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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 May 2019, forwarding for response petition 3051-18 (the petition) as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 30 April 2019.

In response to the petition requesting the reinstatement of the Pioneer River Improvement Trust that was dissolved on 1 July 2014, I can advise that both the Pioneer River Improvement Trust and Mackay Regional Council (Council) requested that the Pioneer River Improvement Trust be abolished as they considered that Council would be able to undertake its activities more cost effectively and efficiently.

The *River Improvement Trust Act 1940* (the Act) does not allow for the reinstatement of river improvement trusts. The Act however does enable the establishment of a new river improvement trust. I refer you to Part 2, section 3(3) the Act:

*'A local government, or 2 or more local governments acting jointly, may apply to the Minister for the establishment, change or abolition of a river improvement trust.'*

As the establishment of a new river improvement trust must be initiated by the local council(s), I encourage the petitioners to engage with the Mackay and Isaac Regional Councils on this matter.

I provide you with this response for tabling pursuant to Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff, on telephone 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely



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