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Ms Rosa Lee Long MP
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Dear Ms Lee Long 

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2004 making representation on behalf of a constituent who is seeking clarification on the Honourable Rod Welford's statement, at the launch of the new Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), in May 1999.

The following information is provided in answer to your constituent's questions:

- A corporation is an association of individuals, created by law or under authority of law, having a continuous existence irrespective of that of its members, and powers and liabilities distinct from those of its members. A corporation has a legal identity under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). The QPWS is a part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is a part of the Queensland Government. The Queensland Government is the corporation, and the EPA/QPWS is a part of the Queensland Government.
- Corporate identity refers to the elements that make up an organisation's public identity. It does not give rise to a legal identity as such. The QPWS has its own corporate identity so that members of the public can distinguish it from other parts of the Queensland Government. The corporate identity elements of the QPWS include things like the Herbie Possum symbol, Ranger uniforms and colours used on signs. These elements are sometimes combined with Queensland Government corporate identity, so that the public still understands that the QPWS is a part of the Queensland Government.

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- The QPWS charter may be distilled from components of two key documents:
 - The EPA Sustainability Charter, as contained within the *EPA Strategic Plan 2005-08*; and
 - The *QPWS Master Plan*, in particular the 12 principles that are summarised on pages 3 - 4 of the Plan.

The relevant pages of these documents are enclosed for your convenience.

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, conservation officers are generally field or scientific officers who have powers of inspection under the Act; special conservation officers are conservation officers who also have powers of arrest; rangers are generally park or wildlife management officers; and trustees are people charged with managing conservation areas; for example, local authorities.

I hope this information is helpful to you when replying to your constituent.

Yours sincerely



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