



The Hon Scott Stewart MP
Minister for Resources

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 16 November 2023, concerning Petition No. 3984-23 and Petition No. 3962-23 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 14 November 2023, regarding Fox Coal Pty Ltd's Mineral Development Licence application number 3040 (MDL 3040).

Following the delivery of the Supreme Court of Queensland's judgement to set aside my decision to refuse MDL 3040, I can advise that the MDL application has been reinstated, and a new assessment process is now in progress. This process will be a separate process from the previously completed assessment undertaken by the Department of Resources. Once the reassessment has been finalised, my department will provide material to me for my consideration and decision on the application.

In response to the petitions, the community opposition to the project expressed in the petitions has been noted and the petitions will be considered during the reassessment process.

The Queensland Government works hard to ensure that our resources sector develops in a way that carefully considers the needs and rights of Queensland communities, other land users and the environment. We have long held the position that we support coal projects if they stack up socially, environmentally and economically.

Each project must proceed on its own merits, based on demand and economic viability, and must meet the highest environmental and community standards. In this regard, our position has not changed.

I provide you with this response for tabling in accordance with Standing Order 125(3). If you have any questions, Ms Rebecca Fanning, Chief of Staff will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on 3008 3500.

Yours sincerely

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