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Dear Mr Walsh

State Government's shock loss at Kew Cottages

Thank you for your email of 23 April 2010 informing me of your concerns with the Victorian Government's land development contract associated with the former Kew Cottages site.

I am aware that this issue is the subject of an Ombudsman Victoria inquiry after being referred under Section 16 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973* by the Legislative Council in December 2008. It is understood that a report is expected to be released later this year.

The recommendations of this inquiry will be of interest to me, but it will be inappropriate for my Office to become involved unless there is sufficient evidence of a systemic nature relating to the management of public land development. Accordingly, I would encourage you to continue your dialogue with the Victorian Ombudsman's Office.

Thank you for raising your concerns with me.

Yours sincerely



D D R Pearson
Auditor-General