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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2017 about Petition No. 2653-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2017 expressing concerns regarding the performance of the Fraser Coast Regional Council (the council) and requesting the release of all reports into the council undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department).

In 2016 the state government appointed advisors to the council for a period of three months. On 31 October 2016, the department produced a report which addressed concerns in relation to the performance of the council as identified by the advisors. This report included all the issues and concerns identified by the advisors and the department, and was tabled in Parliament on 2 November 2016. The report concluded that at that time there were no grounds for further state intervention. The department continues to monitor the council's performance. Support for the council will continue to be available through the department in the form of training, capacity building and advice.

In relation to the petitioners' request for all reports into the council, including, but not limited to, all reports by advisors and any independent third party reports, I am advised that these are summarised in the department's tabled report. A copy of the report may be accessed on Queensland Parliament's website at [www.parliament.qld.gov.au](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au) by clicking on (1) Latest Record/Agenda, (2) Tabled Papers, (3) Online tabled Papers, (4) in the date range search cell, enter 02/11/2016 to 02/11/2016, Go and (5) scroll down the page and click on the reference number 1967.

If the petitioners require further information, I encourage them to contact Ms Patricia McKay, Acting Regional Director, Local Government and Regional Services in the department on 3452 6872 or by email at [patricia.mckay@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:patricia.mckay@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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