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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
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George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2714-17 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 9 May 2017 regarding funding for a new school hall for Lawnton State School.

The Department of Education and Training is committed to providing high quality infrastructure in state schools across Queensland to improve learning outcomes, including through the provision of multi-purpose halls wherever possible.

Under the Department's Infrastructure Management Framework, proposals for new infrastructure investments are required to be developed by schools in conjunction with Regional Office staff, through the School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP). The SSIP is the Department's primary mechanism for identifying high priority infrastructure needs for individual schools.

All infrastructure project nominations received by the Department are rigorously assessed and prioritised against other investments across the State. These considerations are used to inform specific programs such as Advancing Queensland Schools, as well as for development of the Department's short, medium and long-term investment programs, subject to the funding approved through the State Budget process.

I encourage the school community to work with their Regional Infrastructure Manager to enable the finalisation of their SSIP. The advocacy of the petitioners for the needs of Lawnton State School is appreciated and I would like to assure the petitioners that SSIP proposals will be considered in accordance with the Department's assessment criteria.

I also encourage Lawnton State School to apply for funding through the Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme. The SSS Scheme is offered annually to all Queensland state schools and campuses to provide subsidy assistance for school-managed infrastructure projects that enhance learning outcomes for students and the wider community.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Kevin Mara, Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services by email at kevin.mara@det.qld.gov.au or on telephone 3034 4520.

I would like to thank your petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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