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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to petition 3912-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 22 August 2023 seeking the introduction of legislation requiring that any business operating in Queensland must accept any and all forms of legal Australian tender.

Relevant provisions in the Constitution of Australia provide that the Commonwealth Parliament has exclusive power to make laws about currency, coinage and legal tender.

Further to my response to petition 3887-23 of 12 July 2023, cash is acknowledged as an important part of the Australian payment system and economy, but innovative solutions by payment service providers are offering consumers a wider choice of payment method, alongside more traditional forms of payment such as cash and cheques. Having said that, it is a matter for an individual business to specify its accepted forms of payment where it and a consumer are contracting for the supply of goods or services.

Petitioners may be interested to note that a variety of state government payments can be paid in person using cash. For example, accounts for vehicle registration can be paid at a transport customer service centre and Australia Post outlets using a variety of methods including cash.

I thank the petitioners for taking time to raise their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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