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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2019 regarding Petition No. 3213-19 requesting the House acknowledge the science that suggests humans are not responsible for climate change.

The Queensland Government accepts the global scientific consensus on the causes and consequences of climate change. That unequivocal consensus is that the world's climate systems are warming, that these changes are unprecedented and that the influence of human activity on the climate system is clear.

The Queensland Government further recognises that anthropogenic climate change will profoundly affect Queensland's economy, industries and communities. The physical impacts and costs of climate events are significant and already being felt. Over the last decade, Queensland has experienced more than 84 disaster events, causing more than \$15 billion in damage to public infrastructure. Over the summer of 2018–19 Queensland experienced an unprecedented 11 disaster events, with the direct cost of recovery and damage to public assets estimated at more than \$1.3 billion; and 61 of the State's 77 local government areas impacted. While climate change is not the sole cause of these events, it is a risk multiplier, meaning the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events will increase as the climate continues to warm.

A global economic transition is also underway as countries around the world move to reduce pollutants and adopt low carbon alternatives, working not only to reduce the risk posed by climate change but also to enhance the health of our communities and environment.

For these reasons, in July 2017 the Queensland Government released the Queensland Climate Change Response, which includes the Queensland Climate Adaptation Strategy and Queensland Climate Transition Strategy. Through these strategies, the Government is working in partnership with Queensland industries, businesses and communities to adapt to climate change impacts, reduce the State's contribution to global emissions and position Queensland to prosper in a low-carbon economy.

The Queensland Government will continue to support action that delivers the best outcomes for Queensland, by securing new jobs and opportunities for Queenslanders, supporting and strengthening our communities, and protecting our precious natural environment.

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

Yours sincerely



Leeanne Enoch MP

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