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Premier of NSW
Gladys Berejiklian

**WALKER .V. N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET
NCAT FILE 2017/226200**

I refer to the above Proceedings relating to KPMG Report on Council Mergers

Following the last Directions Hearing on 26 March 2018, this matter is set for Hearing 10th and 11th April 2018.

This matter includes the Business Case.

Noting you as Premier repeated statements that your Government's decisions follow the preparation of business cases, will you instruct your department to release the business case for Council mergers, (or will you release it) before the hearing 10 April 2018?

If unable to release it, will you please arrange to explain to the hearing personally why you refuse the release of this business case?

In NCAT dealings with cabinet in confidence GIPA matters, it is set out that the Premier may attend to give evidence.

Could you please notify NCAT, the Crown Solicitor and myself of your decision before the hearing?

Yours faithfully

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