



Minister for Communities
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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter regarding petition number 3239-19, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly, in relation to the construction of a Youth Centre in Pimpama–Ormeau. As discussed with your office today, my office did not receive your correspondence delivering this petition and as a result we were unaware of it until being followed up for a response today.

I note that I responded to a previous petition (3140-19) regarding this matter on 20 November 2019.

I would like to thank the members of the community for taking the time to show their support by signing the document.

The Queensland Government is committed to helping local communities across Queensland work together to find local solutions that lead to more inclusive, safer and healthy communities.

I understand the request for the construction of a Youth Centre for the Pimpama and Ormeau communities, proposes a model of service delivery similar to that provided by the Queensland Police–Citizens Youth Welfare Association (PCYC Queensland) through crime prevention and youth development programs.

PCYC Queensland is an independent organisation, and as such, any decision regarding the construction or establishment of a new club premises is the decision for PCYC Queensland and its independent board of directors. Future enquiries of this nature should be referred to PCYC Queensland.

The Queensland Government invests in 124 neighbourhood and community centres (NCCs) across the state that provide programs and services to the community across all life stages, and in response to local needs. NCCs do not usually target a single cohort such as youth. Not all NCC buildings are owned by the state; a variety of models is used by NCCs to support their infrastructure needs, including ownership of premises by local government.

I am also aware that the Gold Coast City Council manages two community centre facilities in Pimpama and Ormeau to provide opportunities for residents to engage in social, cultural, recreational and educational activities. These centres are vital community hubs and the Queensland Government recognises the invaluable contribution they make to helping communities thrive.

The Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors undertakes planning for future capital investment in NCCs across the state, informed by population changes, social indicators and existing levels of government investment by all three tiers of government. The Pimpama–Ormeau areas, like other growth areas, may be considered for future NCC investment.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Carolyn Nicholas, Chief of Staff in my office on 3719 7170.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Coralee O'Rourke'.

Coralee O'Rourke MP
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