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Councillor Nicole Johnston
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Dear Cr Johnston

Thankyou for your letter dated 30 April 2012. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your re-election.

I am heartened by your desire to now work in a cooperative manner with the Administration. It has always been my wish to work cooperatively with all Councillors to further the best interests of Brisbane residents and I welcome your advice.

I can assure you that the continuation of flood response efforts across the city remains a very high priority for Council. I appreciate your offer of support in relation to flood related matters pertaining to Tennyson Ward.

I acknowledge your views in relation to your election promises. I am sure you will understand, however, that funding priority will go to those election promises made during the recent campaign that underpin the mandate provided by the people of Brisbane to me as Lord Mayor and to my broader team that make up the Administration in Council. I can assure you that these promises were carefully costed and limited to a level that will ensure the rates burden on Brisbane residents is kept as low as possible.

While budget submissions from all Councillors will be duly considered as part of the normal budget process, decisions will be made in accordance with city wide priorities and a keen awareness of cost of living pressures facing Brisbane residents.

Let me also take this opportunity to advise you of Standing Committee membership. Despite the reduced number of Opposition councillors this term, I have decided in the interests of openness to continue the practice of each committee having two non-administration councillors as members. You have been allocated positions on the Field Services Committee and the Public and Active Transport Committee. I have advised the Leader of the Opposition of this decision.

Yours sincerely



Graham Quirk
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