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Dear Dr Solomon

Subject Inquiry into Freedom of Information in Queensland

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I refer to your letter dated 12 March 2008 in regards to feedback from Government Owned Corporations (GOC) concerning the review of Freedom of Information in Queensland. Ports Corporation Queensland Limited (PCQ) became a Company GOC on the 1 July 2007.

PCQ is in agreement with the arguments against extending the FOI act to GOC's and believes that:

- PCQ operates in a commercially competitive environment and must be able to operate on a level playing field with other commercial enterprises.
- PCQ is subject to private sector regulatory mechanisms that provide sufficient accountability.
- Information pertaining to PCQ that flows through and is held by Shareholding Departments and Ministers is subject to the FOI, providing a further level of accountability.

It is hoped that the review panel will take into account the commercial activities of GOC's and how these activities clearly distinguish these organisation from traditional Government Departments. It is PCQ's preferred position that all existing exemptions remain in place.

Yours Sincerely

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