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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 3670-21 titled 'Homeless United Support Reinstated' which was tabled on 23 February 2022 in the Legislative Assembly. I note the views of the petitioners and appreciate their interest in the matter.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy is committed to delivering essential services to Queenslanders under *the Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025*. This includes service integration of locally based services to collaborate to end homelessness.

In 2021-22, the department allocated more than \$600 000 in homelessness funding to two organisations to deliver two specialist homelessness services in the Redland Local Government Area. The department acknowledges that there are many services that support the Redland community and actively participates in service integration and coordination.

The department undertook an independent open tender process in September 2021, in accordance with the Queensland Procurement Policy 2021 and probity key principles, to procure a suitable supplier to deliver these essential services in the Redlands and Greater Brisbane Local Government Areas. Footprints Community Limited was identified as the successful offeror.

Footprints has since launched its new Housing and Homelessness Response Service to deliver Outreach Access and Mobile Support to people experiencing homelessness in the Redland and Greater Brisbane Local Government Areas. The service has been delivering outreach services to those at risk of homelessness and/or homeless within the Redlands Region for several years and the addition of its new Outreach Access and Mobile Support service complements the existing services that Footprints already offers in the region.

I thank the petitioners for raising their concerns and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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