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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2013, forwarding for response petition 2129-13 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 6 August 2013.

I acknowledge that re-establishing vehicle access to Rules Beach, following damage of the previous access by extreme weather in early 2013, is a priority for the local community. I am advised that Gladstone Regional Council (the council) has re-established pedestrian access to the beach and has committed to constructing vehicle access in the future.

I understand, however that the council has requested some time to consider the best options to maximise the likelihood that the new access will be able to withstand future weather events, while also meeting the needs of the local community and visitors. Given the scale of recovery programs that Gladstone Regional Council is implementing in response to the widespread impacts of the extreme weather events earlier this year on communities and infrastructure in the council area, I feel that it is appropriate that they be given some time to design and implement a suitable solution that will be able to serve this community well into the future.

Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Darren Moor, Service Delivery, Department of Natural Resource and Mines, on telephone 4837 3451.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cripps".

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