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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to petition 1943-12 received by the House on September 11, 2012, tabled by Mrs Jo-Ann Miller, Member for Bundamba, which related to the sale of Monte Carlo, Woombye Gardens and Lazy Acres caravan parks.

I reached the difficult decision to proceed with the sale of these caravan parks and utilise the funds generated to contribute directly to the delivery of new units of social housing for the 27 000 households on the register.

The decision was not taken lightly or without due consideration for all possible consequences. The caravan parks will be sold as going concerns and the current residents will not be affected during the process. I will place an 18 month moratorium on any change of usage following the sale, which will protect the tenure of the current residents.

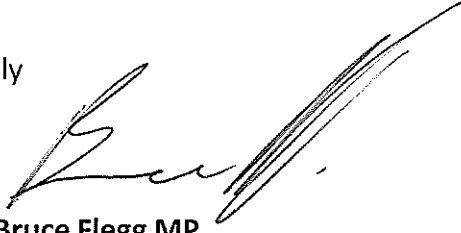
In the very unlikely even that residents of Monte Carlo, Woombye Gardens or Lazy Acres tenants are required to vacate, the Premier and myself as Minister responsible have committed to providing all necessary assistance in relocating and finding suitable accommodation for existing tenants in the private, community or public rental sector.

Residents of the caravan parks have been encouraged to contact their local housing service centre to obtain information about applying for housing assistance.

The high costs involved in operating, maintaining and upgrading the caravan parks are a significant drain on the scarce funding that is available for housing programs. The government remains committed to managing these finite resources, and providing for those most in need.

If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact my office on telephone 07 3237 1832.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Flegg', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

The Hon. Dr Bruce Flegg MP
Minister for Housing and Public Works