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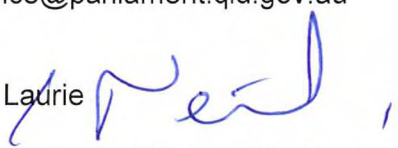
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Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to petition 4452-26, tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 26 March 2026, about the clearing of 652 mature koala habitat trees at Ormiston College.

The petition requests that the House intervene and seeks the proposed expansion of Ormiston College is not approved until further consideration of impacts to koala habitat and potential impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) occur.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning is currently finalising its assessment of the request for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) under the *Planning Act 2016* to facilitate the proposed expansion of Ormiston College.

Under the EPBC Act, proponents are responsible for determining whether their proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on a listed threatened species, and if so, for referring the proposal to the Commonwealth for assessment. A MID does not preclude a proposal from being subject to Commonwealth assessment, and any referral is not required to occur prior to me making a decision on the MID.

I recognise the petitioners' concerns regarding the proposal and will consider all the information presented to me in deciding whether to make the MID.

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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