



Hon Kate Jones MP

Member for Ashgrove

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for Climate Change
and Sustainability**

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 6 August 2009, to the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and a copy of the wording of petition No. 1275-09 concerning Lake Apex in Gatton. Your letter has been forwarded to my office for direct reply.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Environment and Resource Management has conducted an investigation into the clearing of the island at Lake Apex. The compliance response is currently being considered in accordance with the Department's Enforcement Guidelines.

The breeding places of protected wildlife cannot be interfered with unless approved under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The Department is responding to ensure the Act is complied with at Lake Apex.

If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Dart of my office on telephone 3336 8032.

Yours sincerely



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