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Member for Stafford

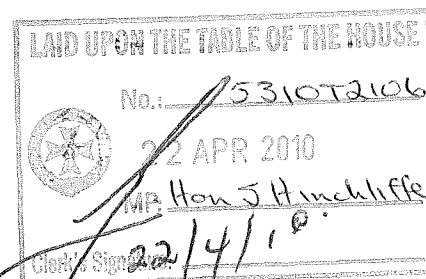


**Queensland
Government**

Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: 10/11620

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Dear Neil

Thank you for forwarding petition 1390-10, received by the House on 9 March 2010, which relates to a development application lodged for Queensland Accommodation Company, located at 72 Ridgeway Avenue, Southport. I apologise for the delay in responding

Under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA), Local Government authorities are the primary assessment managers for development applications in their area. In this instance the assessment manager is the Gold Coast City Council.

I note that the petition requests that the Premier and Ministers responsible for this development application do not overrule Gold Coast City Council's decision. It is important to note, that the Council can refer the application to State agencies, such as the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, for their comments if certain state interests are triggered.

Should there be significant evidence to suggest that State interests are adversely affected, then there are limited powers afforded to me, as the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, to intervene.

To date, I have determined that State interests are being considered by the Local Government, through the Council assessment process. As such, it is my view that my intervention as the Planning Minister is not currently required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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