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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil.

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2014 about petition 2207-14 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The petition claims that an investigation is warranted into 'links' between the Townsville City Council and developers and that as a consequence there are 'inconsistencies' in the Council's newly developed planning scheme - Townsville City Plan 2013.

I am aware that Council undertook extensive consultations in developing the draft City Plan and received over 4,700 public submissions which were duly considered in producing the final draft document. In April 2014, Council resolved that the draft City Plan be provided to the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning for State Government approval under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

While the petition makes inferences about Council's 'links' to developers that it claims warrant investigation, the petition provides no details of those links or any evidence of official misconduct. If the petitioner has any evidence of serious misconduct by Council then they should be brought to the attention of the appropriate authority to conduct an investigation - the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

The Commission's website has detailed instructions as to how to report misconduct. The petitioner should visit the Commission's website at www.cmc.qld.gov.au and click on (1) 'Misconduct', (2) 'Report misconduct' (3) 'How to report misconduct', and follow the instructions.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Jo Stephenson, Regional Director, Northern Region on (07) 4758 3420 or jo.stephenson@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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