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Member for Stafford



Minister for Employment, Skills
and Mining

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Neil

I refer to petitions 1637-11, 1638-11, 1639-11, 1640-11, 1641-11, 1642-11, 1643-11, 1644-11 and 1645-11 lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 9 March 2011 expressing support for TAFE Ridgeway Campus to be gifted to the city of the Gold Coast for green space.

The Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) Board, acting in accordance with the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000* has advised the State Government that it is undertaking community consultation in relation to the future development options of its Ridgeway Avenue Campus.

As a Statutory Authority, the Board of GCIT has an obligation to act in an efficient and effective manner in the provision of vocational services. The GCIT Board has advised that there are no development plans currently for the site and prior to making recommendations to the Government, they are seeking input from local residents and stakeholder groups.

At a recent information evening held by GCIT, I understand a number of local residents expressed their views that the site should be developed into parkland. I further understand that Councillor Susie Douglas from the Gold Coast City Council indicated at this meeting that she was progressing consideration by Council about purchasing the site from GCIT. Should an offer be made by Gold Coast City Council, it will be considered by the GCIT Board.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact GCIT by email at Ridgeway.GCIT@deta.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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