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Dear Mayor Coxon *MICHAEL*

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 July 2022 regarding an application from the City of West Torrens (the Council) for exemption from the application of section 91A of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* (the Elections Act).

The exemption is requested in order for a number of designated decisions to be made by the Council in relation to its current negotiations with the Adelaide Football Club concerning an integrated sports precinct involving the Thebarton Oval/Kings Reserve (the Project).

I note the Council's advice that these decisions are designated decisions under the Elections Act. I also note the Council's assessment of the extraordinary circumstances related to these decisions.

I have carefully examined the information provided by the Council, and note both the time-sensitive nature of the Project and the potential impact to the Council and its community if the Project does not proceed.

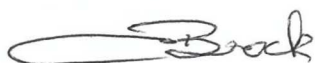
I am satisfied that extraordinary circumstances exist in relation to these decisions. Accordingly, I grant an exemption to the Council pursuant to section 91A(4) of the Elections Act in order for the Council to make each of the following five decisions:

1. A decision to enter into an agreement for lease or licence in respect of land at Thebarton Oval with the Adelaide Football Club being land that is part of a larger project that will be subject to development.
2. A decision to enter into an agreement for lease or licence in respect of land at Kings Reserve that will be subject to compulsory acquisition by the South Australian Government for the Torrens-to-Darlington project but which is, including in part, to be returned to the Council at a later time.
3. A decision to enter into a licence agreement which provides for the Adelaide Football Club to enter into the Thebarton Oval land for access and construction purposes.

4. A decision to enter into a binding agreement or understanding between the Council and the South Australian Government in relation to the return of the balance of land at Kings Reserve to the Council at completion of the Torrens-to-Darlington project.
5. A decision to enter into a contract, arrangement or understanding with the Adelaide Football Club in the nature of an associated Development Agreement.

I trust that these exemptions will enable the Council to continue with its negotiations and advancement of the Project for the benefit of the Council and its community.

Yours sincerely



Hon Geoff Brock MP
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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