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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2012 about a Petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly: 1979-12.

The responsibility to investigate and install levee banks at Charles and Morris Streets, Yeppoon, and to carry out excavation works in Fig Tree Creek rests with the Rockhampton Regional Council.

My responsibility is to establish and administer a system of local government which allows democratically elected councillors to make decisions having regard to local circumstances. It is not my role to intervene in individual local decisions, including those related to flood proofing streets, and my capacity to do so under the *Local Government Act 2009* is very limited.

In respect to the requirements outlined in the petition, an officer of the Department of Local Government has been advised that Council would need to make an application and liaise with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to investigate levee bank options or undertake any excavation works.

If you require further information, please contact Adrian Tantari, Manager, Southern Region, on 4121 1494 or adrian.tantari@dlg.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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