



Hon Paul Lucas MP



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Your ref: 876-07

Deputy Premier
Minister for Infrastructure
and Planning

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Queensland Parliamentary Service
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 876-07 about the Port Douglas and District Combined Clubs, which was recently forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning by the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, the former Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport.

I am advised the Douglas Shire Council is currently undertaking a planning review of the Port Douglas waterfront, which may impact on the Port Douglas and District Combined Clubs.

I am further advised this Department had some involvement in terms of a due diligence review in 2006 and early 2007, which provided a strategic planning framework and an example master plan for the Port Douglas waterfront. However, this was provided to the Douglas Shire Council on 30 January 2007, after which, this department has had no further involvement.

I understand the planning process is currently being assisted by a Port Douglas Waterfront Management Committee (PDWMC), which includes the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry (DTRDI), the Department of Natural Resources and Water, the Douglas Shire Council, the Waterfront Action Group and Port Douglas and Daintree Tourism Ltd. The PDWMC is considered to be the most appropriate forum to address the petition.

I am advised Mr Peter Mellor, Regional Director - Northern Directorate, is the representative for the DTRDI on the PDWMC and has indicated that he is willing to raise the petition with that committee.

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Accordingly, I have forwarded a copy of the petition to the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, the Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry.

As requested, an electronic version of this response has also been emailed to TableOffice@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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