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Our ref: MC14/1895

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 2014 about petition 2262-14 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

This matter has been raised directly with me previously by the principal petitioner, Mr Rick Ralph of the Waste Recycling Industry Association Queensland (WRIQ).

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) investigated a complaint from WRIQ about the conduct of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council in relation to its waste and recycling business. The QCA did make some adverse findings about the practice of the Council to price bulk general waste and recycling as a bundle with a combined price. However, the Council has rejected and disputed the findings of the QCA.

WRIQ also made complaints about the Council's conduct to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Queensland Ombudsman. The ACCC determined the Council's activities are unlikely to breach the Commonwealth *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*. The Queensland Ombudsman advised that he is not proceeding further with the complaint.

I have met with both parties regarding this issue and they have now agreed to sit down and discuss this matter further.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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