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	MP: Hon A McNamara
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 18 April 2008 concerning Petition No. 1029-08 regarding the dingo deterrent fencing at Happy Valley on Fraser Island.

I am fully aware that some people, particularly residents, are not happy with the decision to erect fencing around Eurong and Happy Valley townships.

Community engagement and intensive education and compliance programs have not succeeded in changing some residents' and visitors' attitudes and behaviour towards dingoes as evidenced by continued incidents. Persistent, illegal and reckless feeding of dingoes in townships creates habituated and aggressive animals that pose a serious threat to humans, particularly children.

However, I am greatly encouraged that dingo-deterrent fencing has proved to be a very effective technique in minimising negative dingo-human interactions elsewhere on Fraser Island. In every location it has been installed, the risk has been reduced.

I should like to thank the petitioners for their interest in this issue.

Yours sincerely

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