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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 April 2024 regarding the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 4006-23 on 16 April 2024.

Cunjevoi (*Alocasia brisbanensis*, *Alocasia macrorrhizos*) is a native plant in Queensland. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries does not have any legislative powers under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the Act) to enforce the total ban of sale, keeping, moving or growing cunjevoi plants, because this species is not regulated under the Act as restricted or prohibited matter.

I note that Queensland Health has information on the potential health impacts for cunjevoi on its website. It should also be noted that there are many other potentially toxic plants available for sale in Queensland nurseries. As such, the concerns raised in the petition may be better directed to that industry for a response. The Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland have been provided a copy of this response for their information.

More information on potentially toxic plants is available on the Queensland Health website at <https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms>.

If you require further information, please contact my office on 07 3719 7420.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Furner".

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