



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

Springbrook Mountain Community  
Springbrook, Queensland  
Australia 4213

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 June 2026, addressed to the Australia National Commission for UNESCO, regarding activities related to preparations for the 2032 Olympic Games proposed to take place in the vicinity of Springbrook National Park. I understand you are concerned such activities might impact on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia.

Under the [Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999](#) (EPBC Act), the OUV of Australia's World Heritage Properties is protected as a matter of national environmental significance (MNES). Any action that will have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on a MNES must be referred to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment for a decision on whether the action is a 'controlled action'. Controlled actions undergo rigorous impact assessment and are not permitted to proceed without approval.

The Australian Government is aware the Gold Coast City Council is investigating the possibility of constructing a cableway in Springbrook National Park. The Gold Coast City Council has been informed of its legal obligations under the EPBC Act to refer such actions.

No proposals for major development adjacent to the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia have been referred under the EPBC Act to date. Additional information on the referral process and the different MNES is available on [our website](#). All projects referred to us under the EPBC Act can be accessed via the [EPBC Act Public Portal](#). Public comments can also be provided on referred projects. If you are aware of any developments underway which might significantly impact on a MNES, please contact the [National Environmental Protection Agency](#).

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leanne Burrows".

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