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Dear Mr Dalton

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2011 about the Land Access Code. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you may know, the Land Access Code is a key requirement of the new land access laws that came into effect in Queensland late 2010. The new laws are part of the Land Access Policy Framework which was developed in close consultation with key stakeholders including representatives from the resources and agricultural sectors.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring the right balance between the resources and agriculture sector is achieved and maintained. A 12 month review of the Land Access Policy Framework is planned to commence later this year. The Review will be lead by an independent panel representing the agricultural and resource sectors with an independent third member with land valuation experience. The panel will measure the successes and identify areas for improvement.

Having reviewed the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group's proposed changes; I consider this level of detailed feedback would add value to the 12 month review. The Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group and its proposed changes to the Land Access Code have been added to the Land Access Policy Framework Review stakeholders list. This list will be used by the review panel when it is initiated later this year.

I thank the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group for taking the time to raise its concerns about the Land Access Code. If you have any questions about my advice to you, Ms Bernadette McNevin, Acting Director, Land and Resource Policy, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3224 2847.

Yours sincerely

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