



Hon Paul Lucas MP



**Queensland  
Government**

**Deputy Premier  
Minister for Infrastructure  
and Planning**

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Mr Allan Ogden  
Secretary  
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Dear Mr Ogden

I refer to your representations to the former Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport, the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP about iconic places legislation. As you may be aware the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, is now the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning. The Deputy Premier has asked me to respond on his behalf.

In August 2007 the government made a commitment to prepare new legislation to give even greater protection to the State's recognised iconic places located in the areas of new regional councils. Since that time the government has been considering the scope and nature of the iconic places legislation. It is intended that it will apply to a limited number of areas in Queensland. The government wants to ensure the protection of outstanding natural and built environmental values in Queensland for future generations.

At this time it is anticipated that this proposed new legislation will be ready for introduction to parliament early next year. The purpose of the iconic places legislation will be to protect distinctive and unique Queensland places. Over the next few months we will be undertaking targeted consultation with councils and peak bodies.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. If you require any further information, please contact Ms Megan Bayntun, Acting Director – Policy and Legislation, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, on 3237 0999 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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