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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3412-20 about the *Sunshine Coast Daily* newspaper, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 8 September 2020.

As the Queensland Government was in caretaker mode at the time a response to the petition was due for tabling, I was unable to provide you with a substantive response but provided an interim response under Standing Order 125(6)(a) which was tabled on 8 October 2020.

I am now able to provide you with the following final response to petition 3412-20 under Standing Order 125(6)(b).

I acknowledge the genuine interest that the petitioners have in relation to the publication of the *Sunshine Coast Daily* newspaper in a paper format and I certainly appreciate the view of those who would much prefer a paper format for their newspaper over an electronic only publication.

As the petitioners are likely to know, the cessation of a hard copy edition of the newspaper was a commercial decision made by the owner of the newspaper and is not something over which the Queensland Government has any control or was asked to approve.

The petitioners may be aware that postal, telegraphic, telephonic and media ownership are all matters the Federal Government is responsible for legislating on and regulating. As such, the Federal Government may be able to provide advice to the petitioners about their request in relation to the format and ongoing ownership of the *Sunshine Coast Daily* newspaper.

I am advised these matters fall within the responsibilities of the Honourable Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts in the Federal Government.

Should the petitioners wish to raise these matters with Mr Fletcher, he can be contacted by email at paul.fletcher.mp@aph.gov.au or in writing at PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

I hope this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annastacia', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
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