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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 2 September 2021 regarding the Parliamentary Petition No. 3583-21 tabled on 31 August 2021 concerning a recent Federal Court decision on duty of care to avoid injury or death from emissions of carbon dioxide into the Earth's atmosphere.

The Department of Environment and Science is investigating the potential implications of this decision on a range of State policies and regulations.

The Palaszczuk Government is strongly committed to taking action on climate change, reducing our emissions and delivering cleaner, cheaper energy for all Queenslanders.

We have established State targets to achieve zero net emissions by 2050, reduce emissions by at least 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, and to power Queensland with 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030. Queensland is almost halfway towards meeting the 2030 emissions reduction target.

On 30 July 2021, the Queensland Government released the Queensland Climate Action Plan 2020-2030 (the Plan) which is being delivered as a dynamic online portal available at <https://www.des.qld.gov.au/climateaction>. The Plan maps the pathway forward for reducing Queensland's emissions over the next decade by building on actions already taken under the Queensland Climate Transition Strategy and Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy.

The Plan sets clear priorities across five sectors for further action: electricity, transport, agriculture, buildings and land.

As next steps, 2021 and 2022 will see the release of:

- the Energy Plan which will map out how Queensland will reach its 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030;
- a Zero Net Emissions Transport Plan to outline steps for decarbonising the transport sector;
- a Zero Net Emissions Infrastructure Plan to align infrastructure investment to a zero net emissions future; and
- the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan to outline opportunities for the resources sector, including in new economy minerals.

We are working closely with local governments, industry and communities to develop adaptation solutions to reduce the risks of climate change, with examples including the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program, the QCoast₂₁₀₀ program and sector adaptation plans.

To support this work, the Queensland Government has invested heavily in climate science, including high resolution climate projection data available via the Queensland Future Climate Dashboard at <https://longpaddock.qld.gov.au/qld-future-climate/dashboard/> and climate risk assessment tools for households and small businesses.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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Meaghan Scanlon MP

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