

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1808

**asked on Thursday, 12 November 2009**

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MR POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister nominate a Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service officer to be involved in a local task force of Glass House community members interested in ensuring recreational access to National Parks and State Forests, to ensure they remain within current laws, thereby reducing the detrimental impacts on the local protected environment?

### ANSWER:

It is common practice for key Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) officers to participate in meetings or working groups within the local community in which they work.

QPWS officers are actively working with community groups to address issues relating to management of recreational access to natural areas under their jurisdiction or on neighbouring lands.

Each year, the department works cooperatively with individuals and groups such as Queensland Police, local councils, Forest Products Queensland and neighbouring landholders to address inappropriate access issues.

Should a local taskforce be established in the Glass House community which aims to address recreational access to national parks and State forests, I would support local staff being involved.