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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 3645-21 and 3706-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2022 about the Chalumbin wind farm.

The petition requests the proposed Chalumbin wind farm be blocked due to its location on land bordering the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and being home to endangered and vulnerable species.

The State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) is responsible for the assessment of wind farm applications across the state. Under the *Planning Act 2016*, I am not involved in matters related to SARA's assessment.

I am advised that as the Chalumbin wind farm application is 'code assessable' there is no requirement for public notification. This means that community members may not see a sign on the land about the development proposal providing the opportunity to comment. Despite this, I am advised that SARA actively gives consideration to comments and feedback provided by interested parties and the local community about all applications.

On this basis, I have requested that the comments provided about the application in the petition be carefully considered by SARA when determining if the application complies with the assessment benchmarks under state codes 16 (native vegetation) and state code 23 (wind farms).

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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