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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I request that you table this letter, under Standing Order 31, in response to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee's (the Committee) Report No. 16 – Consideration of the Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament 16 for 2014-15: Local government entities 2013-14, and Report No. 17 – Consideration of the Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament 19 for 2014-15: Fraud management in local government.

1. Report No. 16 – Consideration of the Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament 16 for 2014-15: Local government entities 2013-14

As outlined in this report, the Committee has made one recommendation. My response to this recommendation is as follows:

Committee Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly notes the contents of this report.

I note the recommendation and comments made by the Committee. The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department) will continue to pursue the actions previously outlined. I look forward to the Auditor-General's next report to Parliament on the audit results for local government entities for the 2014-15 year and a re-examination of the issues raised.

2. Report No. 17 – Consideration of the Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament 19 for 2014-15: Fraud management in local government

My response to the Committee's recommendation on this report is as follows:

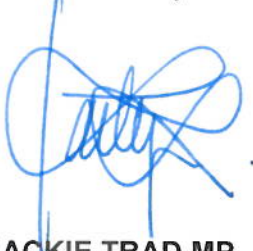
The Department will monitor local governments in ensuring progress and compliance in regard to the new reporting requirements for fraud management through the provision of progress reports by local governments. The first progress report will be sought from all local governments in June 2016. It is encouraging that a number of local governments have already voluntarily provided advice to the Department that the recommendations of the Auditor-General have been implemented.

Where the Department identifies insufficient progress by local governments to either implement or update policies and procedures for fraud and corruption management, fraud and corruption control plans, and fraud risk assessments and data analytics capacity for fraud detection, the Department will liaise with the local governments and provide assistance including targeted capacity building where required.

I note that the Report No. 15 – Consideration of the Queensland Audit Office Report to Parliament 8 for 2014-15: Traveltrain renewal: Sunlander 14 now falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Frankie Carroll, Director-General of the Department on 3452 6767 or by email at frankie.carroll@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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