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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition addressed to the Legislative Assembly of Queensland (No. 388-04) regarding the urban containment boundary of the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan around the village of Montville and its possible impact upon the proposed Montville Country Club.

I have responded directly to Mr McLennan (the Principal Petitioner) and have attached a copy of my response for your information.

Yours sincerely

Desley Boyle MP
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Mr Bryan McLennan
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Dear Mr McLennan

The Clerk of the Parliament has forwarded me a copy of a petition lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, regarding the urban containment boundary of the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan (the draft plan) around the village of Montville and its possible impact upon the proposed Montville Country Club. I note from the petition that you are the Principal Petitioner.

I am aware of this proposal and understand that the application seeks approval for a golf course, and residential and commercial development on land bounded by Western Avenue, Main Street and Flaxton Drive, Montville.

As you are aware the draft plan was released for public comment on 27 October 2004. Under the draft plan most of the land proposed for the Links development is identified as Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area. Principle 1.1 of the draft Plan states that these areas "...will be protected to maintain the natural environment and resources, and the values of open space, scenic amenity, nature conservation, outdoor recreation and rural economic activity".

The draft plan also includes regulations that affect the making, processing and determination of certain development applications. This application is not subject to these regulations, since Council received the development application for the Links development before they took effect. However, I expect Council will give some consideration to the draft plan when assessing this application.

As part of the assessment process, the applicant will be required to publicly notify the application for at least 30 business days. The notification period will be publicised in a newspaper generally circulating in the area. In addition, a notice will be placed on the land. These notices will advise methods and locations for accessing a copy of relevant documentation, specific contact details for making submissions, and the closing date for submissions. I encourage you to make a submission to Council when the notification period commences. Public submissions can support or oppose the proposed development and comment on any aspect of the application. Council must take all properly made submissions into consideration during its assessment of the application.

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Council is required to assess each application on its merits against the requirements of the Council's planning scheme. If an application is in conflict with Council's planning scheme, the IPA requires the Council to refuse the application unless there are sufficient grounds to justify the approval.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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