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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 18 March 2020 relating to Petition 3293-20 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about the regulation of Gel Blasters.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that this petition may have arisen out of a misunderstanding on social media around the differences between Category R weapons and restricted weapons.

I can advise that, as a result of this government's extensive consultation in relation to planned changes to enhance safety around the use of gel blasters, the concerns have since been addressed to the satisfaction of the gel blaster industry.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services