



Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure

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

Dear Mr Laurie WWW

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 2007 and for the attached Petition No 769-07 about the Bridges Investigation Area. The issues raised by the petitioners about the suitability of the area for industry development have been noted.

The Bridges area was identified as an Investigation Area for future enterprise and industrial purposes in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026 (SEQ Regional Plan). The Government is currently undertaking a detailed study of the land's suitability for future enterprise and industrial development in accordance with the study requirements set down in the SEQ Regional Plan.

This study, called the Sunshine Coast Enterprise Needs Investigation and Bridges Investigation Project (SCENIBIP), is being coordinated by the Office of Urban Management (OUM) on behalf of the Government. The program incorporates opportunities for community consultation, including scheduling of a number of public meetings throughout the course of the study. The outcomes of the study will assist in informing the proposed review of the SEQ Regional Plan in 2010.

As part of the SCENIBIP study, alternative sites for industrial development are being investigated inside of the Urban Footprint established by the SEQ Regional Plan. I have recently announced that these investigations will be expanded to include land outside of the Urban Footprint. This will extend the timeframe for completion of the SCENIBIP study.

Details of the project, including the extensive community consultation involved, can be obtained from the OUM on 1800 021 818 (Freecall) or from their website at <a href="https://www.oum.gld.gov.au">www.oum.gld.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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