

State Government needs to take action on Aquis now

THE State Government must act immediately or we can all watch the Aquis ship and its bounty sail out of the (undredged) Trinity Inlet.

At least Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk could give us something to keep our hopes up, something more than the tired old “we are still having positive dialogue with the Aquis proponents”.

The longer [this project is delayed](#), the stronger the stench of bureaucracy-induced failure hanging around it.

For more than two years the State Government – both the LNP and ALP – have kept asking the developers to jump through flaming hoops on a unicycle over a shark-filled pool.

When the Fung family clears one obstacle, the government has just unapologetically added another one.

Meanwhile, the ACT officialdom has rolled out the red carpet and reaped the rewards – rewards that could have been reaped by Cairns and the Far North.

The Fungs have sponsored the ACT Brumbies Super Rugby team and are now looking at splurging more than \$300 million on upgrading Canberra’s casino.

And the Gold Coast also looks set to gain from this bureaucratic dithering.

The Fungs have bought up huge swaths of prime real estate on and around the so-called Glitter Strip and seem to be setting themselves up to make their mark there with some big developments.

Meanwhile, thousands of business owners, real estate speculators and investors are enduring an agonising wait for something to happen at Yorkeys Knob.

If the Fungs walk away from Cairns, heads should roll in the halls of state parliament.