

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Streets  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 28 October 2005 attaching Petition Number 567-05 lodged by Mrs Desley Scott MP, Member for Woodridge, regarding the Logan and District Services Club Inc.

I am aware of the concerns held by the petitioners in relation to this matter. In fact, the principal petitioner, Mr William Burton, has been in contact with officers of my Department on a regular basis.

The members of the Association may choose to seek redress under the rules of the Association. The rules contain provisions for the members to direct the secretary of the Association to convene a Special General Meeting to resolve the issues.

The members of the Association may also consider mediation to resolve the issues. To facilitate this, the Dispute Resolution Centre in Brisbane may be contacted on telephone 3239 6269 or 3239 6007, or, alternatively, further information about this service may be obtained at [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au).

The *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* provides that the rules of an association constitute the terms of a contract between the members and the association. If any of the members feel that they have been deprived of their rights through non-observance of the Association's rules, it is their right to take appropriate action. The Act specifically provides for the rights and obligations of members, and the Supreme Court has jurisdiction over the decisions of the Association.

Thank you for bringing the petitioners' concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

**Margaret Keech MP**  
Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading  
and Wine Industry Development  
Member for Albert