



Hon. Robert Swarten MP
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**Minister for Public Works,
Housing and Racing**

31 MAR 2005

Mr N Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to the petition number 430-05, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2005, regarding shaded car parks at 'May Hopper Lodge', 6 West Terrace Caloundra and tabled in the House.

I enclose my response to the petition and request that it be tabled in the House. I have arranged for an electronic copy of my response to be e-mailed as requested.

If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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- 6 APR 2005

Ms E Griffin
11/6 West Terrace
CALOUNDRA QLD 4551

Dear Ms Griffin

I refer to your petition number 430-05, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2005, regarding shaded car parks at 'May Hopper Lodge', 6 West Terrace Caloundra.

The Department of Housing has unprecedented demand on its services with more people finding they are not able to meet increasing rents in the private sector. As well, Australian Government funding through the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement has been declining for construction of public housing.

The department's funding is targeted to the provision of appropriate, secure, and affordable housing which meets the needs of tenants throughout the State. Standards are continually improving in new construction, and existing public housing is constantly being upgraded.

Based on feedback from tenants across the State about their priorities the department's upgrade program focuses on the improvements of basic amenities, including kitchens and bathrooms. It does not extend to the installation of carports to common car parking areas of existing multi-unit accommodation.

The department will place your complex on a list of potential properties for future carport installation should funding become available.

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