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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2012 about Petition Numbers 1894-12 and 1895-12 tabled on 29 May 2012 regarding concerns of local residents over a development application for a sand quarrying operation at Sandy Creek.

Somerset Regional Council is in receipt of the development application concerning the proposed sand quarry. I understand that both the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) are concurrence agencies for the application.

DEHP is responsible for assessing the environmentally relevant activities associated with the application. Council is the assessment manager and is responsible for assessing the development against the provisions of the Kilcoy Shire Planning Scheme 2006.

As the application is Impact Assessable, the proposal will be subject to public notification under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act), during which submissions from members of the public can be made to council. Moreover, the Act affords appeal rights to submitters such that following a decision by council, appeals can be heard in the Planning and Environment Court. I would encourage local residents to become involved in the public notification stage to ensure that all concerns can be taken into account by council when making its decision.

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

Yours sincerely

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