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

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 October 2004 forwarding a copy of the petitions received by the House on 29 and 30 September 2004 regarding the possible loss of horse riding enthusiasts' rights to ride in former South East Queensland State Forests 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.

Since my subsequent appointment as Minister for Environment, I have been briefed on all community consultation group recommendations for the remaining planning areas and will consider each issue carefully before final tenures are determined.

The comments in the petitions have been noted and I understand and appreciate the commitment of recreation groups to the SEQFA consultation process.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

**Desley Boyle MP**  
**Minister for Environment**  
**Minister for Local Government and Planning**  
**Minister for Women**