



**Hon Craig Wallace MP**  
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland  
Government**

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**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries  
and Marine Infrastructure**

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

Dear Mr Laurie,

I refer to petitions numbered 1704-11 and 1758-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ted Malone MP, Member for Mirani on 25 August 2011 about the possibility of coal stockyards being placed at Louisa Creek.

The concerns raised by the petitioners regarding potential development at the Port of Hay Point are noted and the North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited (NQBP) is taking these concerns into consideration when planning for future infrastructure development.

I have been advised that NQBP is currently undertaking a master planning process to identify possible expansion options for facilities at the Port of Hay Point to address market demand for Queensland's resources.

NQBP's master planning activities cover the whole port area and are expected to be complete in late 2011. With regard to the proposed Louisa Creek stockpile option I can advise that Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Management has recently asked NQBP to remove the stockpile expansion options (Louisa Creek and southern stockpile options) from the project scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment process currently underway at the Port of Hay Point.

If a proponent wished to undertake a new development at the Port of Hay Point then an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to be prepared, including justifications and site assessments, in accordance with relevant legislative requirements. If an EIS for a project proposal at the Port of Hay Point is provided for consideration, the Government would assess whether or not the development proposal should proceed based on the submission and how any potential environmental and social impacts are managed, as well as the benefits the proposed development may bring to the region and the State.

The concerns raised by the petitioners have been noted and the issue raised with NQBP in terms of future planning of the Port of Hay Point.

Yours Sincerely

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