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Dear Mr Jefferson
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**PROPOSED CHANGES AFFECTING PAPER CERTIFICATES OF TITLE
CASE REFERENCE: _____**

Thank you for your reply of _____.

Can you provide details of which newspapers, social media outlets, current affairs shows and radio stations the government has used to advertise the proposal to remove paper titles in Victoria.

As an unelected bureaucrat you seem intent to consider only what is a commercial benefit to the Government and stakeholders, rather than what the people demand.

You purport in your letter that there was very little feedback received from members of the public. There was clearly no concerted effort by your office to inform members of the public of the Governments intention, which is criminal given that it is the people that such initiative affects. This was obviously intentional and calculated.

It is also concerning that the shadow planning minister, was also unaware of the proposal until he was informed by a member of the public on 12 July 2022.

Your department kept the proposal to remove paper titles quiet from the Victorian people because you would not be able to justify removing them if you did not have the support of the Victorian people – and you don't. And what better way to do this than to keep the proposal "quiet" and then justify the change by contending there was a 60-day consultation period. Please advise the steps taken to advertise such proposal.

Section 16A(1)(B) of the Victorian Constitution states that it is:

"The Government's general mandate—to govern for and on behalf of the people of Victoria."

Is the planning minister governing for and on behalf of the people or does the Governments vested commercial interest in PEXA override their obligations to the people?

The objective of the Public Administration Act is to... respond to government priorities in a manner that is **consistent with public sector values**. What you are proposing is far from being consistent with the values of the Victorian People.

Notwithstanding that **YOU** believe that electronic titles are appropriate in the current climate, you must consider the wishes of the public and not make a decision that is inconducive to the peoples wishes. Therefore, you as the representative of the people **MUST** consider the wishes of the citizens and ensure that a home owner has the right to retain a paper Title, should they demand it – and they do!

On the back of the data breach by Optus, please also advise how the electronic register is safe from cyber crime and what protections consumers have from cyber criminals?

Once again, I do not consent to the proposal to remove paper titles and request that the current proposal be postponed to provide for "proper" consultation with the People of Victoria.

Yours Faithfully,

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