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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 5 June 2008 concerning Petition No. 1017-08 about the National Trust of Queensland's management of the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS).

The relationship between the National Trust of Queensland and the CWS is governed by the *National Trust of Queensland Act 1963* and the *Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Act 1976*. The National Trust and the CWS Advisory Board have recently been considering options for the governance of the National Trust and the CWS. The separation into two discrete entities was considered as one of the options. However, the National Trust and the CWS Advisory Board have decided to trial a partnership governance model. This management model can be established under the existing legislative framework.

While I am aware that there has, in the past, been some public disquiet about the National Trust's management of the CWS, I note that previous allegations of financial impropriety were referred to the Government Audit Office and no wrongdoing was established. I consider the management of the CWS to be an operational matter for the National Trust and can see no current need for Government intervention.

The Government is committed to the CWS and the National Trust discharging their respective responsibilities in accordance with their governing legislation and in the best interests of the Queensland community.

Yours sincerely

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