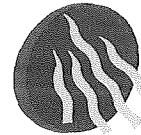




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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 1517-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2010 and sponsored by Mr Howard Hobbs MP, Member for Warrego, expressing support for the South-West Priority Country Area Program (PCAP), and in particular its music program.

PCAP is jointly administered by the Department of Education and Training and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. I understand the significant contribution PCAP funds make to enhancing learning outcomes for students in geographically isolated areas, including the provision of funding for the instrumental music program. I appreciate that some school communities have received PCAP funding for more than 30 years.

An independent review of PCAP, including models for funding, was undertaken by an external consultant between November 2009 and March 2010. The review collected information from a broad range of stakeholders across the State.

I am currently considering the final report from the consultant and will make a decision regarding the recommendations in the near future. I would like to assure the Parliament that the Government remains committed to supporting schools in rural and remote areas.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter please contact Ms Anne-Marie Ward, State PCAP Coordinator, Central Queensland Region – Rockhampton, on telephone (07) 4938 4661.

Yours sincerely

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