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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2022 regarding petition 3702-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2022 about the proposed demolition of Suttons Beach Pavilion by the Moreton Bay Regional Council (the council).

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 buildings and community facilities through funding programs like Works for Queensland and the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

However, as the council is the owner of the Suttons Beach Pavilion, it's council's responsibility to decide how best the building is used and to ensure users of the building are safe. In this regard, I understand that the council has received structural engineering reports that have raised significant concerns about the structural integrity of the buildings.

I also understand a joint statement between the council and the Suttons Beach Pavilion Preservation Group indicates the council has not yet made a final decision on demolition and has committed to investigate alternative options before a decision is made at a council meeting. A copy of this statement is available on the council's website at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au, by selecting (1) Have your say and (2) Suttons Beach Public Space project. Other material available on this website sets out the key project timeframes.

While the building that was the 1937 former bathing pavilion is already identified as a local heritage place in the current planning scheme for the council, if the petitioners believe the Suttons Beach Pavilion has State cultural heritage significance, an application can be made for it to be considered for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register. Details about how to do this are available on the Queensland Government's website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/>, by selecting (1) Land, housing and property and (2) Heritage places. Guidance can also be sought from the Department of Environment and Science by emailing heritage@des.qld.gov.au.

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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