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Dear Mr Laurie

I am writing to you in response to your letter of 24 August 2012 in which you forwarded e-Petitions 1927-12 and 1960-12 regarding the proposed installation of an Optus telecommunications antenna at 63 Kintyre Street, Brookfield. The Queensland Government Chief Information Office (QGCI) have made enquiries and learned that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE), has also lodged a formal complaint over the new mobile tower's proposed location.

In this instance, DETE believe that Optus are unlikely to continue with the development as they have placed any plans to expand their current infrastructure on the Kintyre Street site on hold. Whilst developments in the telecommunications environment are generally subject to Australian Government legislation and regulations, the Queensland Government, through DETE, will continue to work with the petitioners on this matter.

DETE will strive to ensure that Optus meet their obligations under the Communications Alliance Industry Code ACIF C564:2004 Deployment of Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure. This code requires carriers to consult with the local community and to adopt a precautionary approach in planning, installing and operating radiocommunications infrastructure.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, Mr Dario DeZotti, Director Technology Architecture, QGCI will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone (07) 3222 2676.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Dr Bruce Flegg MP
Acting Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts