



Minister for Housing and Public Works  
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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2025 regarding petition No. 4187-24 received by the House regarding banning smoking in government housing.

The Department of Housing and Public Works is committed to encouraging a safe and healthy environment for all tenants and to ensuring tenants have quiet enjoyment of their homes.

My department uses a range of strategies within its tenancy management processes to manage smoking related complaints in public housing complexes. These include referring tenants who are smokers to the Queensland Health Quitline for support and advice, displaying no-smoking signs in the enclosed communal areas of our multi-unit complexes, responding to smoke drift complaints, including referrals to mediation services when required, and issuing warnings and tenancy breach notices where smoking occurs in communal areas.

My department will continue to partner with Queensland Health to promote the Quit Smoking program to all our tenants.

If you require further information, please contact Angela Masson, Deputy Director-General, Housing and Homelessness Services, Department of Housing and Public Works at [ODDG.HHS@housing.qld.gov.au](mailto:ODDG.HHS@housing.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**Minister for Housing and Public Works**  
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