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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 2300-14 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 27 August 2014 regarding a portion of the former Nyanda State High School.

I acknowledge the concern of petitioners and their request that my Department refrain from selling part of the former Nyanda State High School.

I am advised that the site referred to in the petition as public parkland is currently a freehold site zoned as Community Use (Education Purposes) by the Brisbane City Council (BCC). The site is not public parkland, and as also referenced, was formerly used as a second oval ('the northern oval') for the former Nyanda State High School.

An open tender process for the former school site closed on 11 September 2014 and several schools have expressed interested in acquiring the site. As school buyers would benefit from a second oval, the northern oval does form part of the property being offered for sale.

It is expected that a decision awarding tender will be made shortly.

If a school is not the final purchaser, it is still expected that the second oval will remain as green space. The majority of the oval is constrained by flooding issues and when officers from my Department met with BCC, the Council expressed an interest in conditioning a future owner to retain that area as green space.

BCC is responsible for assessing development applications and to ensure that any proposed development is in keeping with the overall planning intent for the area.

Any proceeds from the disposal of the site will be reinvested into Queensland schools. This is an important part of ensuring we are able to provide a positive learning environment for all students across the state.

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

Yours sincerely

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