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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2016 concerning Petition Nos. 2650-16 and 2668-16 received by the House on 29 November 2016 regarding the future of the historic gantry structure at Mount Mee, D'Aguilar National Park.

In February 2016, the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) commissioned structural engineers to undertake a condition assessment of the Mount Mee Gantry. This assessment identified a range of structural and safety issues which resulted in the structure being closed and barricaded off to ensure visitor safety. The remainder of the day use area remains open to the public.

NPSR is further investigating the issues identified in the assessment and costs associated with carrying out the repairs required to preserve the structure. This process is time consuming, and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service staff are currently working with the engineers to explore repair options and associated costs.

A range of factors including public safety, cultural heritage significance, repair options and ongoing maintenance costs must be considered in the management of historic buildings and sites. Any decision regarding the Mount Mee Gantry will only be made following an extensive assessment.

NPSR recognises the cultural heritage values of the Mount Mee Gantry, and conservation of these values will be a critical consideration in determining future management of the structure.

I would be pleased if you would arrange for the tabling of this letter in response to the Petitions in accordance with Standing Order 31.

I hope this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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