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To the Editor

Dear Sir

Finally the devastating impact of the Bligh Labor Government's Wild Rivers laws on indigenous people is gaining some broader public attention.

Since 2005, I have slammed these laws for strangling economic opportunities in Far North Queensland, concerns echoed by indigenous leaders and local landholders. These laws were always just about Labor securing Green preferences at elections, nothing more, nothing less.

I congratulate Tony Abbott for proposing a Federal intervention to protect indigenous communities. Hopefully now the Bligh Labor Government will start listening, although the early signs aren't good.

While there's been some typical spin from the Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson, who seems to create problems in every portfolio he touches, we've haven't heard a peep from the Member for Cook Jason O'Brien.

It's about time Mr O'Brien started standing up for the people he is supposed to represent instead of kowtowing to George Street.

The LNP will continue to do all we can to protect and create jobs in indigenous communities, and it's about time Labor started showing the same commitment.

Yours sincerely

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

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