



Hon Phil Reeves MP
Member for Mansfield



**Minister for Child Safety
and Minister for Sport**

Your reference: Petition 1661-11
Our reference: COM 10145-2011

1 SEP 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Queensland Parliamentary Service
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr ^{Neil}Laurie

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2011 attaching e-petition 1661-11 sponsored by Dr Mark Robinson MP, Member for Cleveland regarding pontoon facilities in the Cleveland/Ormiston area.

The Bligh Government funds a range of sporting infrastructure, including canoe and kayaking pontoons under the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program. This funding program was most recently opened on 1 June 2011 and closed on 25 July 2011.

Over the last 10 years, the Bligh Government has provided more than \$9.2million in funding to the Redlands region to support the development of and participation in sport and active recreation. Of this, \$6.6million has been invested in sporting infrastructure to ensure access to quality sporting facilities.

Under our Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland, the Bligh Government is committed to making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people. Removing barriers to participation in sport and recreation is just one way in which we are achieving this goal.

In addition to building or developing sporting infrastructure in the Redlands region, our funding programs have supported more than 400 young local athletes attend state, national and international sporting events over the last 10 years. The Bligh Government has also supported the development of a range of clubs in the Redlands region.

I encourage the petitioners to contact the department's Sport and Recreation Services, South East Region on 3884 9868 to provide their contact details and to be added to the regional database. This will ensure that the petitioners will receive updates advising of future funding opportunities and workshops in the Redland area.

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If the petitioners require further assistance on this matter, Mr Craig Tichon, Regional Manager, Sport and Recreation Services, Department of Communities may be contacted on 3287 8362.

I trust this information is of assistance and I thank the petitioners for bringing their views to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Reeves'.

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