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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 2022-12 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 27 November 2012 regarding community support for Ms Jodi Hemphill to remain as a teacher at Cooran State School.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to the provision of a quality education for all students in Queensland schools. An important part of this commitment is the provision of equitable employment opportunities to suitably qualified staff across the State.

I appreciate the level of support shown by the community for Ms Hemphill and recognise the significant contribution she has made to the students of Cooran State School.

It is acknowledged that a degree of stability is essential for the successful implementation of school programs; however, my Department also has an obligation to permanent teachers who have undertaken considerable periods of service in rural and remote locations throughout the State. In recognition of their service the Department endeavours to place these teachers in their preferred locations.

Strong leadership and community support in our schools contributes to achieving successful educational outcomes for our students. I am confident that the combined efforts of parents and staff will continue to ensure the best possible results for the students at Cooran State School.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Steve Cook, Regional Human Resources Manager, North Coast Region, on telephone 5470 8900.

Yours sincerely

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