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## Dear Mr Chesterman

I refer to my letter of 23 June 2020 advising of my intention to exercise my powers under Section 26 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act) to require Redland City Council (the council) to investigate the Southern Thornlands Potential Future Growth Area (PFGA).

I have considered the council's response dated 29 June 2020, confirming the council has progressed investigation of the Southern Thornlands PFGA, and noting the council's view that a Ministerial Direction is unnecessary.

While I acknowledge that the council has progressed investigation of the Southern Thornlands PFGA, I continue to have strong ongoing concerns about the lack of long-term, strategic planning being undertaken by the council to manage growth to meet the future needs of the city, and the failure to comply with Outcome 14 of *ShapingSEQ*.

To ensure that this action under *ShapingSEQ* is completed in a timely manner, as part of the council's contribution to managing growth in South East Queensland, I have deemed it necessary to exercise my powers under section 26 of the Planning Act to require the council to take the actions set out in the enclosed Ministerial Direction notice.

I have included a requirement in my direction for the council to write to landowners in the Southern Thornlands area by 29 July 2020 informing them of the investigation and asking for their views by 14 August 2020. In addition, the council must hold a forum with landowners to provide an update on the progress of the investigation and allow time for questions. The council should ensure that this forum is held in a manner that is consistent with the Queensland Government's COVID-19 restrictions in effect at the time. I was clear in my previous correspondence that it is critical for the council to consult with Southern Thornlands landowners and I have now included this in my direction.

I note in the council's submission, it is requested that where a Ministerial Direction is issued, that an extension in timeframe of six days be granted for completion of the investigation in order to allow a council decision to be made.

Given the requirement included in the Ministerial Direction about consultation with landowners, I have moved back the timeframes to provide a reasonable period for landowners to be engaged and for the council to complete the investigation.

Please be advised that I have agreed to extend the timeframe for completion of the investigation until 16 September 2020, and the final date to write to me about the investigation is now 25 September 2020.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, please contact my office on (07) 3719 7200 or email treasurer@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

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