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Fraser Island Dingo Incident reports.

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Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc. recently obtained documents through Right to Information (RTI) These documents reveal the number of incident reports generated over a 12 month period, all related to apparent dingo indiscretions which include such offences as loitering, stealing food and exhibiting curious behaviour.

At least fifteen hundred pages of observations and recommendations have been released. Inky, the camp dog, who was shot by QPWS staff on 22 Oct 2011, received twenty-five Incident Reports, five on the same day and two at the same time, this seems highly unlikely.

Byron, the brother of Inky, was also identified for 'humane destruction' after receiving five Code C and five Code D Incidents, this included loitering, stealing food and dominance towards humans, according to the reports he did not nip, bite or act aggressively. Resort staff agree, Byron was a placid and playful pup and did not deserve his fate.

Records indicate at least seven dingoes were 'humanely destroyed' between Jan and Oct 2012. Ten animals died from other causes, such as vehicle strike. Exact number of deceased animals is impossible to determine as not all are recorded.

It is difficult to understand how such a small population of dingoes could generate so many incidents. Perhaps the time and resources required in writing reports and stalking dingoes would be much better spent on educating and monitoring tourist behaviour.

The Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS) review will soon be released, we ask that the Minister, Andrew Powell, commit to a complete and comprehensive re-evaluation of the current method of reporting incidents and identifying animals for destruction. The future of the population now rests in the hands of government.

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