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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 9 March 2006 concerning a petition received by the House on 8 March 2006 regarding camping at Inskip Point.

On 15 March 2006, I convened and met with a Working Group of key stakeholders whom I invited to provide advice and help identify solutions for the management of sustainable camping at Inskip Point. The Working Group included representatives of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, the Cooloola Shire Council, the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Health, the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water, Rainbow Beach businesses and of the broader community. The Member for Gympie, Elisa Roberts MP, and the Member for Ipswich West, Don Livingstone MP, also attended the meeting.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in this issue and I look forward to the Working Group's contribution towards finding a solution that meets the growing demand for camping opportunities in Cooloola without degrading the magnificent natural assets that attract campers to the area in the first place.

Yours sincerely

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