



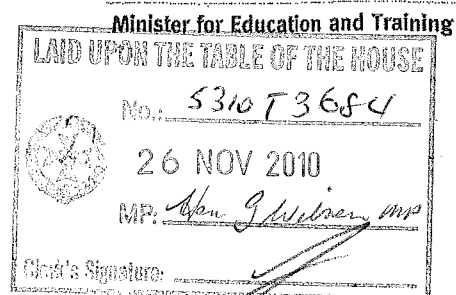
Hon Geoff Wilson MP
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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 1544-10 lodged with Legislative Assembly on 26 October 2010 regarding a request to ensure that the building known as F Block, at the Morningside Campus of the Southbank Institute of Technology (SBIT), is retained as a community facility for the use by local residents and community groups.

SBIT is an independent statutory authority established under Chapter 6A of the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007*.

I am advised that SBIT owns the 9.1 hectare Morningside TAFE site, comprising two lots, located on Clearview Terrace, Seven Hills, and adjacent to the Seven Hills State School. The land is no longer required by SBIT, as all services of the Institute now operate out of its redeveloped campus at South Brisbane.

The Morningside Campus was identified by the Board for divestment as part of the funding arrangement for redevelopment of the Southbank campus and has been listed on the Government Surplus Land Register for some time.

The SBIT Board are currently reviewing options for divestment of the site and are charged with ensuring maximum return to the Government from the sale. The proceeds of the sale will be reinvested in providing greater access to Vocational Education and Training to the people of Queensland.

SBIT has retained a professional services firm to identify the range of options for the site to achieve the best outcome from the sale of the property. This included preliminary master planning whereby one option included maintaining 'F Block' for community use. It has however been determined that retaining this building would significantly reduce the value of the site to any prospective developer.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Craig Sherrin, CEO and Institute Director, SBIT on telephone (07) 3244 5501.

Yours sincerely

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