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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2022 regarding petition 3764-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 16 August 2022 about Councillor Karen Williams, the Mayor of Redland City Council (the council).

The petitioners have requested the Parliament of Queensland to call upon me as the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure to dismiss Councillor Williams.

I note the petitioners' concerns raised about Councillor Williams continuing in the role as Mayor after driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Councillor Williams has been found guilty of a drink driving offence and was sentenced by the Magistrates Court.

All councillors in Queensland are required to adhere to behavioural standards set out under a Code of Conduct. A copy of this code can be found at www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/councillor-information/code-of-conduct.

The Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) is responsible for reviewing any allegations about councillor conduct. I understand the OIA is currently investigating Councillor Williams' conduct. Should the OIA consider this matter to be possible misconduct, it will be referred to the Councillor Conduct Tribunal to hear and decide the matter. The petitioners can find more information about this complaints process on the OIA's website at www.oia.qld.gov.au/understanding-complaints.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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