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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2024 regarding petitions 4182-24 and 4158-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 28 November 2024 about the call in request for the development application recently approved by the Fraser Coast Regional Council (the council) for a mixed use development at Hervey Bay Esplanade, Torquay.

The petitioners request that I exercise my reserve Ministerial powers to call in the recently approved development. These reserve powers are used only in exceptional circumstances where applications involve or are likely to involve a state interest, and are subject to timeframes of the *Planning Act 2016* and *Planning Regulations 2017*. In this case, the period for giving a proposed call in notice for the development application concluded on 10 October 2024. As such, there is no ability for me to call in the approved development.

On 16 September 2024, a submitter appealed the council's approval of the development application with the Planning and Environment Court (the court). I consider the court is an appropriate forum for reviewing the council's decision.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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