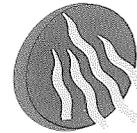




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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2009 concerning the Petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 1160-08, regarding Cairns Taipans Basketball fair and equitable renegotiation of the lease agreement at the Cairns Convention Centre.

The Cairns Convention Centre is owned by the Department of Public Works on behalf of the State of Queensland and is managed by AEG Ogden (Cairns) Pty Ltd. I am advised that the Cairns Taipans Basketball Team was placed into liquidation on 22 January 2009 and that the liquidator is attempting to find a purchaser for the team.

Any hiring agreement between the Cairns Convention Centre Managers and a potential hirer is negotiated on commercial terms and is confidential between the parties to the agreement. It would be inappropriate to discuss the specific terms of any agreement.

I trust this information clarifies the issues raised in the E-petition.

Yours sincerely

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