



The Hon Pat Purcell MP
Member for Bulimba



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Minister for Emergency Services

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 26 October 2005, informing me of the petition received by the House requesting urgent consideration be given to the placing of a fire station in the southern part of the Redland Shire.

To assist in optimising the allocation of fire services resources within Redland Bay and to ensure the ultimate site chosen for any fire station provides the best coverage, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) actively monitors emergency incident data, response times, population density, projected and actual growth.

The QFRS Commissioner has advised that a fire station in the Redland Bay area is a priority for consideration within the Department's ten-year capital works program that is currently being developed. This plan is to be considered by the State Planning Group this year. A key consideration for Redlands will be growth identified within the Office of Urban Management forecasts.

I am assured that the QFRS has the ability to rapidly respond resources and equipment from anywhere within the south-east corner. Furthermore, in line with QFRS commitment to community safety needs, emergency service rescue resources are continually monitored and increased as necessary.

Yours sincerely

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