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Dear Mr Whiting

I am writing to you to provide the Queensland Government response to the recommendations made in the State Development and Regional Industries Committee Report No. 26 concerning the Rural and Regional Adjustment (Horticultural Netting Program - Trial Expansion) Amendment Regulation 2022 (the Regulation).

In relation to the Regulation, in its Report No. 26 the Committee recommended:

'That the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries take steps to ensure that supporting documents are available (through tabling or other means) at the same time the subordinate legislation is tabled, so that Parliament can undertake its scrutiny function and understand the full effect of legislation. In cases where this is not possible, an explanation should be provided.'

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation and will act on it in future regulatory amendments for Federal Government schemes.

Where a regulatory amendment of the Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011 relates to a Federal Government scheme, the Explanatory Notes for that amendment will provide clarification that the scheme details are contained in guidelines available on the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) website.

These guidelines will be placed on the QRIDA website for the scrutiny of the Committee and the general public on, or shortly after, assent of the regulatory amendment by Governor in Council.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Dan McIntyre in my office on 3719 7420.

Yours sincerely

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MARK FURNER MP

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