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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2017 regarding Petition No. 2683-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2017 about the review of the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031* (SEQRP).

The Queensland Government is currently reviewing the SEQRP in response to emerging opportunities and trends, including updated long-term population forecasts for South East Queensland.

As part of this process, the government released the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2016, also known as *ShapingSEQ*, for public consultation on 20 October 2016. The new regional plan aims to meet the needs of our changing and growing population in a sustainable manner, while driving economic development and job creation and ensuring South East Queensland's (SEQ) unique identity and precious natural assets are retained for current and future generations.

To ensure there was sufficient time for everyone to review the plan and have their say, public consultation was open until midnight, 3 March 2017, considerably exceeding the minimum statutory notification requirements.

It is noted that the petition requests that the urban footprint in the area surrounding Sharton Avenue, Buccan Road and Wilson Road, Buccan be reviewed through this process.

I am advised that the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department), as part of the recent public consultation on the draft SEQRP, received a signed petition from landowners of the area bordered by Sharton Avenue, Dairy Creek Road, Hein Road and Waterford-Tamborine Road, Buccan.

Submissions received during this period, including this petition, will be considered as part of the process to finalise the SEQRP.

Through the SEQRP review process, the department is investigating the extent of the current SEQRP's regional land use categories having regard to:

- addressing any relevant state interests identified in the State Planning Policy
- how any proposal advances and supports relevant SEQRP Desired Regional Outcomes and associated principles and policies
- how a proposal addresses the Urban Footprint principles identified in the SEQRP
- ongoing consultation with the region's local governments about their strategic planning intentions and related planning decisions.

It is important to acknowledge that while *ShapingSEQ* focuses on accommodating growth efficiently across the region, it remains the responsibility of councils through their planning schemes and neighbourhood plans to determine the form and distribution of densities in their local government area. This is why the government will continue working closely with all of the SEQ councils through the finalisation of the plan.

To ensure the regional plan review process is undertaken with transparency, accountability and openness I will be ensuring that a consultation report will be released to the public when the plan is finalised. This report will summarise the issues identified during the consultation period and the decisions taken regarding changes to the draft SEQRP.

The draft SEQRP is delivering on the government's commitment to release a considered and effective growth management framework for our most populous region. The government has ensured that this has been a genuinely consultative process and I look forward to continuing delivering on this commitment through the finalisation of *ShapingSEQ*.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Ms Kerry Riethmuller, Executive Director, Regional and Spatial Planning in the department on 3452 7602 or by email at kerry.riethmuller@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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