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

Dear Neil

I refer to your letter of 19 April 2007 regarding e-petition number 719-06 tabled in the House on 17 April 2007 regarding the National Rugby League grand final. Please find attached a copy of my response to the principal petitioner, Mr Bruno Cullen.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for my response to Mr Cullen to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Table Office.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Bruno Cullen  
52 Nardie Street  
EIGHT MILE PLAINS Q 4113

Dear Bruno

Thank you for your petition requesting the Queensland Legislative Assembly to take action to revert the National Rugby League (NRL) grand final to day time viewing.

As you are aware, since 2001 the NRL grand final has been held on the Sunday night which precedes the first Monday of October being the Labour Day public holiday in New South Wales. This obviously benefits fans in New South Wales who wish to attend the grand final or watch it on television.

I acknowledge that the issue of the Sunday night NRL grand final creates much debate and many differing views from rugby league fans and the community at large. I also appreciate the issues raised in your petition.

However, the timing of the NRL grand final is a matter determined by the NRL and as such is not a matter that the Queensland Government has a direct say in. Given these circumstances you may wish to take your petition direct to the NRL.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

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