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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 10 February 2026, regarding petition 4347-25 *Intervention into the Toobeah land transfer and review of the Aboriginal Land Act administrative process*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 10 February 2026.

To clarify, Toobeah Reserve has never been a recreation reserve for the general community. Any suggestion of such use was unauthorised. It was dedicated in 1906 to cater for the needs of travelling stock and associated camping pursuits. The Federal Court of Australia recognised the site as culturally significant for the Bigambul People in its native title determination over the area.

The transfer of the Toobeah Reserve under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (ALA) is wholly separate from the government's repeal of the *Path to Treaty Act 2023*. Further, the transfer was not a commitment made under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

The land, formerly part of the Toobeah Reserve, was transferred under the former Labor Government as Aboriginal freehold in September 2024 to the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation—the registered native title body corporate for this area. As the transfer has occurred, it cannot be suspended and there are no plans to seek an independent review of the transfer process.

I thank the petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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