

Minister for Local Government
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your correspondence regarding petition 4257-25 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 26 August 2025 regarding allegations of misconduct by members of the Tablelands Regional Council (the council).

The petitioners have requested the Parliament of Queensland call upon me as the Minister for Local Government, Water and Volunteers to establish whether the council has engaged in misconduct surrounding its management of the Patrick English Pavilion in Malanda.

Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, councils are responsible for the good rule of its local government area. It is the Office of the Independent Assessor who manages all complaints about councillor conduct in Queensland, including misconduct. Similarly, allegations and investigations into corrupt conduct falls under the jurisdiction of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).

As such, I am without power to intervene in this matter.

As the CCC is the appropriate independent statutory body for investigating corrupt conduct it would be inappropriate for me to comment further at this stage.

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers will continue to support and monitor the matter and will keep me informed of any issues which may need attention.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Angus McCaffrey, on 0407 073 631 or email Angus.McCaffrey@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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