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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the petition 4322-25, tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 10 February 2026, about protection of the Mount Tamborine natural environment.

Under Queensland's planning framework, Local Governments are responsible for making decisions on planning matters, including where and how development can occur, in accordance with their planning scheme. The *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* is applicable to Mount Tamborine. Planning schemes are written to reflect the aspirations of local communities and State interests as outlined in the State Planning Policy (SPP) and, in this instance, the *South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan 2023* (ShapingSEQ).

The State interests include matters such as the need to protect areas of high biodiversity, ecological and landscape value with a view to enhancing our natural environment, heritage and culture. The State interests also encourage Local Governments to consolidate new residential growth in more developed areas within what is known as the urban footprint.

The State Government is involved in the plan-making process when Local Governments decide to amend or prepare a new planning scheme. The State Government's role is to set the planning policy framework across Queensland, and to ensure the State interests as set out in the SPP and other relevant policies, are protected and appropriately identified within planning schemes. This includes interests such biodiversity and water quality. Local Governments are actively encouraged to amend planning schemes to address changing community aspirations and planning need. To this end, I would encourage the petitioners to contact the Scenic Rim Regional Council (the Council) about their concerns.

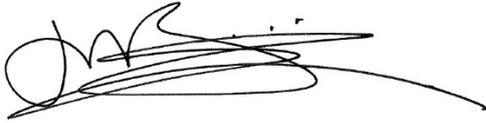
When preparing a planning scheme, it is the responsibility of the Council to consider these matters and make decisions that are in the best interest of its communities.

Furthermore, as part of the Crisafulli Government's election commitment, the review of SEQ Regional Plan is now underway. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning has recently updated the website for the current SEQ Regional Plan to provide more information about the review, including an opportunity for members of the community to submit their early feedback and ideas. The website can be accessed at:

<https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/plan-making/regional-planning/south-east-queensland-seq-regional-plan-under-review>.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**JARROD BLEIJIE MP**  
**DEPUTY PREMIER**  
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