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Dear Mr Farmer

I write regarding the letter of 21 November 2019 from the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, as the then Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, advising that he was considering exercising ministerial direction powers under section 26 of the *Planning Act 2016* to require the Ipswich City Council (the council) to amend the Springfield Structure Plan (SSP) in the local planning scheme.

While the Treasurer will not be directing the council to take any action, the need for continued effective and efficient planning processes for the operation of the SSP is of critical importance.

I can advise that legislative amendments have been introduced by the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for State Development, Tourism and Innovation, that seek a balance between the rights and obligations for third parties to undertake master planning and development in the Springfield area, and the protection of the current rights and obligations of Springfield City Group.

These amendments seek to ensure effective and efficient planning processes for the operation of the SSP while providing the greatest certainty to all parties and ensuring transparency for all stakeholders.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Christopher Aston, Executive Director, Policy and Statutory Planning, Queensland Treasury, on (07) 3452 6822 or christopher.aston@dsmip.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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