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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of referral forwarding for response petition 2756-17 (the petition) as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018.

In response to the petition I would like to inform you that the Queensland Government is committed to sustainably managing water for all water users in the Barron Water Plan area.

The Barron Water Plan includes a suite of social, economic, and environmental outcomes for sustainable management of water. Water releases from Tinaroo Falls Dam occur in accordance with the Mareeba Dimbulah Water Supply Scheme Resource Operations Licence and the Scheme Operations Manual to help deliver the aforementioned outcomes.

Tinaroo Falls Dam, in the Barron catchment, was built in the 1950s for the purpose of supplying water for hydropower and irrigated agriculture. Supplying water from Tinaroo Falls Dam for river irrigators, town water supply, power generation, recreational uses and for maintaining a healthy river are all legitimate uses of this water.

The Barron Water Plan continues to deliver positive outcomes for sustainable management including water security and environmental objectives developed in consultation with stakeholders in the Barron catchment.

The Principal Petitioner has raised this issue a number of times in the past and officers from my department have repeatedly and adequately addressed this issue. As this petition does not raise additional information, I refer the Principal Petitioner to the previous responses.

I would be pleased if you would arrange the tabling of this response under Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Paul Woodland, Chief of Staff, on telephone 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely



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