

# **Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc.** (1A37577 CP 5365)

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### **Death Watch for Fraser Island Dingoes..**

Easter on Fraser Island may be a time of fun and frivolity for the tourist, but for the native Fraser Island dingo it is a time of destruction and death.

With the backing of an inept bureaucracy, rangers are virtually given 'carte blanche' to eliminate dingoes they consider to be a problem. An animal can be reported for simply being curious or walking through a recognised visitor site, once the dingo becomes a nuisance it rarely reaches adulthood.

April is breeding season, animals are more active, more territorial and more likely to come into conflict with visitors. This should be taken into consideration and more rangers should be monitoring the behaviour of tourists, rather than destroying dingoes.

Already the local media have been headlining news that a dangerous pack of animals are stalking helpless visitors. The timing, one week before the Easter onslaught of tourists, is hardly a coincidence, in fact, it happens every year and is a prelude to the annual cull of animals in the name of protecting visitors.

How many animals will be destroyed this Easter?

How long can the population sustain the continued 'protection' of the Dept. Environment and Resource Management?

According to DERM, at least 100 animals perish each year of natural causes, this does not factor in animals destroyed by rangers. Is this acceptable?

According to DERM a healthy population is living inland and thriving on whale and dugong. Could DERM explain how this is possible?

It is time for change, a change in management and management practices. The LNP have promised an independent review, but it wont save the pups destined for destruction over this holiday period. Lets hope next year will be a safer and more secure environment for our Island dingo.

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