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Dear Mr Laurie

*Neil,*

I refer to Petition 2050-13 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2013 regarding a request 'to have the former Mt Chalmers School and grounds to be gifted to the Mt Chalmers Community History Centre (MCCHC), Mt Chalmers and District Progress Association (MCDPA) and the community of Mt Chalmers'.

The former Mt Chalmers State School was closed in 2006. Since that time the MCCHC has continued to utilise the residence building on the school site, under a 'Long Term Use Agreement' with the Department of Education, Training and Employment. I understand that the premises have been used to conduct operations of the MCCHC since 2001.

The Department has had many approaches in relation to the disposal of this property during the time since the school's closure including, but not limited to, a request for continued occupancy by the MCCHC.

Following a review of the Department's Disposal Program in 2012, the disposal of this property has been approved to progress. In accordance with the Government Land Policies, a Most Appropriate Use (MAU) assessment must be undertaken before a decision can be made regarding the future use of the site and the determination of how the property will be sold.

As a decision regarding the method of sale for the site has not yet been made, the request made by the petitioners cannot be supported at this time. However, given the MCCHC's continued occupancy at the site, the Department is fully aware of the MCCHC's interest in the property.

I can assure you that consultation with the MCCHC, the MCDPA and the Mt Chalmers community will be undertaken as part of the MAU assessment process.

I thank the community for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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