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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2005 concerning a petition received by the House on 29 November 2005 regarding the sale of Little Goat Island in the Pumicestone Passage Marine Park by the National Trust of Queensland.

More than 95 percent of Little Goat Island is already afforded the substantial protection of the Morteon Bay Marine Park, and any proposal to develop the balance of the property will be subject to rigorous assessment under a range of legislation designed to protect the natural and heritage values of our State.

This high level of protection ensures any proposal will be assessed against the objectives of the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*, the State Coastal Plan 2002, and the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

In addition, the Island was nominated to the Queensland Heritage Register in September 2005. The Queensland Heritage Council (QHC) will assess the nomination against the requirements of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* and, if the QHC decides to enter it in the Queensland Heritage Register, further levels of protection would apply. Any Indigenous cultural heritage values are protected by the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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