



Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2225-14 and 2193-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 4 March 2014.

I announced in Parliament on 6 March 2014, that the Queensland Government had commenced a wide-ranging review of fisheries management in Queensland to deliver a better system for the State's commercial, recreational fishers and Indigenous fishers. The aim of the review is to modernise and simplify fisheries management systems, and cut red tape. This will provide the flexibility for industry to prosper, ensure recreational and traditional fishers have reasonable access to the resource, and ensure Queensland's lifestyle is maintained.

The Queensland Government will await the outcome of this comprehensive review before making significant policy decisions in relation to fisheries management. During this time, the Queensland Government will continue to allow commercial fishing in the waters off Moreton Island.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McVeigh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

DR JOHN McVEIGH, MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Member for Toowoomba South