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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letters of 15 February 2024 regarding petition number 4001-23 concerning support of the *Path to Treaty Act 2023*.

The Queensland Government remains committed to the *Path to Treaty Act 2023 as was* legislated in the Queensland Parliament with bi-partisan support in May 2023.

Queensland's Path to Treaty has truth telling and healing at its very core and commits our state to a path of reconciliation and dedicated effort to closing the gap in life outcomes of First Nations Queenslanders. This is central to achieving Queensland's commitments under the National Closing the Gap Agreement.

Our ability to collectively Close the Gaps in life outcomes requires a full and truthful understanding of our shared history. The need for truth-telling and healing was a consistent and strongly expressed view during the community consultations as part of the Path to Treaty.

The Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry will provide an opportunity to listen to all Queenslanders and to help build community understanding of Queensland's shared history and support the process of healing for individuals, communities, the state and help Close the Gap.

I trust this information is of assistance to petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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