



Hon Jeff Seeney MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear ~~Mr Laurie~~

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2014 about petitions 2304-14 and 2323-14 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly requesting more consultation on the Moreton Bay Regional Council draft planning scheme.

The Queensland Government is aware of a number of issues raised by the community in relation to the recently advertised draft Moreton Bay Planning Scheme.

The *Statutory Guideline 04/14 Making and amending local planning instruments* sets out the requirements for the preparation of a planning scheme.

It is reasonably expected that some changes can be made to a proposed planning scheme through the local government's assessment of public submissions and additional matters.

If changes are made to the proposed planning scheme that has been released for public consultation, the local government must determine whether those changes result in the proposed planning scheme being significantly different to the proposed planning scheme that was released for public consultation.

In making the determination, the local government should consider if the change has affected or altered:

- a material planning issue, such as a policy position
- a significant proportion of the area or land owners covered by the proposed planning scheme
- a matter which is of widespread public interest throughout the local government area and would be likely to generate multiple public submissions
- the level of assessment, or
- the proposed planning scheme so that it is quite different to that which was released for public consultation.

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It is important to acknowledge that a change which affects any one person or a group of individuals' rights over land does not necessarily mean that the change is significant.

Where local government considers that the proposed planning scheme is significantly different to the version released for public consultation, it must undertake additional public consultation. The local government may undertake a targeted consultation process involving only those matters which have significantly changed.

Further to this, the Queensland Government has introduced new requirements for this consultation and will be discussing these with Moreton Bay Regional Council should further consultation occur.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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**JEFF SEENEY MP**

**DEPUTY PREMIER**

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