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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 13 June 2018, forwarding for response petition 2892-18 (the petition) as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 12 March 2018.

The petition seeks amendment of the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* to include solatium in determining the amount of compensation provision for the disadvantage resulting from the relocation.

Whilst the Acquisition of Land Act does not include provision for solatium, it does provide for agreement on the fair market value for the land.

In response to the points raised in the petition, I acknowledge that some Australian jurisdictions, including New South Wales, do provide for the payment of a solatium amount as part of compulsory acquisition of land. The provisions of Queensland's Land Acquisition Act are similar to those of South Australia, and Tasmania. Other jurisdictions, including the Commonwealth, differ in the amount that can be paid and for what it addresses.

In Queensland, the vast majority of acquisitions are settled by agreement, including the compensation amount. For at least the last 11 years, all but one acquisition action was settled by agreement.

In view of the success of settling acquisitions by agreement, I do not believe a review of the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* is warranted at this time.

I would be pleased if you would arrange the tabling of this response under Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Paul Woodland, Chief of Staff, on telephone 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

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