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Dear Connétable Jackson

Foreshore Encroachment Policy

Thank you for your letter of 30 October in connection with the above-mentioned matter.

The review of the Foreshore Encroachment Policy is delayed due to two factors associated with the work in researching the landside boundary of the foreshore – Officer resource and the uncertain nature of the research/investigation.

The research of property relevant conveyancing contracts, historic seawall drawings and other documents/Acts is a service being provided by the Law Officers' Department. However, due to the present size of the Conveyancing Section, it has been necessary for the LOD to engage a conveyancer on a contract basis to carry out the bulk of the work. The contract conveyancer's availability has varied from month to month, which has impacted on the programme.

The second factor is that the first level of research has, in some stretches of the foreshore, identified the need for further investigation work and site visits, including land surveyor work. With the nature of the task, it is impossible to predict the extent of the foreshore where a greater level of more detailed research will be needed.

I trust this provides the information you are seeking, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Lewis".

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