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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your correspondence, petition number 4244-25, tabled in parliament on 24 June 2025, regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, signed by 906 Queenslanders.

The Queensland Government acknowledges the gravity of the situation in Gaza and the distress it causes within our communities. While commenting on foreign affairs falls under the jurisdiction of the Australian Government, the Queensland Government empathizes and stands in support with all Queenslanders affected by international conflicts.

The Multicultural Queensland Charter commits all Queenslanders to uphold the principles of human rights, dignity, and respect for all individuals, irrespective of their cultural, religious, or ethnic backgrounds.

As the Minister for Multiculturalism, I am committed to working closely with community leaders, multicultural organisations, and support services to ensure that Queensland remains a place where people of all backgrounds can express their identities freely and live without fear or discrimination. Creating spaces for respectful dialogue, healing, and understanding is a responsibility we take seriously. For example, the Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism has committed:

- \$3.5 million to establish a Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre to help educate people on the dangers of racism, hatred and genocide.
- Additional funding of \$2.4 million per annum (total funding to \$4.8 million per annum in 2024-25 and 2025-26) for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Assistance program which includes health, housing and employment supports for people fleeing identified conflict zones.
- \$1 million over two years from 2024-25 for a Peace Leadership project, delivered by Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma, supporting training and workshops focused on conflict resolution with young people and families impacted by global conflicts.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to our attention.

If you require further information, please contact Julie McDougall, Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs Queensland, Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism on 3097 7745 or email julie.mcdougall@maq.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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