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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition addressed to the Legislative Assembly of Queensland (No.1052.08) regarding the naming of the new Barcaldine Regional Council.

I have responded directly to the principal petitioner, Mr Ed Wood, and have attached a copy of my response for your information.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Wood

The Clerk of the Parliament has forwarded me a copy of the wording of your petition, lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland on 29 April 2008, seeking input to the naming of the new Barcaldine Regional Council.

I have also received a submission from the Barcaldine Regional Council seeking my support to have the proposed name change to the Galilee Regional Council referred to the Electoral Commissioner of Queensland for independent review.

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, this is a reviewable local government matter which I may refer to Electoral Commissioner for examination and determination by a Local Government Electoral and Boundaries Review Commission.

I recently met with the Mayor of the Barcaldine Regional Council, Councillor Robert Chandler, to discuss the Council's name change submission and proposal.

At that meeting, I advised Councillor Chandler that I would only give consideration to issuing a reference to the Electoral Commissioner if I was convinced there was community support for the proposal. In this regard, I requested the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation to provide Council with the names of organisations that could assist with the preparation of an appropriate survey question to engage the community and determine the level of support to any such proposal. I advised Councillor Chandler that I will give further consideration to issuing a reference to the Electoral Commissioner when I am in receipt of evidence of a level of community support for the name change proposal.

In these circumstances, I would strongly suggest your petitioners make their views on the matter known to Council.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Leigh Spencer, Senior Policy Advisor of my office on telephone number 3227 8820.

Yours sincerely

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