

The Hon Meaghan Scanlon,
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Dear Minister,

We the undersigned demand the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service or their agents immediately cease the shooting of any cattle on any part of northern Cape York Peninsula.

We, as Traditional Owners and custodians of all land irrespective of title to the north, east and west of the Wenlock River do not consent to the shooting of valuable cattle irrespective of breed, domestic or unhandled, depastured on any land, fenced or unfenced.

Cattle are a valuable food commodity especially for Aboriginal communities which are suffering the impact of extraordinarily and unprecedented, land or sea freight costs and the high cost of living.

It is our intention to recover this stock by trapping or mustering then processing them through any or all of the licensed slaughter houses on Cape York Peninsula.

This meat will be made available to economically fill the protein shortage throughout all Peninsula communities.

Harvesting these cattle will also provide much needed employment throughout different communities.

We ask that QPWS or the State Government not place obstacles in our way and to assist with this endeavour to help all of our communities.

We are aware of the QPWS's 'Good Neighbour' plan which has been bypassed by your department which is wantonly shooting cattle without the explicit consent of actual traditional owners or their Prescribed Body Corporations.

We have been made aware of a 'Ten Year' policy of the State Government to remove all cattle from Cape York Peninsula.

We have not ever been consulted about this plan which we do not consent to in any case.

We expect an immediate reply from yourself and the Premier specifically agreeing to our demands.

Yours faithfully,

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