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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3170-19, tabled in Parliament on 15 October 2019, in relation to voluntary assisted dying.

Voluntary assisted dying is an issue that generates significant debate in the Queensland community. As this is the first time voluntary assisted dying has been examined by the Queensland Parliament, this matter requires measured consideration.

The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee (Parliamentary Committee) is currently conducting an inquiry into aged care, palliative and end-of-life care in Queensland (the Inquiry). The Inquiry is also considering community views on voluntary assisted dying and the provisions for it being legislated in Queensland. The Inquiry must report to the Legislative Assembly by 31 March 2020.

As mentioned by the petitioners, the Inquiry is engaging with stakeholders through state-wide public hearings to hear the views of Queenslanders about this important issue. The Queensland Government has been actively engaged with the Parliamentary Committee during the inquiry process and looks forward to the handing down of the final report following its extensive consultation process.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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