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Mr Alan Millhouse
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Dear Mr Millhouse

Alan,

Following our recent discussion, I am writing to you in my capacity as Minister responsible for the Building Queensland Act 2015 (the BQ Act).

The Government has decided that, subject to the passage of legislation, Building Queensland (BQ) will cease to be a statutory authority and will become part of Queensland Treasury. Combining the skills of BQ staff and the existing capabilities within Treasury will streamline investment assessment and assurance functions, reduce administrative overheads and enhance our capability to plan and deliver our infrastructure program.

The work of the BQ Board and the staff to develop and implement a framework for the delivery of business cases for important public infrastructure investments has made a noticeable improvement in the quality of the investment proposals being presented to Government for consideration.

We will now move to consolidate these skills and expertise within Treasury and provide for a more coordinated and streamlined process for the provision of infrastructure investment advice and assurance for Government. All BQ staff will transfer to Queensland Treasury, and existing employment arrangements for staff will continue.

Implementation of this reform will involve a transitional period while the necessary planning is jointly undertaken between BQ and Treasury to transfer BQ's work program and staff. The Under Treasurer will write separately to the Chief Executive to begin this process.

During this transitional period, BQ will continue under its existing Board and structure until legislation has been considered by Parliament. While subject to both confirmation by an incoming government and the outcomes of planning for the completion or transition of the current work program, this is expected to occur as soon as practicable after the State election.

I also require BQ to work collaboratively with Treasury to plan and implement this change and provide for an orderly cessation of activities undertaken by BQ in the delivery of its functions under the BQ Act. This includes taking instruction from the Under Treasurer, or her nominees, in regard to the planning and implementation of transitional arrangements and not commencing any new activities or recruiting any new staff without first consulting with Treasury.

For the avoidance of doubt, this represents a Ministerial direction under section 19 of the BQ Act. I will consider whether further specific directions are required to facilitate the Government's intentions.

Finally, I would like to convey my thanks, on behalf the Government to you and the Board, along with the executive and the staff of BQ. I look forward to working collaboratively to implement this reform and contribute to continuous improvement in the delivery of the Government's infrastructure investment program.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Leon Allen, Deputy Under Treasurer, Queensland Treasury, on 3035 3595 or leon.allen@treasury.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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