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Dear Neil,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2019 for the Petition 3093-19: Commission of Inquiry into Deebing Creek Mission sale to developers.

The site known as Frasers Property is a 115-hectare development site which is currently vacant land located at 152 - 280 Grampian Drive, Deebing Heights described as Lot 218 on SP283121. The land was purchased by its current owner in 2015 from the former landowners who had held the land since the 1960s under perpetual lease subsequently converted to freehold estate in 1984.

Development proposals at Deebing Creek are assessed by the Ipswich City Council (the council).

The development site includes land where the former Deebing Creek Mission was situated. I understand this land is recognised as a State Heritage Place and no residential development is proposed on this site. The Deebing Creek Aboriginal Cemetery, also identified as a place of significance for the Yuggera Ugarapul People, is situated outside of the development site. A corridor between the two sites has also been identified as having significance and no development is proposed for this corridor.

Frasers Property have a duty of care to exercise due diligence and reasonable precaution before undertaking an activity that may harm Indigenous cultural heritage. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been approved for the Deebing Creek Mission by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me. Further inquiries should be directed to the council, as the entity responsible for managing development assessment, or Frasers Property, as the landowner.

Yours sincerely

**CAMERON DICK MP** 

Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning

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