



Hon Jeff Seeney MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: MC13/1909
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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2013 about petition 2113-13 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 21 May 2013.

I am aware of the concerns raised in this petition by the residents of the Tablelands in relation to overlay maps included in the Draft Tablelands Regional Council Planning Scheme.

The Tablelands Regional Council sought feedback from the community on the draft planning scheme from 21 January 2013 to 12 April 2013. I understand close to 2,000 submissions were received during this period, many of which related to the accuracy of the overlay maps.

Tablelands Regional Council is now required to consider all properly made submissions. It can then propose revisions and amendments to the draft scheme, including changes to reflect local verification of mapping data. It can also request the reassessment of any state government requirements.

In the meantime, concerned residents can learn more about the purpose and use of overlays by viewing the fact sheet available on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's website at www.ds dip.qld.gov.au/resources/policy/state-planning/qpp-overlays-fact-sheet.pdf.

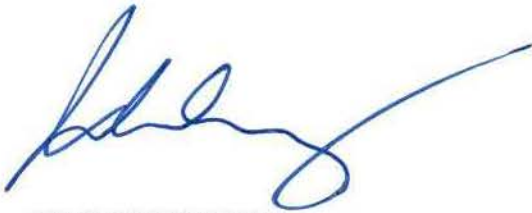
This government is committed to reforming Queensland's planning and development system. Unlike the previous government, we are serious about working in partnership with local governments and ensuring local governments are empowered to plan for their own communities. Please be assured that we are working closely with Tablelands Regional Council to ensure the final planning scheme better reflects the desires of the community.

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Residents of the Tablelands may also be interested to know that this government has prepared a new draft State Planning Policy (SPP). The SPP aims to refine and clarify state interests that Councils must consider when preparing a planning scheme. The draft SPP can be viewed at www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/resources/policy/state-planning/draft-spp.pdf.

If you require any further information, Mr Jeff Popp in my office will assist and can be contacted on 3224 4600.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Seeney', with a long, sweeping underline.

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