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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I refer to e-Petition 2240-14 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 May 2014 regarding an inadequate perimeter fence around Torquay State School.

I am advised that Ms Angelique Kropp, Principal of Torquay State School, has confirmed that the existing perimeter fence is a chain wire link fence, approximately one metre high. The Principal also advises that there have been no police reports about individuals on the school grounds during play time.

In regard to concerns raised about photographs being taken near the school grounds, I am informed that reports have been made to the Police on two different occasions this year. One report related to a person seen taking photos outside the school during the morning, and the other about a person seen taking photos after school hours across the road from the school grounds.

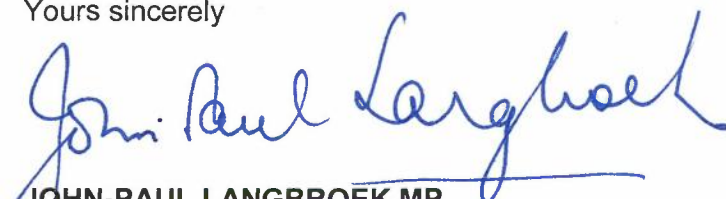
My Department is committed to providing a safe environment for all students, staff and community members in Queensland state schools.

I understand that consideration for new perimeter fencing is currently on the school's agenda. The Principal and Parents and Citizens' Association representatives have met on several occasions regarding this matter. Work is currently underway to gather information about alternative fencing options and associated costs.

As part of the school's commitment to safety of students and staff, the procedures for locking of gates and wearing of fluorescent vests by staff and peer students while on duty in playground areas near the fence line has recently been reviewed, and the importance of these practices reinforced. In addition, to ensure all visitors to the school are known, they are required to sign in through the administration office.

I would like to thank petitioners for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely


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