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Dear Mr Laurie

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil", written over the name "Mr Laurie".

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2012 regarding petition number 1936-12 concerning the Community Memorials Restoration Program.

I have enclosed a copy of my response to the principal petitioner for tabling in the Parliament. An electronic version will be sent to your office.

I trust this information addresses your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Tim Mander MP
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Dear Ms Maclean

I refer to your petition number 1936-12 regarding the Community Memorials Restoration Program which was tabled in Parliament on 29 November 2012 seeking the continuation of the Community Memorials Restoration Program, with particular focus on World War I. Your petition was forwarded to me as the minister responsible for the Community Memorials Restoration Program.

Whilst the last of the Community Memorials Restoration Program funding was fully committed in November 2011, the Queensland Government has contributed more than \$3.5 million towards restoring over 350 memorials and icons, historical grave sites and digitising historical records.

In addition to these community projects the Queensland Government established the Queensland WWII Historic Places website www.ww2places.qld.gov.au and the Queensland War Memorial Register website www.qldwarmemorials.com.au. Through the use of today's technology, these websites enable people all over Queensland, and the world, to view and learn more about the important wartime places in our state.

The Queensland WWII Historic Places identifies places in Queensland that had military significance or supported the war effort during World War II, while the Queensland War Memorial Register website records the sites that are sacred to the memory of those that served. The register is dedicated to the memory of the fallen and those who served Australia in the Armed Services. It honours service personnel that were drawn from Queensland communities. The register is designed to provide information for historians and to assist present and future generations understand how the dedication and courage of Australia's youth created a spirit and national identity for our country.

The Queensland Government will continue to maintain these important sites for the community providing Queenslanders with an additional avenue through which they can pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women.

I trust this information addresses the concerns of petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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Tim Mander MP
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