

Abetz pens Tasmanian fox report letter

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Liberal Senator Eric Abetz has written to an esteemed British science journal over a Tasmanian government fox report that claimed the species was "widespread" on the island.

Senator Abetz is the second high-profile politician (http://www.examiner.com.au/story/4351662/fox-report-has-no-merit/) – after Denison independent MHR Andrew Wilkie – to write to the *Journal of Applied Ecology* over the 2012 report, which was co-authored by an official from Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

Mr Wilkie has asked for the journal to reconsider its endorsement of the report, following <u>concerns over the legitimacy of Tasmania's fox evidence</u> (http://www.examiner.com.au/story/4033580/fox-collection-flawed/?cs=5312).

A spokesman for Senator Abetz would not comment on the contents of his letter or release a copy of it.

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