

# Attachment A

## Summary

All the habitat and destruction and desecration of both environmental and Aboriginal cultural heritage values and sites as noted in the following photographs has been done under the "agreed cover" between the EPBC Compliance Section (Qld) and Department (Cth) and Queensland government and its agencies, that these "earthworks" on a World Heritage listed site are for "fire management" purposes; though all media releases from the Queensland government clearly says for "dingo fences" and for the dominant purpose to "protect the public from the dingos.". Fire management is an added criteria to avoid compliance with the EPBC Act.

The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in a response to me dated 12 August 2008, in raising my clients concerns about the EPBC non- involvement on World Heritage listed site and the deliberate destruction and desecration of their cultural heritage values and sites, advised:

*" I am further advised that the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Heritage, Water, and the Arts {the Department} has investigated the clearing and fencing works in terms of possible breaches of the EPBC Act 1999 (Cth) and has now closed the investigation, being satisfied that the compliance action is not required. "* **[copy of letter to be attached in following submission]**

Earlier Department advice to a resident of Happy Valley [dated 29 May 2008] who telephone concerns about these initial earthworks and the Queensland government approved killing of dingos on Fraser Island and how these works and conduct was having a significant impact onto a World Heritage listed site, requested the Department's involvement, the advice provided stated in part:

*" The fire breaks were constructed in accordance with the Fraser Island World Heritage Area Fire Management Strategy....Because the fire breaks are included in the management plan for Fraser island, the clearings of the fire breaks is not an action that triggers a compliance response under the EPBC Act.....Based on the information available, the Department will not be pursuing formal compliance action under the EPBA Act in relation to these matters.....Should you have any queries.....call the contact officer, Michelle Storer on (02) 6275 9254.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Steve Mercer  
Director  
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29 may 2008.*

Fire break by the sea









