



Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations

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Dear Mr Laurie Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 2010 regarding Petition No. 1391-10 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 10 March 2010.

The matters referred to in the Petition relate to a dispute between the Principal Petitioner, Dr Charles Wu and the community titles scheme Body Corporate for Riverwalk Place. Dr Wu is the occupier and representative of the owner of lots in this scheme and disputes certain decisions of the Body Corporate.

Community titles schemes in Queensland are governed by the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997* (the BCCM Act). The BCCM Act provides a dispute resolution process, through the Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate and Community Management (BCCM Office) in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, for those in a community titles scheme who are unable to resolve their disagreements directly.

The Body Corporate for Riverwalk Place lodged an application for conciliation against Dr Wu with the BCCM Office in late 2009 regarding disputed signage. Following a lengthy conciliation session conducted on 12 January 2010, Dr Wu and the Body Corporate reached an agreement on the matter.

Dr Wu has been advised by the BCCM Office that if the conciliated agreement has not resolved his concerns, he may lodge an application for the order of an adjudicator on the issue. In addition, if additional matters occur between the parties which were not the subject of the original conciliation application, Dr Wu is entitled to lodge a further conciliation application to seek a resolution of those matters.

Level 18 State Law Building 50 Ann Street Brisbane GPO Box 149 Brisbane Queensland 4001 Australia Telephone +61 7 3239 3478 Facsimile +61 7 3220 2475 Email attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au ABN 65 959 415 158 If Dr Wu or the other petitioners have any queries about the BCCM Act or its dispute resolution processes, I would encourage them to contact the BCCM Office on freecall 1800 060 119.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Hon Cameron Dick MP

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