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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2017 concerning Petition No. 2725-17 received by the House on 21 March 2017 regarding the lack of youth facilities in the Northern Beaches, Mackay.

Generally, local governments have the primary responsibility for planning and providing youth recreation facilities, including skate parks, within their local government area. The facilities are usually constructed on land controlled by local governments who typically own, manage and maintain the assets. Local governments are able to provide a whole of community perspective on the provision of services across their area of responsibility, to ensure that there is no duplication and appropriate service coverage.

The Palaszczuk Government is a strong supporter of initiatives that increase the physical activity of young Queenslanders. Through the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (the department) the Queensland Government supports the construction of sport and recreation facilities through funding programs such as *Get Playing Plus* which provides up to \$1.5 million in funding. Future rounds of *Get Playing Plus* have not yet been announced. The department also assists local sport and recreation organisations through *Get Playing Places and Spaces* with the development of places and spaces by providing up to \$100,000 to eligible local sport and recreation organisations. The next round of this program is due to open mid-year. Further information about the program will be available on the department's website at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getplaying/.

The Mackay Regional Council is encouraged to contact the department to discuss support for any youth sport and recreation facilities for the Northern Beaches, Mackay.

I would be pleased if you would arrange for the tabling of this letter in response to the Petition in accordance with Standing Order 31 by 20 April 2017.

I hope this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Mick de Brenni MP
**Minister for Housing and Public Works and
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