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Dear Mr McBride

Re: Vedanta Centre of Sydney Rates Notice Issue

I refer to your letter dated 29 March 2019 in which you have outlined your clients' concerns in relation to the Council's delay in resolving the above issue.

I also note that you have received your clients' instructions to instigate Court proceedings within seven days of 29 March 2019 if the Council does not:

1. provide a statement of reasons; and
2. confirm a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer.

As regards your clients' first request, as I advised in my letter dated 13 September 2018, I decided pursuant to s.24AA of the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1954 to repeal the earlier decisions that had previously been made by the Council in relation to your clients' rates issue.

I understand that there was a previous dispute between the Council and your clients as to whether they were legally entitled to receive a statement of reasons in respect of the earlier Council decisions. Given my repeal decision and the expected timing that is set out below, in my view it would be futile to continue the legal debate about the statement of reasons issue; but I understand that is a matter for your client to determine.

Since late 2018, the Council has been progressing its consideration of the above rates issue. Unfortunately, the Council has not been in a position to make a final decision on the matters that have been raised by your clients.

Council officers have advised me that the above issue is now scheduled for formal consideration at the Council meeting to be held on 21 May 2019.

As regards your clients' second request, Mr David Farmer, the Council's Chief Executive Officer, is available to meet with representatives of your clients. Mr Farmer's Office will shortly be in contact to arrange an appropriate time for that meeting.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Chemello', with several long, sweeping horizontal strokes extending to the right.

Greg Chemello
INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Cc: Chief Executive Officer