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Cr Julian Simmonds
Brisbane City Council
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Dear Councillor,

Re: CBD Frame - Rating of Commercial Property in Woolloongabba

Thank you for your response dated 18th October 2013. We welcome the news that you have sought a meeting for this Association with the City Planning and Economic Development Division to address the contradictory planning schemes in the Gabba. However we do not resile from our arguments about the inequity of the new rating scheme.

We have received contact from Mr Steve Gibson of Urban Utilities regarding the GabbaFest festival which is now proposed for April 6, 2013. We will discuss sponsorship with Urban Utilities in the coming month.

As advised prviously Mr Hey one of our members has compared 12 properties within the Woolloongabba, West End, South Brisbane, Fortitude Valley areas, all of which are affected by the new inner city additional premium. We note that Mr Oberle has reviewed his findings and found no discrepancy in Council's application of its rating policy. Mr Hey will review Mr Oberle's findings but we note there does not appear to be any challenge to Mr Hey's findings on the effect of the policy where the capping is removed. It seems Council agrees with Mr Hey's findings in that regard.

His findings are that once the remission is taken away the increase ranges from 12.91% to 19.39%. We remain of the view that this policy is inequitable and will incur hardship on some property owners and tenants.

Yours faithfully,
G. YOUNG
President