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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2022 regarding petition 3666-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 22 February 2022 requesting the appointment of a financial controller to the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) works with councils, including Cassowary Coast Regional Council, to monitor the financial and governance performance of Queensland's local government sector. The *Local Government Act 2009* (Act) provides the Director-General of DSDILGP with the power to appoint a financial controller to a council where one or more of the pre-conditions in section 118(1) of the Act are met.

I am advised that at this time and on the information available, the pre-conditions that would enable the Director-General to appoint a financial controller under the Act are not met.

I acknowledge the petitioners concerns regarding the conduct of Councillors in relation to the provision of information to the public. It is appropriate that concerns regarding the conduct of councillors are referred to the Office of the Independent Assessor for assessment. Further information can be found at: <https://www.oia.qld.gov.au/make-a-complaint>.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance. I acknowledge the ongoing community concern about the matters canvassed by petitioners. Accordingly, I will ensure that the Director-General is aware of the petition.

Yours sincerely

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