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SFID MEDIA STATEMENT.

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Visitor numbers not capped.

The Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Leanne Linard, stated that there will be no cap to visitor numbers to K'gari (Fraser Island) as this already exists due to vehicles requiring permits. The fact is the number of permits does not reflect the number of visitors.

The figures are not collected for the visitor numbers travelling in exempt vehicles, that includes property owners and their guests, residents and their immediate families, people working on K]gari or vehicles on a 12 month permit.

Therefore to say visitor numbers are capped is certainly not the case and only reflects the fact that tourism continues to take precedence over conservation of the environment and wildlife.

Tourism is important, but it must be sustainably managed.

The Minister recently visited K'gari for discussions, apart from destroying a 'problem' dingo (wongari), the public and local community would like to know what measures will now be implemented to enhance the safety of both visitors and wildlife.

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