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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 16 April 2003 providing a copy of the petition which requests the Legislative Assembly ensure the Brisbane City Council consider the petitioners' issues in finalising the Lang Park Parking Permit Plan.

The concerns of the petitioners have also been raised at meetings of the Suncorp Stadium Community Liaison Group. The provision of parking to meet the legitimate needs of businesses, residents and other key organisations in the vicinity of Suncorp Stadium is an important issue for the surrounding community.

The Environmental Impact Statement 2000 undertaken for the redevelopment of Suncorp Stadium identified there was a need to establish a traffic area in order to regulate parking around Suncorp Stadium on event days.

Part 6 of Chapter 5 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* specifically provides that Local Government may regulate parking by establishing traffic areas under a local law. The Brisbane City Council (BCC) accepted responsibility for the establishment of the traffic area and this was acknowledged in the Development Approval Conditions issued by the BCC for the redevelopment of the Stadium in May 2001. Condition 2 (b) states the BCC is required to:

*“prepare and take all necessary steps to have gazetted a new Brisbane City Council Local Law (Lang Park Traffic Area).”*

The State Government's role in the local law making process is a limited one. It cannot direct a local government to adopt a local law on a particular issue.

In accordance with the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*, the implementation and enforcement of the *Lang Park Traffic Area Local Law 2002* will be administered by the BCC. It is my understanding the arrangements proposed by the BCC for the implementation and regulation of the *Lang Park Traffic Area Local Law 2002* are similar to schemes in operation at Ballymore and the Brisbane Cricket Ground, which have been previously endorsed by the BCC. Accordingly, any issues relating to the *Lang Park Traffic Area Local Law 2002* should be directed to the BCC.

In accordance with your requirements, an electronic copy of this response has been provided to facilitate the publication of this response on the Parliamentary website.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

*SIGNED*

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