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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition no. 4080-24 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 14 June 2024 concerning Mineral Development Licence (MDL) 3040.

Following the delivery of the Supreme Court of Queensland's judgement to set aside my decision to refuse MDL 3040, I can advise that the MDL application has been reinstated and the Department of Resources is currently undertaking a reassessment.

I can confirm that the community opposition to the project expressed in the petition has been noted and the petition will be considered during the reassessment process.

The Queensland Government has long held the position that coal projects must stack up socially, environmentally and economically. Each project must proceed on its own merits, based on demand and economic viability, and must meet the highest environmental and community standards. In this regard, the government's position has not changed.

The Queensland Government works hard to ensure that its resources sector develops in a way that carefully considers the needs and rights of Queensland communities, other land users and the environment.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Scott Stewart MP
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