

The Hon Terry Redman MLA Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

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Mr Bill Parker Chief Executive Officer Shire of Denmark PO Box 183 **DENMARK WA 6333**

Dear Mr Parker

DENMARK EAST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 November 2016 seeking clarification on a number of issues related to the Denmark East project.

I can confirm:

- 1. The State Government has approved an allocation of \$7.626 million from the Royalties for Regions Growing Our South Fund to the Shire of Denmark to deliver the Denmark East Development Precinct project. No further funding was approved and therefore no further funding is available, and any additional expenses will be the responsibility of the Shire of Denmark.
- 2. If the Shire of Denmark was to seek additional funding through Royalties for Regions it will require an additional Cabinet decision.
- 3. Given there are only two more Cabinet meetings scheduled between now and the election it is unlikely Cabinet will consider any requests for additional funding before moving into caretaker mode ahead of the election in March.
- 4. It is my view that bringing the project back to Cabinet for amendment or to seek additional funds could put the entire project in jeopardy.

I trust that clarifies the government's position.

Yours sincerely

Terry Redman MLA

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; LANDS; MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT

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