

## Development is killing wildlife

SINCE the resurgence of development, particularly on the northern beaches, wallabies, bandicoots, echidnas and striped possums are losing their homes and many are being killed on the roads.

Politicians and governments bow to the almighty dollar and the opportunity to collect more rates and taxes. They pay lip service to wildlife conservation and habitat preservation, yet none has the intestinal fortitude to actually do something.

Developers are allowed to continue to rape, pillage and plunder our natural environment. Wildlife is driven away only to be killed on the roads. Since October last year, I have recorded over 30 deaths between Reed Rd and Trinity Beach alone.

It is time the general public told politicians and developers that this situation is not acceptable.

We have a moral obligation to protect our wildlife. If developers destroy their homes, they should be obliged to provide areas of habitat for these animal refugees.

— John Hungerford, PO Box Trinity Beach.

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## Wallabies killed by development

RE: "A race going on to self-destruct" (17-6-04). I totally agree with Jax Bergersen's letter. The amount of wallabies killed this year on the highway between Reed Rd and the Kewarra Beach turn off is appalling.

I walk this area a lot and see at least one new victim a week.

I find it interesting ducks killed for food in the Flecker Botanic Gardens supposedly by Aboriginal people makes it on the front page of the *Cairns Sun*, while wildlife killed due to unrestricted development doesn't get a mention anywhere.

Rather, we build monstrous Besser block walls (see Trinity Park entrance, for example) to keep the wildlife out on the highway. I cannot quite see where Kevin Byrne preserves our natural environment.

— Ursula Thiessen, Panguna St, Trinity Beach.

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