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**Hon Steve Dickson MP**  
Member for Buderim



**Queensland  
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**Minister for National Parks,  
Recreation, Sport and Racing**

**18 JUN 2012**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 23 May 2012 enclosing copies of e-Petition No. 1722-11 and Paper Petition No.1869-12, lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petitions draw to the attention of the House that the current management practices and policies of Fraser Island, including the management of the dingo, are not meeting the needs and expectations of the community.

The Petitioners therefore request the House change the way the Government manages Fraser Island and to require that all future decisions in relation to the management of Fraser Island have the supporting agreement of the Butchulla People.

This Government is committed to commencing an independent scientific review of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy within the first 100 days of being elected. A process is currently underway to ensure that this commitment is met.

With respect to the agreement of the Butchulla People, their advice is sought through the Fraser Island World Heritage Area (FIWHA) Indigenous Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee has one representative from each of the eight Butchulla family groups and provides advice to the FIWHA Management Committee on matters relating to the protection, conservation, presentation and management of the FIWHA.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service manages Fraser Island under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*. The management of Fraser Island balances cultural, ecological and environmental values with substantial visitor management.

This Government is committed to ensuring the long term survival of a healthy and sustainable wild dingo population on Fraser Island while supporting the Island's potential as a tourism destination.

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Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Ross Belcher, Regional Manager (Great Sandy) of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing on telephone 4121 1855.

Yours sincerely

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