

The Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House Cnr George and Alice Streets BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2018, forwarding for response petition 2970–18 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 5 September 2018.

In response to the petition, I refer to the *Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 2007*, which prevents the construction or operation of nuclear reactors and other facilities in the nuclear fuel cycle anywhere in Queensland.

The purpose of this legislation is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Queensland by prohibiting nuclear facilities, including uranium enrichment plants, nuclear power stations and nuclear waste sites in Queensland.

The Queensland Government passed the *Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 2007* over ten years ago to send a clear message that a nuclear industry is not supported in Queensland. The Queensland Government's position has not changed, and there are no plans to allow a nuclear power facility to be built in Queensland.

I will write to my federal counterpart, the Honourable Angus Taylor MP as you have requested to confirm Queensland's very clear position that there is no role for nuclear generation in this State.

I would be pleased if you would arrange the tabling of this response under Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff, on telephone 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely/

Dr Anthony Lynham MP

Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy