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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2026, regarding petition 4369-26 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 25 March 2026 about statutory competency for underground metalliferous mining supervisors under the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* (MQSHA).

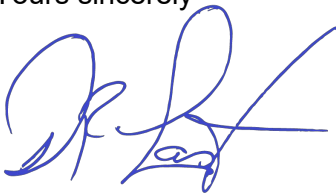
The safety of Queensland's 82,000 resource workers is a key priority of the Crisafulli Government. It's why I commissioned an independent review of Resources Safety and Health Queensland to restore confidence in Queensland's resources safety framework and introduced legislation earlier this year for the Parliament to consider the Review's recommendations.

I acknowledge that supervisors play a critical role in managing risk, coordinating work and ensuring safe systems of work in high-risk mining environments. The primary pathway for deciding and setting supervisor competencies is through the Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (the Committee), which has the authority to specify competencies for supervisors when it is deemed appropriate.

There are no plans to introduce a mandatory statutory competency requirement for underground mine supervisors at this time, however I have shared a copy of the petition with the Committee. The Committee can already consider any recognised national standards or comparable interstate requirements, to determine what would strengthen supervision capability and improve safety outcomes in Queensland underground mines.

I thank the petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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