



Hon Kate Jones MP

Member for Ashgrove

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**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for Climate Change
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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2009 concerning a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly (No. 1291-09).

I have met with local residents and I am aware they hold significant environmental concerns in relation to the extraction of sand at Bruce Weir.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management is a concurrence agency pursuant to the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* for this proposal, and is currently undertaking its assessment under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, *Water Act 2000* and the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.

I can assure you that officers of the Department will consider the views expressed in the petition as part of their assessment process, prior to providing concurrence advice to the Tablelands Regional Council.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Dart of my office on telephone 3336 8032.

Yours sincerely

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