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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petitions 2599-16, 2590-16 and 2563-16 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 15 June 2016 regarding the Mooloolah Valley Community Centre where the petitioners are seeking either a longer term lease for these premises, or for the land to be gifted to the Mooloolah Valley Community Association.

I am advised by the Department of Education and Training that a review of the lease indicates an existing term until 2025 with provision for a further option of 10 years, which would bring the expiration date of the lease to 2035. The Department's preference is to review the lease closer to the expiration date, and therefore, does not propose to consider any extension of the lease at this time.

In relation to a transfer of ownership, the petitioners may be aware that under the Government Transaction Policy (the Policy), a sale to a sitting tenant is possible provided the sale is undertaken at full market value and subject to various approvals. For your information, the Policy is publicly available and can be accessed online at http://www.statedevelopment. qld.gov.au/economic-development/transaction-policy.html.

Should the Mooloolah Valley Community Association wish to explore the possibility of acquiring the premises, I invite them to contact Ms Maree Bauer, Director, Portfolio Establishment, Infrastructure Services Branch, Department of Education and Training on telephone 3034 4809 or by email at maree.bauer@det.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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