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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for providing the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport with a copy of the wording of petition no. 826-07, lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, regarding local government reform in the Redland Shire.

As newly appointed Minister for Main Roads and Local Government I am responding to you on this matter.

On 27 July 2007, the Local Government Reform Commission (the Commission) announced its recommendations on the name, class, boundary and electoral arrangements for each new local government in Queensland.

The Commission recommended no boundary change to Redland Shire Council, but that it be renamed Redland City Council, which satisfies the request outlined in the petition.

In relation to the democratic process used to determine the new local government structure, the use of an independent commission is the same process used to determine State and Federal boundaries. It is appropriate that this process for determining local government boundaries be held to the same standards.

The Commission took into account public submissions in determining its recommendations. The Commission received and reviewed over 47,267 suggestions.

The Government has accepted all of the boundary change recommendations of the Commission. These were implemented through the *Local Government Reform Implementation Act 2007* which became law on Friday, 10 August 2007.

Thank you again for your comments.

Yours sincerely

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