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Dear Neil

Thank you for your letter of 16 October 2019 about petition no. 3215-19 and 3171-19 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about the Tablelands Regional Council's management of its Vernon Street Skate Park in Atherton and the Council's use of funding received for sport and recreation facilities.

In Queensland, Local Governments are autonomous bodies charged with taking independent action on a wide range of matters necessary for ensuring the good rule and governance of their areas within a framework set by Local Government legislation administered by the State.

The Council has the responsibility for deciding how it manages its sport and recreation assets, and when and where it adds to or takes away from these assets. While the concerns of petitioners are noted, the matter is one for the Council to decide. I strongly encourage the petitioners to engage with the Council to inform and influence its decision-making.

I have asked for Mr John O'Halloran, Regional Manager, Northern, Strategy and Service Delivery, Local Government Division in the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr O'Halloran on 4037 3412 or by email at john.o'halloran@dlgrma.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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