

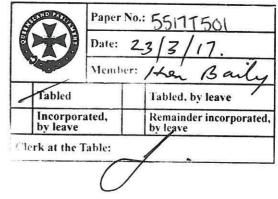
The Honourable Mark Bailey MP Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 22 February 2017 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 2681–17 and 2707–17 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

I apologise to the House and petitioners for the late lodgement of my response.

A departmental error in managing the tabling of the response meant it was only given to my office this morning.

The Petition draws to the attention of the House that the Tully Coastguard has a radio installation co-located with Ergon Energy infrastructure at Mount Mackay, and that the shared costs required for this are beyond the Tully Coastguard's budget.

Voluntary marine rescue groups like Tully Coastguard work closely with Maritime Safety Queensland, giving their own time and resources to ensure safety of all Queenslanders enjoying or working on our waterways.

The Palaszczuk Government commends their efforts.

I am pleased to advise petitioners that after my department raised this matter with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service, an agreement has been reached for them to cover the initial payment of \$10 000 and continue discussions with Ergon Energy about future arrangements.

I thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me.

Mark Bailey MP

ours sincerely

Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply