for army in lieu of McNamee Creek? "Would the Daintree or the Bloomfield areas be suitable?"

?? Date – North Queensland Sawmillers Association also wrote offering (?) 'cooperation' with TRFPC – opposing army take-over of land because of its value as a timber resource.

JBC/CORR/3/47 19 Dec 1966 To JB from Ian Hearnden, NQ Sawmillers' Association regarding concerns about the army taking over rainforest areas with attached letter to the Prime Minister.

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JBC/CORR/4/1 24 Jan 1967 To H. Holt from JB with attached letter to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Research note: 24 Jan 1967 – JB to Harold Holt enclosing draft of letter to HRH Duke of Edinburgh re rainforest and inviting him to visit Cairns-Innisfail-Bingil Bay area. To HH "Maybe I'm nuts, chum, but at least I'm genuine"

JBC/CORR/4/2 25 Jan 1967 To the Chairman, Johnstone Shire Council from JB regarding the book, "Let's find out about trees".

JBC/CORR/4/3 No date Reasons for McNamee Area not suitable for army training area and outlining areas more like South East Asian forests.

JBC/CORR/4/4 3 Mar 1967 To the Australian Conservation Foundation from JB with a copy of the Webb report, outlining efforts of the TRFPC and wishing to nominate committee members to the ACF.

JBC/CORR/4/5 9 Mar 1967 To JB from L. Webb regarding the Prime Minister placing an embargo on all army negotiations. Webb sending a report of the meeting between CSIRO and army.

Research note: 9 March 1967 – LW to JB "PM put an embargo on all Army negotiations in the Tully and McNamee area until the position had been clarified"

JBC/CORR/4/6 10 Mar 1967 To JB from the Australian Conservation Foundation acknowledging application of the TRFPC to become a member body.

JBC/CORR/4/7 10 Mar 1967 To JB from the Dept of Forestry regarding good palm swamp areas in the Webb report. Webb proposals referred to the Land Administration Commission.

JBC/CORR/4/8 No date Report of the meeting between L. Webb (CSIRO) and the army.

JBC/CORR/4/9 14 Mar 1967 To JB from CSIRO Assistant Chief of Division of Plant Industry attached with a letter to Colonel Bunting regarding recommendations of No. 7 McNamee Creek Area.

Research note: 14 March 1967 – Re Area no. 7 – Costin and Webb to Col. Bunting. McNamee is “only sizeable remnant of relatively intact complex wet tropical lowland rainforest on basalt which has been found in north Queensland” ... “ at low altitude less than 1000ft has ... survived clearing for land development ... although ... logged it has not been severely damaged.” Of “great urgency and importance” that it be dedicated as a NP as “part of a chain of recommended reservesfor present and future ecological research”

JBC/CORR/4/10 14 Mar 1967 To JB from the Australian Conservation Foundation regarding a missing letter to the Prime Minister from the NQ Sawmillers’ Association.

JBC/CORR/4/11 17 Mar 1967 To JB from F. Ratcliffe (CSIRO) regarding the progress towards protecting the McNamee area from the army.

Research note: 17 March – FR to JB. ACF is almost certain to recommend NP gazettal for McNamee Creek.

JBC/CORR/4/12 21 Mar 1967 To the Australian Conservation Foundation from JB regarding the request for membership applications.

JBC/CORR/4/13 25 Mar 1967 To the Australian Conservation Foundation from JB concerning a gift of 5.3.6 acres for scientific research.

Research note: 25 March 1967 – JB to Conservator of Forests (A. Trist) – re McNamee

JBC/CORR/4/14 25 Mar 1967 To the Dept of Forestry from JB regarding reasons for preserving the rain forest and action taken to reserve 400 acres as a buffer zone.

JBC/CORR/4/15 28 Mar 1967 To the Cardwell Shire Council from JB outlining the Webb report and recommendations for permanent scientific reserves in the Wet Tropical Lowlands of North Queensland.

Research note: 28 March 1967 – JB to Shire Chairmen accompanying Webb report.

JBC/CORR/4/16 28 Mar 1967 To the Dept of Forestry (QLD) from JB regarding the army effort to take over 35,000 acres in the Cardwell area and the need to press for preservation of Reserve 7 McNamee Creek area as a national park and sanctuary. Details of agreement between the army and CSIRO.

- JBC/CORR/4/17 29 Mar 1967 To the Minister for Local Government & Tourism from JB regarding recommendations of the Webb report and the need to declare the area a national park.
- JBC/CORR/4/18 29 Mar 1967 To A. B. Costin (CSIRO) from JB regarding the army and the McNamee Creek matter and support from the Australian Conservation Foundation.
- JBC/CORR/4/19 29 Mar 1967 To the Cairns Post from JB regarding the TRFPC placing before the government the matter of preservation of land on each side of a defined watercourse.
- JBC/CORR/4/20 30 Mar 1967 To JB from J. G. Tracey (CSIRO) regarding no chance of stopping the army development at Jarrah Creek.
- JBC/CORR/4/21 31 Mar 1967 To JB from S. Baillieu Myer regarding the purchase of land to convert to preserve in perpetuity.
- JBC/CORR/4/22 31 Mar 1967 To A. Costin (CSIRO) from JB regarding the Johnstone Shire Council giving full co-operation.
- JBC/CORR/4/23 31 Mar 1967 To JB from the Douglas Shire Council requesting a copy of the map referred to in the Webb report.
- JBC/CORR/4/24 7 April 1967 To JB from the Douglas Shire Council stating they are not in favour of the proposal but willing to meet and discuss further.

Research note: 7 April 1967 George Quaid jnr – Douglas Shire Chairman “I am not at this stage in favour of your proposal”

- JBC/CORR/4/25 7 April 1967 To JB from A. Costin (CSIRO) regarding army plans for the McNamee Creek Reserve and the importance of having the area brought into the National Parks system.

Research note: 7 April 1967 Alec Costin (CSIRO) to JB – thanks for note of 27/3 “don’t worry it won’t go on file”. Outlines what he knows of army’s intentions – vehicle testing, weapons deteriorations and that they wish rainforest to be left as is. Had discussed MacNamee Creek in detail and FR emphasised this should be National Park. But as far as other areas concerned, might be safer in army hands than as Crown land available for logging?

- JBC/CORR/4/26 11 April 1967 To JB from the Dept of Forestry regarding the proposal being investigated. Lands Department is requesting a joint inspection.
- JBC/CORR/4/27 13 April 1967 To JB from A. Costin (CSIRO) regarding logging operations in the McNamee Creek area.

Research note: 13 April 1967 – A.B. Costin - re logging activity at McNamee – evidence that timber interests will jump in if they think crown lands will be taken over for a different purpose. Suggests JB should organise local action.

JBC/CORR/4/28 14 April 1967 To JB from the Minister for Local Government & Conservation regarding a joint inspection of the area at the end of the wet season.

JBC/CORR/4/29 17 April 1967 To JB from F. Ratcliffe (CSIRO) regarding the visit of Harry Frith (CSIRO), ownership of land by the Australian Conservation Foundation and suggesting the dedication of the land as a scenic area instead of scientific research.

JBC/CORR/4/30 20 April 1967 To G. Tracey (CSIRO) from JB regarding Romano's logging rights to Reserve No. 7, the suspension of logging temporarily and the need for an immediate inspection.

Research note: 20 April 1967 – JB to Geoff Tracy re discovery that Romanos had had logging rights to area since 1958 and had been exercising those rights at different periods. Will need to persuade company to relinquish rights? Offer them an alternative area? What damage might have been done already? Geoff will need to inspect. JB feels "out on a limb" and facing prospect of an angry PM!

JBC/CORR/4/31 21 April 1967 To JB from the Shire Clerk, Douglas Shire stating that the Council is prepared to support the proposals.

JBC/CORR/4/32 26 April 1967 To JB from G. Tracey (CSIRO) regarding Romano's rights to Reserve No. 7.

JBC/CORR/4/33 6 May 1967 To G. Tracey (CSIRO) from JB regarding the need to prepare to shift the area? "The battle is on..."

JBC/CORR/4/34 8 May 1967 To the Shire Clerk, Douglas Shire from JB regarding forestry officers making official inspections and asking for temporary suspension on decisions.

JBC/CORR/4/35 16 June 1967 To the Federal Treasurer, W. McMahon from R. Staub (Fauna Protection Council) regarding Tax Farming – land development being allowed as a deduction from taxable income resulting in the destruction of natural heritage.

Research note: 16 June 1967 – JB to Billy McMahon, treasurer, re tax concession which encourages tree clearing on farmland and is being abused – wealthy people buy up virgin forest then clear it for major tax concession.

JBC/CORR/4/36 11 July 1967 To JB from H. Frith (CSIRO) regarding the case for Australia-wide conservation authority, constitutional difficulties, reason for opposition and the Australian Conservation Foundation views.

Research note: 11 July 1967 – HJ Frith to JB – presents case for national conservation authority

- JBC/CORR/4/37 26 July 1967 To JB from H. Frith (CSIRO) querying about 5 acres of land passed to F Ratcliffe (Australian Conservation Foundation).
- JBC/CORR/4/38 1 July 1967 To A. Harrold from JB regarding the submission to the Minister for Development, Mines, Main Roads & Electricity on the proposed revision and consolidation of the Mining Acts and the need from complete exemption from mining of certain coastal areas.

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GBR = Great Barrier Reef

- JBC/CORR/5/1 4 Aug 1967 To JB from A. Costin (CSIRO) regarding the McNamee Creek area and army use and the matter of a Commonwealth body effective in nature conservation in Australia.
- JBC/CORR/5/2 4 Aug 1967 To F. Ratcliffe (ACF) from R. Dasmann (Conservation Foundation USA) regarding H. Loomis (USA) interest in purchasing an island off the Queensland coast.
- JBC/CORR/5/3 10 Aug 1967 To JB from R. Elks (Wildlife Preservation Society QLD) regarding the Field list of birds of the Queensland Southeast Corner.
- JBC/CORR/5/4 15 Aug 1967 To Major Lancaster from JB regarding the army plans for the area, planning for JB to inspect the area and information on army plans for Mt Elliot and Mt Spec as per the Prime Minister's request.

Research note: 15 August 1967 – To Major Lancaster – follow-up to personal discussion, asking to attend inspection of army r/f establishment. Also at PM's particular request asks for details of army activities in Mt Spec and Mt Elliott NPs. (on back of hand-written draft is a note: "Please type exactly as is. Do not leave lying about")

- JBC/CORR/5/5 21 Aug 1967 To the Land Commissioner from JB regarding the preservation of the Fan Palm area.
- JBC/CORR/5/6 23 Aug 1967 To R. Dasmann (CF USA) from F. Ratcliffe (ACF) regarding Loomis' interest in a QLD island.

JBC/CORR/5/7 25 Aug 1967 To A. Costin (CSIRO) from JB regarding the army not being allowed to purchase any rainforest areas under consideration. Army has already requisitioned Mt Elliot and Mt Spec.

Research note: 25 August 1967 – To Alec Costin CSIRO – with ref to meeting with Lancaster – emphatic that under no circs sh'd army be allowed to purchase any r/f areas under consideration for the reserves. Even leasehold tenure shd be of restricted length and reviewed every 2 years.

Present army intention is for vehicle testing and testing rate of weapon deterioration – no objection to this. But current area of 35,000 acres of r/f under consideration by army is unnecessarily large. Present intentions could change and once they had the land they c'd do what they liked. Townsville Uni has advised that 80,955 acres of NPs at Mt Spec and Mt Elliott has been acquired for training and PM wants more detail.

JBC/CORR/5/8 25 Aug 1967 To JB from F. Ratcliffe (ACF) regarding Loomis' interest in a QLD Island.

JBC/CORR/5/9 31 Aug 1967 To N. Monkman from JB regarding the granting of a mining lease on the reef.

JBC/CORR/5/10 31 Aug 1967 To JB from Grant [unknown] regarding his father not well

JBC/CORR/5/11 2 Sept 1967 To F. Ratcliffe from JB regarding Loomis' interest in a QLD island.

JBC/CORR/5/12 2 Sept 1967 To H. Frith (CSIRO) from JB regarding Loomis and mining lease on the reef. Planning a visit to Canberra to stay with the Prime Minister.

JBC/CORR/5/13 5 Sept 1967 To the Chairman, Johnstone Shire Council from JB regarding the licensing of firearms in a sanctuary area.

JBC/CORR/5/14 6 Sept 1967 To JB from F. Ratcliffe (ACF) regarding mining on Ellison Reef.

JBC/CORR/5/15 11 Sept 1967 To JB from R. Dasmann (CF USA) regarding Loomis' interest in a QLD island.

JBC/CORR/5/16 12 Sept 1967 To the QWPS Mackay Branch from JB regarding objection to mining on the GBR.

JBC/CORR/5/17 15 Sept 1967 To A. Fenton from R. Endean regarding Ellison Reef mining – no living coral in the region and plan for exploitation of the mineral resources of reefs.

JBC/CORR/5/18 17 Sept 1967 To Jiro Kikkawa from JB regarding the case for objection to the mining application and contacting federal and state ministers.

JBC/CORR/5/19 17 Sept 1967 To the Chairman, Douglas Shire from JB regarding the return of Dr Webb and his proposal for scientific reserves.

JBC/CORR/5/20 19 Sept 1967 To R. Dasmann (CF USA) from JB willing to back the Loomis proposal.

JBC/CORR/5/21 19 Sept 1967 To Alison Busst from the District Land Office regarding the sale of land at Shutehaven.

JBC/CORR/5/22 19 Sept 1967 To JB from W. Deacock (ACF) regarding the mining lease on Ellison Reef.

JBC/CORR/5/23 22 Sept 1967 To F. Mau, American Embassy Canberra from H. Chin, Dept of State, Washington regarding the Loomis proposal.

JBC/CORR/5/24 23 Sept 1967 To JB from R. Elks (WPSQ) regarding Ellison Reef.

JBC/CORR/5/25 28 Sept 1967 To JB from Billie [unknown], pleased to hear of action being Taken.

JBC/CORR/5/26 3 Oct 1967 To JB from Henry Loomis (USA).

JBC/CORR/5/27 5 Oct 1967 To JB from the Dept of Forestry regarding the area fronting Bingil Bay and the area of the Fan Palm Swamp.

JBC/CORR/5/28 5 Oct 1967 To JB from H. Frith (CSIRO) regarding the Loomis Proposal.

JBC/CORR/5/29 8 Oct 1967 To Major Bamford from JB regarding the army plans for the rain forest area.

Research note: 8 Oct 1967 JB to John Bamford (army) "we are perhaps inclined to agree that possibly the areas may be safer in Army's hands" (NB – not referring to McNamee Creek)

JBC/CORR/5/30 9 Oct 1967 To R. Dasmann (USA) from JB regarding conservation over-riding authority in the USA, the need for one central body in Australia, and the legal case on mining in the GBR.

JBC/CORR/5/31 9 Oct 1967 To L. Webb from JB regarding the battle for the GBR and the court case.

- JBC/CORR/5/32 21 Oct 1967 To JB from L. Webb regarding arguments for conservation should also be on cultural, aesthetic and patriotic grounds and not all scientific. Reference to army lease plans.
- JBC/CORR/5/33 30 Oct 1967 To members of the Australian Conservation Foundation from D. McMichael, the new director of the foundation.
- JBC/CORR/5/34 30 Oct 1967 To JB from D. Davies regarding activities of the CDFPL and interest in joining forces. Includes copies of lectures for primary and secondary school students on fire prevention in the rainforests.
- JBC/CORR/5/35 31 Oct 1967 To JB from A. Harrold (Southeast Queensland Federation of Progress Associations) regarding amendments to the Mining Act to protect selected coastal habitat against interference from mining.
- JBC/CORR/5/36 1 Nov 1967 To JB from R. Dasmann (USA) regarding the authority of the Federal Government in conservation matters.
- JBC/CORR/5/37 17 Nov 1967 Newspaper cutting regarding the declaration of a National Park in the McNamee Creek Basin – 2850 acres.
- Research note: 17 Nov 1967 – Cairns Post newspaper cutting “2850 acres located in McNamee Creek Basin southwest of Innisfail has been declared a National Park” + a handwritten note (by Alison?) states “Granted after requests to the PM by J and A Busst”*
- JBC/CORR/5/38 23 Nov 1967 To JB from A. Harrold regarding an amendment to the Mining Act.
- JBC/CORR/5/39 12 Dec 1967 To JB from H. Loomis regarding his interest in a QLD Island.
- JBC/CORR/5/40 14 Dec 1967 To JB from L. Webb regarding the successful conclusion to the new National Park at McNamee Creek, morals drawn from history of negotiations and contacts made in nature protection while in Europe.
- Research note: 14 Dec 1967 – LW to JB re the National Park gazettal – also commends public-spirited gesture of Romano Bros in suspending logging operations – this shd be publicly recognised. History of the campaign should be written up as “an object lesson for the future”.*
- JBC/CORR/5/41 14 Dec 1967 To D. Davies (Cairns District Fire Prevention League) from JB regarding the result of the Ellison Reef case, concern over oil companies drilling on the reef and the importance of NQ rainforests and fire prevention.

- JBC/CORR/5/42 15 Dec 1967 To L. Arnell from the Wildlife Protection Society QLD – Innisfail Branch with thanks for the successful conclusion to the Ellison Reef case.
- JBC/CORR/5/43 15 Dec 1967 To E. McIlree (AVIS) from WPSQ – Innisfail with thanks for generous assistance.
- JBC/CORR/5/44 15 Dec 1967 To Captain Chapman (TAA) from WPSQ – Innisfail with thanks for their generous assistance.
- JBC/CORR/5/45 15 Dec 1967 To J. Wilson (Tourist Bureau) regarding the scientific evidence of Ellison Reef and the need for a pamphlet and instructional leaflet on marine conservation to be given to tourists.
- JBC/CORR/5/46 20 Dec 1967 To A. Harrold from R. Camm (Minister for Mines & Main Roads regarding replies to submissions concerning mining priority over land use.

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- JBC/CORR/6/1 10 Jan 1968 To JB from D. McMichael (ACF) regarding the Australian Academy of Science to establish a committee on the GBR, report on fish poisoning, oil drilling on the GBR, and land at Bingil Bay.
- JBC/CORR/6/2 [?] Jan 1968 Copy of speech concerning the outcome of the Ellison Reef case, mining on the reef, the importance of tourism, the importance of the Commonwealth government taking control of the reef and the QLD government allowing the whole of the GBR to be surveyed for oil.
- JBC/CORR/6/3 16 Jan 1968 To H. Loomis from JB regarding interest in a QLD island.
- JBC/CORR/6/4 16 Jan 1968 To L. Webb from JB regarding Rainforest Reserve no. 2. The owner negotiating sale to King Ranch. Reserve nos. 18 & 19 – army lease. Suggests that J Busst should be on the GBR Committee.
- JBC/CORR/6/5 16 Jan 1968 To A. Fenton (WPSQ) from JB regarding the need to watch for applications from mining licences at each Mining Warden's Court and licence granted to mine at Lodestone Reef. Asks if the Australian newspaper might sponsor a Fighting Fund to Save the GBR. The QLD government will be allowing

commercial exploitation of oil and minerals. The need to alert the general public and the importance of tourism as a constantly increasing asset and dying coral on Heron Island.

JBC/CORR/6/6	6 Feb 1968	To JB from A. Harrod with donations.
JBC/CORR/6/7	19 Feb 1968	To JB from L. Webb regarding Reserve no. 2. May have to approach the Lands Dept. Reserves nos. 18 & 19 not to trust army and congratulations on the Ellison Reef outcome.
JBC/CORR/6/8	19 Feb 1968	Evening Advocate regarding offshore petrol search as expensive.
JBC/CORR/6/9	27 Feb 1968	To JB from A. Harrod (Noosa Parks Development Association) regarding support for the Cooloola area to be made a national park and amendment to the Mining Act.
JBC/CORR/6/10	1 Mar 1968	To the Land Administration Commission from L. Webb regarding Reserve no. 2 – 96 acres, asking that the area be preserved. QLD Forestry not recommended because of smallness.
JBC/CORR/6/11	2 Mar 1968	Newspaper cutting regarding the need for urgent legislation to give Australia territorial control of waters in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the GBR.
JBC/CORR/6/12	3 Mar 1968	Sunday Mail Brisbane, regarding reef protection and the need for coastguard and fisheries protection, the need for a GBR Conservation Committee and a declaration of the area as a national marine park.
JBC/CORR/6/13	8 Mar 1968	To the Dept of Forestry from L. Webb stating that the area of recommended reserves should not be decreased and listing the social, cultural and scientific role of national parks.
JBC/CORR/6/14	11 Mar 1968	To L. Webb from JB regarding the army claim.
JBC/CORR/6/15	15 Mar 1968	To JB from L. Webb regarding the army claim.
JBC/CORR/6/16	17 Mar 1968	To A. Harrold from JB regarding the Cooloola Sand Mass, and support for a national park status.
JBC/CORR/6/17	17 Mar 1968	To A. Harrold from JB regarding support for the Cooloola Sand Mass to be made a national park.
JBC/CORR/6/18	19 Mar 1968	To JB from A. Harrod with a page from the QLD Government Gazette of 16 Mar 1968.

JBC/CORR/6/19	19 Mar 1968	To JB from G. Pizzey regarding the Holt Memorial Park.
JBC/CORR/6/20	31 Mar 1968	To JB from A. Harrold including a copy of "The 1,000 mile desert".
JBC/CORR/6/21	10 April 1968	To the North Queensland Local Government Association from S. Dallachy regarding watercourses adjacent to Crown and leased land, access roads to foothills of mountains and waterfalls, all roads and lane ways serving creeks and mountains to be left open.
JBC/CORR/6/22	3 May 1968	To S. Dallachy from the Shire Clerk, Shire of Hinchinbrook
JBC/CORR/6/23	11 June 1968	To JB from L. Webb regarding the army plans.
JBC/CORR/6/24	10 July 1968	To L. Webb from A. Costin regarding the army interest in the Liverpool Creek area. Been in touch with John Bamford.
JBC/CORR/6/25	22 July 1968	To JB from the Land Administration Commission regarding the Fan Palm area to be offered for sale.
JBC/CORR/6/26	22 July 1968	To JB from L. Webb regarding Reserve No. 5. Forestry and Lands Dept agree as a national park, income potential from tourism. GBR Symposium well attended. Suggests moratorium of at least 10 years. Includes address of IUCN, Switzerland.
JBC/CORR/6/27	25 July 1968	To JB from L. Webb regarding an exhibit at the RNA show featuring the destruction of habitat with emphasis on the GBR.
JBC/CORR/6/28	2 Aug 1968	To L. Webb from JB re Reserves 2,3,4,5,9,10 and 13 now gazetted as national parks. Meeting with Gough Whitlam on the GBR and Gulf of Carpentaria deal – no mining for at least 10 years. Forty Mile scrub, Mt Garnet may become a national park. Asks about Iron Range. Blencoe Falls 25,000 acres may be granted.
JBC/CORR/6/29	5 Aug 1968	To JB from L. Webb with letter from A. Costin.
JBC/CORR/6/30	20 Aug 1968	To JB from L. Webb pleased to hear the position of the recommended reserve.
JBC/CORR/6/31	28 Aug 1968	To JB from Geoff [unknown] (CSIRO) regarding <i>Leucaena glauca</i> as cattle fodder. Successful exhibit at RNA show. Sold car stickers "Save the Barrier Reef".

JBC/CORR/6/32	20 Sept 1968	To JB from Garfield Barwick giving the GBR a great deal of thought.
JBC/CORR/6/33	? Sept 1968	Copy of itinerary for L. Webb in October in NQ.

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JBC/CORR/7/1	4 Jan 1969	To the editor, Melbourne Age from Judith Wright McKinney regarding oil-search drilling rights on the GBR.
JBC/CORR/7/2	13 Jan 1969	To G. Whitlam from JB regarding the bill before the house on the GBR, "Torrey Canyon" disaster, no provision for penalties for spilling in the Act. Possible carcinoma of larynx.
JBC/CORR/7/3	21 Jan 1969	To K. Bradshaw (Senate) from JB regarding the Senate Committee on Oil & Petroleum asking for terms of reference.
JBC/CORR/7/4	23 Jan 1969	To JB from R. Cotton with terms of reference.
JBC/CORR/7/5	30 Jan 1969	From J. Sinclair with a copy of proposals to the Conservation Committee of the QLD Central Council of the Australian Country Party.
JBC/CORR/7/6	31 Jan 1969	To JB from A. Costin (ACF) regarding the Daintree/Cooktown road proposal. Matter on the agenda of the ACF.
JBC/CORR/7/7	7 Feb 1969	To JB from R. Ratcliffe regarding the Daintree/Cooktown road. L. Webb to carry out surveys.
JBC/CORR/7/8	10 Feb 1969	To L. Webb from C. Burdon-Jones (University College of Townsville. School of Biological Sciences) regarding Mr and Mrs West hoping that the area of their land be made available for future scientific study.
JBC/CORR/7/9	23 Feb 1969	To A. Costin from JB regarding the coastal highway between the Daintree and Cooktown. Urgent need for survey of potential reserves.
JBC/CORR/7/10	2 Mar 1969	To K. Bradshaw from JB regarding the date of the next Committee meeting in Canberra and suggesting Dr Fred Grassle as an important witness.

JBC/CORR/7/11	3 Mar 1969	To JB from K. Bradshaw asking him to appear before the Senate committee in early May.
JBC/CORR/7/12	22 Mar 1969	Newspaper cutting regarding JB's address to the Senate Committee on Offshore Petroleum Exploration. Call for the Federal Government to take over the management of the GBR.
JBC/CORR/7/13	24 Mar 1969	To JB from Mrs W. Hickey asking for help to protect kangaroos.
JBC/CORR/7/14	28 Mar 1969	To JB from R. Piesse (ACF) congratulations on giving evidence to the Senate committee and advances in organisation of the GBR Symposium.
JBC/CORR/7/15	19 June 1969	To Garfield Barwick (ACF) from H. Gill (WPSQ-Innifail) regretting that JB's motion was not voted on and Dr Grassle's motion was not allowed.
JBC/CORR/7/16	26 June 1969	To JB from C. Harten (Barrier Reef Club, Mission Beach State School) asking him to attend their meeting as a guest speaker.
JBC/CORR/7/17	No date	Suggested questions on the GBR for a referendum to be conducted by the Young Country Party.
JBC/CORR/7/18	14 Oct 1969	To JB from D. Piesse (ACF) regarding his appointment as member of the ACF.
JBC/CORR/7/19	2 Dec 1968	L. Webb Report on progress towards establishment of reserves recommended in NQ humid lowlands in 1966.

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JBC/CORR/8/1	2 Jan 1968	To JB from [unknown] regarding replies from the IUCN, Australian Academy of Sciences, Royal Society (London), Fauna Preservation Society, WWF with a possible project for a comprehensive survey of the GBR.
JBC/CORR/8/2	? Jan 1968	Extract from Audibon Society publication "The Western Tanager". Quote by Theodore Roosevelt

JBC/CORR/8/3	17 Feb 1968	To JB from J. Kikkawa regarding JB's membership in the GBR Committee.
JBC/CORR/8/4	19 Feb 1968	To JB from J. Kikkawa (UQ) regarding the GBR Committee.
JBC/CORR/8/5	24 Feb 1968	To JB from [unknown] regarding the Mines Dept sending Ellison Reef evidence to the University of Queensland.
JBC/CORR/8/6	No date	To JB from [unknown] regarding the need to reserve energy for Press campaign for preservation of the GBR.
JBC/CORR/8/7	8 Mar 1968	To JB from J. Kikkawa regarding the GBR Committee to Mines Dept objecting to lease on Ellison Reef. Asks JB to "Hold your horses".
JBC/CORR/8/8	13 Mar 1968	To JB from J. Kikkawa regarding the GBR Committee. He has written to the Minister protesting against any decision to override the Mining Warden recommendation.
JBC/CORR/8/9	3 July 1968	To JB from Fred [unknown] (UQ) regarding blowouts in oil drilling.
JBC/CORR/8/10	20 July 1968	To JB from P. Scholer who is writing a book on the life of the GBR and wishing to meet.
JBC/CORR/8/11	30 Aug 1968	To JB from D. Sherrington (Member for Salisbury) asking to meet during visit to Brisbane.
JBC/CORR/8/12	30 Aug 1968	To B. Wain (Australian newspaper) from JB with attached letter to the editor suggesting a Commonwealth government takeover of the management of the GBR, an immediate moratorium on any mining and financial support for a research centre at the University College of Townsville.
JBC/CORR/8/13	7 Sept 1968	To the editor, Courier Mail from J. Grassle regarding the report by Dr H. S. Ladd on conservation and use of the GBR as a source of agricultural lime, "dead coral".
JBC/CORR/8/14	11 Sept 1968	To B. Wain from JB regarding the Ladd submission released by the State government allowing mining with strict controls, Edean in agreement. Asking Wain to contact Dr Burdon-Jones.
JBC/CORR/8/15	11 Sept 1968	To D. Sherrington from JB regarding his visit to Brisbane.

JBC/CORR/8/16 13 Sept 1968 To Professor D. C. Tabb (Institute of Marine Sciences, Florida) from JB with the Ellison Reef Report, the QLD Littoral Society Newsletter, the decision of the Innisfail Mining Warden and the Ladd report on controlled mining on the reef. Asks for detail of damage caused by mining on Florida reefs.

JBC/CORR/8/17 13Sept 1968 To JB from D. Sherrington regarding his visit to Brisbane and interview with Mr Houston. Presenting petition on the GBR.

JBC/CORR/8/18 15 Sept 1968 To D. McMichael (ACF) from JB regarding the Ladd Report and “dead coral reef”.

JBC/CORR/8/19 16 Sept 1968 To E. G. H. Brewick (IUCN Switzerland) from JB regarding the need to lodge formal protests with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

JBC/CORR/8/20 17 Sept 1968 To the editor, Courier Mail from George Brown regarding his concern for the GBR as it belongs to Australia and its people.

JBC/CORR/8/21 20 Sept 1968 To JB from Vic McCristal[?] regarding protection of dugongs.

JBC/CORR/8/22 20 Sept 1968 To JB from F. Ratcliffe (ACF) regarding a notice of motion on the GBR to be raised at the AGM.

JBC/CORR/8/23 22 Sept 1968 To JB from Charles Absolom (Machan Beach) regarding the GBR and erosion.

JBC/CORR/8/24 3 Oct 1968 To JB from D. McMichael stating that the ACF may issue a viewpoint on the GBR.

JBC/CORR/8/25 14 Oct 1968 To JB from E. Berwick (IUCN) More information required, sending letter to the National Academy of Sciences.

JBC/CORR/8/26 26 Oct 1968 To JB from Noel Monkman regarding the Burdon-Jones address to the Apex Club and Edean letter to A. Fenton.

JBC/CORR/8/27 12 Nov 1968 To JB from Lowell P. Thomas (Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Miami) regarding a “dead reef”. In sympathy with a moratorium, Commonwealth Government claim to the GBR and an Australian Academy of Sciences be established.

JBC/CORR/8/28 10 Dec 1968 To JB from C. Burdon-Jones regarding “dead reef”.

- JBC/CORR/8/29 20 Dec 1968 To JB from Kathleen [unknown] (WPSQ) regarding the Mining Act and dealing with mining wardens, the need to organise public meetings everywhere, getting the maximum publicity. Concern over JB's health.
- JBC/CORR/8/30 22 Dec 1968 To JB from [unknown] regarding a gas leak at the Marlin Well site. QLD government refusing to permit any Federal interference.

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- JBC/CORR/9/1 27 Mar 1953 Newspaper article 27 Mar 1953[?] The day the channel turned black.
- JBC/CORR/9/2 No date Handwritten notes
- JBC/CORR/9/3 2 Jan 1969 To JB from T. H. [unknown] regarding the need to interest young political party groups and service clubs.
- JBC/CORR/9/4 6 Jan 1969 To JB from [unknown] (QLD Littoral Society) regarding the work on Young Country Party poll. An extract from an interview with Prime Minister John Gorton who would like to stop mining on the GBR.
- JBC/CORR/9/5 13 Jan 1969 To Arnold [unknown] from JB with suggested questions for referendum and information on the GBR.
- JBC/CORR/9/6 17 Jan 1969 To JB from R. L. Arnell (Solicitors) regarding the legal position as relates to the GBR and coastal waters in QLD.
- JBC/CORR/9/7 No date Suggested questions on the GBR for a referendum to be conducted by the Young Country Party.
- JBC/CORR/9/8 10 Feb 1969 To the editor, Townsville Bulletin from JB regarding drilling for oil on the GBR, the Santa Barbara oil line break and the gas rupture in the Bass Strait.
- JBC/CORR/9/9 10 Feb 1969 To K. Bradshaw (Senate Select Committee) from JB. Unable to appear in Townsville, possible date in May in Canberra.
- JBC/CORR/9/10 11 Feb 1969 To J. McKinney (WPSQ) from R. W. Manuell (Esso Chemicals) regarding the development of non-toxic oil dispersant - Corexit 7664.

JBC/CORR/9/11	12 Feb 1969	To L. Webb from R. Dasmann (Conservation Foundation USA) regarding a book on the wild areas of the world
JBC/CORR/9/12	13 Feb 1969	To J. W. McKinney from G. Swanson (Dept of Fishery & Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University) regarding the hazards of oil drilling and the Santa Barbara spill.
JBC/CORR/9/13	9 Mar 1969	To JB from Des Connell regarding the Marlin A7 Well, the Santa Barbara accident and experiments to demonstrate effects of oil on coral.
JBC/CORR/9/14	15 Mar 1969	To K. Bradshaw from JB with enclosed submissions for the Senate Committee for March 20 Canberra.
JBC/CORR/9/15	17 Mar 1969	To Prime Minister M. J. Gorton from JB regarding the Premiers conference to formulate a master plan for protection of Australian unique animal and plant life with newspaper clippings on the safety of the GBR.
JBC/CORR/9/16	31 Mar 1969	To JB from John Barry with a copy of his address at the University of Melbourne.
JBC/CORR/9/17	28 April 1969	To T. Eggleton (PM Press Secretary) from Joseph Connell (Professor of Zoology, University of California) regarding the Santa Barbara oil spill and its relevance to the GBR.
JBC/CORR/9/18	No date	To the Prime Minister M. J. Gorton from G. Barwick (ACF) with recommendations from the GBR Symposium held Sydney, May 3.
JBC/CORR/9/19	5 June 1969	To D. Connell (QLD Littoral Society) from F. Ratcliffe (ACF) regarding the conservation of the GBR, setting up a statutory body, oil drilling on the GBR and moratorium on drilling.
JBC/CORR/9/20	18 June 1969	To JB from F. Ratcliffe with enclosed copy of letter to the President of the Qld Littoral Society.
JBC/CORR/9/21	23 June 1969	To JB from C. Burdon-Jones regarding the May 1966 report on leasing and development of QLD islands.
JBC/CORR/9/22	25 June 1969	To JB from C. Burdon-Jones regarding the ABC making a documentary on the GBR and its resources.
JBC/CORR/9/23	26 June 1969	To Gough Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) from JB regarding the legal validity of the Qld Government to allow oil drilling on the GBR.

JBC/CORR/9/25	2 July 1969	To JB from Ross [unknown] regarding Professor Stephenson and government action.
JBC/CORR/9/26	No date	Handwritten notes including reviews on the book by Professor Maxwell and issues on legal control of the GBR by the Queensland government.
JBC/CORR/9/27	31 July 1969	Itinerary for Professor Joe Connell, Mike Hopkins and Geoff Tracey.
JBC/CORR/9/28	29 Aug 1969	Item by JB regarding drilling licences at Repulse Bay by Japex Ltd and legal points on the jurisdiction of the Queensland government
JBC/CORR/9/29	1 Sept 1969	Submission by JB on oil drilling on the GBR by Japex Ltd
JBC/CORR/9/30	22 Sept 1969	To JB from the Commonwealth Film Unit regarding making films about marsupials.
JBC/CORR/9/31	No date	To the Director, Yomiuri Shimbun Publications, Tokyo from JB regarding drilling at Repulse Bay by Japex Ltd.
JBC/CORR/9/31	No date	Draft resolution by Dr Frank Talbot regarding the ACF proposal to have the Commonwealth Government set up an advisory body on the GBR to report on all proposals for development, access needs for research, plan for development and conservation, publish reports and complete ban on mining.
JBC/CORR/9/32	No date	Excerpt from The great extermination p 209 by Professor A. J. Marshall.
JBC/CORR/9/33	No date	Copy of Qld Littoral Society Water Pollution Report.
JBC/CORR/9/34	No date	Extract from Resources in America's future pp 6-7, Johns Hopkins Press, 1962.
JBC/CORR/9/35	No date	Plan for Save the Barrier Reef display.
JBC/CORR/9/36	No date	GBR Committee – Report on Pollution – Torrey Canyon pollution.
JBC/CORR/9/37	No date	Table of contents for the GBR report 1969 : a study on the conservation, scientific and economic utilization of the Great Barrier Reef/ed. Qld Littoral Society.

JBC/CORR/9/38 No date From JB regarding the High Court decision on R v La Macchia, the jurisdiction of the Qld Government to allow mining licences on the GBR, issue of writ against Qld Government and Ampol-Japex Ltd

JBC/CORR/9/39 No date Oil Spillage – the longterm effects.

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Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

GBR = Great Barrier Reef

JBC/CORR/10/1 8 Jan 1970 To JB from D. J. Sherrington (Member for Salisbury) regarding Repulse Bay and the trade union black ban on the drilling rig.

JBC/CORR/10/2 31 Mar 1970 To JB from Freda McLennan (Save the Reef Committee) regarding oil interests in Canada and Iceland and Roland Cantley writ for damages from Oceanic Grandeur spill.

JBC/CORR/10/3 16 June 1970 To JB from L. Webb regarding oyster plant name.

JBC/CORR/10/4 17 July 1970 To Dame Zara Bate from Robert Bryan (Mines Administration Pty Ltd) regarding her interest in the oil industry with an article from the Queensland Government Mining Journal "Some facts of life" by J. T. Woods.

JBC/CORR/10/5 12 Sept 1970 Newspaper clipping Courier Mail "Oil is cleared by chemicals".

JBC/CORR/10/6 21 Sept 1970 To JB from Fred Lippiatt (Solicitors) regarding the transcript for the Royal Commission and interest in Talbot and Maxwell.

JBC/CORR/10/7 23 Sept 1970 To Brian Crommelin (Commonwealth Crown Solicitor) from JB regarding the evidence for the GBR Royal Commission.

JBC/CORR/10/8 24 Sept 1970 To F. Lippiatt from JB regarding the evidence to the GBR Royal Commission.

JBC/CORR/10/9 29 Sept 1970 To JB from F. Lippiatt regarding the GBR Royal Commission with thanks for his contribution.

JBC/CORR/10/10 7 Oct 1970 To JB from [unknown] regarding the transcript for the GBR Royal Commission.

JBC/CORR/10/11	No date	Extract from the Canadian Society of Zoologists News, Jan 1971 regarding oil drilling and the GBR Royal Commission.
JBC/CORR/10/12	12 Feb 1971	To the Chairman, Cardwell Shire Council from JB regarding an objection to the lease of a portion of Garden Island.
JBC/CORR/10/13	20 Feb 1971	To JB from Dr Leverzow regarding kangaroo farming.
JBC/CORR/10/14	28 Feb 1971	To JB from Gus [unknown] (Dept of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University) regarding the GBR Royal Commission.
JBC/CORR/10/15	5 Mar 1971	Address by JB to Tully Rotary regarding the Ellison Reef, the ACF 1969 Symposium, future of the GBR, Oceanic Grandeur oil spill and oil spills from tankers, Santa Barbara spill, Crown of Thorns, GBR Royal Commission, jurisdiction of Queensland Government over GBR waters and granting of licences and the Continental Shelf Act.
JBC/CORR/10/16	13 Mar 1971	To Doug [unknown] from JB regarding a report to the ALP Convention and the battle with the Dunk Island lease.
JBC/CORR/10/17	13 Mar 1971	Newspaper clipping, Courier Mail "Inquiry told of pollution risk".
JBC/CORR/10/18	23 Mar 1971	To JB from D. J. Sherrington regarding a hotel on Crispin Reef.
JBC/CVORR/10/19	25 Mar 1971	To JB from P. Loomis regarding the preservation of the reef.
JBC/CORR/10/20	2 April 1971	To C. O. Harkness (Solicitors) from R.D. Piesse (Director ACF) regarding a mining application.
JBC/CORR/10/21	? Aug 1971	Evidence to the GBR Royal Commission by JB.
JBC/CORR/10/22	? 1971	Handwritten text by JB "Outline of evidence to be given to the Great Barrier Reef Royal Commission".
JBC/CORR/10/23	1971	ACF Occasional paper no 7 "Economic growth and the Environment" Sir Garfield Barwick.
JBC/CORR/10/24	1970-71	Newspaper clippings : Sunday Mail 21 Feb 1971 Great Barrier Reef petroleum drilling, Age 28 Aug 1970 Offshore mineral legislation, Innisfail Evening Advocate 8 Oct

1970 Crown of Thorns starfish, Australian 5 July 1970 Marine chemicals as anti-cancer agents, Courier Mail 7 Oct 1970 Crown of thorns starfish

Correspondence Series 11 Littoral Society Correspondence

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JBC/CORR/11/1 Folder from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Division of Plant Industry folder marked "Littoral Society Correspondence".

JBC/CORR/11/2 25 Mar 1968 Eddie Hegerl to JB, Ellison Reef issues and "machinations behind the scenes".

Research note: 25 March 1968 – EH to JB. Re Ellison Reef "we've got 'em by the balls", give Camm and Endean enough rope to hang themselves. Both cd be forced to resign (Camm from Gov, and Endean from GBR committee). Urges John to try and get out, possibly with Perry Harvey, to look at the "Forbes" area ie Ellison Reef, because personal reports will carry more weight.

JBC/CORR/11/3 26 Mar 1968 JB to Editor of Wildlife in Australia, discussing a recent article in the magazine and relevant conservation information.

JBC/CORR/11/4 31 Mar 1968 JB to E. Hegerl, agreeing with information provided by Hegerl in letter JBC/CORR/11/2.

Research note: 31 March 1968 – JB to EH with not quite so hopeful a tone (older and wiser perhaps?)

JBC/CORR/11/5 3 April 1968 Owen Kelly to JB, discussing Acanthaster (Crown of Thorns starfish) infestations on the GBR, and Ellison Reef conservation efforts.

Research note: 3 April 1968 - Owen Kelly QLS to JB. Re crown of thorns, agrees likely cause of increase is agricultural run-off bringing insecticides. Ellison Reef report is being typed up.

JBC/CORR/11/6 ? 1968 E. Hegerl to JB, discusses Save the Reef campaign, suggest sale of bumper stickers and posters in Brisbane.

JBC/CORR/11/7 10 April 1968 JB to E. Hegerl, approval of ideas in JBC/CORR/11/6, "I note that the Minister for Mines stated yesterday that he would give a decision on Ellison Reef in three

months. Good – that gives me all the more time to kick up a proper international stink.”

Research note: 10 April 1968 – JB to EH. Car sticker proposal – good idea, get WPSQ in Brisbane on board with it. Urges EH to formally approach overseas groups and experts for support.

JBC/CORR/11/8 10 April 1968 JB to O. Kelly, sending frozen samples of mud crabs from each of the Innisfail and Cairns areas.

JBC/CORR/11/9 6 May 1968 W. Hall to E. Hegerl, discussion of coral reef biology and role of phytoplankton.

Research note: 6 May 1968 - William (Bill) Hall of Mission Beach to EH. Re importance of phytoplankton which he thinks EH has overlooked in the ER report. (Several letters followed on this subject between William Hall and Ross Robertson of QLS)

JBC/CORR/11/10 15 May 1968 D. R. Robertson to W. Hall, continuing from JBC/CORR/11/9 discussion regarding importance of plankton and the emphasis given to plankton in the Ellison Reef report.

JBC/CORR/11/11 17 May 1968 O. Kelly to JB, crabs arrived for pesticide testing, geology department academic believes there is roughly 200 years of limestone supply on the mainland.

JBC/CORR/11/12 20 May 1968 O. Kelly to JB, advising attaching Ellison Reef mailing list. List included.

JBC/CORR/11/13 20 May 1968 O. Kelly to Dr. J. W. Warren (Department of Zoology, Monash University), Ellison Reef report enclosed, conservation issues facing the GBR.

Research note: 20 May 1968 – OK to JW Warren (Monash) re Ellison Reef and Minister Camm’s statement which indicate Qld Gov cd permit mining in future.

JBC/CORR/11/14 20 May 1968 W. Hall to D. R. Robertson, continuing argument about the importance of phytoplankton.

JBC/CORR/11/15 28 May 1968 O. Kelly to JB, infestations of Crown of Thorns starfish.

Research note: 28 May 1968 – OK to JB “Dear B.B.B.”

JBC/CORR/11/16 3 June 1968 O. Kelly to JB, E. Hegerl managed to catch Ladd’s lecture, Ladd has not received copy of the Ellison reef report and please to get a copy. He’s not an ecologist but has conservation leanings. Discussion of other conservation issues.

Research note: 3 June 1968 – OK to JB – reporting Eddie had met Gov appointed geologist (Ladd) who didn't think ER was 'dead' and was pissed off by bureaucracy but is not an ecologist and, as a geologist, may think mining is OK. Mention of Howard Choat and how he may be useful.

JBC/CORR/11/17 8 July 1968 D. R. Robertson to W. Hall, continuing debate about phytoplankton importance in coral reefs.

JBC/CORR/11/18 13 July 1968 Unknown (probably W. Hall) to D. R. Robertson, "at the risk of being considered an argumentative old coot..." continuing debate about phytoplankton importance.

JBC/CORR/11/19 17 July 1968 O. Kelly to KB, update on latest public meeting, believes the Minister of Mines has already reached a decision about mining on Ellison Reef.

Research note: 17 July 1968 – OK to JB. Report on WPSQ public meeting with 200 people. Eddie spoke well and was well-received. Good publicity with ABC, Courier Mail and Sunday Mail. Mixture of optimism and uncertainty. Eddie is planning to resign from UQ zoology dept and work full time for conservation.

JBC/CORR/11/20 22 July 1968[?] JB to O. Kelly, discussion of conservation issues and Ellison Reef.

Research note: 22 July 1968 – JB to OK. Appreciation of Eddie's script (public meeting speech). Don't forget to send everything to Cyril Burdon-Jones, JB is enclosing a 2 year subscription for Burdon Jones. Please can they change the name of Littoral Society – people confuse it with literature! Will be addressing the first meeting of the Ingham Branch of WPSQ.

JBC/CORR/11/21 28 July 1968 O. Kelly to JB, Ellison Reef issues, increasing publicity of conservation issues.

Research note: 28 July 1968 – OK to JB. Everything of importance put out by QLS is sent to Camm. Submission to Senate Select Committee and copies of Eddie's speech went to every parliamentarian. Name change is a good idea but "we are stuck with it". Eddie has now resigned for zoo dept, despite no guarantee of money to live on. QLS will join with WPSQ to have a display at the Dhow.

JBC/CORR/11/22 no date E. Hegerl to JB, car stickers delayed, possible upcoming public meeting.

JBC/CORR/11/23 2 Aug 1968[?] JB to O. Kelly, discussion of conservation issues. Includes newspaper articles "Call for tough ban on pollution," Telegraph, 23 Feb 1968 and "Substitute for detergents needed to beat oil pollution," Courier Mail, 21 Feb 1968.

Research note: 8 [?] August 1968 – JB to OK. Thanks for report on Senate Select Committee. Cyril Burdon-Jones (JCU), Len Webb and himself all agree with total

moratorium on reef mining for at least 5 years or until new Tropical Marine Research Centre in Tsv can investigate more. No need to meet oil companies halfway.

JBC/CORR/11/24 12 Aug 1968 JB to O. Kelly and E. Hegerl, recently returned from a visit to Dunk [Island] with the Prime Minister and his wife. Discussion of conservation issues. Includes newspaper article "What do fish do at night?" Sunday Mail, 12 Aug 1968.

Research note: 12 August 1968 – JB to OK and EH. Has just had quiet, personal meeting with John Gorton and wife on Dunk island. Gorton knew very little but is now fully briefed. JB has said we want 10 years moratorium. Urged \$2 million to get Tsv institute on its feet. JB will make sure that any important material will go straight to Gorton. No compromise with oil companies. International protests which go to the PM (not State Gov) could be very influential. "On with the battle chum – we haven't nearly won yet, but I can see a pretty hopeful glimmer in the distance. 'International protests' is now the operative phrase." Judith Wright expected on 20 Sept "Look out chum – when the artist and the writer get together, that means trouble for somebody."

JBC/CORR/11/25 19 Aug 1968 O. Kelly to JB, sending conservation information to the office of the Leader of the Opposition, searching for information on the effect of oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

Research note: 19 August 1968 – OK to JB. Has had request from leader of opposition (Whitlam) for GBR info. Also sends copies of the petition. Mentions "amusing" (irony) letter from Endeavor to WPSQ's Arthur Fenton. Apparently also Endeavor had reported to Ernie Grant (Harbours and Marine) that Eddie might try selling fish illegally to support himself!

JBC/CORR/11/26 unknown 1968[?] E. Hegerl to JB, GBR campaign "coming to a boil," needing to fund raise and suggesting who to approach. 2 pages.

Research note: August? 1968 - EH to JB. Scare campaign by state gov to discredit conservationists. Need to get petition in by 9 Sept with a goal of 15,000 sigs if possible. About 500 Save the Reef stickers are on staff and student cars on UQ campus. QLS now has a roneo machine - big help. Any chance Dame Zara or other wealthy friends can help QLS? Funds are very low. Would Dame Zara be a patron? If state gov't acts in any way detrimental to reef, Eddie is considering a lecture tour along the coast.

JBC/CORR/11/27 26 Aug 1968 O. Kelly to The Secretary, Flora and Faun Protection Panel, preparing a petition.

JBC/CORR/11/28 3 Sept 1968[?] JB to E. Hegerl, fundraising suggestions and other conservation issues.

Research note: 3 Sept 1968 – JB to EH. Has read ABC news report that geologist Ladd estimates coal rubble could be safely mined "under strict controls". What strict controls? Has written letter to the Australian (and cc'd to journalist Barry Wain. Not hopeful about wealthy donors stepping up to help. Refers to Larry Foley interview with Judith Wright in

SMH 31/8/68. Cyril B-J has stated on ABC radio no mining without thorough survey. Urges by-pass the State Gov and the GBRC and urge C'wealth to place whole matter in hands of Australian Academy of Sciences. Enclose \$50 towards EH's salary ("Happy to know you!"). B-J also wants a supply of stickers.

JBC/CORR/11/29 24 Oct 1968 Richard D. Piesse (Director of Visitor Services, Australian Tourist Commission) to O. Kelly, discussion of help the organization can offer in regards to a GBR study being undertaken by the Society.

Research note: 24 Oct 1968 – From Richard Piesse (Aust Tourism Commission) to OK, with some helpful information as requested by JB. The following month he (RP) is to become new director of ACF.

JBC/CORR/11/30 7 Jan 1969 D. R. Robertson to JB, has been writing his thesis, discussion of new offshore oil mining lease applications.

JBC/CORR/11/31 11 Mar 1969 C. Burdon-Jones (Professor of Marine Biology, University College of Townsville) to JB, sending note used in his presentation to the Australian Senate Select Committee on oil "prospecting" notes that "It amounts to a full declaration of ignorance on matters relating to the effects of oil, oil prospecting and mining on the reef." Work calls for a research committee to be created to develop knowledge.

Research note: 11 March 1969 – Cyril B-J to JB. Encloses his submission to Senate Select Committee as "the best I can do at present" – is this to help JB prepare submission to FBR symposiums?

JBC/CORR/11/32 6 May 1969 F. N. Ratcliffe (Division of Entomology, CSIRO) to Dr. A. S. Leopold (Berkeley, California), requesting more information about oil issues in Santa Barbara as he needs to write a statement on behalf of the Foundation regarding the risks from oil drilling to the GBR.

JBC/CORR/11/33 12 May 1969 A. Starker Leopold (School of Forestry and Conservation, Wildlife-Fisheries, University of California, Berkeley) to Mike McCloskey (Sierra Club, California), forwarding on letter from F. N. Ratcliffe.

JBC/CORR/11/34 14 May 1969 F. N. Ratcliffe to The Secretary, The Sierra Club, requesting further information about the "Santa Barbara tragedy" as exploratory drilling of the GBR as started and conservationists are greatly concerned.

JBC/CORR/11/35 15 May 1969 O. Kelly to JB, E. Hegerl coming up to Bingal Bay and wanting to give a presentation to conservationists in Ingham, Tully and Innisfail.

JBC/CORR/11/36 4 June 1969 D. R. Robertson to JB, general conservation information and provides the confidential information that a GBR commission is being planned.

Research note: 4 June 1969 – Ross ? (UQ PhD student) “confidentially” to JB. Has heard a GBR Commission is being planned with Edean at its head to conduct and supervise research on the Reef. “If it comes off he [ie Edean? LD] will get a chair at this Dept”. [* Was this a hint about the 1970 Royal Commission, or was it a body to be set up at UQ?]*

JBC/CORR/11/37 8 June 1969 O. Kelly to JB, working towards a Commission on the GBR.

Research note: 8 June 1969 – OK to JB. Dates for public meetings he will attend at Innisfail and Gordonvale. Also re the Commission, Barwick wants GBRC to have a large part. A lot of strife within the GBRC and Edean “seems to be getting stood on”.

JBC/CORR/11/38 11 June 1969 O. Kelly to JB, Gordonvale meeting affirmed for 4 July.

JBC/CORR/11/39 15 Oct 1969 Freda McLennan to JB updates about the Minister of Mines, Mr Camm who gave a talk to the Committee McLennan is part of. She notes “nevertheless it was a magnificent demonstration of how any man who looks sweet and dumb but prepared to be reasonable can reduce practically any group of women to the state where they are not quite sure about what to do next, except give him another cup of tea. Actually Mr. Camm does look an agreeable sort of man, and if he had nothing to do with politics no doubt everyone would approve of him.”

JBC/CORR/11/40 2 Feb 1970 Newspaper article “Nine feared dead – Disaster hits oil drill ship,” The Courier Mail. Underlined passage “The water for hundreds of feet near the blowout is no longer H₂O in chemical composition and shipping authorities say a super tanker would sink like an anvil in it.”

JBC/CORR/11/41 7 Feb 1970 D. W. Connell (President, Queensland Littoral Society) to unknown, a Committee of Inquiry has been opened to investigate possible effects of oil drilling on the GBR, are you interested in making a submission?

Research note: ? Feb 1970 – Des Connell, QLS, to JB. Enclosing copies of letters sent out and list of recipients (individuals and orgs). Mentions APEC conference coming up in March, likely to include a big publicity and PR campaign for oil exploration.

JBC/CORR/11/42 7 Feb 1970 D. W. Connell to unknown, hand written note suggests this information about the Committee of Inquiry was to be sent to “overseas conservation organizations” requesting information about issues with marine oil drilling.

Research note: 7 Feb 1970 – copies of letters mentioned above, asking for expert advice and information that can be compiled into a submission for the “open enquiry”. Also encouraging recipients to make their own submission.

JBC/CORR/11/43 3 Mar 1970 C. Burdon-Jones to JB, suggestions on specialists of coral reef ecology and some “world famous ecologists” that could be approached.

JBC/CORR/11/44 16 Mar 1970 JB to Des Connell, thank you for the list of scientists who could be approached to aid in the Committee. 3 pages.

Research note: 16 March (?) 1970 – JB to Des Connell. Re scientists to appear before Commission, need to get an eminent QC to represent QLS, WPSQ and any other organisation that wants to join them, for free.

JBC/CORR/11/45 2 April 1970 JB to D. Connell, general information about Committee preparation.

JBC/CORR/11/46 24 April 1970 Clami Meldrum [?] (Sales Manager, Medical Benefits Fund of Australia) to JB, thank you for your work, the GBR is worth protecting.

JBC/CORR/11/47 4 May 1970 Vincent Serventy to JB, planning on making a film and book called “Coral Walkabout” requesting locations to stay and visit, would also like to interview JB for a radio programme.

JBC/CORR/11/48 19 June 1970 Newspaper article “Sharing the seas,” The Age.

JBC/CORR/11/49 Queensland Littoral Society information and membership form.

JBC/CORR/11/50 Queensland Littoral Society information and membership form.

JBC/CORR/11/51 Errata for a document at least 15 pages long, printed on the same paper as the Queensland Littoral Society membership forms.

JBC/CORR/11/52 4 pages of hand written notes. Headings on the notes are Conidae, Processive Action When Feeding, Notes on Blue-Green Algae, Research by Personnel – Biology, Chemistry, Geography (Oceanography) and Geology-Engineering-Physics.

JBC/CORR/11/53 Questions and answers about the importance of conserving the GBR.

JBC/CORR/11/54 Poem “Epilogue” handwritten.

JBC/CORR/11/55 Poem “Flower Power” signed JB, handwritten.

- JBC/CORR/11/56 "Committee of Inquiry into Oil Drilling on the Great Barrier Reef." Information provided by the Littoral Society.
- JBC/CORR/11/57 no date D. Connell to JB, listing people that have been contacted regarding giving evidence to the GBR Committee.
- JBC/CORR/11/58 no date Draft testimony provided by JB to the GBR Committee.
- JBC/CORR/11/59 3 pages of handwritten notes regarding important flora.
- JBC/CORR/11/60 5 pages, handwritten notes, possibly missing page 1, conservation information and some notes on National Parks in Australia.

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- JBC/CORR/12/1 6 July 1966 J. F. Ward (Professor of Physics, University College of Townsville) to JB, discussions on radio-active fallout on fish.

Research note: 6 July 1966 – From Prof Ward (Physics JCU) to JB – re JB's inquiry about radioactive fallout impacts on fish coming in from Japan.

- JBC/CORR/12/2 15 Sept 1967 Bob Endean (marine scientist, University of Queensland) to Arthur Fenton, opposition to mining lease on the GBR.

Research note: 17 July 1967 - To Arthur Fenton from Bob Endean – "Confidential". Reports Dept. of Harbours and Marine will not oppose Ellison Reef mining lease application and a Fisheries inspector has declared dead coral rubble only, removal of which would have negligible effects. GBRCs advocates controlled exploration of GBR resources. Reef is big enough to allow "room for manoeuvre", so will not oppose lease. But will raise issue of future exploitation (incl for oil) at a meeting with DHM and Dept of Mines in Sept. States his case for supporting an overall plan for exploitation, which will also include marine parks, tourist areas and scientific study areas. However he recommends WPSQ and others oppose the application as widespread public opposition would strengthen GBRC's position in negotiations. Encloses a "screed" for the opposition case.

- JBC/CORR/12/3 12 Nov 1968 Lowell P. Thomas (Assistant Professor, University of Miami) to JB, explanation that a "dead reef" is actually living.

Research note: 12 Nov 1968 – Prof Lowell Thomas (University of Miami) to JB. Folly of the "dead reef" theory; supports idea of moratorium on mining.

JBC/CORR/12/4 13 Feb 1969 Gustav A. Swanson (Head, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University) to Judith Wright McKinney, explanation of hazards of drilling off shore, oil leaks. Includes newspaper clippings "Massive oil mop up starts: Well sealed; slimy shores declared disaster areas" The Denver Post, 9 Feb 1969, and "Undall accepts responsibility for oil slick" Denver Post – New York Times, 1969.

Research note: 13 Feb 1969 – Prof Swanson (Colorado State Uni) to Judith Wright. GBR "is a biological treasure of such international importance" that if it suffered anything like the Santa Barbara spill it would attract huge international attention.

JBC/CORR/12/5 29 Mar 1969 Marion Cassels to JB, Cairns city councilors trying to have the mudflats "reclaimed"

JBC/CORR/12/6 16 April 1969 Note from Maurice Haenke, sharing an article of interest.

JBC/CORR/12/7 6 Aug 1969 Owen Kelly (Queensland Littoral Society) to JB, general news and activities of the Society.

Research note: 6 Aug 1969 – Owen Kelly (QLS) to JB. "Endean is bitching that time is running out for the Barrier Reef" (with ref to CoT) but "time is running out for Endean". Ref to visit north by Eddie H and Jo Connell.

JBC/CORR/12/8 12 Aug 1969 Fran Edmondson (Book Department, Sierra Club, San Francisco) to JB, advising of new publication that may be of interest.

JBC/CORR/12/9 27 Aug 1969 Eddie Hegerl (Queensland Littoral Society) to JB, push for drilling moratorium, general Society activities, 3 pages. Includes a 2 page letter from Stanley C. Lowry (General Manager, Santa Barbara County and City Chamber of Commerce) to Maurice W. Stitt (Manager, The Tourist Industry Council of Australia). Also includes 1 page of hand written notes. Note hand written page appears to match writing on JBC/CORR/12/40.

Research note: 27 Aug 1969 – EH to JB. Need to mobilise public opposition to drilling – need for moratorium and a "Reef Commission" (is he meaning Royal Commission?). Various actions to publicise campaigns – TV, radio, public meetings, displays, leaflets. "Shades of Ellison reef desperation all over again"

JBC/CORR/12/10 17 Sept 1969 Vincent Serventy (author, ornithologist and conservationist) to JB, trying to organize a "Save the Reef" meeting in Sydney.

JBC/CORR/12/11 22 Sept 1969 C. Burdon-Jones (Professor, School of Biological Sciences, University College of Townsville) to JB,

expected biological reactions of various reef organisms to an oil spill.

Research note: 22 Sept 1969 – Cyril B-J to JB. Should not take risks with reef until control measures are fully defined, investigated and understood. Most concerned about oil on coral reefs, shore and beaches – not so much in open sea.

JBC/CORR/12/12 23 Sept 1969 Vincent Serventy to JB, thank you note.

JBC/CORR/12/13 23 Sept 1969 D. J. Sherrington (Member for Salisbury) to JB, requesting comment about an oil slick in the GBR. Includes 2 page question and answer from the Parliament.

JBC/CORR/12/14 8 Oct 1969 Judith Wright McKinney to M. Shoriki, concern about oil drilling.

Research note: 8 October 1969 JW to M. Shoriki (Tokyo) re Japex proposed drilling at Repulse Bay.

JBC/CORR/12/15 24 Oct 1969 L. J. Webb (Principal research scientist) to The Secretary, Johnstone Shire Council, list of tree species suitable for cultivation in the Shire.

JBC/CORR/12/16 18 Nov 1969 JB to J. G. Gorton (Prime Minister, Australia), pushing for the introduction of Federal protection for the GBR.

Research note: 18 Nov 1969 – JB to PM Gorton re Qld determination for Japex Repulse Bay (proposal).

JBC/CORR/12/17 30 Nov 1969 Copy of letter from Lach Nicolson of Lindeman Island, conservation efforts.

JBC/CORR/12/18 10 Dec 1969 R. D. Piesse (Director, Australian Conservation Foundation) to JB, creation of a conservation directory. Includes 2 information request forms.

JBC/CORR/12/19 31 Dec 1969 JB to Lindsay Naylor, requesting a legal opinion on the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act of 1967.

Research note: 31 Dec 1969 JB to Lindsay Naylor (with Melbourne legal firm) re Petroleum Submerged Lands) Act and C'wealth/State powers vis-à-vis GBR. Can something be found to prevent or delay Repulse Bay drilling?

JBC/CORR/12/20 7 Jan 1970 Freda McLennan to JB, conservation efforts.

Research note: 7 Jan 1970 – Freda McLennan (WPSQ Council?) to JB. "Hurray for Senator Georges" Also re possible legal action. Will be intensifying publicity campaign in Brisbane.

JBC/CORR/12/21 12 Jan 1970 Arthur Robinson and Co. (solicitors) to JB, in response to 31 Dec 1969 letter. Includes article "Conservation and the Courts" by Don Harris.

Research note: 12 Jan 1970 – From Arthur Robinson (of same name legal firm). Opinion that despite the Act, Qld cannot extend its boundaries below low water mark. Possibly and elector in state of Qld c'd bring an action against it.

JBC/CORR/12/22 27 Jan 1970 JB to Senator Georges, thank you letter.

Research note: 27 Jan 1970 – JB to Senator Georges. Congrats on his action with the Unions re black ban on Repulse Bay oil rig.

JBC/CORR/12/23 28 Jan 1970 JB to Adrian Deemer (The Australian), congratulations on conservation articles and providing further information.

Research note: 28 Jan 1970 – JB to Adrian Deemer (Australian journo). Congrats on leading article (and others) on GBR.

JBC/CORR/12/24 6 Feb 1970 JB to Adrian Deemer, sending annual report and discussing conservation efforts.

Research note: 6 Feb 1970 – JB to Adrian Deemer (as above) – enclosing annual report (of WPSQ Innisfail Branch?) to be used "as you think fit", and also ref Bjelke-Petersen's statement that those appearing before Commission must pay own expenses (while presumably will be paying those witnesses favourable to gov't case)

JBC/CORR/12/25 10 Mar 1970 Note to all Members of Council from the Australian Conservation Foundation, draft of "Viewpoint on fire" enclosed. "Viewpoint on fire" included.

JBC/CORR/12/26 14 April 1970 Owen Thomson (The Australian) to JB, call for articles on environmental problems.

Research note: 14 April 1970 – The Australian (Owen Thomson) to JB, looking for contributed articles on environmental topics.

JBC/CORR/12/27 26 May 1970 John Roe to JB, scientific information they plan to present to the Royal Commission.

Research note: 26 May 1970 – From JW? To John Roe. Writer (Judith?) is about to leave on lecture tour not back till 12 July. Will JR please take on task of liaising with Lippiatt and Co (solicitors acting on Society's behalf in the Royal Commission. Outlines Society's approach. Refers to JB's "collapse" in Brisbane after meetings in Melbourne and Canberra trying to see PM. Doris Webb (Len's wife) is caring for him and he is too ill to be contacted.

JBC/CORR/12/28 15 July 1970 Elizabeth Kennedy (Hon. Secretary, The Townsville and District Natural History and Wildlife Preservation

Society), note regarding the practice of removing live coral from the GBR.

JBC/CORR/12/29 5 Mar 1971 Acting Conservator of Forests, Department of Forestry to The Shire Clerk, Cardwell Shire Council, acknowledgement of letter, no decision has been made.

JBC/CORR/12/30 10 Mar 1971 V. B. Sullivan (Minister for Lands, Brisbane) to The Shire Clerk, Cardwell Shire Council, acknowledgement of letter, no decision has been made.

Research note: 10 March 1971 – Minister for Lands (Sullivan) to Cardwell Shire Council re application by GBR Hotel Pty Ltd to acquire Dunk Island spit. Conservator of Forests also to CSC as above. Both note Council's opposition.

JBC/CORR/12/31 18 Mar 1971 JB to John Gorton (Prime Minister, Australia), thank you letter for his support.

Research note: 18 Mar 1971 – JB to Gorton on his resignation as PM. Regrets Continental Shelf Act not yet passed but promises to work "unremittingly" for its passage.

JBC/CORR/12/32 5 April year unknown Note from M. W. V. Rees to JB support of conservation efforts.

JBC/CORR/12/33 6 Aug year unknown Fred [?] to JB, information for conservation efforts.

JBC/CORR/12/34 Saturday 25th, no further date Greg [unknown] to JB, Conservation information.

JBC/CORR/12/35 no date Steven[unknown] (University of Queensland) to JB, request for a small crown of thorns starfish.

JBC/CORR/12/36 no date H. F. Ellis "Choke me with frigate birds."

JBC/CORR/12/37 Blank petition form regarding coral reef conservation.

JBC/CORR/12/38 Various items bundled together with the note "Correspondence with Sir Garfield Barwick". Item 1: JB to Barwick, 8 Feb 1968 discussed Holt memorial. Item 2: JB to Barwick, 11 March 1968 discusses legal ownership of the GBR and conservation information. Item 3: JB to unknown, 29 August 1969, legal information.

Research note: 11 March 1968 - JB to Garfield Barwick (GB). Re Endeavour's ambivalent role and his concerns that Mines minister may overturn Mining Warden's decision. Seeks Barwick's legal opinion on what could be done if this happens.

Research note: 29 August 1968 - JB to GB. Summary of legal position re Qld and Cwealth with regard to rights and control over GBR. Ref to Santa Barbara oil spill (January 68) still

continuing 7 months later. Possible voluntary public boycott of Ampol-Japex is being considered. Public opinion poll (Gold Coast WPSQ branch) shows 667 against mining, 2 in favour.

JBC/CORR/12/39 no date Page 2 of a letter from Kathleen. No further information known.

JBC/CORR/12/40 no date Information about the Senate Select Committee. Matches writing of JBC/CORR/12/9 but does not appear to be linked by topic.

Correspondence Series 13 - Correspondence between John Busst (JB) and Judith Wright McKinney (JWM) 1966 -1970

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

JWM = Judith Wright McKinney

GBR = Great Barrier Reef

JBC/CORR/13/1 24 July 1966 JB to JWM, Meeting to form the Innisfail Branch of the Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society, Discussion about the Cairns Naturalists Society, and work being done by the Committee.

Research note: 14 July 1966 – JB to JW re meeting to form Innisfail WPSQ on 8/8/66. Discusses possibility of forming Cns and Tsv branches. Also the idea that at least 2 chains of natural vegetation should be preserved on either side of watercourses on all future land assignments.

JBC/CORR/13/2 28 July 1966 JWM to JB, response to previous letter, discusses protection of watercourses.

Research note: 28 July 1966 – JW to JB. Approves veg proposal (above). Favours tax incentives to those preserving bushland. Branch in Tsv “could be very useful”

JBC/CORR/13/3 8 Sept 1966 JWM to JB, Discussion of JWM’s role in Tamborine rainforest preservation.

Research note: 8 Sept 1966 – To JB. More re Tsv branch. “politicians, I fear, are a dead loss. But one has to keep hammering”

JBC/CORR/13/4 14 Sept 1966 JB to JWM, requesting JWM sponsor motions being sent for approval.

JBC/CORR/13/5 2 Sept 1967 JB to JWM, new subscriptions, case before the Innisfail Mining Warden, contacting the American Conservation Foundation. Plans to catch up in October.

- JBC/CORR/13/6 25 Sept 1967 JWM to JB, opposition to the conservation movement.
- JBC/CORR/13/7 9 Sept 1968 JWM to JB, "the Government is watering at the mouth to go straight ahead with Ellison Reef..." discussion of reef mining proposal.

Research note: 9 Sept 1968 – JW to JB following a visit by Judith to Bingil Bay. Disappointed over Courier-Mail coverage of Reef issue but "the loyal old Australian is doing us proud again. And I did get in three sentences or so in the ABC news." Fears Gov is eager to proceed at Ellison. Signs "Your comrade-in-arms, Judith"

- JBC/CORR/13/8 22 Nov 1968 JWM to JB, possibility that the State Government has already approved GBR mining leases. "I am privately still entirely convinced that the S.G. has already agreed to allow Japan a large-scale limestone mining lease; one good reason for this is that Japan is already supplying lime to certain mining enterprises in W.A."

Research note: 22 Nov 1968 – JW to JB. Fear that Qld gov will allow large limestone mining leases to Japan. Asks "How political dare we, as an organization whose influence is limited and emotional, get?" Signs, "Affectionately and admiringly, Judith"

- JBC/CORR/13/9 30 Nov 1968 JWM to JB, floating ideas of reports and surveys that could be undertaken to sway government arguments.

Research note: 30 Nov 1968 – JW to JB. ACF is becoming more involved. So many other issues to attend to also. "I wish I were quadruplets, one of which was a marine biologist, one a zoologist, one a lawyer."

- JBC/CORR/13/10 4 Dec 1968 JWM to JB, reporting on the AFC recently held.

Research note: Dec 1968 – JW to JB. The GBRC has reversed earlier position and agreed no mining before scientific survey – "Good on you mate! All because of YOU. This book has got to be written!" Signs, "To you, in the best champagne – Judith"

- JBC/CORR/13/11 10 Dec 1968 JWM to JB, asking consent to nominate JB for the 1968 Australian Natural History Medallion.

Research note: 10 Dec 1968 – JW to JB. "You are a powerful fighter, boy"

- JBC/CORR/13/12 10 Dec 1968 JWM to Dunbavin Butcher, discussion of the Society's concern regarding petroleum exploration leases.

- JBC/CORR/13/13 8 Mar 1969 JWM to JB, suggesting that the person to advise on the GBR issues is Sir Maurice Yonge.

JBC/CORR/13/14 2 April 1969 JWM to JB, advising JB that he is now formally an Honorary Life member. Personal letter and formal letter.

Research note: 2 April 1969 – JW to JB. Awarding him life membership of the Society in recognition of him leading the fight to save the GBR.

JBC/CORR/13/15 15 June 1969 JWM to JB, contacting the World Wildlife Fund.

JBC/CORR/13/16 25 June 1969 JWM to JB, general catch up of Preservation Society activities.

Research note: 25 June 1969 – JW to JB. "Hands across the miles, chum. Yours ever, Judith"

JBC/CORR/13/17 27 June 1969 JWM to JB, discussion of the Government's sell out to Japan re. mining on Ellison reef. Notes Stephenson if furious and that "He suggests that we find out just when that rig left Hong Kong and how long it had been prepared to leave, as he feels that this will be an ace to play. I forbore to point out that an ace is no use in a game with rigged dice! (pun unintentional)."

Research note: 27 June 1969 – JW to JB. re oil rig setting out from Hong Kong.

JBC/CORR/13/18 2 Aug 1969 JWM to JB, general catch up of Preservation Society activities

JBC/CORR/13/19 Three newspaper articles. "Plans for a 'seatel' motel" Cairns Post, 29 July 1969, "Coastal survey for oil" Cairns Post, 2 August 1969, "Reef danger discounted" letter to the editor by Lindsay F. Payne of Cairns, no date, publication unknown.

JBC/CORR/13/20 9 Aug 1969 JWM to JB, discussion of the 'Seatel' referred to in newspaper articles JBC/CORR/13/19 and conservation impacts.

JBC/CORR/13/21 27 Aug 1969 JWM to JB, ongoing debate on if Queensland claimed the entire GBR, or if it can be called "international waters".

JBC/CORR/13/22 2 Sept 1969 JWM to JB, telegram advising Whitehouse requests he bring written authorization.

JBC/CORR/13/23 Undated but believed to be September 1969. JWM to JB, general catch up of Preservation Society activities.

JBC/CORR/13/24 29 Sept 1969 JWM to JB, general catch up of Preservation Society activities.

Research note: 29 Sept 1969 – JW to JB. “Remember what it was like to be free?”

JBC/CORR/23/25 4 Oct 1969 JWM to JB, reporting progress of opinion poll being created.

Research note: 4 October 1969 – JW to JB “running myself ragged” with the Reef, Coolooloola and floods of letters”

JBC/CORR/13/26 15 Oct 1969 JWM to JB, Progress of opinion poll circulation and general update on Society activities.

Research note: 15 Oct 1969 – Need to get wider public involved in reef campaign, not just conservation orgs and individuals. Public protest is needed. Concern for reef is fading down south, people assume its ok. Need candidates to make commitments against oil.

JBC/CORR/13/27 29 Oct 1969 JWM to JB, Results coming in for the public opinion poll. Also includes 2 newspaper articles. “Reef poll” No date, no publication information, and “No – to reef oil industry” 21 October 1969, from “Bulletin”.

Research note: 29 Oct 1969 – JW to JB. Results of opinion poll (organised by WPSQ) shows large numbers oppose oil drilling.

JBC/CORR/13/28 26 Nov 1969 JWM to JB, discusses a range of Australian conservation publicity activities.

Research note: 26 Nov 1969 – Australian (newspaper) to run a big conservation campaign in coming year. “Rumour” that conditions for oil drilling are being discussed in Canberra.

JBC/CORR/13/29 no date JWM to JB, handwritten letter from the SS Arcadia, general catch up. Includes extract from “Mary Gilmore – a tribute.”

JBC/CORR/13/30 4 Feb 1970 JB to JWM, discusses general life and conservations efforts.

Research note: 4 Feb 1970 – JB to JW. Much happening. “Got a complete okay from the doctor, no throat cancer.” Has been in touch with PM Gorton, also Gough Whitlam. May also approach Prince Philip (pres of WWF) re funding to bring overseas scientists for enquiry. (Committee of Enquiry on Oil Drilling on the Great Barrier Reef)

JBC/CORR/13/31 6 Feb 1970 JWM to JB, preparation for the inquiry, also includes “Draft by Dr. Mather for agreement of conservation organisations.” And an open letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, Courier-Mail and Australian.
6 Feb 1970 – JW to JB. More on preparation for the enquiry. Contact with trade unions and Hawke.

JBC/CORR/13/32 20 Feb 1970 JWM to JB, catch up letter of various Preservation Society activities.

JBC/CORR/13/33 21 Feb 1970 JWM to Australian Prime Minister, explains the importance of saving the GBR and public support.

Research note: 21 Feb 1970 – To PM from Judith (WPSQ) re inquiry committee re the need to bring in witnesses from overseas, and the associated problems, as so few with sufficient experience in Australia.

JBC/CORR/13/34 16 Mar 1970 JB to JWM, praise for the letter to the Prime Minister, general Preservation Society news and activities.

Research note: 16 March 1970 – JB to JW. Re legal measures to permanently protect the GBR. Royal Commission will allow experts to be brought in from anywhere, expense paid. Must press for appointment of permanent statutory body to maintain reef as NP. JB will take list of names to PM and will also ask for eminent QC to represent WPSQ and QLS for free. If not granted will approach WWF/Prince Philip. Barrier reef symposium in Tsv a great success, with 420 delegates.*

**Royal Commission into Exploratory and Production Drilling for Petroleum in the Great Barrier Reef ran from May 1970- July 1972. Report handed down October 1974. (NB Recommendations etc not made public till November?)*

JBC/CORR/13/35 16 Mar 1970 JB to JWM, appreciation for the executive's Statement in a recent newsletter.

JBC/CORR/13/36 20 Mar 1970 JB to JWM, discussions and letters JB has had with the Prime Minister about GBR protection.

JBC/CORR/13/37 28 Mar 1970 JWM to JB, update on GBR Commission and general Protection Society news.

Research note: 28 March 1970 – JW to JB. More on preparations for Royal Commission. "Gerald Durrell's remarks about Camm are full of gemlike clarity" (Camm was Qld mines minister) "Congratulations on your rapport with our harried PM" [This would have been Gorton. LD]

JBC/CORR/13/38 2 April 1970 JB to JWM, general catch up of activities.

Research note: 2 April 1970 – JB to JW – arrangements for Judith's visit north, and public meetings. Mention of Qld Trades and Labour Council motion to ban oil drilling, tests etc unless it can be proved no danger to reef.

JBC/CORR/13/39 3 April 1970 JWM to JB, update on Commission activities and preparations.

Research note: 3 April 1970 – JW to JB. More on impending Commission. Need to persuade Burdon-Jones to give evidence

JBC/CORR/13/40 7 April 1970 JB to JWM, update of activities, offers to ask the Prime Minister for the free services of a Queen's Counsel for the Commission.

JBC/CORR/13/41 10 April 1970 JWM to JB, general update of activities and preparation for a tour of north Queensland towns.

JBC/CORR/13/42 28 Aug 1970 JWM to JB, updates on the Commission.

Research note: 28 Aug 1970 – JW to JB re Commission and chiefly over whether to support proposed oil-coral experiment set up by Frank Talbot and ? Kinsey. Decided against.

JBC/CORR/13/43 7 Sept 1970 JB to JWM, discussion of the Commission.

Research note: 7 Sept 1970 – JB to JW. More on Royal Commission.

JBC/CORR/13/44 11 Sept 1970 JB to JWM, general news of Protection Society activities.

Research note: 11 Sept 1970 – JB to JW. Planning a trip south, will see Burdon-Jones on the way. Idea for Branches to place "Save the Reef" newspaper ads etc.

JBC/CORR/13/45 12 Dec 1970 JWM to JB, general catch up of activities.

Research note: 12 Dec 1970 – JW to JB. "What was the basis of your feeling that we've saved the reef; I'd love a bit of a boost at present." "For Nineteen Seventy-one, Let the Barrier Reef be won!"

Correspondence Series 14 – Personal Correspondence 1968 – 1971

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

GBR = Great Barrier Reef

JBC/CORR/14/1 4 Mar 1968 Kathleen McArthur (artist, writer, conservationist, co-founder of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland) to JB, people are working to reverse the Innisfail Mining Warden's decision on Ellison Reef.

Research note: 4 March 1968 – Kathleen McA to JB. Len Webb has told her that B.C. (GBRC? or ?) and Harbours and Marines are working on Camm to reverse mining warden's decision. "Don't spare expenses"

JBC/CORR/14/2 6 Mar 1968 McArthur to JB, further updates on the Ellison Reef issue.

Research note: 6 March 1968 – KMCA to JB. Returned from meeting at Buderim at which Camm was seeing who was in favour of granting lease tho' said he had not done so "yet".

This seems to confirm LW's report. If he grants lease will need to organise public protest quickly.

JBC/CORR/14/3 11 Mar 1968 McArthur to JB, conservation activities.

Research note: 11 March 1968 – KMca to JB. Landsborough by-election will be important (Mike Ahearne was CP candidate). Endean "must have competent PR man" as is getting a lot of publicity but none of it "cuts any ice in University circles". "I hope a cone shell gets him".

JBC/CORR/14/4 13 Mar 1970 McArthur to JB, discussion with a Courier-Mail reporter regarding Ellison Reef.

Research note: 13 March 1968 – KMca to JB – re a meeting with a very interested Courier Mail reporter and has passed on Len Webb's, JB's and Don McMichael's contact details.

JBC/CORR/14/5 6 May 1968 Envelope addressed to JB from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

JBC/CORR/14/6 20 May 1968 Garfield Barwick (Chambers of Chief justice, High Court of Australia) to JB, "I regret to have to tell you that there's no chance of my coming north to you this year." Also advises that "the Minister has said he'll refuse the right to mine the reef at the present time."

Research note: 20 May 1968 – Garfield Barwick to JB. Minister (which?) has said he'll refuse right to mine reef at present time.

JBC/CORR/14/7 4 June 1969 Marion to JB, news regarding the opinions of Dr. Richard Warner, Professor in the Department of Biology, Memorial Hospital, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada.

JBC/CORR/14/8 13 June 1969 Marion to JB, asking if JB wants Marion to get in touch with Piesse who is in her locality currently.

Research note: 13 June 1969 – 21 June 1969. Several letters from Marion W in Vermont [NB Victoria not USA]. Refs to WWF and international scientific community and Dr Drena at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research (Melb)

JBC/CORR/14/9 17 June 1969 Marion to JB, "Wild Wildlife Fund is prepared to help with preserving habitats and with any endangered species."

JBC/CORR/14/10 before 25 June 1969[?] Marion to JB, small note regarding conservation issues, notes meeting with Piesse on the 25th of June.

JBC/CORR/14/11 21 June 1969 Marion to JB, update on World Wildlife Fund.

JBC/CORR/14/12 11 Sept 1969 Olive [unknown] to Judith Wright McKinney, enclosing draft petition to the Queensland Parliament.

JBC/CORR/14/13 18 Sept 1969 Tom Errey to Judith Wright McKinney, GBR should be protected as a wonder of the natural world.

Research note: 18 Sept 1968 – Tom Errey (Tasmania) to JW. Ref June issue of UNESCO Courier re articles on 1) deterioration of some of world's great temples and 2) 33 conservation projects that UNESCO is supporting. All are human structures, but nothing from Australia. Acknowledges rock art and carvings "But it is another construction that I should like to submit for inclusion in the select list made by Unesco, of endowments from the past we can discard or see erased only to our great impoverishment, My candidate is no human artefact For what I am nominating is the grandest creation of the coral polyp, POLYP-POLIS, otherwise the Great Barrier Reef." And Australians should be proclaiming that we will take pride in our unspoiled reef, and save it as a unique part of the natural endowment of our human race." In a PS he suggests that WPSQ could provide material for a special issue of the Unesco Courier, which has a broad international readership, which might inhibit political moves to exploit it. But still dreads "some precipitate and irreversible stroke" that might occur at any time.

JBC/CORR/14/14 8 Oct 1969 Duplicate of JBC/CORR/12/14 Judith Wright McKinney to M. Shoriki, concern about oil drilling.

JBC/CORR/14/15 1 Dec 1969 Larry Hamilton (Department of Botany, University of New England) to JB, thank you for the wonderful visit to Bingil Bay.

JBC/CORR/14/16 31 Dec 1969 JB to Lindsay Naylor, the Queensland Government has issued licences to drill for oil on the GBR.

JBC/CORR/14/17 6 April 1970 JB to Freda, strategies for presenting to the Committee.

Research note: 6 April 1970 – JB to Freda (McLennan?) Refs to Gus McQueen formerly Pres of Gordonvale WPSQ, now in Canada (was at sugar Experimental station in G'vale). Recommends article in "Trend" (a Labor news mag) for account of correspondence between Trades and Labour Council and Ampol/Japex, leading the black ban.

JBC/CORR/14/18 22 Feb 1971 Don Madolizon to JB, reminder that JB is the guest speaker at Rotary's Ladies Night.

JBC/CORR/14/19 3 Sept 1979 Alison Busst to Professor Dalton (Professor of History, James Cook University), history of the Busst family involvement in Queensland conservation efforts.

Research note: 3 Sept 1979 - Alison Büssst to Prof Dalton. Explaining birth of the TRP Society "almost a myth – but it worked". Says they moved to Bingil Bay in Aug 1957 to a house built by Cutten/Alexander family ca 1925. Len Webb and Geoff Tracy "arrived that

night and we all agreed to fight for Clump Point mountain to be declared a national park – 7000 acres eventually declared, connecting with Lacey Creek forestry reserve.

- JBC/CORR/14/20 no date Alison Busst to Professor Dalton, regarding items being donated to the University. "Sorry my setup is so bad, but am alone and moving so not time. Good luck."
- JBC/CORR/14/21 23 November 1979 Alison Busst to Professor Dalton. Card advising "a small addition of conservation papers from Ali Busst." 1 newspaper article "CSIRO suggests an alternative Roo to extinction – Farming anyone?"

Correspondence Series 15 – Legal Correspondence 1970

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

GBR = Great Barrier Reef

- JBC/CORR/15/1 no date Arthur Robinson & Co. Solicitors (Melbourne) to R.L. Arnell & Arnell Solicitors (Innisfail), legal advice addressed to the solicitors R. L. Arnell & Arnell, regarding the constitutional aspects of the GBR.
- JBC/CORR/15/2 27 Jan 1970 JB to D. Sherrington (QLD Parliament House), enclosing a private legal opinion (probably JBC/CORR/15/1) regarding conservation matters on the GBR.
- JBC/CORR/15/3 27 Jan 1970 JB to R. Piesso (Australian Conservation Foundation), enclosing legal opinion (probably JBC/CORR/15/1).
- JBC/CORR/15/4 27 Jan 1970 JB to L. R. Nayler (Arthur Robinson & Co.), thanking him for the legal advice regarding "the constitutional aspects of the GBR" (Probably JBC/CORR/15/1).
- JBC/CORR/15/5 28 Jan 1970 JB to Eric Whitehouse (Pender and Whitehouse, Brisbane). Enclosing legal opinion (probably JBC/CORR/15/1) and update on conservation activities. "The threatened union black ban on the oil rig, if and when it arrives in Repulse Bay, seems to have given us at least a temporary breathing space." Notes that JB attempted to meet with Sir Reginald Ansett while in Melbourne but says Ansett said oil drilling on the reef had become too controversial and he didn't want to be part of any legal movement. "On further enquiries, I found that the principal shareholder in Ansett Transport Industries is Ampol."

Research note: 18 Jan 1970 – JB to Eric Whitehouse (Brisbane). Tried to see Sir Reginald Ansett who said issue of oil drilling in GBR and at Repulse Bay had become too

controversial, didn't want to become involved. Discovered Ansett was a major shareholder in Ampol.

JBC/CORR/15/6	6 Feb 1970	JB to Percy Spender, enclosing legal opinion (probably JBC/CORR/15/1).
JBC/CORR/15/7	25 Feb 1970	JB to L. R. Naylor (Arthur Robinson & Co., note name spelling), praise of the legal opinion "I have found very considerable interest shown by every legal man in your opinion on this matter, including those right at the top."
JBC/CORR/15/8	25 Feb 1970	JB to Sir Percy Spencer, thank you for your assistance.
JBC/CORR/15/9	25 Feb 1970	JB to Eric Whitehouse, enclosing an opinion on the opinion, unable to disclose the source of the information.
JBC/CORR/15/10	2 Mar 1970	Arthur Robinson & Co. to JB, further legal opinions.
JBC/CORR/15/11	11 Mar 1970	R.L. Arnell & Arnell Solicitors to JB, legal opinion building upon the legal opinions discussed in JBC/CORR/15/10.
JBC/CORR/15/12	15 Mar 1970	JB to Whitehouse, enclosing the further opinion, government attention should be drawn to the opinion segments highlighting the rights of the United Kingdom.
JBC/CORR/15/13	25 Mar 1970	Everlly [? Handwriting difficult to read] to JB, discussing the "residual rights" of the United Kingdom.
JBC/CORR/15/14	no date	Unknown author, "It would appear that my paper has not been read by either of the writers of the two letters... or if it has been read, not with approval."

Series 16 Correspondence with Prime Minister's Department

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

GBR = Great Barrier Reef

PM = Prime Minister of Australia

JBC/CORR/16/1	27 Aug 1968	JB to Tony Eggleton (Prime Minister's Department), advising enclosure of a letter to the PM and information about the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967.
JBC/CORR/16/2	27 Aug 1968	JB to PM, conservation information.

Research note: 27 Aug 1968 – To PM Gorton. Thanks for Dunk Island meeting. Proposal for moratorium and for C'wealth to take control now. Financial support for tropical marine science research centre on Tsv. "No other country will possess such an institute"

- JBC/CORR/16/3 27 Aug 1968 JB to Gough Whitlam (Leader of Opposition), conservation information.
- JBC/CORR/16/4 6 Jan 1969 Extract from letter from the Queensland Littoral Society.
- JBC/CORR/16/5 13 Jan 1969 JB to PM, "further scientific information about the GBR."
- JBC/CORR/16/6 17 Feb 1969 Ainsley Gotto (Private Secretary, Prime Minister), letter and attachments received, PM considering the information.
- JBC/CORR/16/7 7 Mar 1969 Newspaper article "PM acts to save wildlife" The Age, page 11.
- JBC/CORR/16/8 17 Mar 1969 JB to Eggleton, advising of enclosed letter for PM.
- JBC/CORR/16/9 28 April 1969 Joseph H. Connell (Professor of Zoology, University of California, Santa Barbara) to PM, water pollution issues experienced in California due to marine drilling.

Research note: 28 April 1969 – From Prof Joseph Connell (Uni California) to PM Gorton, re Santa Barabara oil spill, opposing oil drilling on GBR.

- JBC/CORR/16/10 29 Aug 1969 JB to PM, conservation information.

Research note: 29 August 1969 – JB to John Gorton – congratulations on forthright stand on oil drilling. Also regarding jurisdiction.

- JBC/CORR/16/11 5 Sept 1969 JB to Whitlam, conservation information.
- JBC/CORR/16/12 8 Sept 1969 Whitlam to JB, telegram about potential Repulse Bay.
- JBC/CORR/16/13 10 Sept 1969 JB to Whitlam, Japan wanting to drill in the GBR.

Research note: 10 Sept 1969 – JB to Gough. Following meeting in Tsv, has been talking to Burdon-Jones. "Hurry up with the \$64 question – it's not much more than a month before they start drilling at Repulse Bay"

- JBC/CORR/16/14 18 Nov 1969 JB to Whitlam, legal information regarding GBR.

Research note: 18 November 1969 – JB to Gough, re judgment in La Macchia case, but the issue of a writ against Qld gov is beyond our means. “At a loss how to stop them” (Bjelke-Petersen and Camm)

- JBC/CORR/16/15 13 Dec 1969 Newspaper article, “Gorton listens to ‘save-the-reef’ man” The Age.
- JBC/CORR/16/16 31 Dec 1969 JB to PM, thank you for the recent meeting, worrying permits.
- JBC/CORR/16/17 21 Jan 1970 JB to PM, congratulations on GBR stand, legal information regarding conservation.

Research note: 21 Jan 1970 – JB to Gorton. Congratulations on recent statement, “in my view the slightest danger is too much danger”. Oil drilling being considered near Lizard Island.

- JBC/CORR/16/18 23 Jan 1970 JB to PM, enclosing copy of letters from Arthur Robinson and Co. Solicitors, likely JBC/CORR/12/21.
- JBC/CORR/16/19 2 Feb 1970 PM to JB, thank you for the letters.
- JBC/CORR/16/20 2 Feb 1970 JB to Tony Eggleton, advising enclosed letter to PM. “As you may note in reading, I am not exactly in love with Bjelke-Peterson.”
- JBC/CORR/16/21 2 Feb 1970 JB to PM, discussing comments by the Premier (Bjelke-Peterson), suggests scientists to be invited to the GBR Royal Commission.

Research note: 2 Feb 1970 – Re Royal Commission – international witnesses should be invited to give evidence and not have to pay expenses. Royal Commission must not be rushed.

- JBC/CORR/16/22 6 Feb 1970 JB to T. Eggleton, follow up of phone conversation. “Up to date, the proposed enquiry stinks, and unless its terms of reference are altered to include all international scientific representation I shall certainly rubbish it – internationally.”
- JBC/CORR/16/23 25 Feb 1970 PM to JB, composition of Committee still under discussion.

Research note: 25 Feb 1970 –From Gorton, “committee of inquiry will not be stacked with Queensland government or oil company nominees.” Agrees on importance of expert quality witnesses.

- JBC/CORR/16/24 13 Mar 1970 JB to PM, discussing legal opinions submitted to JB, explains the planned extensive black bans against Ampol-

Japex if they begin drilling in the Reef before the Royal Commission announces its findings.

Research note: 13 March 1970 – To Gorton. Very happy with recently announced decisions re Royal Commission, legislation for C'wealth control over seabed resources.

JBC/CORR/16/25	14 Mar 1970	JB to T. Eggleton, follow up of phone conversation.
JBC/CORR/16/26	18 Mar 1970	JB to T. Eggleton, enclosed letter for PM, Eggleton arranging details of JB visit.
JBC/CORR/16/27	18 Mar 1970	JB to PM, suggestions for composition of Commission.
JBC/CORR/16/28	24 Mar 1970	PM to JB, thank you for letter.
JBC/CORR/16/29	1 April 1970	JB to T. Eggleton, enclosing book "The Great Barrier Reef" for H.R.H. Prince Phillip, he may find it useful in their upcoming visit to the GBR.
JBC/CORR/16/30	1 April 1970	JB to Prince Phillip, I hope you enjoy the book.
JBC/CORR/16/31	2 April 1970	PM to JB, thank you letter, copies of legal opinions sent to Attorney-General.
JBC/CORR/16/32	20 May 1970	PM to JB, thank you for telegram, congratulations were appreciated.

Research note: 20 May 1970 – Gorton to JB, thanks for telegram following his (Gorton's) statement on offshore legislation.

JBC/CORR/16/33	2 July 1970	PM to Judith Wright McKinney, telegram, Commonwealth to pay the reasonable legal costs for the representation of five conservationists bodies appearing before the Royal Commission.
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Research note: 1 July 1970 – Gorton to JW. Telegram – C'wealth will meet costs of Lippiatt and Co (WPSQ's legal reps at Royal Commission)

JBC/CORR/16/34	16 Sept 1970	B. F. L. Crommelin (on behalf of the Deputy Crown Commissioner) to JB, your name has been submitted as someone who may be willing to testify before the Royal Commission. Includes terms of reference for the Royal Commission.
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JBC/CORR/16/35 23 Sept 1970 T. Eggleton to JB, organizing a time for
JB to meet PM.

Correspondence series 17 - Purchase of Park Land, 1975

JBC/CORR/17/1 23 May 1975 D. F. McMichael (Secretary in Department of
Environment, Canberra) to Alison Busst, acknowledgement of
previous letter.

JBC/CORR/17/2 26 May 1975 R. G. Dillon (Shire Clerk) to The Secretary,
The Department of Urban and Regional Development, discussing
proposed acquisition of land to the National Estate, to be cared
for by the Shire.

JBC/CORR/17/3 9 July 1975 Dillon to Alison Busst, attaching a copy of the
Department for Urban and regional Development's reply to
JBC/CORR/17/2.

JBC/CORR/17/4 16 July 1975 McMichael to Alison Busst, Department has
discussed the offer to sell the Busst land for conservation
purposes with the Queensland national parks and Wildlife
Service. "They have tentatively indicated to me that they are
interested in acquiring your land for nature conservation."

JBC/CORR/17/5 25 July 1975 Dillon to McMichael, attaching copy of
proposed land , Council happy to move forward with plans.
Attached map.

Correspondence series 18 – Harold Holt Memorial correspondence 1968

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

JBC/CORR/18/1 1 Feb 1968 JB to Tony Eggleton (Prime Minister's
department), following conversation held the same day, outlines
plans for the Harold Holt national Memorial including a National
park, the first national Marine park at the Point Nepean area,
similar parks and marine parks in each state, creation of
conservation scholarships at universities in each state, and the
development of "unique wilderness areas."

JBC/CORR/18/2 2 Feb 1968 JB to T. Eggleton, urging Eggleton to bring the
scheme to the Prime Minister's attention. JB notes that Alison
(wife) and Zara Holt are currently in London and that "Zara is still
very keen on the idea, and she (Ali) would like further
information as to progress, with a view to off record

conversations with the Duke of Edinburgh, Peter Scott, President, World Wildlife Fund... L.B.J. [American President] etc.” ... “I feel that the full scheme, as outlined, is a magnificent opportunity to advance Australia’s image in the eyes of the scientific world, and to bring an ever increasing number of V.I.Ps and tourists to Australia.”

- JBC/CORR/18/3 2 Feb 1968 Vic McCristal (President, Australian National Sportfishing Association, Queensland) to Kathleen McArthur (Secretary, Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland), Sportfishing Association supports the creation of Marine Parks and conservation.
- JBC/CORR/18/4 6 Feb 1968 V. McCristal to JB, Sportfishing Association supports the development of Marine Parks.
- JBC/CORR/18/5 7 Feb 1968 K. McArthur to JB, forwarding a copy of JBC/CORR/18/3.
- JBC/CORR/18/6 8 Feb 1968 T. Eggleton to JB, follow up to JBC/CORR/18/2, Prime Minister Gorton currently away, may not have unanimous support for memorial scheme.
- JBC/CORR/18/7 12 Feb 1968 JB to V. McCristal, JBC/CORR/18/3 has reached JB, interested in discussing in more detail.
- JBC/CORR/18/8 12 Feb 1968 JB to The American Ambassador in Canberra, enclosing a letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson, regarding the memorial scheme for Harold Hot to be potentially discussed with Mrs Holt when she and Alison Busst visit the Whitehouse as his personal guests.
- JBC/CORR/18/9 15 Feb 1968 V. McCristal to JB, strong support for the Marine Memorial National Park, location should be determined by scientific experts, not “a couple of public servants.”
- JBC/CORR/18/10 15 Feb 1968 Edwin Cronk (Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of the United States of America, Canberra) to JB, Ambassador has left Australia but your message has been sent to the President.
- JBC/CORR/18/11 11 Mar 1968 JB to Graham Pizzey (Melbourne Herald), updates on the reception to the memorial scheme, scheme enclosed.

Correspondence series 19 – Miscellaneous

Abbreviations used in this series

JB = John Busst

JBC/CORR/19/1 9 April 1961 Geoff and Len Webb (Botany Department, University of Queensland) to JB, a list of 9 questions that clarify some of the conservation points that were made in previous letters.

Research note: 19 April 1961 – Geoff Tracy and Len Webb (jointly) to JB and AB. A recap of discussion held when all were together one night at the Büsssts' place. Centred on land management, cattle production, weeds, fertiliser, fodder plants, pasture 'improvement', tree clearing, soil fertility, erosion, use and productivity of cleared areas. Are they economic? Or weed-infested and eroded? Is timber production a better land use than clearing for cattle? Unless we understand what is happening and why, we will continue to repeat mistakes despite "pious articles" about despoiling the countryside.

JBC/CORR/19/2 6 Dec 1965 Ross Shelmerdine to JB, continues to raise funds for the Conservation of Rain Forests in North Queensland. Attached article by Graham Pizzey, a good friend. Attached article "They ask for cash... to save our wildlife," Melbourne Herald.

Research note: 6 Dec 1965 – Ross Shelmedine (Melbourne) to JB. Is speaking to others about ways to raise funds for rainforest conservation in Qld.

JBC/CORR/19/3 12 Aug 1967 Newspaper article "Conservation of the reef," The North Queensland Register.

Research note: TB Editorial 12/8/67 – referring to a 6 month scientific research project on the GBR, led by Prof. Disteche, University of Liege, A. Dastin (geologist) from University of Louvain, and Dr. D (Dave) Barnes, Univ. of Newcastle on Tyne.

"If the current expedition can prompt official action to safeguard the Great Barrier Reef, not only against despoliation by individuals but against any industrial or commercial actions likely to place parts of it in jeopardy, then these scientists will have performed a great service for Queensland, for Australia and for the world"

"Queenslanders can hardly regard the Barrier Reef as theirs exclusively. It belongs to the world and Australians are its custodians. Regrettably they have not always been good custodians"

Dr Disteche was quoted as saying that any project which might cause the reef's deterioration should be avoided.

JBC/CORR/19/4 8 Dec 1967 Newspaper article "No coral mining on Ellison recommended by Warden," Evening Advocate.

Research note: 8 Dec 1967 – Evening Advocate (Innisfail) front page story. Rejection of lease application for Ellison Reef is recommended to the Minister by mining warden JW Ashfield.

"I recommend to the Honourable the Minister that in the public interest and in the interest of probably preservation of the Great Barrier Reef that the application be refused."

Details – Applicant was Donald Forbes, of Cairns, secretary of Cairns Cane Growers Exec. Planned initially to mine 2000 tons of coral annually, to be converted to limestone at an onshore facility. Extent of the lease was 84 acres.

15 objections and 62 pages of evidence. "Mr Büsser was prominent in the presentation of evidence on behalf of objectors"

- JBC/CORR/19/5 18 Sept 1969 [unknown] (Secretary, Department of Forestry, Brisbane to JB, enclosing a map of three areas being set aside for national parks.
- JBC/CORR/19/6 21 May 1970 Australian Conservation Foundation names and addresses of members of council 1969-1971.
- JBC/CORR/19/7 2 Sept 1970 J.G. Mosley (Australian Conservation Foundation) to C. Haley (Conservator of Forests, department of Forestry, Brisbane), encouragement to conserve wilderness areas, particular focus upon Hinchinbrook Island.

Research note: Sept 1970 – Letters to JB from Geoff Mosley ACF re sand mining leases on Hinchinbrook Island and his desire to visit island. Also from Qld Conservator of Forests (Haley) and VB Sullivan (Lands Minister) to Geoff Mosley re his (Mosley's) proposal to have the island declared "a primitive area".

- JBC/CORR/19/8 3 Sept 1970 Mosley to V.B. Sullivan (Minister for Lands, Brisbane), encouragement of conservation of wilderness and a particular focus on Hinchinbrook Island.
- JBC/CORR/19/9 15 Sept 1970 Sullivan to Mosley, receipt of letter JBC/CORR/19/8, will pass on to the Conservator of Forests.
- JBC/CORR/19/10 20 Sept 1970 J.G. Mosley (Australian Conservation Foundation) to JB, enclosing a reply to a letter about Hinchinbrook Island, general conservation issues.
- JBC/CORR/19/11 20 Sept 1970 Mosley to JB, conservation information.
- JBC/CORR/19/12 22 Sept 1970 Haley to Mosley, receipt of letter JBC/CORR/19/7, discussion of developments already started or approved on Hinchinbrook Island, will continue to look into the declaration of wilderness areas as it pertains to the island.
- JBC/CORR/19/13 21 May 1984 J. Maitland (Secretary, Queensland Colliery Employees Union) to Peter Beattie (State Secretary, Australian Labor Party), discussion of coal mining policy.
- JBC/CORR/19/14 no date A. Fitzgibbons (Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Queensland) and H. Hendrikx (Senior Tutor, Department of Economics, University of Queensland) to unknown, please find enclosed the paper "An economic evaluation of the proposed Cooloola land mining project." Possible typing errors in letter as a published article is referenced several times in the archive and online as "An economic

evaluation of the proposed Cooloola sand mining project” from Fitzgibbons and Hendrix, published in Economic Analysis and Policy, Volume 1, Pages 58-73, 1970.

- JBC/CORR/19/15 no date Australian itinerary for Mr C. Gordon Fredine, Chief, Division of International Affairs, U.S. National Park Service. Dates October 3 (no year) to November 15.
- JBC/CORR/19/16 no date Copy of newspaper article titled “Stress Need T[missing text] Barrier Reef. Newspaper unknown, author unknown. Photographer Alex Trotter so likely the Townsville Bulletin.
- JBC/CORR/19/17 no date 4 typed pages, first page has a handwritten note: My notes from Gillett “The Great Barrier Reef.”
- JBC/CORR/19/18 no date 14 pages, each page titled “Point 1” through to “Point 14”. Possibly for presentation at the Royal Commission.
- JBC/CORR/19/19 no date 11 pages of handwritten notes regarding exhibits and arguments, notes possibly taken through the course of the Royal Commission.
- JBC/CORR/19/20 no date 4 pages of handwritten notes. 2 pages contain apparent quotes from President Kennedy and the Duke of Edinburgh.
- JBC/CORR/19/21 no date 23 pages of handwritten notes regarding an oil spill in American waters.
- JBC/CORR/19/22 no date 3 pages of handwritten notes, first page titled “Cardwell Gap.”
- JBC/CORR/19/23 no date 2 pages of handwritten notes, regarding Bramston Beach near Babinda, north Queensland and ownership of land, logging activities and conservation information.
- JBC/CORR/19/24 no date 4 pages of handwritten notes, conservation information and history of locations in north Queensland.
- JBC/CORR/19/25 no date Letter, possibly a draft, regarding the importance of protecting the GBR.
- JBC/CORR/19/26 Map of Hinchinbrook Island and surrounding area.
- JBC/CORR/19/27 Map of Johnstone River, Russell River, Bramton Beach areas.
- JBC/CORR/19/28 Map of Rockingham and Bingil Bay area.