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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2023 regarding petition 3864-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 28 March 2023 about a sustainable future for the Cambanoora (Condamine) Gorge (the gorge) in Killarney and the Southern Downs Regional Council's (the council) plan to replace river crossings.

I acknowledge the concerns of the petitioners regarding the access for 4WD vehicles to the gorge via the Condamine River Road and council's plan for the reinstatement of four crossings including a concrete crossing at Blackfellow Gully (the gully).

The relevant Queensland Government agencies have advised that the access and proposed works on the Condamine River Road are a decision for the council, and not one in which the Queensland Government can intervene.

The council has advised the road is a public road and is maintained to provide access for residents and users of the area. I understand the road is closed when the crossings flood. Therefore, the reinstatement and resilience of the crossings is a priority for the safety of the community.

I am advised that the council is engaging with the community. Regular updates are provided on the council's website at [www.sdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au).

The council has further advised that it is undertaking a cultural heritage assessment and are renaming the gully in consultation with the local First Nations peoples.

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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