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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2024 regarding petition 4176-24 which was received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 28 November 2024. The petition concerns the State Facilitated Development (SFD) proposals located within the Noosa Shire Council.

While the former Planning Minister declared applications over the sites in Noosa Heads and Tewantin to be an SFD, subsequent development applications were required to be lodged with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the department) for assessment. I understand both development applications have been lodged with the department.

The Director-General (the DG) of the department, as Chief Executive of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act), is now responsible for assessing and deciding the SFD applications.

The DG as decision maker is aware of the council's concerns and I understand that he is seeking third party advice from the council as part of the department's assessment of the applications.

I can confirm that on 28 November 2024, the Planning Act and the *Planning and Environment Court Act 2016* were amended to make minor operational improvements to revoke or amend an SFD declaration along with clarifying existing powers in my capacity as the Planning Minister.

This is part of our plan to reset the planning partnership with local communities and local councils and deliver our election commitment with the Noosa Shire Council.

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

Yours sincerely



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