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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2015 about Petition No. 2489-15 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2015.

I am aware that the Ingham Central Business (CBD) District Revitalisation Strategy is an initiative of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council (the Council) to reinvigorate the town of Ingham and address the issues of an ageing demographic, a higher than State average of low income households, and a need for greater business diversity.

The Ingham CBD Revitalisation Strategy builds on previous initiatives undertaken by the Council, such as the Our Town, Our Future strategy in 2005 that sought to address decades of economic decline and population loss.

The Ingham CBD Revitalisation Strategy is informed by key planning documents, including the Hinchinbrook Shire Council Community Plan 2022 and the Hinchinbrook Shire Economic Growth Strategy, both of which, I am informed, were developed through extensive community consultation.

The Ingham CBD Revitalisation Strategy itself is based on the Ingham CBD Revitalisation Master Plan, a joint project with James Cook University that was developed through extensive public consultation activities, including information sessions, workshops and public meetings.

The initiatives that the Council take to revitalise the community of Ingham are the responsibility of the Council and I would encourage the petitioners to engage with their Council directly to address their issues of concern. Alternatively, the residents of the Hinchinbrook Shire will have the opportunity to express their views about the performance and actions of their Council at the forthcoming local government elections to be held on 19 March 2016.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Tim Bastian, Principal Advisor, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on (07) 4758 3422 or by email at tim.bastian@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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