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Tourists on Fraser Island must be fined for irresponsible behaviour.

In a recent incident on Fraser Island a German tourist fell asleep on a bush track in the early hours of the morning, apparently after a night of partying. This only highlights the fact that tourists need to be monitored and held accountable for their irresponsible behaviour. The Island is not a playground but a wilderness area and needs to be respected as such.

There are too many reports of foolish behaviour, one such example is of an intoxicated tourist rubbing barbecue grease on his body and then enticing a dingo to lick his hands, he was then nipped and the animal coded aggressive. No action was taken against the tourist.

This is not acceptable and a review of legislation is needed which would require tourists to be responsible for their own personal safety and an 'enter at own risk' policy should be implemented, which is the case in National Parks worldwide.

These incidents always result in animals being destroyed. Fraser Island is dingo territory, tourists are visitors and should abide by the rules and regulations of the land. Let's not destroy animals because of the careless behaviour of a few irresponsible people.

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