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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2024 regarding Petition No. 4008-23 in relation to the use of artificial turf in school grounds.

The Queensland Government remains committed to providing appropriate services and facilities to enable the optimal delivery of curriculum and to promote a safe learning environment in all schools.

The Department of Education's *Equity and Excellence: realising the potential of every student* strategy and the *Infrastructure for Learning* initiatives are aligned with the Queensland Government's Climate Action Plan and targets. Priority initiatives are underway to reduce our environmental impact to create sustainable and climate-positive environments through contemporary design, renewal and maintenance that builds climate resilience and embeds environmental sustainability.

A key *Infrastructure for Learning* initiative is the review of the Department's *Design Technical Specifications and Standards*. This includes considerations relating to the installation of artificial turf. The review outcomes will be incorporated into future iterations of the document. The review is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Queensland state schools.

Yours sincerely

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