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to the Deputy Premier and

Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: TN129332 / MC08.1027

Your ref: 1021-08

**17 JUN 2008**

Mr Neil Laurie

Clerk of the Parliament

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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil*

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition number 1021-08 regarding a parcel of land owned by the Scout Association at Victoria Point.

I have responded directly to the principal petitioner Ms Rosemary Skelly and a copy of my reply is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

**STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP**

**Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and  
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Ms Rosemary Skelly  
Principal Petitioner  
13 Portmarnock Drive  
Victoria Point QLD 4165

Dear Ms Skelly

The Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie has forwarded a copy of the wording of your petition, lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland on 11 March 2008, to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, about a parcel of land owned by the Scout Association at Victoria Point. The Deputy Premier has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The regulation of development and assessment of individual development applications in Redland City is primarily regulated by the Redland Shire *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA) planning scheme. Under the IPA, any person wishing to undertake assessable development of land must apply to Council, which is required to assess each application on its merits against the requirements of the planning scheme. If the application is in conflict with the planning scheme, the IPA requires Council to refuse the application, unless there are sufficient planning grounds on which to justify an approval.

The development application lodged in relation to this parcel of land is currently with Council and is yet to be decided.

Intervention by the State Government in the development assessment process prior to or following a decision by the local government is only intended on occasions where an interest of economic or environmental significance to the state could be significantly affected by a decision of the local government. Given these are reserve powers, decisions on their use are not taken lightly. At this stage, with the application still in the information request stage, it is not considered appropriate for the Deputy Premier to use his reserve powers in this particular case.

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As well as the local planning scheme, the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026* (SEQ Regional Plan) provides a planning framework to manage future growth and development of SEQ in the most sustainable way, while protecting and enhancing the region's natural environmental and community's quality of life. The SEQ Regional Plan protects more than 80 per cent of the region from urban development. The inclusion of land in the Urban Footprint however does not imply that all these lands can be developed for urban purposes. Areas of significant environmental and conservation value will remain protected by existing legislation and policy.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. If you require any further information, please call Mr Andrew Foley, Principal Planner, Planning Group, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, on 3237 1750 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stirling Hinchliffe', written in a cursive style.

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