Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation



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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2025, regarding Parliamentary Petition Nos. 4289-25 and 4260-25 concerning the Teewah Airfield, also known as the former Noosa Landing Ground. I appreciate the opportunity to address the concerns raised by the petitioners and acknowledge the significance of this matter to the local community.

In November 2021, trusteeship of the former landing ground reserve was transferred from the Noosa Shire Council to the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI). The former Labor Government added the site into the Great Sandy National Park, as approved by the Governor in Council on 19 September 2024.

Unfortunately, the former Labor Government progressed this tenure change without a clear plan to support the transition of the users of the site. I acknowledge DETSI has been working to identify alternative options for the recreation clubs, however, am advised these are very limited in the area.

I have asked DETSI to provide me with further options for the site to determine if a suitable solution can be achieved. In the interim DETSI continues to work with both clubs.

I trust this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Powell MP

Minister for the Environment and Tourism Minister for Science and Innovation