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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2013, forwarding for response petitions 1934-12 and 2051-13 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2013.

The petitions draw to the attention of the House that local historical research calls for a more appropriate historic name for the northern side of East Brisbane. The petitioners request the House to consider changing the name for the northern part of East Brisbane (bound by Mowbray Terrace, Wellington Road, Mowbray Park, the Brisbane River and Norman Creek, including Heath Park and Churchie) to Mowbraytown.

East Brisbane is an approved suburb name under the *Place Names Act 1994*. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (the department) administers this Act, which describes the process under which I have powers to change the approved name of a suburb.

The usual process for suggesting a change is to supply the department with information including:

- a description of the suggested suburb boundary and name change;
- the reason for the suggestion, explaining why the current situation should be changed;
- a letter of support from the relevant local government authority which includes acknowledgement that it may be required to reallocate location addresses and assist with notifying affected persons; and
- documentation showing widespread support from affected persons, including acknowledgement that they may be required to change their location and postal address details.

In developing a place name proposal, I consider issues such as community views, historical significance and length of time a name has been used. Long term benefits to the community must outweigh any private or corporate interests, short term effects and the impact on the

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community in making a change. Considering the large number of potentially affected persons and the comparatively limited community support shown via the petition, I will not be considering a change at this time.

However, in order to recognise the history of the area in question, naming an historical site of Mowbraytown may be a more suitable approach as it does not have the extensive impact on the addresses of all those living or working in the area, and I invite the petitioners to contact the department to discuss this option.

Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Ross Norman, Senior Spatial Information Officer, Land Services, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, on telephone 3330 4459.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Cripps'.

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