



Attention: Cr Jane Prentice
Valley Malls Advisory
Brisbane City Council
CC: Cr Amanda Cooper
Phillip Dibella - Chair Valley Malls Advisory
David Jackson – BCC Economic Development

RE: REQUEST TO BCC TO RETAIN BCC OFFICES & UPTO 500 STAFF – IN VALLEY HEART

Dear Jane,

It has come to the Valley Chamber of Commerce attention through the BCC on-line tendering process and subsequent discussions within the Valley property group that BCC are considering relocating the BCC office in the Valley Heart in TC Beirne.

The Valley Chamber of Commerce is extremely concerned about the economic impact of potentially losing upto 500 BCC office workers in the Valley Malls area in the immediate future as a decision of BCC to relocate these workers elsewhere.

While we fully respect the right of Brisbane City Council to seek through the current tendering process new offices for the workers and Council offices as part of the competitive processes of commercial leasing, we actively your urgent consideration on the economic impact on Chinatown and Brunswick St Mall day economy and ask that you at the very least remain to the full term of your lease and give notice to local businesses of your relocation plans if applicable.

The loss of this many BCC workers at a time when BCC's Chinatown Mall redevelopment is both overdue with time delays as well as having had a major negative impact economically to the area this year during the redevelopment is a very serious problem for local businesses.

Please don't compound the problem by taking this potential move out of the Valley Heart area in the short term.

We understand the concerns of the workers may regard regarding safety and security – the Valley Chamber of Commerce has been conducting safety audits and monthly Valley Community Safety meetings since 1999 and have always welcomed businesses, residents, organisations and tenants in the area to attend. Note: Government agencies ie police, Qld Health, Centrelink, Green Square operations, BCC, Valley Liquor Accord also attend these meeting and BCC staff representatives are more than welcome to attend. See www.valleychamber.com.au and regular local newspapers for meeting details.

As you are aware, the Valley Chamber has advocated a Management Plan for the Valley Entertainment Precinct including the Valley Malls area to address policy, operations and communications including the perception and reality of safety issue in the area.

Both the Police and the Valley Chamber have given talks to businesses thinking of relocating to the Valley including Green Square, CMC & State Emergency Services and I am sure this can occur if appropriate or requirement for other BCC workers.



We fully acknowledge the benefits of the Chinatown Mall upgrade longer term will be substantial to the area and we encourage BCC to ensure the impact of potential loss BCC workers over the next eighteen months is kept to a minimal while Chinatown gains momentum following the redevelopment.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via email admin@valleychamber.com.au or carol@valleychamber.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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