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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2019 regarding petition 3142-19: Retain the area known as Warner Investigation Area as rural residential.

I acknowledge the concerns raised by the petitioners regarding the change of land use in the Warner Investigation Area from rural residential to higher density residential. I appreciate the community's interest in these matters.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council Planning Scheme shows the Warner Investigation Area, including existing industrial and rural residential areas, as an area for consideration for urban development. The Warner Investigation Area is not currently the subject of a planning scheme amendment process, and investigations would be undertaken prior to such a process. The Moreton Bay Regional Council (the council) would be responsible for these investigations.

I understand that there are currently three development applications seeking approval for residential development on industrial zoned land within the Warner Investigation Area. The council is responsible for deciding these applications. The Queensland Government has a limited role in assessing two of three of the development applications, concerning the potential impacts on the state transport network.

Under Queensland's planning legislation, the Queensland Government has limited power to intervene or direct any council in relation to operational matters, including decisions made by the council about local planning. It is at the discretion of each council to make the decisions that it considers appropriate for the needs and views of its community.

I note petitioners raised particular concerns regarding koalas. The Queensland Government is committed to the long-term conservation of South East Queensland's koala population. The Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning is working closely with Department of Environment and Science to deliver the planning response to the recommendations of the Koala Expert Panel. This work will help support the continuation of koala populations by protecting critical koala habitat alongside other measures such as threat management and habitat restoration.

I encourage petitioners to discuss their concerns about the Warner Investigation Area directly with the council. The council can be contacted on phone (07) 3205 0555 or by email at mbrc@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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