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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3315-20, tabled in Parliament on 19 May 2020, in relation to the immediate quarantine of Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring that all Queenslanders are protected from the public health risks of COVID-19. The Government has acted swiftly to implement social distancing and other movement restrictions to ensure that Queenslanders are quarantined and safe from the risks of travellers and non-essential visitors to Queensland. Initially, this was enabled through allowing Queenslanders only to leave their homes for essential purposes, as well as international and state border closures and the declaration of restricted access to designated areas.

Given the success of these social distancing measures, the Palaszczuk Government introduced a Roadmap to easing restrictions in Queensland. The Roadmap seeks to provide an appropriate balance to ease restrictions to support the economy while managing the ongoing public health risks. The first stage of these measures came into effect on 15 May 2020, and stage two commenced on 1 June 2020, which enabled unlimited travel within the state. Lifting of restrictions relating to state and international borders will be considered alongside further easing of restrictions.

The Palaszczuk Government also supports the measures taken by the Commonwealth Government to implement restrictions on travel in rural and remote indigenous communities to protect at-risk and vulnerable populations in these areas. As restrictions ease, the Queensland Government will continue to work collaboratively with the Commonwealth Government and local Mayors to ensure that these restrictions maintain an appropriate level of protection for the residents of these communities, while enabling tailored approaches for each community.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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