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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2006 concerning a petition received by the House on 8 August 2006 regarding the Lytton Quarantine Jetty.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is working to increase visitor opportunities at Fort Lytton by restoring historic items and structures of cultural heritage significance, providing guided tours involving historic re-enactments, and facilitating better use of the site through public festivals and commercial agreements with appropriate interested parties.

The jetty at Fort Lytton was constructed in 1915 as part of the development of the Quarantine Station and has been in a state of disrepair for some years. In the interests of safety, a section of the jetty was removed by the QPWS in early 2005. Removal of the remaining sections of the jetty is being considered for the near future, also for safety reasons.

The QPWS investment in national park infrastructure is managed through a capital works and maintenance program, based on a set of assessment criteria to identify priority projects. Reinstating the jetty at Fort Lytton would cost in excess of \$350 000, and the preference of the QPWS is for this to occur in partnership with commercial interests. An expression of interest process is being developed to assess the potential to progress the matter.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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