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

I refer to petition number 2459-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Deb Frecklington MP, Member for Nanango on 17 September 2015 about a request for golf buggy owners living in Toogoolawah to drive their golf buggies to and from the local golf course.

I appreciate the petitioners raising this matter with me and sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so that I can be better informed about this issue.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is responsible for the administration of the Conditional Registration Scheme (CRS). This scheme was set up for vehicles, such as golf buggies, that do not comply with the Australian Design Rules to have limited access to the road network

In Queensland, golf buggies are categorised as non-complying vehicles and may only be registered for limited operations under the CRS. They are designed for low speed travel and a conditionally registered golf buggy must not exceed the 20km/h speed limit. They are intended for use only within a range of designated areas where transportation at low speed may be required.

Golf buggy operators who seek access to the public road network must obtain approval from QPS for a designated route permit. This requirement ensures operators have a clear understanding of where they may safely operate their vehicles. It also ensures that authorities with local knowledge have assessed the required area of operation before permitting use of these vehicles.

I understand that a meeting was held on 21 July 2015 between representatives of QPS and members of the Toogoolawah Golf Club about this issue. I am told that, during the meeting, the conditions of use applicable to golf buggies under the *Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles in Qld* (Form 17) was explained to members.

QPS has advised that, given the limited operations for non-complying vehicles under the CRS, it is not proposed to issue the golf buggy owners a permit at this time. As the decision to issue a permit is an operational decision for the QPS, I am unable to assist the petitioners at this time.

While I acknowledge that this response is not what the petitioners were hoping for, I trust it clarifies my position. Should the petitioners wish to discuss this matter in more detail, Sergeant John Cumner, Officer in Charge, Toogoolawah is available on telephone (07) 5423 1200.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'jo ann miller', written in a cursive style.

The Hon. Jo-Ann Miller MP
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