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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2013, forwarding for response petition 2167-13 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 11 September 2013.

As previously advised in my response to petition 2129-13, I acknowledge that re-establishing vehicle access to Rules Beach, following damage of the previous access by extreme weather in early 2013, is a priority for the local community. I am advised that Gladstone Regional Council has re-established pedestrian access to the beach and has committed to constructing vehicle access in the future.

I have requested that officers of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) work with Gladstone Regional Council and the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPRSR), to assess the feasibility of the options for providing access to Rules Beach and the Broadwater Conservation Park, including the potential establishment of an easement along the section of beach that is currently under freehold ownership.

I understand that the local member, Mr Stephen Bennett MP, Member for Burnett, will host a meeting of local residents, stakeholders and officers of DNRM and DNPRSR on 3 October 2013 to address this issue. This meeting is the first step in consulting with local residents and stakeholders on the establishment of an easement to allow beach access.

Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Darren Moor, Service Delivery, Department of Natural Resource and Mines, on telephone 4837 3451.

Yours sincerely

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