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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4295-25, tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 3 March 2026, requesting an independent investigation and immediate freeze on amendments to the Moreton Bay City Council (the Council) Planning Scheme (the planning scheme).

The Crisafulli Government recognises the critical role that planning schemes play in shaping the future of our communities. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the Department) is responsible for ensuring that Local Government planning schemes appropriately reflect State interests. The Department works closely with Councils to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and to support best practices in planning and community consultation. The Department is continuously reviewing processes, including oversight of local planning schemes, to ensure alignment with State legislation and policy.

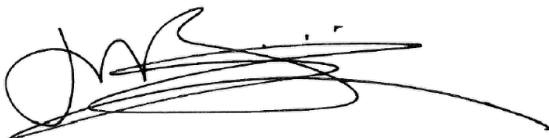
Under the *Planning Act 2016*, Local Governments are responsible for preparing and amending their planning schemes. While the State Government has a role in reviewing and approving proposed amendments to ensure alignment with State interests, it does not have the authority to impose a blanket freeze on Councils proposing new planning scheme amendments.

In relation to the planning scheme, I note that on 28 January 2026, the Council decided to commence the preparation of a new planning scheme. The preparation of a new planning scheme will involve a comprehensive process, including extensive community consultation. This will provide an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to have their say on the future planning framework for the Moreton Bay region. The Crisafulli Government will continue to work closely with the Council throughout this process.

I trust this information is of assistance and provides reassurance that the Government is committed to supporting robust, transparent, and participatory planning processes across the State.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely



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