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Minister for Education and Training

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 11 February 2010 regarding Petition Number 1377-10, in relation to the establishment of a public state secondary school in Agnes Water.

At the Bundaberg Community Cabinet meeting held on 30 August 2009, I met with a group of parents from Agnes Water to discuss the provision of a high/middle school at Agnes Water.

Following this meeting, senior officers from the Department of Education and Training met with these parents on 12 October and 25 November 2009. The purpose of the meetings was to outline student growth projections for Agnes Water and gain better understanding of the local issues impacting on the provision of secondary schooling in the district, and the potential impacts of a number of service delivery options.

The situation in the wider area is complex and involves considering the impacts on secondary schooling services within the Agnes Water, Rosedale and Miriam Vale areas.

The Department has undertaken to review the Agnes Water situation and I understand that arrangements have been made for Ms Lee Callum, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning and Mr Ken Collier, Executive Director (Schools) to meet with community representatives on 23 April 2010.

Please consider this letter as the interim response to the petition. Once the review is complete, the analysis of this review and recommendations will be presented to me for consideration and you will be advised of the outcome within the three months allowed under standing orders.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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