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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Neil

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition no. 718-06 regarding noxious and hazardous industry in Logan City Council.

On 26 July 2006, Council notified the applicant Walker Corporation Pty Ltd of its decision to refuse an application for a Noxious/Heavy industry at Jutland Street, Loganlea. The applicant had 20 business days from this date to appeal to the Planning and Environment Court against the decision. On 24 August 2006 the applicant lodged an appeal. The EPA joined the appeal on 7 September 2006 to argue for the imposition of its original conditions on any approval given by the Court. On 4 October 2006, Crown Law filed a notice of election on my behalf in the Court. This action sought to ensure the interests of a number of State agencies were coordinated and considered as part of the appeal. Subsequently, this appeal was withdrawn. As a result the Council's refusal of the application stands, and the proposed development will now not proceed.

On 16 November 2006, I wrote to the Mayor of Logan City Council instructing the Council to reconsider its planning scheme specifically to deal with the location and management of noxious/offensive industry within its local government area.

Since this time, officers of the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation (DLGPSR) have been working with Council to develop planning policy which serves to protect existing residences from any potential impacts from noxious/offensive industry and conversely provides adequate buffering between this type of industry and sensitive receiving environments generally. In this regard, Council has recently forwarded proposed amendments to DLGPSR for consideration.


I further note, in response to increased population growth in South East Queensland, the State government has also embarked on a comprehensive growth management strategy which includes planning for service and infrastructure needs of southern Queensland. There

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are currently a number of cross-agency policy initiatives being developed that collectively will provide a robust and holistic regulatory and management regime which can be applied to manage existing high-impact industries which include noxious, offensive and hazardous industries. Such initiatives will provide a management regime which can be applied to manage industry and establish best practice standards for new operations.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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ANDREW FRASER