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MEDIA STATEMENT.

Fraser Island dingo fence.

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The 1.8 km fence at Cathedrals Campground on Fraser Island has recently been completed. The fence was a recommendation made by the Ecosure review of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy in 2012.

Cathedrals Campground is frequented by many tourists, the dingoes are inquisitive and natural scavengers, this has resulted in incidents occurring between visitor's and dingoes which are then reported as negative encounters. Unfortunately, many animals have been destroyed. The fence does not inhibit the dingoes from hunting or accessing territory, but does reduce human/visitor conflict, **therefore we see it as necessary in an effort to prevent interaction with campers and prevent further dingo deaths.**

Whilst the fence deters interaction within the campground, tourists need to remember that the Island is a wilderness area, abide by the rules and do not interfere or approach the wildlife.

Education is important to protect both visitors and dingoes, the new dingo information shelter at Central Station is welcomed by the community, but an Education/Cultural Centre is still needed and would further enhance the visitor experience as well as provide a history of the Island.

Furthermore, there is no information provided on the barges, this is an excellent opportunity missed to reinforce dingo safe behaviour before visitors reach the Island. We hope these projects will be considered in future planning.

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