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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2023 regarding petition 3858-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 9 May 2023 about *Gold Coast City Plan 2016* (the planning scheme) amendments for Chevron Island.

I can confirm these changes formed part of the Our City, Our Plan (Major Update 2 & 3) amendment package proposed by the Gold Coast City Council (the council), which I approved in part on 17 October 2022.

The council's proposed changes on Chevron Island were interconnected with other policy items in the amendment package that were not supported by the state government due to significant shifts in housing needs, affordability, and construction costs on the Gold Coast and the uncertainty behind the impact of these policy changes on housing supply and affordability.

When the drafting of policy items is interconnected, and one is not approved or removed, it can create inconsistencies or gaps in the overall planning scheme. On this basis, proposed changes on Chevron Island could not be approved as it would have caused workability issues with the council's planning scheme.

The council has been encouraged to pursue a smaller amendment packages to address remaining policy items including proposed changes on Chevron Island through a tailored process, expediting state assessment and its inclusion in the planning scheme.

Ultimately, it is up to the council to decide whether to proceed with new amendments to the planning scheme and to determine the timeline for progressing amendments to the state for review and approval. I recommend that the petitioners engage directly with the council to discuss any future amendments to the planning scheme.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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