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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2022 regarding petition 3669-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2022 about flood mitigation in Inglewood.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that all communities throughout the state have the resilience tools they need to protect themselves from natural disasters.

Under the *Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience*, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is working to ensure every region across Queensland, including Goondiwindi, is part of a locally led and regionally coordinated blueprint to strengthen disaster resilience.

Following the floods in the Goondiwindi region in late 2021, QRA deployed its General Manager of Recovery to the region to coordinate locally-led recovery planning and operations, in consultation with Goondiwindi Regional Council, state agencies and the Commonwealth to support recovery and resilience.

Council has developed a range of plans based on the four emergency management principles of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to address flood mitigation in the region, including Inglewood.

These include:

- Natural Disaster Risk Management Plan
- Inglewood Flood Action Guide
- Inglewood Flood Study Report
- Inglewood Flood Evacuation Operational Plan

These plans are available at <u>www.grc.qld.gov.au/council/disasters/management/local-disaster-management-plan</u>

In addition, Goondiwindi Regional Council has been activated by joint State-Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements assistance for both the *Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November – 3 December 2021 event* and the *South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 22 February – 7 March 2022* event.

A range of flood mitigation options will be considered for extraordinary circumstances packages, the details of which are currently being established in response to these flooding events.

The road to recovery for the community of Inglewood has just begun, but I wish to assure the community the Queensland Government is here to support its recovery journey.

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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