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Dear Councillor Gibson

I am pleased to advise you that I have received the final report from the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce (the Taskforce), led by Mr Andrew Chesterman.

As you're aware, the establishment of the Taskforce was a commitment from the Queensland Government at the 2024 State Election, to partner with councils and identify initiatives to streamline approvals and remove barriers. The establishment of the Taskforce within the first 100 days demonstrated our determination to work in partnership to deliver an empowered, strong and sustainable local government sector.

The Taskforce was given the task to engage widely with Queensland councils and local government stakeholders in a tight timeframe and this ambitious task has been achieved.

Mr Chesterman advises that all councils were consulted, with the Taskforce receiving over 1200 ideas and suggestions to consider, including input from 61 of Queensland 77 councils.

The volume of responses provided from the sector reinforces the importance of the work and highlights the unwanted strain red tape can put on councils impacting the way they deliver for their communities.

The delivery of the final report by the Taskforce further signifies our ongoing commitment to enact meaningful change for local governments and communities across our state.

I would like to personally thank you, and your council for working with the Taskforce and providing input throughout this project.

The Queensland Government will now consider the Taskforce's final report and recommendations. I look forward to sharing more information about the outcomes of the Taskforce in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Leahy".

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