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Government**

**Minister for Local Government,
Planning and Sport**

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition no. 688.06 requesting the House to withhold State Government funding until all avenues for the Logan North Library being relocated in the Springwood area have been exhausted and Logan City Council has undertaken public consultation with the residents of Springwood, Daisy Hill and Rochedale South.

Ms Barbara Stone MP, Member for Springwood, has also made representations to me on this issue.

The *Local Government Act 1993* vests local governments with autonomous responsibility for ensuring the good rule and government of their areas. They are democratically elected bodies and are accountable to their communities for the decisions and actions they take. The decision to relocate a council library is one solely for the council.

Notwithstanding this, officers of the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation contacted Logan City Council and were advised that the Logan North Library would remain open until 2008 when it would be relocated into new premises in Underwood.

Logan City Council wrote to me about the relocation of the Logan North Library. I am advised the needs of residents in Rochdale South, Springwood, a portion of Daisy Hill and Slacks Creek as well as Underwood were considered.

Under the circumstances, I would suggest that if petitioners wish to pursue this matter, they lobby their local councillors and make their views known to the Logan City Council.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Michael Dart, Senior Advisor of my office, on telephone number 3224 7492.

Yours sincerely,

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