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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3488-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Kim Richards MP, Member for Redlands on 11 March 2021 about legalising the use of golf cart type vehicles on public roads on Coochiemudlo Island.

Conditional registration—registration for vehicles that do not comply with the requirements for full vehicle registration, but have a genuine need for limited access to the road network—is the mechanism by which golf carts currently gain access to the road network in limited circumstances.

Golf carts are only eligible for conditional registration because they do not meet the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) that are in place for all road vehicles. The ADRs are national standards for vehicle safety that ensure vehicles are built to protect drivers and passengers in the event of a crash.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads can issue conditional registration to golf carts to enable their limited use on Coochiemudlo Island. However, to ensure compliance with section 12 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010, those who wish to use golf carts on the roads of Coochiemudlo Island must obtain the authorisation of the Redland City Council (RCC), as the road owner, and a permit from the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

As such, the use of golf carts on Coochiemudlo Island roads is ultimately at the discretion of RCC and QPS and it is recommended that the safety risks be considered by these parties. Golf carts are particularly vulnerable when being used on roads and interacting with other vehicles. If their use is supported by the RCC and QPS, the RCC may wish to consider reduced speed limits on the Island to mitigate the risk.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
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