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**Minister for Education and
Minister for the Arts**

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Petition received by the Queensland legislative Assembly No 394 – 04

I refer to your letter of the 26th October and the petition lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly on the 21st October 2004 by the Member for Cairns concerning the future of Cairns North State School.

I am responding to individual petitioners advising them that I have accepted the recommendation of the Cairns Educational Renewal Steering Committee and agreed that Cairns North State School will close on 10th December 2004, the last day of the school year.

The reply also indicates how funds received from the realisation of assets such as the Cairns North State School will be reinvested in the local area providing additional benefit for not only Cairns North students but for students throughout the Cairns area.

Please contact Ms Julie Grantham, Acting Assistant Director General, School Administration on (07) 3237 0986 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Anna Bligh MP
Minister for Education and
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