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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ NEIL,

I refer to the Petition No. 2947.18 lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 12 June 2018 regarding the Maleny Rural Fire Brigade.

I understand the frustration felt in the local community regarding the current arrangement and would like to assure community members that Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) is doing everything possible to facilitate building a new Maleny emergency services complex as soon as possible.

QFES and the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) are currently investigating suitable sites for the new emergency service complex in Maleny, however, as QFES requires 3000 square meters of land to house all three services (Fire and Rescue Service, Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service), it is proving difficult to locate a property of appropriate scale, infrastructure and amenity.

Once a suitable parcel of land has been acquired, QFES (through PSBA) will undertake the Ministerial Designation of the site. This process can take anywhere between six to nine months, with construction due to commence in late 2019.

I trust this information is helpful to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact Mr Daniel Lato, Acting Chief of Staff on telephone (07) 3008 3700.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Craig Crawford", written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Craig Crawford MP
Minister for Fire and Emergency Services