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The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3413–20 about a Queensland State Fossil, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 8 September 2020.

I provided you with an interim response under Standing Order 125(6)(a), which was tabled on 8 October 2020, however, the Queensland State Government election caretaker period meant a substantive response was not able to be provided to the petition at the time it was due for tabling.

With my Government having been returned to office, I am now able to provide you with the following final response to petition 3413–20 under Standing Order 125(6)(b).

I wish to acknowledge the genuine interest and initiative that the Winton community has shown through this e-petition requesting the naming of a new Queensland State Emblem.

The Queensland Government has endeavoured to capture this diversity in our State's emblems, which currently include the Koala, Brolga, Sapphire, Cooktown Orchid and the Barrier Reef Anemone Fish. Following interest from the community, I have asked the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) to proceed with a process of identifying a short-list of potential fossils that could become our State fossil emblem.

I will ask the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport to lead the public consultation throughout the State, given the important link to outback tourism.

As you would appreciate, a robust selection process of a new State fossil emblem will take some time. Therefore, I ask that if you or Ms Naomi Miles (Principal Petitioner) have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Ms Yasmahne Hanel, Director, Protocol and International Engagement, DPC, by email at yasmahne.hanel@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3003 9249.

Yours sincerely

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