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Dear Mr Miller

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2020 about the exposure risk to Covid-19 within the strata sector. This is a significant issue for owners corporations and managing agents which I am actively investigating options to address.

The Government is considering options for early implementation of provisions under the *Unit Titles Legislation Amendment Act 2020* to facilitate your request. These measures will allow owners corporations to continue to operate and conduct their business without the need to engage in close contact and therefore reduce the risk of potential exposure to the virus. Work is currently underway to determine the most effective pathway to enact these provisions as soon as possible.

I am aware that, in the meantime, owners corporations can use a number of existing procedures under the *Unit Titles (Management) Act 2011* to manage their affairs. These include implementing reduced quorum procedures for meetings where absentee and proxy voting will allow decisions to be made without the attendance of owners (other than the two people present).

In addition, section 35(3)(b) of this Act provides that the executive committee must exercise its functions, in the absence of a resolution, as the committee considers appropriate. It would be reasonable for an executive committee to use discretion to exercise its functions in the best interests of the committee during the current situation affecting units plans across the ACT.

Thank you for raising this matter with me, I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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