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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 27 April 2016 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 2564-16 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition draws to the attention of the House the Australian Government's consideration of a site at Oman Ama in Queensland for a National Nuclear Waste Facility.

The Australian Government is currently undertaking the National Radioactive Waste Management Project to implement Australia's radioactive waste management policy, which requires all radioactive waste generated in Australia be stored and disposed of within Australia at suitable facilities.

Oman Ama was one of six sites shortlisted for further evaluation and public consultation. However, on 29 April 2016, the Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP, Federal Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia, announced that Barndioota in South Australia had been shortlisted to progress to the next phase of the site selection process, Oman Ama was not shortlisted to progress.

If Oman Ama or any other site in Queensland was identified by the Australian Government as a potential nuclear waste facility, the Queensland Government would uphold the provisions of the *Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 1997*. The Government will await the outcome of the Australian Government process before considering any further action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Bailey', written over a large, faint, stylized signature graphic.

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