

letters to the editor

Jump-up disgrace

DURING the past weekend my family and I spent some time out on the Burrup Peninsula past the jump-up.

Unfortunately, we witnessed a couple of disturbing things during our most recent visit.

The first was the amount of litter scattered throughout this beautiful area.

I have also heard that there are moves to tar seal or concrete the jump-up to improve the accessibility to the Peninsula.

Personally, I hope this will not happen, as I believe the area will suffer, as well as the fact that some of the appeal to the place is that there are so few people out there at any one time.

We also made the horrifying discovery of a kangaroo left on one of the tracks with two badly broken hind legs.

The poor animal was still alive and would have been in

tremendous pain.

Obviously I will not be allowed to print the profanities that I would like to call the idiot who left this poor animal to die slowly and painfully.

My husband humanely ended the poor animal's suffering, but the experience has left us, including my 12-year-old son traumatized.

Earlier in the week, a friend who is very experienced in four wheel driving and has crossed the jump-up on numerous occasions attempted the ascent and failed, resulting in damage to the drive shaft, which effectively ended his visit.

We entered the area by descending the alternative track (still not an easy route), but not before assessing whether we would be able to descend the jump-up on the return trip, as we have not yet heard of anyone being able to successfully climb

the alternative track, which we came in on.

While attempting the descent of the jump-up, another visitor approached us.

He had also entered the area using the alternative route, but had not seen the jump-up and was worried about clearance in his vehicle.

I think he would have been lucky if he got 10 metres.

My final request is that if you do survive the Jump-up, enjoy your day out on the Peninsula – it deserves to be appreciated, but leave only footprints – not your rubbish.

When you see the local wildlife on or near the tracks – slow down, stop and wait for it to move on.

Appreciate what you will see out there – don't take what we have for granted.

Friend of the Burrup Peninsula