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Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology

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Mr N Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie Moul

I refer to your correspondence regarding a petition against a proposed social housing development at 6 Hillvue Crescent, Avoca, Bundaberg.

The Wide Bay–Burnett Area is one of the highest need social housing areas in Queensland. Within the Bundaberg West waitlist area, which incorporates the suburb of Avoca, there are approximately 60 families on the waitlist requiring two-bedroom dwellings.

As such, the Department of Housing has proposed a 16, two-bedroom dwelling development at 6 Hillvue Crescent, Avoca.

As part of the planning assessment process for the proposed project, the development was publicly notified from 25 October 2007 to 16 November 2007 in accordance with the requirements of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*. As a result of this process, 17 submissions were received.

The issues raised in the submissions are now being reviewed and a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposed development will be made after all the issues have been assessed.

For further assistance, you may contact Ms Anne Horberry, Acting Capital Works Manager, Property Portfolio Management, on 323 59595.

Yours sincerely

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