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### NO WRITTEN RECORDS ON FOX INTRODUCTIONS IN RELATION TO CATCHING AND PROSECUTING OFFENDERS

#### *Is Anything Really Happening Behind the Government Public Relations Spin?*

The Tasmanian Greens have discovered that there are no records in Parks and Wildlife service files of any nature pertaining to interaction with the police, the Director of Public Prosecutions, or the Justice Department over the introduction and release of foxes in Tasmania, putting a question mark over government claims to have been vigorously pursuing perpetrators.

Greens MHA Peg Putt is appalled at the unprofessionalism indicated by the lack of written records, and the apparent lack of activity which would accumulate records necessary to achieve a successful prosecution.

"It has previously been indicated that the Parks and Wildlife Service and police were moving on good information towards arrest and prosecution of offenders who introduced foxes, but then everything went quiet and now we find there are no departmental records," Ms Putt said.

"What on earth is going on, the total lack of written records is fishy as well as being totally unprofessional."

"It beggars belief that any serious moves which were designed to eventually result in a successful prosecution would not create a paper trail, and to hold inter-departmental meetings without taking minutes is most unusual."