

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1785**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 25 November 2008**

QUESTION:

**MS LEE LONG** asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) –

With reference to Brooklyn Station near Mt Carbine in the Tablelands Electorate—  
Have any areas of this station been opened up for use by the public?

ANSWER:

Brooklyn Station was acquired for conservation purposes by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy in 2004, with financial assistance from the Commonwealth Government.

Provisions for public access under this agreement are not within the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Questions about public access of Brooklyn Station as part of the funding agreement should be referred to the Federal Government.

In 2008, the Australian Wildlife Conservancy entered into a Nature Refuge Agreement with the Queensland Government to protect the significant natural and cultural values of the property.

Brooklyn Nature Refuge is of international conservation significance. It is home to more than 90 rare and threatened species and forms part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

A Nature Refuge Agreement does not affect pre-existing property rights or place any obligation on the landholder to allow public access to their property.