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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your correspondence, petition number 4195-25, tabled in Parliament on 20 May 2025, regarding the re-establishment of Queensland's Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry (the Inquiry).

I acknowledge the petitioners' request to re-establish the Inquiry. Coming into the election we were clear that we would repeal the *Path to Treaty Act 2023* and cease the Inquiry. All public records related to the Inquiry and the First Nations Treaty Institute are now under the custodianship of the Queensland State Archives. Published material from the Inquiry's website has also been provided to the State Library of Queensland and is expected to be publicly available through the library's website towards the end of this year.

While the records are being prepared by the State Library of Queensland, the Inquiry's website remains live at www.truth-telling-qld.com.au.

The Queensland Government is committed to meaningful and tangible action to address the critical gap in living conditions experienced by Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Queensland's remote and discrete communities.

To deliver on this, we have established the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund to deliver practical projects in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remote and discrete communities. The Queensland Government will work with First Nations leaders to identify issues impacting these communities and deliver solutions that raise living standards, prioritising improved health, education, employment and housing outcomes.

This Government is committed to creating a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders through the implementation of practical action to Close the Gap, improve quality of life outcomes and support reconciliation.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concern to the attention of the House.

If you require further information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Suellen Holmes, on 3719 7330.

Yours sincerely

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