



Hon Geoff Wilson MP
Member for Ferny Grove



**Queensland
Government**

Minister for Mines and Energy

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2006 conveying the public petition, lodged by Mr Ronan Lee MP as the sponsoring Member, and requesting the retention of the existing ban on uranium mining in Queensland.

I thank the petitioners for bringing this matter to my attention. The grant of a mining lease for the purpose of mining uranium is currently not permitted in Queensland as a matter of Government policy. Exploration for uranium in Queensland is permitted, although explorers are advised that a mining lease for the purpose of mining will not be granted.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr David Wallis, Senior Project Officer of the Department of Mines and Energy on telephone 3237 1639.

Yours sincerely

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