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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter received in this office on 7 June 2006 concerning petition No. 667-06 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly from residents of the Kuranda community in support of the Mareeba Shire Council's (MSC) application under the Major Facilities Program 2007 to construct the Kuranda Pool.

I am pleased to advise that I recently approved a grant of up to \$592,500 to MSC under the Major Facilities Program 2007 for the construction of an aquatic centre incorporating a 25 metre eight lane swimming pool at Kuranda. I advised MSC of the funding approval on 6 June 2006.

I am confident this project will assist in promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for residents of the Kuranda community.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Sue Wallace, Acting Manager, Program and Facilities Development on telephone number 3235 4736.

Yours sincerely

TOM BARTON MP
Minister for Employment, Training and
Industrial Relations and Minister for Sport

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