



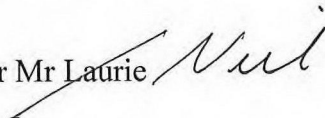
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Dear Mr Laurie 

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2018 enclosing petition 2773-17 regarding a new north eastern state of Australia, which was tabled in the Parliament on 15 February 2018.

As all Queensland communities benefit from a strong, unified state, the Queensland Government is focused on uniting our State, not dividing it. Therefore, the Queensland Government does not support any proposal to split Queensland into separate states.

With the Queensland Government's continued investment in initiatives to diversify and grow our regional economies and leverage their unique strengths, Queensland as a whole will continue to prosper and deliver great opportunities for all Queenslanders.

Again, thank you for forwarding this petition to me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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