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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2015 about Petition No. 2477-15 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

I am pleased to advise the management of noise impacts on captive animals from extreme entertainment events is a matter that local governments are already empowered to regulate under a number of existing mechanisms.

The establishment of buffers zones around facilities that house captive animals is a matter that local governments are currently able to address under their planning schemes, and buffers may be identified between facilities which emit noise, and other uses including premises used to house captive animals.

In addition, under the *Local Government Act 2009*, local governments can establish "special entertainment" precincts to regulate the noise from amplified music that is played at licensed premises in a specified area. If a local government wants to establish a special entertainment precinct within its local government area, it must amend its planning scheme to identify the special entertainment precinct and make a local law to regulate noise from amplified music from premises within the precinct.

Further to the special entertainment precinct powers, local governments are also able to make local laws to regulate noise in respect of indoor venues that are not licensed venues and open air events.

Please note, while these existing mechanisms are available to local governments, the use of these mechanisms is a matter for each local government to consider. As such, it is suggested the petitioners contact their relevant local government if they have specific concerns about particular locations or situations involving noise which impacts captive animals.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mrs Bronwyn Blagoev, Executive Director, Legal, Legislation and Policy Services, in the Department on 3452 6792 or by email at [bronwyn.blagoev@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:bronwyn.blagoev@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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