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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for providing the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, former Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport with copies of the wording of petitions numbers 840-07, 841-07 and 846-07 lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, regarding the impact of local government reform on Tiaro Shire Council.

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

As you are aware, on 27 July 2007 the independent Local Government Reform Commission (the Commission) announced its recommendations on the name, class, boundary and electoral arrangements for each new local government.

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 10 August 2007.

The Commission recommended that Division 3 of Tiaro Shire form part of the Gympie Regional Council. Gympie is the major service centre for Kilkivan and Cooloola Shires, as well as Division 3 of Tiaro Shire, where major retail, health, commercial, financial and government agencies are located. This shared community of interest is one of several reasons Division 3 was more logically grouped within the Gympie Regional Council.

The Gympie Regional Council Local Transition Committee has been established to lead the transition to the new council.

It is important to note stronger councils will have greater capacity to focus more on the delivery of local services and infrastructure.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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