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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2017 to the then Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, about Petition No. 2837-17 and 2818-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 10 October 2017 requesting the call in and rejection of a development application for an extension to the Burrum Quarry at Beerburrum-Woodford Road, Beerburrum. As the Acting Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, I am now responding.

I appreciate the concerns regarding the proposed Quarry extension and its perceived associated impacts which include noise, traffic, heritage and safety.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council (the council) has the responsibility and autonomy for ensuring good rule and governance of its local government area. As the assessment manager, the council is required to assess the development application against all relevant local planning instruments, including the provisions of its planning scheme.

This application is impact assessable under the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* and, therefore, is required to be publicly notified. In performing its role as assessment manager, the council is required to consider submissions received during the public notification period in arriving at its determination of the application. Importantly, once the council has decided the application, if someone has made a properly made submission and is unhappy with aspects of the council's decision, they may appeal the decision to the Planning and Environment Court.

In addition, the application triggered referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA), which has the responsibility for ensuring that development assessment processes provide for the comprehensive and robust consideration of defined matters of state interest.

In this instance, the application has not yet been decided by the council, nor has SARA completed its assessment. I therefore do not believe that the exercise of ministerial call in powers is warranted at this point.

In accordance with s.59A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this final response be tabled during the period that the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

If further information is required, petitioners may contact Mr Patrick Atkinson, Director, Development Assessment Services in the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning on 3452 7449 or by email at [patrick.atkinson@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:patrick.atkinson@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stirling', with a stylized, cursive script.

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