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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

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Thank you for your email of 10 December 2025 regarding Parliamentary Petition No. 4327-25 requesting to permanently protect publicly owned State forests in the South East Queensland Regional Plan Area (SEQRPA).

The Crisafulli Government values the ecological diversity and services provided by all native forests.

Determining the most appropriate tenure for these areas of State forest requires sound consideration of all these values, as they are now, and well into the future. It is an undertaking that requires broad community confidence.

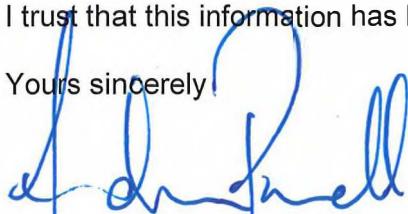
The Queensland Future Timber Plan will enable the Government to lead a contemporary re-assessment of values, needs, and aspirations for all areas of native State forest in the SEQRPA. This work will contribute to the identification of future tenure arrangements best able to support multiple values and services.

Beginning in 2026 we will be engaging with the community to ensure these diverse values are captured and included. It is important to get this work right if we are to ensure a protected area estate that is adequate, resilient, well managed and secure.

We look forward to working towards this with the community, and with key interest groups, to achieve the best of outcomes through this important work.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Powell MP  
Minister for the Environment and Tourism  
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