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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2023 regarding petition 3983-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 16 November 2023 about Couran Cove.

The petitioners have requested that the Queensland Parliament ensures the Gold Coast City Council (the council) creates sustainable water and sewer infrastructure at Couran Cove.

I acknowledge the very difficult situation in which the residents of Couran Cove find themselves. The Queensland Government has been providing assistance to residents in what is a distressing time.

This is a complex issue and I understand there are current court cases between various entities, including property owners on the island, about these matters.

While the council must adhere to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*, there is no power under that legislation for the Queensland Government to direct the council to provide water and sewerage infrastructure and related services to Couran Cove.

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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