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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

Further to my letter dated 22 July 2022, regarding e-petition number 3730-22, I am writing to provide an update and final response in accordance with Standing Orders. The petition seeks to reduce light pollution in Maleny and surrounding districts and requests the replacement of all streetlights within Sunshine Coast Council Division 5, with streetlights that comply with the Australian Government National Light Pollution Guidelines, and the Australasian Dark Sky Alliance (ADSA) Approved criteria.

In responding to the petition, I acknowledge the additional information supplied on 3 August 2022 by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House conveying supporting information from Dr Ken Wishaw of ADSA. The supporting information from Dr Wishaw has been very useful in the process of understanding the petitioner's request.

In the period since my interim response, the Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW) has held discussions with representatives of Sunshine Coast Council (Council) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) as the parties responsible for setting requirements for lighting in communities and on major roadways. Energy Queensland Limited (EQL), which forms part of my portfolio, is responsible for implementing changes to streetlight arrangements.

I have written to my colleague the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Councillor Mark Jamieson, Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council and Mr Phil Garling, Chair, EQL encouraging their organisations to continue these discussions and ongoing collaboration.

I appreciate the petitioners' strong interest in this matter and encourage them to continue to maintain contact with both Council and DTMR in order to achieve an appropriate resolution.

If you need more information or help with this matter, Ms Tara Gardiner, Executive Director, Supply and Storage, DEPW, can be contacted on (07) 3109 4107 or email tara.gardiner@epw.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to e-petition number 3730-22 titled 'Reduce light pollution in Maleny and surrounding districts' which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 21 June 2022.

The Petition requests the replacement of all streetlights within Sunshine Coast Council Division 5, with streetlights that comply with Australia Government National Light Pollution Guidelines, and the Australasian Dark Sky Alliance (ADSA) Approved criteria.

Streetlights in this region are owned and maintained by Energy Queensland Limited on behalf of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads. These entities require Energy Queensland to supply lighting that complies with Australian Standard AS/NZS 1158 Lighting for roads and public spaces. Energy Queensland charges these entities for the streetlight service through the Public Lighting tariffs approved by the Australian Energy Regulator.

A request to replace streetlights would, in the first instance, need to be considered by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

My office has drawn the petitioner's proposal to the attention of the office of my colleague, the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and I have also asked the Department of Energy and Public Works to raise the matter with both organisations.

Upon receipt of advice, I will provide a further response to you within three months as provided for under Standing Orders.

I trust that this preliminary information is of assistance and I thank the petitioners for their interest in this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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