



Lawrence Springborg has his macarena moment yesterday

Borg springs to the right but in dance he has two left feet

IN Cairns it was the singing Borg. By yesterday in Townsville it was the dancing Borg.

In an interview (of sorts) on one of those 'young' FM stations, the jocks convinced Lawrence Springborg to dance while he answered inane questions – because politicians are always dancing around their questions. Get it?

He took a lot of convincing but it was ultimately The Borg's macarena moment, with every journo in the room wincing in a collective cringe. The resulting 'dance' defied description. The Southern Downs Shuffle? The

Pastoralist Paso Doble?

Whatever, unlike Pauline Hanson, The Borg is unlikely to be getting the call from the boys at *Dancing With The Stars* any time soon.

Later he had this to say: "The last few days have proved that I can neither sing nor dance, no one should be surprised about that. I now know how Costello felt with the macarena. I think there needs to be a line in the sand, as some people say that my performing skills couldn't get worse. I believe they could, so there needs to be a line in the sand."

\$1.5m to give Kirra a break

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It's 50-50 now

EXCAVATION work will begin within months to move sand off the Kirra reef in a \$1.5 million interim plan to restore the world-famous surfing beach to its past glory.

Premier Anna Bligh last night told *The Bulletin* a long-term strategy was also being developed to permanently solve the problem.

"For the past eight years this beach has been slowly transforming from a world-famous surfing destination to a flat expanse of sand and water," she said.

"We will immediately put \$1.5 million towards excavation work to relocate up to 200,000 cubic metres of sand.

"The sand will be moved towards the shore to create sand dunes.

"Moving the sand in this way will allow tidal forces to move additional sand off the reef which should begin to restore the normal wave activity that Kirra was famous for.

"We are working with nature, and it is impossible to say how quickly the beach can return to normal, but this \$1.5 million will be the first step towards a more permanent solution to the problems at Kirra."

Ms Bligh said the excavation plan would be backed up by moves to co-operate with the NSW Government and the Gold Coast City Council to alleviate the long-term cause of the problem.

"We have already entered into negotiations with NSW Lands Minister Tony Kelly to make changes to the Tweed River entrance sand bypassing," she said.

Mr Kelly confirmed to *The Bulletin* last night that he would

LAWRENCE Springborg welcomed the news but was cautious, and Premier Anna Bligh found little to smile at when a poll was released late yesterday showing 50-50 support for the Liberal National Party and Labor in Queensland.

Mr Springborg said the results of the Galaxy poll, released on *The Courier-Mail* website at 5pm yesterday, were 'very encouraging'.

But Ms Bligh, commenting as she was about to board a flight to Rockhampton where she was campaigning last night, said the poll confirmed the election was going to be tough.

The poll showed the LNP's primary vote up two points since November to 43 per cent, with Labor on 42 per cent. It put the two-party preferred result at 50-50.

attend a meeting at Kirra beach on March 6. Mr Kelly will meet with ALP Currumbin candidate Michael Riordan, Coolangatta councillor Chris Robbins and Save Kirra Committee members.

Ms Bligh said Mr Riordan had campaigned tirelessly for action to restore the beach.

"He has worked hard to bring this issue to my attention and he has never stopped campaigning to find a solution," she said.

Mr Riordan welcomed the Premier's commitment.

"Kirra beach is an icon but it's missing its great surf break. We need to get that surf break back. That's what I and so many people from all walks of life have been working towards," he said.

"It's important to our lifestyle, to business and, more importantly, to the environment."