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Dear Ms Lockey

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2015 to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade, about the current planning framework and the forthcoming new Scenic Rim Planning Scheme. The Deputy Premier has asked that I respond on her behalf.

Your group's interest in protecting the quality of living on Tamborine Mountain is acknowledged. I also note your comments for the mountain's character to be reflected in planning documents, such as the forthcoming new planning scheme for the Scenic Rim, regional plans and Queensland's planning framework generally. I also understand your group is eager to see new planning legislation be less complex, resulting in less development decisions being litigated in court.

As you know, the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA) forms the overarching framework for planning at the State, regional and local level, with each of these levels having a different role in influencing the liveability, sustainability and prosperity of local communities such as Tamborine Mountain.

To help address the important points you raise in your correspondence, I have outlined below the current actions being undertaken by this Government for planning at each level and information on how and where your group can participate in the making of the various policies and plans that can affect your community into the future.

At the State level, this Government is reforming Queensland's planning system which includes replacing the SPA with a new and easy to understand Planning Act. The new Planning Act will establish a fairer and more open system for planning in Queensland, support effective and genuine public participation and provide for more efficient and consistent decision making and community confidence in the planning system.

The draft planning bills, proposed to replace the SPA and commence in late 2016, are now available for public comment until Friday 23 October 2015. I encourage you to view the draft planning bills and provide feedback via the DILGP planning reform website at <http://dilgp.qld.gov.au/planning-reform>.

Having practical legislation will also assist community groups such as yours when engaging with the framework. As the new Planning Bill is developed, the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will engage with community groups. DILGP's Ipswich office will be in touch with your group in the near future about consultation dates.

At a regional level, the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* (SEQRP) provides strategic direction on existing and emerging issues such as managing growth, housing affordability, congestion and climate change and includes an Urban Footprint.