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Via [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Mills *Frank*

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2024 seeking information about planned parliamentary visits to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI) and waste management. I apologise for the delay in my response.

Travel agendas for coming months are not yet confirmed, however it remains my intention to travel to CKI and meet with you and local representatives in the future. I was disappointed that I had to post-pone the visit I had planned for earlier this year.

Regarding waste management fees, I wrote to your colleague Cr Minkom on 9 September 2024, and assured him that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department) is committed to working with the Shire of CKI to implement a fair, reasonable and proportionate waste fee structure. I understand that you have since met officials from the department to continue these discussions and I trust that a solution can be found.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on these matters.

Yours sincerely

Kristy McBain MP

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