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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2020 concerning petition No. 3399-20 received by the House on 26 November 2020, regarding the reform of mortgage laws for people on Disability Support Pensions.

I note the petitioners' concerns about the recognition of the Disability Support Pension as a source of income for the purpose of obtaining a mortgage and recognise that people with disability can experience a number of barriers to home ownership.

As the regulation of financial services, including mortgages, and the Disability Support Pension fall within the responsibilities of the Australian Government, I have referred this petition to the Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP, Federal Treasurer, and Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston, Minister for Families and Social Services, for their consideration.

I appreciate the significance of home ownership and secure housing to all Queenslanders, and the profound impact it can have on a person's social and economic wellbeing. The Queensland Government offers initiatives to assist Queenslanders to own their own home. Further information is available on the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au/housing/buying-owning-home/financial-help-concessions.

I would like to thank the principal petitioner, Ms Bettina Quatacker, and the other petitioners for bringing their concerns to the Government's attention.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Craig Crawford".

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