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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to your letter of 29 November 2019 regarding petition 3202-19: Opposing the proposed development of the Banana Range Windfarm by Lacour.

I acknowledge the concerns raised by the petitioners on the assessment criteria and the extent of community consultation. I also note the request for the application to be rejected.

On 4 October 2019, the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) approved the Banana Range Windfarm development application, subject to conditions. A copy of the decision notice is published on DSDMIP's website and can be found by searching 1907-12349 SDA at <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/better-development/the-development-assessment-process/the-states-role/sara-decisions>. Consequently, the request to have the application rejected cannot be granted.

To clarify, the assessment criteria for wind farm applications were recently reviewed for their suitability for assessment purposes. The review undertaken by DSDMIP and the National Wind Farm Commissioner confirmed no changes were required as these documents were still relevant and contemporary.

The Banana Range Windfarm was a code assessable application. While this type of application does not require public notification under the *Planning Act 2016*, the proponent chose to consult with the public during the assessment process. This consultation was undertaken in good faith by the proponent and was above and beyond the statutory obligations.

The approval given by DSDMIP was accompanied by a suite of conditions to ensure the project is constructed and operated in accordance with the outcomes of the assessment. The conditions ensure that the community and the natural environment do not experience unacceptable adverse impacts from the construction and operation of the wind farm.

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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