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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of Parliament
Queensland Parliamentary Service
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 10 February 2010 about petition number 1359-09 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 9 February 2010. The principal petitioner is Ms Lynda Kendall of Formosa Road, Gumdale who is seeking rejection of a proposal to establish a licensed premises adjacent to the Gumdale State Primary School. Mr Steven Kilburn MP, Member for Chatsworth, is the sponsoring member of the petition.

At this time, no applications have been received by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation for a licensed venue next to the Gumdale State Primary School. It is also noted that no development applications for such a proposal have been received by Brisbane City Council's planning and building section. A development approval is needed before a liquor licence application can be lodged with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

The petitioners' concerns about any proposal for a licensed venue in such a location are noted and I can assure residents of Gumdale that should any application for a liquor licence be received by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation for this site, it will be carefully assessed against the criteria specified in the *Liquor Act 1992.* This process includes an extensive community consultation phase during which residents, the Queensland Police Service, the local authority and other key stakeholders will be invited to lodge objections or submissions regarding the application.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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