



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 27 October 2010 to the Honourable Karen Struthers MP, Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1423-10 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

As the matter falls under my portfolio responsibilities, your letter has been referred to me for a direct reply. This letter was received in my Office on 29 November 2010.

Springbrook Mountain is an iconic natural area. The World Heritage listed Springbrook National Park is severely fragmented; wildlife movement is hindered (by previous periods) of clearing and disturbed habitat.

To address this issue and improve the natural environment, the Government has voluntarily acquired 705 hectares of rainforest under threat, or areas where rehabilitation will restore critical links in the landscape. This land will be transferred in to the World Heritage listed national park.

This is a project of the utmost importance to conservation in this region.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ross MacLeod of the department on telephone 33305394.

Yours sincerely



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