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THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT**

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letters dated 3 November 2006, enclosing a copy of petitions received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly Nos 737-06 and 738-06 regarding Maroochy Shire Council's proposal to develop a bioreactor landfill at Ferntree Creek Road, Kulangoor.

The proposed Bioreactor Landfill facility will require assessment under the Maroochy Planning Scheme 2000. Any application to Council for a Bioreactor Landfill facility will also require referral to State agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency for review and assessment. Such assessment will be fulsome and rigorous.

It is important to note the regulation of development and assessment of individual development applications is primarily undertaken by council. Under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA), any person wishing to undertake assessable development of land must apply to council, which is required to assess each application on its merits against the requirements of the planning scheme. If an application is in conflict with the planning scheme, the IPA requires the council to refuse the application, unless there are sufficient planning grounds to justify the approval.

Concerned residents should provide their views directly to Maroochy Shire Council on telephone number 1800 236 564, or write to Mr John Knaggs, Chief Executive Officer, Maroochy Shire Council, PO Box 76 Nambour Qld 4560.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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