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Dear Mr Marshall

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2015, co-signed by Mr Peter Hembury, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering Queensland Inc, providing a copy of your joint position paper, *Keeping Community Organisations on the Political Agenda* (the position paper), for the Queensland Government's consideration.

I note the position paper calls for genuine engagement with government and for the Queensland Government to acknowledge the strength and potential of existing community organisations.

My Government is committed to genuinely listening to and engaging with Queenslanders and acting on their concerns. Restoring services to strengthen our communities and delivering real and sustainable social and economic outcomes are also priorities of this Government.

We know that the Government cannot do this alone. Harnessing the knowledge, expertise and dedication of the community sector will be vital to achieving this.

As the relevant Minister is the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I have referred your position paper to her for her consideration and response to you.

My Government looks forward to an ongoing partnership with the community sector to build the resilience of our communities and provide Queenslanders, particularly our most vulnerable Queenslanders, with the support they need to have the best prospects in life.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
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