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Hon Tim Mulherin MP
Member for Mackay

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Minister for Primary Industries,
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Ms Rhonda Evans
By email: rhondaevans@fitnessmail.net

Dear Ms Evans

I refer to your email of 8 November 2009 concerning Mrs Geraldine Robertson and the seizure and forfeiture of her poodles, which was forwarded to me by the Office of the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Your email referred to matters currently the subject of litigation, and as such, it is inappropriate for me to comment on those matters.

However I wish to take this opportunity to assure you that the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) administers the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* in accordance with its purposes, in particular, to promote the responsible care of animals and protect their welfare.

In administering the Act and in the conduct of litigation under it, the Department observes the State of Queensland's Model Litigant Principles, which reflect the community's and the courts' expectation that the State conduct itself in a manner that exemplifies the principles of justice, so that the power of the State is used for the public good and in the public interest.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Djukic of DEEDI on telephone (07) 3239 3308 or email robert.djukic@deedi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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