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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2021 regarding petition 3493-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 25 May 2021 about *Gold Coast City Plan 2016* (the City Plan) amendments for Labrador, Biggera Waters and Southport.

I understand that the concerns of petitioners primarily relate to the level of community engagement undertaken by the Gold Coast City Council (council) regarding City Plan changes proposed for the areas of Labrador, Biggera Waters and Southport.

I can confirm that these changes form part of a larger amendment known as the *Our City, Our Plan (Major Update 2 & 3) amendment package* (proposed amendment). I understand that council is currently considering submissions received from a fourth round of public consultation on changes to the proposed amendment.

As council has not yet sought my approval to adopt the proposed amendment to the City Plan, I am unable to comment on the proposed amendment. However, should my approval be requested, council will be required to demonstrate to my satisfaction that any changes to the proposed amendment appropriately reflects relevant state interests and evidence that public consultation of any significant changes has been undertaken.

I note that it is the responsibility of council to ensure public consultation of the proposed amendment meets the requirements of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules and the communications strategy endorsed by the former Planning Minister. These matters will be reviewed as part of my final consideration of the proposed amendments. I encourage the petitioners to continue to engage with council about the public consultation process undertaken for the proposed amendment.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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