



Speech by

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DINGOES, FRASER ISLAND

Dr KINGSTON (Maryborough—Ind) (12.10 p.m.): I rise to address the issue of poor consideration of suggestions by acknowledged authorities and the experienced residents of Fraser Island concerning the growing problems with dingoes and their close contact with, and growing dependence on, humans for sustenance. During the last session of this parliament I identified a report commissioned by the Beattie government which concluded that there was a danger of a human mortality and that the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service had a duty of care. It appears that that commissioned report by Dr Corbett was ignored and the predicted fatality unfortunately has occurred.

During the public consultation on Fraser Island, the then minister was handed a joint submission from Bruce Jacobs and Fred Williams. This drew on Bruce Jacobs' 25 years of experience of running a dingo tourist farm without a single bad interaction between dingoes and his tourists. Fred Williams, the author of *Written in the Sand*, was well enough regarded by the then Minister for the Arts for him to receive funding to write—and he is still writing—a definitive book about the dingo. Jacobs and Williams then combined to produce a management program to benefit both the dingoes and tourists on Fraser Island. This was the document which was handed to the then minister, and it is a symbiotic solution to the problem. It appears that this report, along with others, has been ignored and we are now seeing the unfortunate consequences.

I seek leave to table the report.

Leave granted.
