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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email dated 27 November 2025 regarding petition 4278-25 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 18 November 2025 regarding – a call for Amendment of the Sunshine Coast Proposed Planning Scheme.

I note the petition calls for Sunshine Coast Regional Council (the Council) to reassess proposed land use zoning for the Coastal Corridor (Maroochydore to Caloundra) and amend the proposed planning scheme accordingly. I recognise concerns raised in the petition that transport infrastructure may not be adequate to support the planned growth for this area.

The Council has drafted the new proposed planning scheme to guide growth and development on the Sunshine Coast to 2046. The proposed planning scheme was approved for public consultation on 28 February 2025 by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) following extensive review of relevant State interests.

The Council undertook public consultation on the proposed planning scheme from 15 July 2025 to 19 September 2025. Public consultation was a key opportunity for the community to have their say on the proposed planning scheme for the Council's consideration.

The Council now has a statutory obligation to review all submissions received and decide whether to make changes to the proposed planning scheme. Following these deliberations, the Council will seek approval from DSDIP to adopt the proposed planning scheme. At this time, the Council will publish a report on how it has responded to all the submissions that were received. As the Council is currently reviewing submissions, DSDIP has no power to intervene or require the Council to amend the proposed planning scheme at this time.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Local Government and Water Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers

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