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

Thank you for your letter of 16 July 2020 regarding Parliamentary Petition No. 3346-20 concerning the results of testing of a historic landfill site at Dakabin.

Lot 685 on SL9331, Bob Brock Park (the site), is a former landfill located on Crown Land under the trusteeship of the Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC). This site is recorded on the Department of Environment and Science's (the department) environmental management register because of its former land use as a landfill.

As the trustee of the former landfill site, MBRC has a general environmental duty under section 319 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise harm as a result of the activities (past and present) at the site. In addition, MBRC has a duty to notify the department if it becomes aware of an event involving a hazardous contaminant in the local government area under section 320A of the EP Act.

In 2016, the department requested MBRC undertake an investigation of Bob Brock Park due to contamination concerns associated with the former landfill site. Since 2016, the MBRC undertook two separate, independent and external consultancies to investigate and provide recommendations regarding the management of Bob Brock Park. I am advised that these investigations did not identify any contamination risks to surrounding land including private land, because of historic landfilling practices at the site.

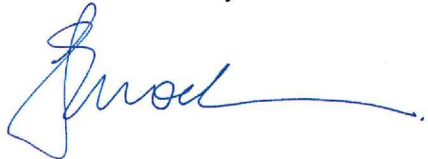
MBRC has advised the department that monitoring of groundwater, landfill gas and the quality of nearby surface waters will continue for a further two years (to 2022) to verify that there are no contamination risks from the site.

I am advised that the department has not been notified of any notifications of contamination or historic landfilling on private land by MBRC or the landowners. As MBRC is the responsible entity for assessing development applications of Lot 3 on RP93647 and Lot 4 on RP93647 (being the subject land that is for sale) under the *Planning Act 2016*, the department has referred the contamination concerns to MBRC.

Additionally, I can advise that the department will develop a site history and investigation plan to identify historical land uses on the private land to inform whether historic contamination has occurred. The department will undertake this investigation as a priority.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leeanne Enoch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leeanne Enoch MP
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