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**Minister for Climate Change
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Ref CTS 05905/10

Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 11 March 2010 enclosing a copy of Petition Number 1392-10, lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House extend the Designated Mooring Area within the Moreton Bay Marine Park at Redland Bay for a further one kilometre south of Point Talburpin, to enable the safe mooring of Queensland residents' boats.

I should like to advise that Designated Mooring Areas were established as part of the 2008 Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan in response to the growing popularity of boating in the marine park, the demand for more moorings, and the need to better manage moorings and their environmental impacts.

The establishment of Designated Mooring Areas allows for private or non-commercial moorings to be established in particular areas that are physically suitable for moorings (i.e. deep enough so that vessels will not touch the seabed) and without the need for a marine park permit. Prior to this, three permissions were required in order to establish a mooring in the marine park.

Designated Mooring Areas are intended to focus vessel moorings in areas that have been assessed as suitable for this use. However, the establishment of Mooring Areas does not remove the ability for a person to apply for a mooring elsewhere in the marine park. A person may still apply to establish a mooring outside Designated Mooring Areas but a marine park permit is required to do so. Mooring permit applications are subject to assessment procedures as required under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

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Under these circumstances, there appears to be no need to extend the existing Mooring Area at Redland Bay. Designated Mooring arrangements will be reviewed along with the Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Zoning Plan in 2019, as designation of the area does not preclude an application for a mooring in other areas.

I should like to thank the petitioners for their interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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