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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament tableoffice@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 3723-22 titled Homeless United Support Reinstated. 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 included 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 participate 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 Brisbane Local Government areas. Footprints Community Limited (Footprints) was identified as the successful offeror.

Footprints has launched its new Housing and Homelessness Response Service to deliver outreach access and mobile support. Footprints has been delivering outreach services to those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the Redlands Region for several years. The addition of the outreach access and mobile support service will complement the services that Footprints already offers in the Redlands Region.

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

Yours sincerely

Leeanne Enoch MP Minister for Communities and Housing Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts