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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 3569-21 regarding the Queensland Parliament's e-petition system which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2021.

As you are aware, the requirements and provisions for the petitioning of the Legislative Assembly are set out in Chapter 21 of the *Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly* (Standing Orders).

Under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (the Act), the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA) is responsible for oversight of Standing Orders as well as oversight of the Legislative Assembly's practices and procedures.

The modification of the e-petition system, as requested in Petition 3569-21, would require amendments to Standing Orders to implement. I believe that it would be appropriate for the CLA to consider this proposal in the first instance rather than the Government.

I note your advice to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, that the e-petition system designed in 2002 prevented electronic data from e-petitions being used by third parties. I also note that Petition 3569-21 does not detail the purpose for the request, and express reservation regarding the publication of any personal information for a purpose other than that intended by the petitioner.

I have written to the Speaker, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, as Chair of the CLA, asking if the CLA could consider Petition 3569-21.

Should the CLA decide to make any recommendations to the Legislative Assembly about the petition, then the Government will consider the recommendations and respond in accordance with section 107 of the Act.

The principal petitioner may also wish to consider writing to the Speaker to provide further information to the CLA about his proposal.

I hope this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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