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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Queensland Parliamentary Services
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 2018 concerning Petition Nos. 2945-18 and 3000-18 regarding the Oceanview walking track in Burleigh Head National Park.

The walking track has been subject to several boulder falls in recent years which present a risk to visitors. In these situations the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has comprehensive protocols that are followed to ensure visitor safety. As a result of a boulder fall on 6 March 2018 the walking track was closed while further assessments were undertaken. Following initial geotechnical assessments, it was deemed necessary for a detailed inspection. A comprehensive specification for the inspection of all boulder clusters on the cliff edge above the walking track was released to tender.

Engineering Design Geoscience (EDG Consulting) was engaged to undertake the assessment and EDG Consulting provided QPWS with the final report in late August 2018. The report supported the continuation of QPWS's risk management strategy of track closure in adverse conditions and recommended that QPWS consider further measures to reduce risk where practical.

On the basis of the report, I am pleased to be able to inform you that I was able to announce the reopening of the walking track on 19 September 2018. I have also asked QPWS to work closely with EDG Consulting to determine what long-term solutions could be implemented at the site to reduce the need for further track closures. A decision on the most appropriate action or actions will be made in due course.

I would be pleased if you would arrange for the tabling of this letter in response to the Petitions in accordance with Standing Order 31.

I trust this information has been of assistance to the Petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Leeanne Enoch MP

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