



Hon Andrew McNamara MP
Member for Hervey Bay



**Minister for Sustainability,
Climate Change and Innovation**

Ref: Petition No. 1054-08
SU/08/2061

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 May 2008 concerning Petition No. 1054-08 regarding the management of the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) by the National Trust of Queensland (NTQ).

The petition makes a number of requests concerning the management of the CWS, in particular that the CWS be separated from the NTQ and managed as a statutory body, and that no funds associated with the CWS be paid to the NTQ.

The CWS is owned by the NTQ, and managed under its own CWS Advisory Board, subject to provisions of the *Currumbin Bird Sanctuary Act 1976* and the *National Trust of Queensland Act 1963*. The use of funds associated with the CWS are regulated by these two Acts, and I can advise that no alleged impropriety by the NTQ or CWS has been substantiated.

The NTQ is currently working with the CWS Advisory Board to develop restructuring options aimed at achieving satisfactory outcomes for both the CWS and NTQ. Any change in ownership or management arrangements for the CWS would need to be approved by the Governor in Council.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Ken Horrigan of the Environmental Protection Agency on telephone 3227 6490.

Yours sincerely

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