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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie, *Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2019 regarding Petition No. 3246-19 and 3207-19 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2019, regarding a specialist marine industry training campus based at the existing TAFE Coomera Campus (Coomera TAFE).

I agree with the principle of the Petition. That is why in February 2018, I announced an industry-led training initiative between TAFE Coomera Marine and Riviera Australia to deliver training in Marine Craft Construction, a Queensland-first.

The Marine Training Centre at TAFE Coomera Marine has world-class educators specialised in the marine industry; it is located right next to Riviera Australia, the largest luxury yacht building facility in the Southern Hemisphere and within walking distance of other recognised Gold Coast marine businesses.

TAFE Coomera Marine is an existing specialist marine campus that has purpose-built infrastructure, facilities and quality educators to support the growing demand for training in the marine industry.

On the other hand, Coomera TAFE – the proposed location in the Petition is a creative industries hub, which delivers courses in building design, graphic design, interactive digital media, information technology, interior design, music, photography, and screen and media.

Through the partnership between TAFE Coomera Marine and Riviera, students in the Gold Coast and beyond can tap into some of the best marine industry training in Queensland.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising the matter with me and I look forward to helping TAFE Coomera Marine to continue delivering specialist and world-class marine industry training in the Gold Coast.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Fentiman".

**SHANNON FENTIMAN MP**  
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