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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I refer to e-Petition 2132-13 and paper petition 2148-13 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 6 August 2013 regarding the proposed closure of Old Yarranlea State School.

I acknowledge receipt of the petitions and combined 3,620 signatories. I have been informed by my Department that both petitions were also submitted through the designated channels to the independent consultant, JTA Australia during the consultation period and as such will be addressed in the final report.

My Department is aware of the "*Guidelines for the operation of State School Classes at Old Yarranlea State School*", and its guiding principles, including the need to consult with Griffith University and the proposal to increase the student enrolment cap from 18 to 24.

The period for written submissions regarding the proposed closure ended on 26 July 2013 and no final decision has been made at this stage. When a school is proposed for closure, consultation occurs to allow the community to have their say about the future education options for students. The consultation undertaken provided the opportunity for input from all stakeholders including Griffith University, the Parents and Citizens' Association and the wider school community, while also taking into account local circumstances that should be considered as part of my final determination.

I expect to announce my decision regarding the proposed closure in the near future following full consideration of the consultant's report.

I would like to thank petitioners for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment