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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter dated 27 November 2020 about petition 3343-20.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that paint ball markers are categorised as firearms due to the size and energy of the projectile and the likelihood of an injury resulting from the projectile being discharged at a person.

I am advised that under the provisions of the Weapons Act (1990), the projectile does not have to be similar to a bullet or shot to be considered capable of causing an injury and that the definition of 'injury' is very broad.

I am advised that decisions around the reclassification of any weapon should be based first and foremost on community safety considerations.

As the Government will always put community safety first, the Government will always listen to the advice of the QPS when it comes to the regulation of weapons.

Based on QPS advice, the Government does not support the reclassification of Paint Ball Markers at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
**Minister for Police and Corrective Services and  
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