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## **Dingo policy fails on Fraser**

Whichever way you look at it, the information released by Minister Kate Jones on the feeding habits of Fraser Island dingoes, shows a complete failure by her department to manage these animals.

Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability, Glen Elmes, said “it’s strange that this information is being released just a week before an answer is due to my Question on Notice (see attached) on the issue.”

“We are either talking about 2 different Fraser Islands, where on one the dingo population is starving and on the other the dogs are happily living on human handouts, or the information provided to the media is baseless and just more Labor spin.

“I have over 40 individual dingo autopsy reports, from between 2002 and mid-2005, which shows overwhelmingly that the dingoes on the Fraser Island I know have little or nothing in their intestines. When reading these reports it is rare to find any evidence of them having consumed their natural food sources such as bandicoots, bushrats and goannas.

“Fraser Island dingoes are wild animals and should not be hand fed by anyone. The Government has adopted a policy of jail-type fencing around communities, hazing and culling of the dogs – all of which has only served to alter the eco-balance of the island and destroy the pack / family structure of the dingoes which is critical to their survival.

“I call on Kate Jones to release, immediately, authenticated copies of all of the 92 dingo autopsy reports undertaken between August 2001 and August 2009, as referred to in the newspaper report.

“Only then will we have the true facts.”

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