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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2024 regarding petition number 3974-23 concerning repeal of the *Path to Treaty Act 2023* received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The journey of reconciliation in Queensland has been a long one but it is a journey that our Government is committed to continuing on.

In 2019 and prior to the Queensland election, the Queensland government publicly announced the signing of a Statement of Commitment to reframe the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the Queensland Government. This was widely reported at the time.

In 2021 the Treaty Advancement Committee, building on the work of the Eminent Panel and Treaty Working Group, presented a report to the Queensland Government. The recommendations provided the foundation to build solid processes to progress treaty reform.

In May 2023, the *Path to Treaty Act 2023* was legislated in the Queensland Parliament with bi-partisan support. Strong statements were made in support from the Leader of the Opposition, many of his Members and the broader Parliament. The government remains committed to the Path to Treaty as was legislated in May last year.

This legislation is central to achieving Queensland's commitments under the National Closing the Gap Agreement. A clear and meaningful partnership approach with communities is critical to collectively Close the Gaps in life outcomes and requires a full and truthful understanding of our shared history.

I trust this information is of assistance to petitioners.

Yours sincerely


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