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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition numbers 2397-18, 2887-18 and 2907-18 tabled in Parliament on 17 May 2018, in relation to encouraging the National Rugby League (NRL) and its clubs to bring an annual NRL game to BB Print Stadium in Mackay from 2019.

While the NRL decides the location of all NRL games, the Palaszczuk Government is always open to work with destinations and event proponents to attract new events.

As the state's lead marketing and major events agency, Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) assesses event investment opportunities in line with TEQ's event investment objectives and the event's ability to produce strong returns for the state.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to growing Queensland's \$25 billion tourism industry. TEQ works closely with the Mackay Regional Council and Mackay Tourism to support a diverse calendar of sporting, lifestyle and cultural events in Mackay which positively profile the destination and deliver economic benefits to the region.

Furthermore, I note that the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport, has written to the NRL lending his support behind a proposal from Mackay Rugby League to host an NRL fixture in Mackay in 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

In accordance with Standing Order 31, I request that this letter be tabled today.

Yours sincerely

HON KATE JONES MP
Minister for Innovation and
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