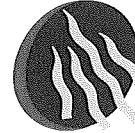




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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 19 May 2010 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1435-10 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the Queensland Government's Green Queensland promises stated on their website, be implemented as a priority for protection of the unique flora and fauna habitat in the Eerwah Vale and Ridgewood area. The Petition requests that the House protect this area as promised.

Regrettably, the Petition does not provide any detail concerning the particular area that the petitioners desire to have protected. The habitat in the Eerwah Vale and Ridgewood areas is already protected in the Mount Eerwah and Tuchekoi Conservation Parks, the Mapleton Forest Reserve, and the West Cooroy State Forest. The latter two mentioned areas are to be converted to National Parks under the South East Queensland Forest Agreement, which will provide a further degree of protection to these valuable habitats.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tim Ellis of the department on telephone 3330 5391.

Yours sincerely

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