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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 13 October 2022 regarding petition 3811-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 12 October 2022 requesting the dismissal of the Gold Coast City Council's Mayor, Councillor Tom Tate and Councillor Darren Taylor representing the Surfers Paradise area.

The petitioners have outlined their view that the people of the Gold Coast have lost confidence in the mayor and the councillor. The petitioners request legislation be made to allow for the dismissal of the mayor and the councillor.

The petition does not outline the reasons why the community have lost confidence in the mayor and councillor.

The *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) provides a mechanism for dismissing councillors. However, while the act allows for the removal of a democratically elected councillor, it is only possible in a very specific set of circumstances. There is no information to suggest circumstances exist that would meet that test.

If the petitioners believe the councillors' conduct is of concern, they may wish to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Independent Assessor (the OIA). The OIA was created by the Queensland Government to provide an independent process for assessing and managing Councillor conduct complaints and to help restore Queenslanders' trust in the system of local government.

Complaints may be made direct to the OIA either in writing to PO Box 15031, City East, Queensland 4002 or via email at OIAcomplaints@oia.qld.gov.au. More information about this complaints process can be found on the Independent Assessor's website at www.oia.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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