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### **Waiver of mediation fees for a class of parties for a particular period**

As the Small Business Commissioner appointed under section 42 of the *Small Business Commissioner Act 2022* (the Act), I have decided under section 6(3) of the Small Business Commissioner Regulation 2022 to waive all or part of the fee payable for mediation under the Act for a class of parties for a particular period. I am satisfied the waiver will promote access to mediation by the parties during the period. The details of the waiver are set out in Table 1.

**Table 1. Waiver of mediation fees for a class of parties for a particular period**

<b>Class of parties:</b>	<p>The parties to a retail shop lease or small business lease located in the following Local Government Areas at the time of significant weather event which occurred on 25 and/or 26 December 2023:</p> <p>City of Logan Local Government Area - Cedar Creek, Cedar Grove, Cedar Vale, Flagstone, Glenlogan, Jimboomba, Kairabah, Mundoolun, Riverbend, Tamborine, Veresdale, Veresdale Scrub, Woodhill, and Yarrabilba.</p> <p>Scenic Rim Local Government Area - Canungra, Tamborine, Tamborine Mountain, Beaudesert and Kooralbyn.</p> <p>City of Gold Coast Local Government Area - Advancetown, Alberton, Arundel, Ashmore, Austinville, Biggera Waters, Bilinga, Bonogin, Burleigh Heads, Burleigh Waters, Carrara, Cedar Creek, Clagiraba, Coolangatta, Coombabah, Coomera, Currumbin, Currumbin Valley, Currumbin Waters, Elanora, Gaven, Gilston, Guanaba, Helensvale, Hollywell, Hope Island, Kingsholme, Labrador, Lower Beechmont, Luscombe, Maudsland, Merrimac, Miami, Molendinar, Mount Nathan, Mudgeeraba, Natural Bridge, Nerang, Neranwood, Numinbah Valley, Ormeau, Ormeau Hills, Oxenford, Pacific Pines, Palm Beach, Paradise Point, Parkwood, Pimpama, Reedy Creek, Robina, Runaway Bay, Springbrook, Tallai, Tallebudgera Valley, Tugun, Upper Coomera, Varsity Lakes, Willow Vale, Wongawallan, Worongary.</p>
<b>Fee payable:</b>	None.

<b>Period of waiver:</b>	25 December 2023 until and including 13 June 2024.
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This decision remains in effect until the end of the stated period unless otherwise amended or withdrawn.

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Dominique Lamb  
**Small Business Commissioner**