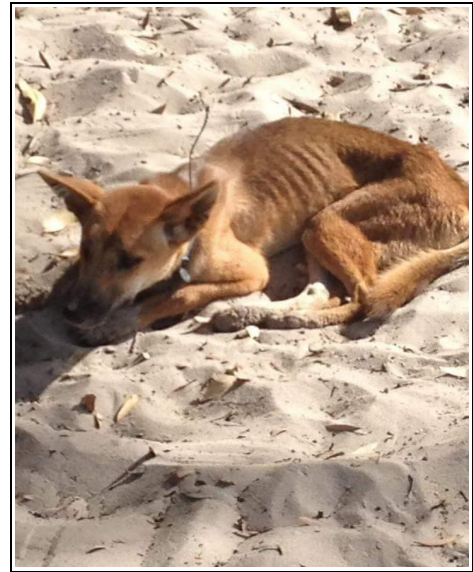




Fraser Island Dingo photo goes viral.

A photo of an emaciated, collared Fraser Island dingo has gone viral on social media. It was taken by a visitor concerned at the obvious poor condition of the animal and questioning why the authorities had a large collar around its neck. The purpose of the collar is to track animals that are considered to be a 'problem' and monitor their behaviour. Was the well-being and health of this animal also being monitored?



The government website states that 'fraser Island dingoes are naturally lean' is this what the authorities consider lean?

Animal welfare remains a contentious issue. This animal was collared and tagged so it seems the policy of 'non-interference' does not always apply and the question remains, should this animal have received the care and consideration it obviously needed?

The photo was taken early February, the body of this juvenile female was found some weeks later in a creek near Kingfisher, therefore it is difficult to understand the purpose of the collars since they are obviously not monitoring the animals.

Recently three dingo pups died from unknown causes, veterinary assistance consisted of a phone call to the mainland, this is inadequate. A Wildlife Care Facility is needed on the Island to treat and care for all species of injured and sick native animals, but to date the government believes this is not necessary .

Easter is always a time for concern as thousands of tourists again descend on the Island. We ask that visitors be mindful of the environment and the wildlife. If anyone sees an animal in distress or persons acting inappropriately contact the authorities..

