



Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich



**Queensland
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Minister for Transport

Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1351-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Glen Elmes MP, Member for Noosa, on 24 November 2009 about the Noosa River Plan.

Maritime Safety Queensland, an agency attached to my department, is responsible for the management of unseaworthy and abandoned ships in Queensland waters and for ensuring that vessels posing a safety risk or a threat to the marine environment must be removed from the water.

I am advised by Maritime Safety Queensland that following written direction, the owner of the old vehicle ferry at Lake Cooroibah has removed the vessel to Tewantin Slipway for demolition and disposal.

The houseboat off Goat Island is currently being demolished by the owner and is expected to be removed from the water within the next few weeks depending on weather conditions.

I am pleased with the progress and action exercised by Maritime Safety Queensland and the respective owners. More importantly, the cost of these removals has not been a burden to the people of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 25 November 2009 regarding the Petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 1351-09.

I note the contents of the Petition and advise that the Noosa River Plan is still being implemented. The Department of Environment and Resource Management (the department) convened a meeting of State agencies, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (the council) and community and industry representatives on 18 September 2009 to consider the Noosa River Plan. It was agreed at this meeting that of the 74 actions contained within the Plan, all but 11 have either been completed or have become routine business of the State Government or the council.

Subsequent to this meeting the council advised that an additional action had been identified as requiring some additional work to complete. Of the 12 outstanding actions, agreement was reached on how these actions can be resolved.

It is pleasing to note that of the 12 outstanding actions only one requires action from the department. Under the Noosa River Plan action 4.5.1 the department is required to develop a data base of jetties within the river. I have been informed work on this action has commenced.

I also note the concerns in regard to dilapidated and half sunken craft in the Noosa River and an unmanned, unlit and unanchored car ferry in Lake Cooroibah, in the upper reaches of the Noosa River. As these matters are within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Rachel Nolan MP, Minister for Transport I have referred this matter to the Minister for her response.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ken Murray, Manager Planning and Assessment South East Region of the department on telephone 5451 2289.

Yours sincerely

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