



Hon Andrew McNamara MP
Member for Hervey Bay



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

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Petition 945-07

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

Thank you for your letter of 19 November 2007 relating to Petition No. 945-07 concerning support for the acquisition of land at Miara for National Park purposes.

I am aware that the lessee has listed the leases for sale as part of its planned divestment of its landholding in that area. I am also aware that the State land contains significant areas mapped as containing endangered and 'of concern' vegetation, and the local community is seeking to ensure that action towards the permanent protection of these values is taken as soon as possible.

As the Department of Natural Resources and Water is the lead agency for dealing with State lands, I have written to the Minister for Natural Resources and Water, requesting his support in ensuring that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is involved in any decision concerning potential dealings with the subject leasehold land and in ensuring that an appropriate protective management regime is made a condition of any transfer approval.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tim Ellis of the EPA on telephone 3227 6198.

Yours sincerely

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