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

Thank you for your letter of 10 August 2005 enclosing a copy of a petition received by the House regarding the removal of the Shingle Inn from the Queensland Heritage Register.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, the Queensland Heritage Council has the statutory authority to enter places in and remove places from the Heritage Register, and I have no role in this process.

The Queensland Heritage Council approved an application for the redevelopment of the Shingle Inn site with conditions requiring the recording, storing and reassembly of the Shingle Inn Café interior.

At this time, an objection to the entry of the Shingle Inn in the Queensland Heritage Register had been in place for several years. When an expert assessor was appointed to undertake the assessment of the objection, the interior had been removed off-site and, accordingly, the assessor recommended that the place did not satisfy the criteria for entry in the Heritage Register. The Heritage Council sought legal advice on this matter, and ultimately accepted the expert assessor's recommendation and the place was removed from the Queensland Heritage Register.

This is not a decision which is within my powers to change.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

**Desley Boyle MP**  
**Minister for Environment**  
**Minister for Local Government and Planning**  
**Minister for Women**