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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 17 March 2016 to the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills regarding petition numbers 2439-15 and 2560-16 requesting the designation of a 'clothing optional' beach within Queensland.

As the *Summary Offences Act 2005* falls within my portfolio, the Attorney-General has forwarded a copy of your correspondence to me for consideration.

In order to address the issues raised in the petitions, I sought advice from the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA). I am advised that Inspector Roger Wilson from Strategy Division, PSBA contacted the Principal Petitioners, Mr John Hart and Ms Marie Farmer, on 22 April to discuss this matter. I understand that Inspector Wilson informed Mr Hart and Ms Farmer that current legislation in relation to wilful exposure is designed to provide for the protection and safety of Queenslanders.

As such, I can advise that the Queensland Government has no plans to change the current legislation dealing with wilful exposure. Therefore, the designation of a clothing optional beach is not supported at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

  
The Honourable Bill Byrne MP  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and  
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