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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

*Neil,*

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2016 about Petition No. 2620-16; 2569-16 and 2621-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 17 August 2016 about the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (the Reinstatement Bill).

The Reinstatement Bill was debated by Parliament on 18 August 2016 and the proposed amendments under the Reinstatement Bill were not passed by Parliament. The government will continue to push for laws that strike the right balance between protecting the Great Barrier Reef and limiting carbon emissions, and the long-term viability of the agricultural sector.

In achieving this balance, the government is intent on ensuring there are appropriate means of delivering agricultural development opportunities and productivity improvements that will support investment and jobs in northern Queensland.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Ms Helen Spencer, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Mines on 3199 8234 or by email at [helen.spencer@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:helen.spencer@dnrm.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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