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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 2025 regarding the making of the Local Government (Townsville City Council – Suspension of Mayor) Amendment Regulation 2024 (Amendment Regulation).

I am pleased to provide the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee (the Committee) with the following information to assist in its consideration of the Amendment Regulation.

On 1 October 2024, under section 120 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA), the former Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and former Minister for Public Works provided Councillor Troy Thompson with a written notice of the former Minister's proposal to recommend to the Governor-in-Council that Councillor Thompson be suspended from office for a period of 12 months, considering it to be in the public interest to do so.

The notice stated that any submission Councillor Thompson wished to make in relation to the proposed action should be made by close of business on 21 October 2024. Councillor Thompson made a submission to the former Minister on 21 October 2024.

Following the State Election on 26 October 2024, and my appointment as Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, Councillor Thompson made a further submission to me on 20 November 2024.

In his submission, Councillor Thompson advised that he was willing to accept the proposal to recommend to the Governor-in-Council that he be suspended from office for a period of 12 months.

In considering all relevant factors, including Councillor Thompson's acceptance of the proposal and the ability of Townsville City Council to perform its responsibilities in an efficient and effective way, I determined that it was in the public interest to recommend, under section 122(2) of the LGA, that the Governor-in-Council suspend Councillor Thompson for a period of 12 months.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Angus McCaffrey, on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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