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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 30 November 2006 enclosing a petition from Mr Alan George Skyring dated 12 October 2006.

The sole petitioner, Mr Skyring, was declared by the Supreme Court to be a vexatious litigant on 5 April 1995. That declaration was upheld by the High Court of Australia and is preserved by the current *Vexatious Proceedings Act 2005*.

Following the recent elections in 2006, Mr Skyring attempted to file an Electoral Petition in the Supreme Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns. Such a petition has been held by the Court to be a proceeding within the meaning of the previous *Vexatious Litigants Act 1981*.

Mr Skyring's attempt to file the Electoral Petition without leave of the Court is consequently prohibited by the current *Vexatious Proceedings Act 2005*.

Yours sincerely

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