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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie, *Neil,*

I refer to e-Petition 4352-25 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 10 February 2026 titled *The people's sovereignty over the legislative process*.

Queensland's parliamentary system is built on democratic representation through our Legislative Assembly, with laws made by elected Members and assented to by the Governor. Under this system, Queenslanders have the right to elect the candidate they believe will best represent their interests in the Queensland Parliament.

The Queensland Parliament holds the authority to make legislation for the peace, welfare, and effective governance of the State. Based on the Westminster system, Queensland's parliamentary framework relies on majority vote to enact laws. This constitutional framework has served Queensland well, ensuring that laws are made transparently and with proper scrutiny. The Government remains committed to upholding these fundamental principles of our democratic system.

For these reasons, the Government does not support introducing a right of citizens to veto parliamentary legislation or government regulations as proposed in the petition.

There are already established and effective channels for Queenslanders to have their say on proposed laws and government decisions. Bills that come before the Parliament are subject to review by a Parliamentary Committee before being debated. These committees actively invite public submissions, hold hearings, and gather evidence from a range of voices before reporting back to Parliament with recommendations.

In addition, Queenslanders can provide feedback directly to Ministers, local Members, or government departments. Community Cabinet meetings and regional sittings of Parliament also give citizens in local communities an opportunity to speak directly with Ministers and other Members of Parliament about the issues that matter to them.

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The most influential way Queenslanders can shape the laws of our State is by voting at elections for the people they want representing them in Parliament.

I thank the petitioners for their interest and for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely



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