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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

Thank you for your letter of 21 August 2013 about Petition 2138-13 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The independent Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal (the Tribunal) is responsible for setting the maximum remuneration for mayors and councillors. Each council is able to set the remuneration for its mayor and councillors up to the maximum remuneration set by the Tribunal.

The Tribunal is required to set the remuneration for mayors and councillors before 1 December each year. Since its inaugural determination in 2008, the Tribunal has increased the remuneration for mayors and councillors by 2.5 per cent each year.

In setting the remuneration for mayors and councillors, the Tribunal is required to act consistently with the local government principles set out in the *Local Government Act 2009* which require the Tribunal to act in the public interest, be socially inclusive and engage with the community.

I encourage any interested parties to contact the Tribunal when it calls for public comment as part of its annual process for setting the remuneration for mayors and councillors. Calls for submissions on the Tribunal's determination of remuneration to apply from 1 July 2014 will be made at the beginning of October 2013.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Max Barrie, Director, Program Implementation and Review on (07) 3404 3691 or max.barrie@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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