



Hon Andrew Powell MP
Member for Glass House



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Minister for Environment
and Heritage Protection

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 28 May 2012 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1812-11 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition draws to the attention of the House the location of the proposed Legend International Holdings fertiliser plant and its potential impact on the environment as well as the health and well being of residents in the region. The Petitioners request that the House withdraw its support and reject the application in its current form. The Petitioners have requested the plant be re-positioned in a more sustainable area away from the waterways that feed Mount Isa and the Gulf Region.

I have been advised that a development application for the proposed fertiliser plant was lodged with Mount Isa City Council as Assessment Manager in March 2011. Mount Isa City Council has advised that the application is currently considered "not properly made" and therefore has not yet been accepted. Under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, once the application has been accepted and is therefore considered to be "properly made", the Mount Isa City Council will issue an Acknowledgement Notice.

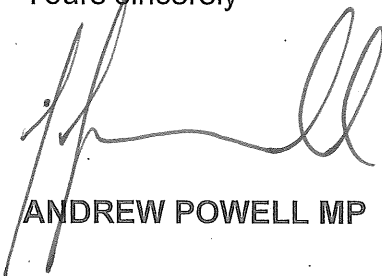
Once an Acknowledgement Notice is issued, the application will be referred to and assessed by the relevant State Government Departments. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection will assess the environmental impacts of the application consistent with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, including matters relating to waste management, air, noise and water.

Until the application has been accepted by the Mount Isa City Council, and all relevant agencies have completed the assessments required, no decision on the application can be made.

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Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Rob Lawrence, Regional Manager, North Region of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone 4222 5338.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Powell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ANDREW POWELL MP