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ANOTHER DINGO DEATH ON FRASER ISLAND.

The first dingo of the year has just been destroyed on Fraser Island. What will this years toll be? A woman was bitten on the upper arm outside of the Eurong resort, the animal was caught and killed immediately.

Mating usually occurs in autumn/early winter and on the Island it is a time of turmoil for the dingo families, animals are territorial protecting their dens and newborn pups. It is also a time when incidents are most likely to occur.

This negative encounter could have been avoided if the person involved had acted appropriately, but this is not always going to happen regardless of how much information is provided. The consequence is someone is injured and another dingo is 'humanely euthanased.'

With the revised Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS) about to be released it is imperative other solutions are considered. It is not acceptable that dingoes are still being destroyed.

A proposal has been made to relocate 'problem' animals to a Wildlife Sanctuary. Since these animals are considered dangerous because, according to QPWS, they have been habituated to human presence and have no fear of people, and also, according to QPWS records, are for the most part, juveniles who actively seek to interact with people., it would not be unreasonable to believe they would adjust well to a Wildlife Sanctuary.

SFID Inc. requests that the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Hon. Steve Dickson consider this alternative as soon as possible. The continued destruction of dingoes is a major concern to all conservationists and wildlife advocates.

We are all waiting in anticipation for the release of the revised FIDMS.

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