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Dear Ms Gallie

Thank you for your correspondence about exercising my ministerial powers to call in the development application for an aviation facility at 2224 Tully-Mission Beach Road, Mission Beach.

I note your concerns about the impacts of the development and its associated helicopter activity on the Southern Cassowary habitat in the surrounding area. I also note that on 5 March 2021 an appeal was filed in the Planning and Environment Court against the Cassowary Coast Regional Council's decision to approve the application.

Under section 91 of the *Planning Act 2016*, I have the power to call in an application if the matter involves, or is likely to involve, a state interest. This is a reserve power that is used only in exceptional circumstances. In this instance, there are no state interests impacted by the development which would warrant my involvement. The Planning and Environment Court is an appropriate forum to examine any issues relating to the technical assessment of this application.

I have asked for Mr Phil Joyce, Director, Development Assessment, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Joyce on (07) 3452 7449 or by email at phil.joyce@dsdmip.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Miles'.

**STEVEN MILES MP**  
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