

**Question on Notice**  
**No.171**  
**Asked on 28 February 2006**

QUESTION:

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

Following the sale of Little Goat Island by the National Trust, what controls are in place to regulate developments undertaken by the new owner and ensure that the natural and cultural heritage values of the island are maintained in accordance with the principles underpinning the Moreton Bay Marine Park?

ANSWER:

The values of state significance at Little Goat Island will always be protected by a Beattie Government, regardless of who owns it.

Ninety-five point eight percent of the Island is already protected by the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

Any development will be subject to rigorous assessment under our government's modern legislative platform which includes:

- *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*
- *State Coastal Plan 2002*
- *Integrated Planning Act 1997*
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*

In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received a nomination for Little Goat Island to be entered into the Queensland Heritage Register. Should the Queensland Heritage Council consider it to be a place of heritage significance, and if it meets one or more specific criteria, entry in the Queensland Heritage Register would provide Little Goat Island with an additional layer of protection.