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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House Corner George and Alice Streets BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the Parliamentary Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee Report No. 9 – Inquiry into fly-in, fly-out and other long distance commuting work practices in regional Queensland (the Report), which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 9 October 2015.

The government is committed to having strong and sustainable resource communities across Queensland. Given the complexity of issues covered in the report, the government needs sufficient time to comprehensively consider the recommendations from the committee, including formulating appropriate legislative amendments that will effectively deliver the outcomes sought from the recommendations.

Accordingly, I provide this letter as an interim response to the report under Section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (the Act). The interim response must be tabled by 9 January 2016.

A final response to the Report will be provided to the Legislative Assembly by 9 April 2016.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, Mr Adrian Noon, Acting Chief of Staff, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

Dr Anthony Lynham MP

Minister for State Development and

Minister for Natural Resources and Mines