



Hon Stephen Robertson MP
Member for Stretton



**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for Natural Resources and
Minister for Mines**

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Mr N J Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Alice and George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 21 August 2003 forwarding a copy of a Petition lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, requesting the House to request the Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines and all other relevant Ministers, to take the appropriate steps necessary to ensure the stock route/road leading from Cusack Road to the Burdekin River, near Charters Towers, is reopened and access to the river restored.

This issue has been going on for several years with the Dalrymple Shire Council taking action to remove, on several occasions, the lock from the gate that is restricting access along the dedicated road.

Following representations from Ms Christine Scott, MLA, Member for Charters Towers, my Department has determined that the only way to resolve this issue is to remove the fencing and gate from the road.

Accordingly the matter has been referred to my Department's Compliance Unit, North Region for appropriate action. The case has been allocated high priority and is currently under investigation.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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