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The Honourable Premier of QLD
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Dear Hon Premier Anna Bligh

Is Fraser Island important to you?

Curtis Island in Central Queensland is just as important to the environment and more important to the long term health of Gladstone.

Are you aware of the damaging effect that the proposal by your Government to consider declaring part of Curtis Island a State Development Area will have on this fragile, environmentally sensitive, natural wonderland?

Do you know that State Development Area legislation means that the environment is ignored?

Are you aware that Curtis Island has 1 critically endangered, 5 endangered & 34 vulnerable species as well as being an important Turtle Rookery?

Would any Government with an Environmental conscience take responsibility for an action that wipes out endangered species'?

We are not opposed to industry and we know that it is a necessity. Do you know that there are **other sites available** (e.g. Port Alma) to establish these LNG Plants, that will not affect the fragile, ecologically significant Curtis Island and will not pose a threat to the residents of Gladstone?

Are you aware that Gladstone is **NOT a Natural Deep Water Harbour** and that dredged shipping channels is the only reason that the current harbour functions?

Do you know that further major dredging, including cutting another channel is required to allow LNG ships to operate the proposed Curtis Island LNG Terminal?

Are you aware that the proposed Santos LNG Plant on Curtis Island, in its first stage, will have two jet engines for refrigeration purposes?

Imagine the noise if there were four LNG plants built!

Do you know what the impact of such noise will have on the adjoining National Park?

Do you know that the energy content from 1 (One hundred twenty-five thousand cubic meters) LNG tanker would be the equivalent to seven-tenths of a megaton of TNT or about 55 Hiroshima Bombs?

Are you aware of the **hazard posed to the City of Gladstone** in the event of an LNG Tanker explosion in Gladstone Harbour?

Have you considered the **affect on the QLD economy** in the event of a major catastrophe in the Gladstone Harbour, whereby other shipping and power supply could be interrupted?

Are you considering the impact that any decision to destroy Curtis Island will cause for future generations?

Are you aware that environmental experts such as Prof Thomas Faunce BA LLB (Hons) BMed PhD believe **that “Curtis Island is the lungs of Gladstone”** and “Curtis Island is to Gladstone what Central Park is to New York”?

Curtis Island IS the Lungs of Gladstone!

Will you be happy to be remembered for ripping the lungs out of Gladstone?

I invite you to visit our website www.savecurtisland.com and in particular view the photos that demonstrate what the Bligh Government is proposing to destroy.

I trust that you will be instrumental in persuading your colleagues to make the right decision for future generations and **DECLARE CURTIS ISLAND A NATIONAL PARK.**

Yours sincerely

Geoff Bonney