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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2004 forwarding a copy of the petitions received by the House on 2 September 2004 regarding the possible loss of horse riding enthusiasts' rights to ride horses in Mapleton Forest, in light of the tenure allocation process resulting from the South East Queensland Forests Agreement (SEQFA).

The implementation of the SEQFA is in its final stages. A former Minister for Environment, the Honourable Dean Wells MP, received recommendations for future tenures for all of the 23 planning areas and some of these have been announced.

I am currently being briefed on all community consultation group recommendations for the remaining planning areas, including Mapleton, and will consider all issues carefully before determining final tenure.

I understand and appreciate the commitment of recreation groups to the SEQFA consultation process. I am soon to meet with Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, who is representing the interests of both his constituents and members of the horse riding community on this important issue.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Women