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Dear Mr Walker

**Walker P C v NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (NCAT file
2017/226200)**

I refer to your letter dated 18 January 2018, in which you requested that the Department provide:

- "a) The full KPMG Reports ("The Long Form"). The Reports provided so far are in summary form only, ("Power Point Presentations").
- b) Affidavit, outlining the Brief provided by the Respondent to KPMG for the Reports (including the intended Public Release of the Reports), from: -

1. "Mr. John Clark, who was Executive Director of the Local Government Reform Branch of the Respondent from June 2015 to March 2016.

During that time Mr. Clark was responsible for managing the Departments engagement of KPMG to provide consulting services in relation to the Local Government Reform Process.

2. Mr. Dennis Smith, a solicitor in the Legal Branch of the Respondent, who has provided legal advice on the Local Government Reform Process since December 2015".

(Quote from NCAT Judgement *Primrose v NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet* paragraph 11)."

I understand (a) to be a request for the "long form" document titled "Local Government Reform: Merger Impacts and Analysis". This document is identified as Record 22 in Annexure B to the Department's decision of 7 June 2017.

The Department maintains its claim of Cabinet information in respect of Record 22. Please refer to the Department's evidence and submissions filed 20 October 2017.

Please inform me if my understanding of (a) is not correct.

As to your request for the affidavit specified in (b), it is for the Department to determine what evidence it files in support of its claim of Cabinet information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha Lowes', written in a cursive style.

Sasha Lowes
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