



Hon Kate Jones MP
Member for Ashgrove



**Queensland
Government**

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**Minister for Climate Change
and Sustainability**

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2010 enclosing a copy of Petitions No.1481-10 and 1495-10 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petitions request that the House immediately install bank erosion control strategies to protect three specific bloodwood trees in Sunjewel Environmental Park, Currimundi to prevent them from falling into Currimundi Creek South Arm, Currimundi.

I am advised that the Department of Environment and Resource Management has met with representatives of Currimundi Catchment Care Group and Sunshine Coast Regional Council in relation to the community concerns about the trees mentioned in the petition.

During these meetings, the Department has advised the community that it will support recommended mitigation measures that the council proposes, as these measures are based on several scientific reports on the Currimundi Creek catchment which have recently been finalised by the council. The proposed mitigation measures constitute impact assessable development under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and, as such, they must be assessed and conditioned to ensure the structures meet with the provisions of the legislation and supporting policies and standards.

To date, the Department has not received a formal application from the council for any bank stabilisation work along Currimundi Creek. When an application is received, the department has committed to streamline the assessment of the development approval to ensure the works can progress as soon as possible.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ben Sale of the Department on telephone 5459 6136.

Yours sincerely

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