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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

The Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC Member of the Legislative Council Parliament House ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Ms Centofanti

## Determination under the Freedom of Information Act 1991

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 1 September 2022 requesting access to the following:

"A copy of all correspondence between the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry regarding the Building Better Regions Fund between 1/9/2022 to 18/10/2022."

Timeframe: 1/09/2022 to 18/10/2022

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located one document that is captured within the scope of your request.

## **Determination**

I have determined that access to the following document is **granted in full**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of
		Pages
1	Letter dated 11 October 2022 between Hon Clare Scriven	2
	MLC and Hon Murray Watt re an application to the former	
	Building Better Regions Fund	

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this internal review determination.



For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767. In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in PIRSA's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <a href="http://dpc.sa.gov.au/">http://dpc.sa.gov.au/</a> data/assets/pdf file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing within fourteen calendar days from the date of this determination.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Cindy Roberts on 8226 2931 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Senator the Hon Murray Watt Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Emergency Management Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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## Dear Minister

You will recall that we spoke some time ago about my support of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Upgrade Project and the District Council of Grant's application to the former Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund Round 6, requesting \$5.3 million.

The Mount Gambier and District Saleyards are located 10 kilometres east of Mount Gambier, are owned and operated by the District Council of Grant. The Saleyards are a key part of the agricultural sector in the Limestone Coast region, generating \$593 million worth of livestock sales over the past five years and providing social and well-being outcomes to the primary producers. In the 2020/21 financial year, the Saleyards facilitated \$125 million worth of livestock (77,000 cattle and 110,000 sheep) sale transactions.

The project is expected to provide transformational change for producers, buyers and transport operators by providing a modern state of the art facility that will be safe, user friendly and attractive to all clients.

While I understand the Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 comes under the responsibility of your colleague the Hon Catherine King MP, our two offices have also had discussions about the importance of this project to the livestock industry and the South Australian economy over the past few months.

In February 2022, the former Government of South Australia committed up to \$2.7 million from the Local Government Infrastructure Partnerships Program towards the project, subject to the District Council of Grant's successful application to the Building Better Region Fund Round 6.

Further to the then South Australian Labor Opposition's letter of support sent in 2021, the new Malinauskas Labor Government has reaffirmed its commitment of \$2.7 million towards the redevelopment of the saleyards. This bipartisan support demonstrates the project is of a high priority for the state of South Australia and I am hopeful that with



the Commonwealth Government's support the project can be realised, delivering full benefit to the region's primary producers and the state more broadly.

I reiterate my support for this project and any assistance you may be able to provide in your capacity as Minister for Agriculture.

Yours sincerely

Hon Clare Scriven MLC

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MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

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Cc: Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism, Senator for South Australia.