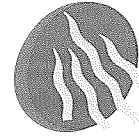




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**Minister for Natural Resources,  
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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 3 September 2009 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1293-09 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition relates to the spelling of the name Miriwinni.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management has reviewed the place names file for the locality of Miriwinni and can advise that between 1984 and 1985 the Queensland Place Names Board, at the request of the Mulgrave Shire Council, undertook a review of the spelling of the name Miriwinni.

On the 3 June 1998, the Board informed the Mulgrave Shire Council that there can be no doubt from the evidence provided by the Board that spelling "Miriwinni", with a single "r", has been the more used ever since the township's beginnings, despite occasional use of the spelling "Mirriwinni".

With this overwhelming evidence that the name has always been spelt Miriwinni, the department would not be prepared to change the spelling of the name. However, the department would be prepared to add Mirriwinni as an alternative name to the database, with the evidence and explanation of the reason for the original name being retained, and the alternative name as a local name. All official records (for example drivers licence, rate notice, road signage, Telstra and Australia Post) would show the official name of Miriwinni.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance. Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact my office on telephone 3225 1861.

Yours sincerely

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