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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 dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition No. 4124-24 in relation to a shade structure over the multi-purpose court at Ormeau State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing services and facilities to enable the optimal delivery of curriculum and provide a safe and comfortable environment for all students.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department of Education works with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP).

The Department's regional infrastructure teams support schools to submit SSIP proposals for consideration, and these are assessed through a prioritisation process to meet the highest needs across the State. This process is used to develop the Department's short, medium and long-term investment priorities, which are subject to funding availability.

I am advised that Ormeau State School lists the installation of a shade cover over the existing multi-purpose court as one of its top priorities on its SSIP. This nominated project, along with all other infrastructure project nominations received by the Department, will be rigorously assessed and prioritised against other proposed investments across the State.

The Department will continue to support Ormeau State School with its infrastructure needs, and explore funding opportunities for this potential future project.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner, and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Ormeau State School.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice

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