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Dear Dr Boersig *John*

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding Legal Aid ACT's lease of premises at 2 Allsop Street, Canberra City.

In my letter of 18 November 2021 I approved a further 10-year lease of the premises on condition that the lessor include a provision in the lease obliging the lessor to replace fossil fuel gas-powered equipment as it reached end of life with equipment not powered by fossil fuels

I am advised that following extensive negotiations the lessor of the premises has agreed:

- to consider the installation of zero emissions heating and ventilation systems when the existing fossil fuel gas systems reach end of life, and
- should the lessor decide not to install zero emissions systems, allow early termination of the lease with a minimum lease term of five years.

I confirm that this outcome is acceptable in the circumstances of this procurement process which I note commenced prior to the implementation of the Government's policy regarding all electric leased premises.

I ask, however, that should the lessor provide notice triggering the possibility of early termination that you consult with me directly about the decision as to whether to exercise the right of termination.

Subject to that request, in accordance with section 44 of the *Legal Aid Act 1977*, I provide my approval for Legal Aid ACT to enter into a contract to lease the space currently occupied at 2 Allsop Street, Canberra City for a further 10 years.

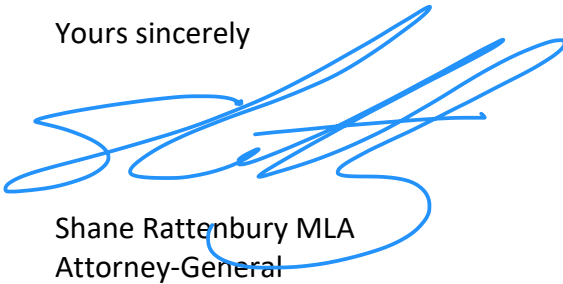


I note that the total value of this expenditure is estimated at \$8 million over 10 years once incentives associated with the building are taken into account .

Thank you for your constructive engagement with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate and ACT Property Group in supporting the Government's emissions reduction policy and achieving this outcome.

The action officer for this matter is Richard Glenn, Director-General Justice and Community Safety who can be contacted on (02) 6207 0501 or at richard.glenn@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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