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Dear Ms Gordon

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 December 2009 in which you raised concerns about the relocation of workers in the TC Beirne Building, Fortitude Valley.

I advise that the workers, in the TC Beirne Building, numbering approximately 300 persons, are now on the staff of Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU), which is the new water distribution business created as a result of the Queensland Government's restructuring of the South-East Queensland water industry. QUU will absorb the water distribution business of Brisbane City Council and is a separate company that will also handle water distribution for Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset from 1 July 2010.

Presently there is a transition period and tenders for office accommodation were called by Brisbane City Council, acting on behalf of Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU). The tender closing date was 27 November 2009. It is to be expected that QUU will be considering its accommodation options at this time when the new organisation is forming. Furthermore, I understand that the TC Beirne lease expires in 2011.

The CEO and Board of QUU will be making their accommodation decision based on the needs of that business and this matter is outside the scope of Council.

I agree with your view that the upgrading of the Chinatown Mall by Council will benefit Fortitude Valley and look forward to the Chamber of Commerce promoting the revitalised area to customers.

Thank you for raising these issues with me. I trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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