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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 2021 regarding petition 3475-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 24 March 2021 about decisions related to developments in Priority Development Areas (PDAs).

I acknowledge the concerns raised by the 755 petitioners regarding proposed development at Weinam Creek in the Redland Bay area. This included the request to amend the *Economic Development Act 2012* (the ED Act) to allow appeal rights to development approvals granted within PDAs, to delay decisions regarding current development applications in the Weinam Creek PDA and to prevent developers from preparing master plans in PDAs. I understand the concerns include the provision of adequate carparking as part of the master planning and redevelopment of the Weinam Creek PDA.

PDAs are parcels of land within Queensland identified for development to deliver economic and community benefits. The ED Act ensures that development can proceed in a timely manner. Although development decisions are not appealable by third parties, there are several avenues available for the community to have their views considered in planning processes for PDAs. These include public consultation when preparing PDA development schemes and public notification of specific PDA development applications. Both the development scheme and development applications in the Weinam Creek PDA have been subject to public notification.

As the Minister for Economic Development Queensland, I have delegated my decision-making powers to the Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Local Representative Committee (LRC). This LRC is comprised of representatives from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Redland City Council. All members of the LRC are required to undertake their duties in accordance with statutory timeframes, legislative requirements, and to exercise reasonable care and diligence when making decisions on my behalf.

In January this year the Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) submitted a PDA development application for a proposed master plan for government-owned lands within the Weinam Creek PDA. This development application will be publicly notified and members of the community will

have the opportunity to make submissions during the notification period. All properly made submissions received from the public will be considered in the decision-making. I note that previous consultation processes have identified both support and objection to development proposals in the Weinam Creek PDA.

The development scheme for Weinam Creek clearly identifies that sufficient carparking is essential to redevelopment in this area. The development scheme also references the potential for multi-deck car parking in Precinct 1 of the PDA. Provision of car parking, including the Redland Bay Ferry Terminal, will be carefully considered as a part of assessing and deciding development applications, including the master plan application.

I encourage the petitioners and wider community to continue to follow the progress of development proposals in the Weinam Creek PDA, and to make submissions regarding the master plan application, should they wish to do so.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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