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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie *Nail,*

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2015 about Petition No. 2518-15 and 2496-15 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 December 2015, regarding a proposed sand extraction operation at Malones Road, 235-269 Eudlo Flats Road and 750-770 Maroochydore Road, Forest Glen.

The development application for the sand extraction operation was referred to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) in its capacity as the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 22 May 2015. There are a range of matters to be considered by DILGP as prescribed under the *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009* including environmentally relevant activities (extractive and screening activities), development in a coastal management district, development impacting State transport infrastructure and within 25 metres of a State-controlled road, clearing regulated vegetation and development on land designated for community infrastructure (Suncoast Power Project).

The matters to be considered, as outlined above, will cover many of the concerns raised in the petition and an assessment will be made in collaboration with other departments under the SARA arrangements. Technical advice has been provided to date by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection; the Department of Transport and Main Roads; and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, with third party advice requested from Energex.

This is a complex suite of interests that requires careful consideration and rigorous assessment against the relevant State codes and policies. This assessment is ongoing with a response due to be issued to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council on or before 16 February 2016.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Garth Nolan, Manager Planning, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department on 5352 9708 or by email at [garth.nolan@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:garth.nolan@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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