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9 Cooina Court  
Frankston VIL 3199  
12 Oct. 2001

Mr. Chris Emms  
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Kings Meadows 7249  
Tasmania

Dear Chris,

I have examined the contents from the fox stomach and scat.

Stomach contents:

Hairs, bones and tooth are of *Pseudomys higginsii*.  
Non mammalian items were feathers, insects (larvae of moth) and trace of plant fibre.

Scat:

Hairs are of a young *Thylogale billardieri*.  
There was also a small piece of feather shaft.

Regards,  
Hans Brunner

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Wednesday, 10 August 2005

Mr Hans Brunner

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Frankston VIC 3199

Dear Mr Brunner

As the Tasmanian Greens Environment spokesperson, I have been investigating various issues around the presence of foxes in Tasmania.

Documents I have obtained under the Freedom of Information Act include a copy of a letter dated 12 October 2001, addressed to Chris Emms and signed by you (copy enclosed).

I wonder if you would mind answering a few questions arising from this letter:

1. Can you confirm that you are the author of the letter?
2. Can you confirm whether the stomach contents that you examined was from a fox shot at Symmons Plains, Tasmania?
3. Can you confirm which of the samples convinced you that they were from a long-tailed mouse (*Pseudomys higginsii*)?
4. What did you do with the samples after your analysis was complete?

Please don't hesitate to call if you would like to discuss these matters in person, otherwise thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Nick McKim MHA

Tasmanian Greens Environment Spokesperson

Enclosed: Copy letter to Chris Emms dated 12 October 2001

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12/08/2005

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Mr. Nick McKim MHA,  
Tasmanian Greens  
Parliament of Tasmania,  
Hobart, Australia

Dear Mr. Nick,

In answer to your letter 10/08/2005 regarding the presence of foxes in Tasmania, I offer the following answers.

1. Yes, I am the author of the letter ( photo copy enclosed in your letter )
2. No, I have to take their word for it. I have only received the contents of the stomach and was told that it came from a fox, shot in Tasmania.
3. The hairs of the Long-tailed Mouse ( Pseudomys higginsi ) were isolated from within the stomach contents. I remember asking for reference hair samples of this species in order to confirm my identification. There was a perfect match.
4. I have no idea. It is possible that someone in Tasmania might have asked me to send them back to them. All I know is that I am not in possession of the stomach contents.

I hope this is all the information you need.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Brunner

