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Dear Greg

Thank you for your letter of 12 August 2019, seeking an exemption from compliance with the tender or auction requirements in section 227 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (the Regulation) for the disposal of the Ipswich City Council's interest in land within the Ipswich Central Business District precinct.

I am advised that officers of the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs subsequently met with Council officers to discuss the scope of the application and additional information necessary to assess the Council's application. Following this meeting, the Council provided the Department with a letter dated 10 September 2019, reducing the scope of its application to solely the leasing and sub-leasing component of the Council's original request, and providing the additional information requested by the Department.

Following an assessment of the Council's request, I have approved an exemption under section 236(1)(f) of the Regulation from compliance with section 227 of the Regulation for the leasing and sub-leasing of the Council's interest in land within the Ipswich Central Business District precinct, subject to the following conditions:

- The exemption relates to the properties identified in Attachment 1 to the Council's letter to the Department dated 10 September 2019, which provided additional information regarding the Council's application.
- The exemption is for a period up to 30 June 2023.
- The Council must comply with the activities proposed by the Council to address the sound contracting principles in section 104(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, as outlined in the Council's letter to the Department dated 10 September 2019.
- For the period of the exemption, the Council must provide a quarterly report to me detailing the exercise of this exemption. The report must include details of the status of all lease arrangements, an independent market appraisal of the lease, reasons for any lease being under market value and details of any conflicts of interest (COI) or material personal interest (MPI) held by the Interim Administrator, members of the Interim Management Committee, Councillor or employee of the Council in relation to each lease and how the COI or MPI was managed.

- For the period of the exemption, the Council must provide a six-monthly report to me on the CBD redevelopment project's overall implementation and achievements and its impacts on the wider Ipswich economy.

I have asked for Ms Rebecca McAnalen, Principal Regional Advisor (South), Local Government Division in the Department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms McAnalen on 3452 6738 or by email at rebecca.mcanalen@dlgrma.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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