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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 2022 regarding Petition 3683-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 29 March 2022 about current demolition of the Innes Park Boat ramp off Barolin Esplanade.

The Queensland Government works with local governments across the State to deliver services and infrastructure to local communities. This includes supporting councils to maintain and upgrade council owned community facilities through funding programs like Works for Queensland, the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program and Building our Regions.

I note the petitioners sought State support for Bundaberg Regional Council (the council) to develop a staged master planned redevelopment of the Innes Park and Coral Cove foreshore. The Queensland Government recognises the benefit of master planning in local communities as it provides a strategic plan for each community's needs, now and into the future.

Councils are the level of government closest to their communities and have a strong understanding of local facilities and services. As the council is the owner of the Innes Park and Coral Cove foreshore, it is the council's responsibility to decide how best and when to commence strategic planning of community areas. Accordingly, petitioners are encouraged to advocate to the council about their proposal for an Innes Park and Coral Cove foreshore redevelopment.

Residents and ratepayers of the Bundaberg region can interact with the council in many ways, including through petitions. The councils process for any petition presented to a meeting of council can be found on the council's website at:

<https://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/lodge-petition>.

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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