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Brisbane Qld 4000

*Neil*  
Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2008 concerning the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 1075-08.

Please find attached a response to the petition addressed to Mr Ross Benstead for your information and for publishing on the Parliamentary website.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Ross Benstead  
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Dear Mr Benstead

I refer to your petition no. 1075-08 of 5 June 2008 concerning a halt to mob-based National Livestock Identification System movement of livestock for use in campdrafting, rodeo and other sporting events after 30 June 2007.

In late 2006, I discussed this issue at length with a deputation from the Australian Campdraft Association and the outcome from that meeting was that the Association agreed that a commencement date for full identification and movement reporting for cattle travelling to rodeos and campdrafts could be achieved by 1 July 2007.

This timeline was met without dissent from the majority of associations and clubs involved. The commitment to meet this timeline was aided by the provision of financial support with grants of up to \$5,000 being made available to more than 30 individual campdraft clubs to provide the necessary infrastructure. In addition, subsidies were made available for reading equipment.

I am unable to agree to change this decision as the value of the commercial cattle industry to Queensland and Australia is such that it must be protected from threats to its viability and profitability.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Lancaster, Principal Project Officer of the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on telephone 07 4688 1271 or email [michael.lancaster@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:michael.lancaster@dpi.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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