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Dear Mr Hall

Greg

Legislative Council Inquiry into Planning Schemes

I refer to the above inquiry and the report dated 17 October 2006.

The Government has found the report useful and welcomes the critical review that the inquiry has provided of the planning system.

As stated when the report was tabled, the inquiry has reinforced the Government's decision to reform the planning system through the Better Planning Outcomes Project.

Many of the inquiry recommendations are in line with the Better Planning Outcomes Response Report November 2005. A number of the initiatives proposed in the Response Report are currently being pursued in a program to speed up the introduction of new planning schemes across the State. This is aimed at ensuring consistent and contemporary planning schemes based on the Planning Scheme Template introduced by Planning Directive No.1 Format and Structure of Planning Schemes in December 2003.

A first series of amendments to LUPAA are also well advanced and are intended to go to Parliament soon.

Thank you for your efforts in undertaking the inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Kons'.

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