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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 17 June 2004 forwarding a copy of a petition received by the House on 16 June 2004 requesting that there is continued vehicle access to Three Rivers Beach.

The current access to this beach is through Byfield National Park and an area of Unallocated State Land (USL). There are no gazetted roads to this beach.

It is proposed to add the area of USL to the adjacent Byfield National Park in the next few months.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will be reviewing the future of access to Three Rivers Beach by vehicles. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed before a final decision is made by the QPWS about the future of vehicle access including:

- Safety of the tracks leading onto the Three Rivers Beach;
- The cost of maintaining safe access to the beach; and
- The need to provide a range of recreational experiences, including vehicle free beaches.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN MICKEL**  
**Minister for Environment**