Our ref: MC12/3541

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions; 1970-12

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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2012 enclosing the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly, number 1970-12 outlining a request for Parliament to: 'reconsider including the Worthing Road Precinct located in Victoria Point 4165, within the urban footprint of Redland City Council.' The principal petitioner, Mr Glynn, notes this area is: 'not currently included in the Urban Footprint of Redland City Council.'

The land in the vicinity of Worthing Road is currently included in the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area (RLRPA) of the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* (SEQ Regional Plan). The RLRPA designation is used to protect land from certain types of development, particularly urban or rural residential development. The current zoning of this land in the Redlands Planning Scheme is consistent with this designation.

While I appreciate the concerns of the principal petitioner, Mr Glynn, and his fellow petitioners, it would be premature for Parliament to consider this request as the state government has not yet commenced the review of the SEQ Regional Plan, scheduled to commence during 2012-2013. This review will consider population and housing needs, infrastructure availability and other relevant planning matters on which the community will be invited to provide comment.

Therefore, I would encourage the petitioners to express their views through making a formal submission to the review of the SEQ Regional Plan once this commences.

Announcements will be made in the local media when the review process begins formally, with particular note of how submissions can be made.

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Redland City Council has also recently commenced the preliminary stages of a comprehensive review of the Redlands Planning Scheme, with completion anticipated by 2015. Council officers have advised that community comment will be sought on the new planning scheme and Mr Glynn and the petitioners are encouraged to make a submission to this review. I have been advised information related to the planning scheme review will be placed on Council's website, with relevant information to appear on the website early in 2013.

In the meantime, Mr Glynn and the petitioners may wish to approach Council to discuss the potential for a planning scheme amendment to alter the current rural non urban/environmental protection zoning in the current Redlands Planning Scheme to an alternate zone that may better satisfy their aspirations. This is an alternate approach Mr Glynn may wish to consider.

I would also encourage Mr Glynn to contact his local Redland City councillor to express his views prior to the formal review of the Redlands Planning Scheme and the SEQ Regional Plan.

If you require any further information, please contact Matt Adams, Senior Policy Advisor, on 3224 4600, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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