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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition addressed to the Legislative Assembly of Queensland (No. 399-04) regarding a request for land adjacent to the main northern rail line from Yebri Street to Water Street, Kallangur to be protected as a wildlife corridor or green space under the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

I have responded directly to the principal submitter, Mr Trevor Lum, and have attached a copy of my response for your information.

Yours sincerely

Desley Boyle MP
Minister for Environment
Minister for Local Government and Planning
Minister for Women

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Mr Trevor Lum
6 Leis Road
KALLANGUR QLD 4503

Dear Mr Lum

The Clerk of the Parliament has forwarded me a copy of a petition lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Dean Wells MP, Member for Murrumba, regarding a request for land adjacent to the main northern rail line from Yebri Street to Water Street, Kallangur to be protected as a wildlife corridor or green space under the South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan.

I understand this land is at 40 and 42 Rodgers Lane, Kallangur and there is currently a development application lodged with Pine Rivers Shire Council to develop the land into a medium density unit development.

The draft SEQ Regional Plan was released for public comment on 27 October 2004 and submissions on it are sought before 28 February 2005. The submissions will then be reviewed and assessed before the SEQ Regional Plan is finalised in mid 2005.

The draft SEQ Regional Plan identifies the land as part of the Urban Footprint Area. This area will predominately provide for the region's urban development needs to 2026. However, inclusion of land in the Urban Footprint does not imply it can all be developed for urban purposes. The Urban Footprint includes land with a wide range of opportunities and constraints including areas identified as having biodiversity values of State, regional or local significance. There will therefore, be some land within the Urban Footprint which is protected under State legislation or local government planning schemes, or is otherwise unsuitable for urban development for a range of more local reasons. Local government planning schemes and detailed local Structure Plans will be the principal instruments for establishing the desired nature and use of land within the Urban Footprint.

The Office of Urban Management (OUM) is currently conducting a comprehensive public consultation process regarding the draft SEQ Regional Plan. Accordingly, I have taken the opportunity to forward your petition and concerns regarding the land to the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport, the Honourable Terry Mackenroth MP, who has portfolio responsibility for the OUM. This will allow the OUM to consider the petition as part of the public consultation process.

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Should you wish to know more about the SEQ Regional Plan and its operation you may contact the OUM on telephone 1800 021 818, or email feedback@oum.qld.gov.au or visit the website www.oum.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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