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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2024 regarding petition 4083-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 14 May 2024 about the Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area (PDA) and the Toondah Harbour redevelopment project proposed by the Walker Group in Cleveland (the project). I note the petition closed on 11 June 2024 and contained 2,094 signatures.

Following the proposed decision of the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Water to refuse the controlled action for the Walker Group Toondah Harbour redevelopment project, the Walker Group withdrew its application on 18 April 2024. This concluded the federal government's assessment of the current project under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act decision making process.

In a public statement the Walker Corporation said, "we need an appropriate amount of time to understand and address those concerns, to satisfy the Government's environmental requirements and to determine whether an alternative scheme would be viable for the project partners".

Any alternative proposal will need to be considered against obligations under a Development Agreement between the Walker Group, the State Government and Redland City Council, and also be consistent with relevant state and federal environmental frameworks.

Until such time as an alternative proposal is received from the Walker Group and further discussions are had with them and the Redland City Council, it is not possible to provide any further comment on any alternative options, implications for the state's commercial agreement with the Walker Group or the current PDA.

I thank petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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