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Dr Jacqueline Dewar
Secretary
Senate Environment Communications
Information Technology and the Arts Reference Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA QLD 2600



Dear Dr Dewar

Inquiry into Australia's National Parks, Conservation Reserves And Marine Protected Areas

Following our telephone conversation dated the 8th March 2006 and in addition to previously forwarding a copy of the LGAQ National Parks Inquiry Final Report 2000 please find outlined below the key National Park issues currently affecting a number of Queensland Councils.

Key issues include:

- inadequate resourcing to adequately manage, contain and/or eradicate pest plants and animals within National Parks;
- inadequate staffing particularly in remote National Parks;
- inadequate resourcing to adequately maintain Park assets e.g. board walks, walking tracks and camping facilities; and
- lack of adequate consultation with affected local governments when conducting Statements of Significance and land use studies, excising areas of National Parks, arbitrary resumptions and road closures.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

The Association's contact on this matter is **Malcolm Petrie, Natural Resource Management Project Coordinator** on (07) 3000 2202 or email (malcolm_petrie@lgaq.asn.au).

Yours sincerely

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