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Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc. wrote to UNESCO in October 2009 about the plight of the Fraser Island Dingoes. We also sent a DVD depicting the terrible ear tagging the dingo pups and juveniles were having to endure.

We received a reply, for which we thank you, stating that a memo would be sent to all contacts, and that a letter had been written to an Australian Minister, however it was not stated to which Minister this letter was addressed.

Two years on, there has been very little improvement as far as starvation issues are concerned. Thousands of people around Australia are in protest against the treatment of this animal, particularly since the dingo is considered an integral part of this World Heritage listed National Park and as such should be accorded the appropriate duty of care, let alone the basic issue of animal cruelty.

The Dingo is also listed as a "Vulnerable" species under the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List and is considered to be facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.

Below is the link to a documentary made by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, (ABC, Australian Story, Dogs of War). After it aired on National T.V. there was, and still is a tremendous public outcry demanding an immediate change to the Management of the Fraser Island Dingo and that an independent review be immediately conducted on the Management Strategy.

The current Strategy was formulated in 2001 and the only reviews to date have been carried out by the authors of the original Strategy, this is considered to be both inappropriate and unethical.

Another point of contention is, the Animal Ethics Committee members who are responsible for monitoring animals used for scientific procedures such as tagging,

tranquilizing, trapping and aversive conditioning, are employed by the same University as the staff that instigated the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy, therefore compromising the integrity of their recommendations.

Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc. has therefore written a letter to Ms. Kate Jones, Queensland Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, seeking an independent review take place, as a matter of urgency.

We will also be requesting that a study be carried out on what natural food is available for the dingo . Emaciated dingoes are constantly viewed by tourists and this is extremely upsetting to anyone who visits Fraser Island. We have many reports and testimony to this fact.

The solution is not to remove the dingoes but to adopt a more humane and sustainable management plan. For instance, in African National Parks, we have been informed that animals are supplement fed when food sources are scarce. The present Government will not even consider this as a solution for the Fraser Island Dingo, in fact if an animal is injured, or found to be sick, it is not administered any assistance by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers. In National Parks worldwide there is a protocol for treating injured wildlife, this should also be the case on Fraser Island.

Due to Public reaction via letters and phone calls to Ms. Kate Jones, we at Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc. with the assistance of Solicitor Marilyn Nuske from Ocean Legal Queensland, formulated the attached letter which was forwarded to the Minister, we are still waiting for a reply.

Save Fraser Island Dingoes respectfully requests Mr Jung, will you support our endeavours and ask that Ms. Jones implement an urgent, independent review of the Government's treatment of the last pure breed of dingoes in Australia? The Fraser Island Dingo is an iconic emblem of Australia and is part of the eco-system of the Great Sandy Straits and most importantly, of World Heritage Listed Fraser Island.

In the eyes and hearts of the Indigenous caretaker's, the Butchulla People, their dingo is as much a loved part of the Island as the sand, water, vegetation, and as such should be treated with the same dignity and respect. We would not condone the interference with and destruction of the precious World Heritage Listed Fraser Island, so then how can we condone the mal-treatment of the Fraser Island Dingo?

Mr Jung, we seek your urgent assistance.

Thank you for your time,

Kind regards,

Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc.