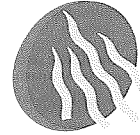




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**Minister for Natural Resources,
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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 16 September 2009 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1303-09 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House reject a 63 hectare parcel on South Stradbroke Island from further future consideration as a potential site for a future desalination plant.

On 23 February 2009, the Deputy Premier and former Minister for Infrastructure and Planning announced the exclusion of the site on South Stradbroke Island from further consideration as a future desalination plant site. This decision was based on the preliminary assessment of sites by the Queensland Water Commission, which identified significant environmental impacts associated with building a desalination plant on this site.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Daniel Spiller, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Water Commission on telephone 3227 8203.

Yours sincerely

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