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**FRASER ISLAND DISCUSSION PAPER**

Glen Elmes, Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability, is again visiting Fraser Island and Hervey Bay. He is accompanied by the Shadow Minister for Tourism, Ray Stevens, and local Member for Hervey Bay, Ted Sorensen.

"I am in the region to discuss and highlight the Opposition's response to the poor management of Fraser Island by years of incompetent practices by successive Labor Governments" said Glen Elmes.

"During my earlier visit to the area in May this year, I quickly realized that a new management plan needs to be put in place to protect both the island and all the inhabitants who call Fraser Island home.

"The Fraser Island Discussion Paper seeks feedback and submissions from individuals and community groups and will enable me, on behalf of the LNP, to prepare a comprehensive policy for the management and protection of Fraser Island. Specific issues include water and soil quality; waste treatment; Dingo management and the use of 4WD hire vehicles.

"In my opinion, measures introduced so far by the Bligh Labor Government have had little or no positive impact on the health of the Island.

"Fraser Island is a World Heritage-listed site and we need to ensure that this status is maintained to a best practice level. An important part of this is to provide new solutions to the current challenges existing on the Island and this discussion paper provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to have their say.

"I encourage everyone to provide their comments on the initiatives proposed in our discussion paper. This input will assist us in developing a comprehensive policy for the good management of the island. Copies of the document are available on my website at [www.glenelmes.com](http://www.glenelmes.com). The closing date for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010." **ENDS**

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