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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2017 about petition number 2851-17 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly concerning the proposed development of a waste water treatment plant (WWTP) in Cedar Grove.

Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) is currently assessing a development application from the Logan City Council (the council) for a WWTP on land owned by the council at Dennis Road, Rogers Road and Cedar Grove Road, Cedar Grove.

The proposed WWTP is on a site reserved for a utility installation in the Greater Flagstone Priority Development Area Development Scheme. The development scheme has been in effect since October 2011.

In assessing this development application, EDQ will consider the traffic and flooding impacts associated with the WWTP.

The application is required to undergo public notification in accordance with the *Economic Development Act 2012*. When the applicant is ready to undertake public notification, they must advertise the notification dates and advise how people can make a submission to EDQ about the application.

The applicant will do this by:

- placing an advertisement in the local paper
- notifying all adjoining landowners
- erecting signs on the development site where it faces any adjoining streets or roads.

Once the notification period is open, submissions can be made to EDQ by:

- Email: pdade
- pdadevelopmentassessment@dilgp.qld.gov.au
- Post:
- GPO Box 2202, Brisbane Qld 4001.

Any submission received during the public notification period will be reviewed and the issues raised will need to be addressed by EDQ and the applicant.

For your information, the former Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (now the Department of Environment and Science) issued an environmental licence with strict conditions for the WWTP including:

- implementing a monitoring program to measure the effects of the plant on the Logan River
- achieving a 100 per cent offset for any nutrient releases into the Logan River
- noise generated by the WWTP must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place
- odours or airborne contaminants must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place.

Should the WWTP land use be approved by EDQ and the WWTP is constructed and operational, then the WWTP will be required to meet the strict conditions of the environmental licence.

Finally, regarding the concern about rates rises, these are determined and set by the council through its budgetary processes.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

In accordance with s.59 A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this final response be tabled during the period that the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

If further information is required, petitioners may contact Ms Jeanine Stone, Director, Development Assessment, EDQ in the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning on 3452 7716 or Jeanine.Stone@dilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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