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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE Q 4000

Dear Neil

I refer to your letter of 6 October 2005 enclosing the wording of a petition (Number 551-05) tabled in the House regarding a residential and golf course development at Montville.

Please find attached a copy of my response to Mr Richard McDonald. I would be grateful if you could arrange for my response to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Table Office.

Yours sincerely

**PETER BEATTIE MP**  
**PREMIER AND TREASURER**

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Mr Richard McDonald  
President  
Blackall Range Land Use Planning Association  
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Dear Richard

Thank you for the petition concerning the Links Group proposed residential and golf course development behind the village of Montville.

The draft South East Queensland Regional Plan (the draft plan) was released on 27 October 2004 and, following a period of extensive public consultation, the final South East Queensland Regional Plan was released on 30 June 2005. The South East Queensland Regional Plan seeks to guide growth and development in south east Queensland to 2026. The majority of the subject site is included in the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area category of the Plan. This area is not intended for urban development.

The Links Group application was made prior to the commencement of the draft plan, consequently, neither the draft nor final Regulatory Provisions of the South East Queensland Regional Plan are applicable to the application. Under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, applications are primarily assessed against the planning policies in place at the time of the application.

The application was referred to the Office of Urban Management for advice and the Maroochy Shire Council was urged to take the draft plan and final South East Queensland Regional Plan into account in deciding the application.

I understand the development application was considered by the Maroochy Shire Council at its meeting on 28 September 2005 and approved, subject to conditions to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

If a person made a submission on the application and is dissatisfied with the outcome, they may appeal Council's decision to the Planning and Environment Court. This is an independent body established to resolve disputes about planning and development matters. Planning and Environment Court general enquiries can be made through the District Court Civil Registry at PO Box 15167, City East Qld 4002, telephone number 3247 9261 or 3247 4422 or visit the 'Queensland Courts' internet site at <http://courts.qld.gov.au>.

In regard to the request for the State to "call in" this development application, this is a reserve power that is only applied in exceptional circumstances. The Government will review this matter once further information has been received from the Maroochy Shire Council.

Yours sincerely

**PETER BEATTIE MP**  
**PREMIER AND TREASURER**