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Dingo deaths on Fraser Island continue, but there is hope for a Wildlife Care Centre.

The recent destruction by QPWS of another dingo on Fraser Island indicates the policy of euthanasia has not changed, despite the release of the new Fraser Island Dingo Conservation and Risk Management Strategy (FIDCRMS).

The juvenile could be recognised by his damaged ear. This occurred when QPWS rangers decided to ear tag him whilst just a pup. The botched attempt left his ear permanently deformed.

At that time it was predicted by Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc. (SFID) that this pup would not survive. When QPWS classified him as 'habituated' at four months of age his fate was sealed.

In a Media Release dated 8th. Nov 2012, SFID stated "Since this pup will no longer be able to hunt successfully and possibly be excluded from the family group it will commence scavenging from human food sources and will ultimately be destroyed. This is the fate that awaits another Fraser Island dingo and the cycle continues." This statement has now become a reality and QPWS are currently hunting another unfortunate animal.

Dingoes are still being destroyed, how does this support the newly released Dingo Management Strategy where Conservation and Animal Welfare are supposedly the key objectives?

During a recent visit to the Fraser Coast, Australian Independent Leader, Dr. Patricia Petersen acknowledged the need to protect the Fraser Island dingo and the necessity of a Wildlife Care Centre on the Island. Dr. Petersen made a commitment to fully fund the establishment of a Centre which would focus on the rescue and rehabilitation of all injured and sick native wildlife. SFID welcomes this initiative.

Whilst SFID is in discussions with the LNP regarding the establishment of a Care Centre, according to the government, this would need to be funded by the public. A pledge for assistance is now under way and has received considerable support from Industry and individuals, but the time frame for such a project is long term. Dr. Petersen has stated the need for the Centre is a matter of urgency.

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