



Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: MC46344

Minister for Transport

Your ref: Petitions

20 JAN 2010

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000


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.

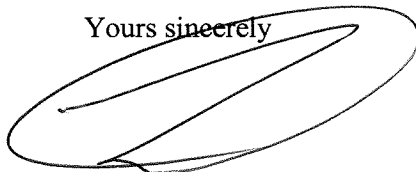
Maritime Safety Queensland, an agency attached to my department, is responsible for the management of unseaworthy and abandoned ships in Queensland waters and for ensuring that vessels posing a safety risk or a threat to the marine environment must be removed from the water.

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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