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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 3749-22 about amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) which was tabled in Legislative Assembly on 31 August 2022.

I acknowledge the concern the petitioners have in relation to the potential amendments and respect their right to provide their thoughts on these matters to the Legislative Assembly.

I understand the 75th World Health Assembly was held in Geneva on 22–28 May 2022, before the petition closed in August 2022. Consequently, the Queensland Government was unable to consider the petitioners request to submit a formal request to the Federal Government on proposed actions at the meeting, prior to it being tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

The negotiation and signing of international agreements are matters for which the Federal Government is responsible. As such, the Federal Government may be able to provide the petitioners with further information about their request.

I am advised these matters fall within the responsibility of the Honourable Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care. Should the petitioners wish to raise these matters with Minister Butler, he can be contacted by email at minister.butler@health.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

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