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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3319-20, tabled in Parliament on 19 May 2020, in relation to relaxing quarantine and isolation rules for regional areas outside of South East Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring that we keep Queenslanders safe from COVID-19. In doing this, the Government implemented state-wide restrictions to ensure that all Queenslanders are protected.

Queenslanders have done a great job in responding and listening to public health advice in relation to social distancing. As a result, we have flattened the curve and limited the public health risks of COVID-19 through testing, containing, treating and isolating suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19.

To balance the risks to public health with the impacts suffered by the Queensland economy, on 8 May 2020, the Premier published the Queensland Roadmap to easing restrictions. This Roadmap outlines various businesses, which could start opening, subject to conditions and social distancing measures being implemented. Additional businesses will be able to open and conditions further lifted following a review of the situation in Queensland and risks to public health.

In light of the limited number of cases in outback Queensland, the Queensland Government announced special considerations for easing restrictions as part of stage one in outback areas to boost the local economy from 15 May 2020. This included allowing local pubs to have up to 20 people and allowing travel within the outback for recreational purposes to be as far as 500km. On 31 May 2020, the Queensland Government announced stage two of the Roadmap would commence from 1 June 2020, which allows for unlimited recreational travel and overnight stays for all of Queensland, as well as further easing of restrictions for gatherings and businesses.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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