



Queensland  
Government

**Hon Karen Struthers MP**

Member for Algerie

Your reference: Petitions  
Our reference: COM-05047-2009

Minister for Community Services and  
Housing and  
Minister for Women

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2009 concerning Petition No. 1286-09 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The petitioners can be assured that the Department of Communities remains committed to its mission of providing services and supports that build fair, cohesive and vibrant communities, and that the productivity dividend will not impact on frontline service delivery staff or activities.

The dividend of \$10 million will be achieved through measures that are directed at achieving efficiencies in corporate overheads and operating structures as a result of the merger of the former Departments of Communities, Child Safety and Housing, Disability Services Queensland and the Sport and Recreation component of Local Government, Sport and Recreation into the new Department of Communities.

I can further assure the petitioners that the savings measures will be consistent with the Government's employment security policy.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Trevor Herrod, Manager Business and Services, Financial Services, Corporate Services, Department of Communities on 322 77481.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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