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Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to Petition 3481-21 about Queensland's political system which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 2 September 2021.

At a referendum in 2016, a clear majority of Queenslanders voted in favour of fixed four-year parliamentary terms for members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

My Government supported fixed four-year parliamentary terms at that referendum, and we continue to do so. Therefore, we do not support any system of citizen-initiated by-elections or mid-term electronic confirmation elections in electorates as envisaged in this petition.

My Government also supports Queensland's current constitutional and parliamentary system within which laws are made by the democratically elected Legislative Assembly with the assent of the Governor.

We also do not support a system as envisaged in this petition which includes the opportunity for a citizen-initiated right of veto over legislation recently passed by the Parliament.

While my Government does not support the requests made in this petition, I appreciate the interest the petitioners have in Queensland's political system and respect their right to provide their thoughts on these matters to the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely



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