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Mrs Christine Underwood
Performance Benchmarking Australian Business Regulation
Productivity Commission
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Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Mrs Underwood,

**RE BUSINESS REGULATION BENCHMARKING: ROLE OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AS REGULATOR**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the issues outlined in chapter 11 of the draft Performance Benchmarking of Australian Business Regulation: The Role of Local Government as Regulator report.

I note the reference to Redland City Council and offer the following comment:

In terms of development application fees, these are cost-recovery fees under the *QLD Local Government Act 2009*. We have received six applications for telecommunications facilities since October 2006. Four of these were code assessable and two impact assessable, including the current application at 347 Birkdale Road. The current application fee is \$4,180.00, plus \$520.00 per 100sqm of GFA above 500sqm. This is essentially the same fee as charged for a dual occupancy and is not considered unreasonable. Telecommunication tower proposals require extensive assessment even when code assessable. They typically give rise to community concerns around health and visual amenity aspects. The current application at Birkdale Road has attracted approximately 50 submissions and will be decided by Council rather than delegated to officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

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