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Dear Minister

Please see attached a letter from the CIT Board Chair.

regards

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In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are on Ngunnawal land.

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Mr Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Skills
Email: Steel@act.gov.au

Dear Minister

I am writing to you during the Caretaker period under sections 82 and 101 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* to advise you that the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) will be in court next week for a significant matter.

As you are aware, Redrouge Nominees Pty Ltd trading as Think Garden is taking legal action against the CIT to recover the remainder of the value of the contract signed in 2022. This contract is being investigated by the Integrity Commission.

The litigation has been reported in the Canberra Times including that Think Garden has alleged that CIT "repudiated the agreement" and Think Garden was entitled to be paid for the entire contract if it was terminated. The remainder of the value of the contract is in the order of \$3.4million.

This matter is listed for hearing in the Supreme Court for four days from 28 October 2024 until 31 October 2024.

The hearing may result in significant media attention. I will provide updated advice when a decision is received or if there are any significant changes.

Yours sincerely



Kate Lundy
CIT Board Chair
22 October 2024

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Thank you for your email.

As I receive a large number of emails, phone calls and letters each day, I may not be able to reply immediately.

If you are a constituent who lives in the Murrumbidgee electorate (Woden, Weston Creek, South Canberra or the Molonglo Valley), my office will respond with an acknowledgement and advise what steps are being taken regarding your correspondence.

For matters relating to my ministerial responsibilities, I will engage with relevant officials to ensure any necessary investigation can occur and prepare any required response. Typically, it can take between 6 and 8 weeks for a matter to be investigated and for formal response to be provided.

If you are not a constituent and your email does not relate to a portfolio responsibility, it will be forwarded to the relevant ministerial office for their consideration.

Unless you have done so already, if the matter relates to city services issues such as a footpaths, mowing, or trees, I encourage you to report issues on Fix My Street in the first instance. This is the best way to get the relevant officials to look into the matter as soon as possible. You can do so by calling Access Canberra on 132281 or following this link <https://services.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/forms/fix-my-street>.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Chris Steel MLA

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