

Mr N Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition Numbers 494-05 and 505-05 lodged by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 10 August 2005 requesting the dismantling of the 9 metal trade stacks at Yeronga Institute of TAFE (YIT).

I have previously responded to a petition on the same issue in a letter dated 10 November 2005 (Petition No. 525-05).

As stated in my previous response, the buildings at the Yeronga campus of YIT with the attached extraction stacks referred to in the petition are C Block and D Block. C Block and D Block are located within 100 metres of Park Road, Yeronga.

On 27 February 2003, the Planning and Environment Court made an order requiring outlets for odour emissions for activities conducted at YIT involving the welding, cutting, machining and grinding of metals to be relocated at least 100 metres from Park Road, Yeronga, by January 2005.

On 24 September 2004, the Planning and Environment Court varied its previous order by amending the date for the relocation of outlets for odour emissions to June 2005. State of Queensland has complied with the order of the Planning and Environment Court by relocating training activities conducted by YIT involving the welding, machining, cutting and grinding of metal from the Yeronga campus.

On 20 July 2005, the Planning and Environment Court dismissed an application by Claire Crowther for an order requiring the dismantling and removal of the extraction stacks, and found that State of Queensland need not remove the remaining extraction stacks to comply with the previous orders made by the Planning and Environment Court.

As State of Queensland has complied with orders made by the Planning and Environment Court, it is not intended to incur the significant expenses that would be involved in relocating the extraction stacks from C Block and D Block at YIT.

I trust this information clarifies the issue raised in the petitions.

Yours sincerely

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Industrial Relations