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Mr James Cox
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Mr Cox

I refer to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's report of October 2004 regarding its *Investigation of Competitive Neutrality Complaints against the State Valuation Office*.

I note that the Tribunal found that the methodology used by the SVO to price each of the tenders that were the subject of complaint was consistent with NSW competitive neutrality principles.

I also note the Tribunal's recommendation that the SVO improve its procedures in specific areas to assist with future reviews of compliance.

I have been advised that following the publication of the report, officers from the Department of Commerce have met with the Tribunal to clarify where procedures can be improved.

I understand that subsequent to this meeting the Department has implemented or is in the process of implementing all of the Tribunal's recommendations.

Yours sincerely

John Della Bosca MLC