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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2012 about Petition Number 1819-11 tabled by Ms Jo-Ann Miller MP, Member for Bundamba on 17 May 2012 regarding concerns of local residents over plans to expand a landfill site at New Chum.

Ipswich City Council is in receipt of two development applications concerning an expansion to the landfill site. The expansion relates to increasing waste disposal capacities and operational area, as well as broadening the scope of waste disposal activities. Transpacific Industries Group Ltd is the current operator of the New Chum landfill site and building waste recycling facility which has been commercially operating for approximately 10 years.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection is a concurrence agency for both applications and is responsible for assessing the environmentally relevant activities. Ipswich City Council is the assessment manager and is responsible for assessing the material change of land use against the provisions of the Ipswich Planning Scheme 2006.

As both applications are Impact Assessable, the proposals are subject to public notification under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act) during which submissions from members of the public can be made to Ipswich City Council. Moreover, the Act affords appeal rights to submitters such that following a decision by Ipswich City Council, appeals can be heard in the Planning and Environment Court. I encourage local residents to become involved in this process to ensure that all concerns can be taken into account by Ipswich City Council when making its decision.

If you require any further information, please contact Matthew Adams, Senior Policy Advisor, on 3224 4600, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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