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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to e-Petition 3417-20 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2021, which calls for increased regulation of body corporate managers.

I note e-Petition 3417-20 is consistent with e-Petition 3405-20, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 8 September 2020. I also acknowledge the response to e-Petition 3405-20, which was tabled by the former Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House on 22 September 2020.

As noted by the former Attorney-General, the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* (BCCM Act) regulates certain aspects of the relationship between bodies corporate for community titles schemes and body corporate managers, including through a statutory code of conduct for body corporate managers.

I am pleased to advise the petitioners that as part of the 2020 State Election campaign, the Palaszczuk Government made a commitment to establish a Community Titles Legislation Working Group, to be chaired by the Deputy Director-General – Liquor, Gaming and Fair Trading (LGFT), Department of Justice and Attorney-General, and comprising key stakeholder representatives. The working group will consider a range of important issues impacting on Queensland's community titles sector, including whether the regulation of body corporate managers is in the best interests of Queenslanders.

The Deputy Director-General, LGFT has informed me arrangements to establish the working group are well underway. I am looking forward to considering the working group's advice on body corporate matters, including regulation of body corporate managers, in due course.

As suggested by the former Attorney-General in the response to e-Petition 3405-20, I also encourage unit owners with questions or concerns about their body corporate to contact the Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate and Community Management.

While the Commissioner's Office cannot provide legal advice, it can provide general information about the BCCM Act, including information about options for resolving disputes and disagreements arising within community titles schemes. The Commissioner's Office can be contacted on 1800 060 119 or at: www.qld.gov.au/bodycorporatequestion.

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I thank principal petitioner Ms Julie-Anne James, and the other petitioners, for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Fentiman', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Fentiman MP

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