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Media Statement.

Another dingo Incident on Fraser Island.

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Another incident on Fraser Island during a peak holiday period, unfortunately a 6 year old child was bitten on the buttocks.

Considering the volume of cars and visitors to the Island it is inevitable that wildlife/ visitor encounters will continue to occur. It also seems inevitable that the wildlife will continue to pay the price.

The influx of thousands of tourists during these peak periods clearly disturbs the wildlife and damages the environment. Some animals succumb to vehicle strikes, interference of their habitat, and dingoes are destroyed for what is considered aggressive behaviour.

As a World Heritage listed Island the flora and fauna should be the most important consideration. The University of the Sunshine Coast intends to undertake a research project beginning in 2017 to determine how to minimise the impact of vehicle traffic. This is a much needed study.

Although there are countless signs on the Island regarding appropriate behaviour, including keeping children close and supervised, there seems to be little responsibility placed on the visitors.

Perhaps families with young children should consider staying in fenced areas. After all that is why they were erected. There certainly needs to be more consultation to prevent these negative encounters and protect both wildlife and visitors.

It is not only the dingo that is impacted. (see photo)

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