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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil.

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May 2012, forwarding for response petitions 1766 and 1880, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 17 May 2012.

The Queensland Government is committed to addressing the concerns about resource exploration in and around population centres, through a comprehensive and consultative statutory regional planning framework. Restricted Area (RA) 384 will remain until statutory regional plans are in place.

A one-size fits all approach to this matter is not appropriate. In recognising this, the government will ensure that statutory regional plans are tailored to meeting the needs of the relevant region. Different regions have different economic and social strengths and issues, and these will be clearly reflected in the plans.

The statutory regional planning process will include extensive local input from communities and stakeholders to ensure appropriate development and increased certainty for all stakeholders. I encourage all stakeholders to actively participate in this process.

Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Warwick Squire, A/Director, Mining and Petroleum Industry Policy, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, on telephone 3405 3823.

Yours sincerely

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