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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 1928-12 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2013 regarding a request for priority to be given to the planning and future construction of a State High School to cater for the Highland Reserve locality.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has undertaken an analysis of the current and projected enrolments of the state secondary schools surrounding the Highlands Reserve locality. Highland Reserve is predominantly located within the secondary school catchment areas of Upper Coomera State College and Pacific Pines State High School.

In planning for a new high school, DETE plans for secondary schools to have a peak cap of approximately 2,000 students.

Current projections from the Government Statistician indicate that over the 20 year forecast there is projected to be approximately 3,500 students residing within the Upper Coomera State College and Pacific Pines State High School catchment areas. Current combined secondary capacity for these schools is approximately 3,200. This would indicate that should there be growth of approximately 300 students, additional capacity will be required at these schools. However, both schools have sufficient building platforms to manage this potential capacity increase, without the need for another high school.

The Queensland Government's newly established Queensland Schools Planning Commission will develop a state-wide demand map to determine the locations of where new schools and additional education facilities may be required. My Department will work with the Government Statistician to finalise the demand map over the coming months. Should this analysis highlight the need for an additional secondary school in the Highlands area, this will be incorporated into future planning.

I appreciate the community bringing its concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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