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Dear Chief Justice

I write in relation to your letter of 24 April 2012 regarding the opening of the new metropolitan court complex, and also in relation to our discussion of 2 May 2012.

I am pleased to advise that the Government has decided to seek approval from Her Majesty The Queen to name the new metropolitan courts complex in recognition of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Government has formally decided to recommend to Her Majesty that the building be named: "The Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts".

We are yet to receive approval from Her Majesty as to the naming.

As you would be aware, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall are visiting Australia and Queensland as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations later this year. At this stage we are unable to confirm the date of the Prince's visit.

Obviously, I am conscious that you and others have put some considerable work into the arrangements for the opening of the building. The Government is happy for the plans to open the building in August 2012 to continue, but account should now be made for the formal naming of the building to take place at the opening ceremony in August.

Depending on the date of the Prince's visit, the Government may later in the year hold a dedication ceremony at the Law Courts.

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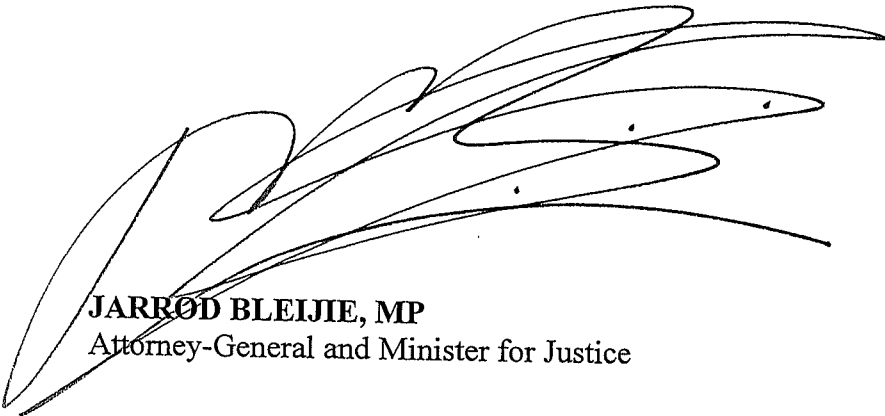
I also ask you to give some consideration and provide me with advice as to some suitable item that could be unveiled in honour of Her Majesty as part of the naming ceremony.

For example, I am aware of the presence of the elegant portrait of Queen Victoria which currently adorns the foyer of the Court Complex. I would be grateful if you could you please advise me as to whether a similar portrait, or a similar item, could become the centrepiece of the ceremony recognising that naming of the building as The Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, and be funded from the existing budget for the building.

Additionally, the Office of the Premier has stressed to me that at this stage the Government's decision to name the building is highly confidential, and I ask that you and Justice Martin not publicise the Government's decision until the Premier has publically announced the Government's intention to name the building in honour of Her Majesty.

If you wish to discuss this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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Dear Mr Attorney

You have informed me of your wish, should Her Majesty the Queen agree, that the new metropolitan Supreme and District Courthouse in Brisbane be named "The Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law".

I write to confirm that I support that proposal.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon P de Jersey AC
Chief Justice

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