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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 3065–18, tabled on 12 February 2019 in the Legislative Assembly, requesting the restoration of two prefabricated buildings and planning for permanent buildings at Ormiston State School.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building fit-for-purpose learning environments that support educational outcomes.

In 2013, the prefabricated buildings were placed at Ormiston State School to assist the school to address pressure from increasing enrolments. At the same time, an Enrolment Management Plan was implemented to assist the school to reduce the very high percentage of out-of-catchment enrolments, which at 63 per cent of the total school enrolments, was adding significantly to the facilities pressures at the school.

The prefabricated buildings were scheduled for removal in 2019; however, this has been temporarily postponed while the Department of Education monitors the school's enrolment patterns to determine the school's facility needs into the future. Currently, out-of-catchment enrolments have reduced to 41 per cent and this decline is expected to continue. Additionally, there has been minimal growth in the school catchment area, with the future forecasts indicating a slight decline in student numbers over the next four years.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Mr Kevin Mara, Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services, by email at kevin.mara@qed.qld.gov.au or on (07) 3034 4520.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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