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Subject: Announcement tomorrow

Hi Julian

Thanks for your voicemail. Minister Stokes will be in Gosford at 10 am tomorrow. We look forward to the information from Tim.

This is a short timeline from the NSW Government's perspective on the former school site:

- The Waterfront Precinct is seen by the NSW Government as a catalyst project to drive forward the revitalisation of Gosford CBD.

- A State Significant Site rezoning, including the Gosford Public School, site was approved by the Department of Planning in February 2014.

· After more than fifty years in Mann Street, the Gosford Public School relocated to a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility in Faunce Street on 28 April 2014.

* The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC) lodged a development application for the demolition of the old school buildings with Gosford City Council on 19 March 2014. The demolition was approved on 14 May 2014 and took place over the following months.

· An Expression of Interest for the purchase and redevelopment of the former school site was issued to the market in October 2014 (media release attached). The evaluation panel reviewed the submissions and shortlisted proponents to participate in the tender process. The tender process is a partnership between Government Property NSW (GPNSW), Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC) and the Department of Education and Communities (DEC).

· Before the State Government process can conclude, the Commonwealth must announce the selection of a site for the delivery of a purpose-built Commonwealth facility in the Gosford CBD.

· Through the shortlisted proponents from the State Government tender process, the former Gosford Public School site is participating in the Commonwealth tender process.

· In March 2015, the NSW Government announced that it would seek to relocate at least 300 positions from the Office of Finance and Services to Gosford over the next four years.

My understanding is that the ATO building will be on a subdivided area of the former school site. What is built on the remainder of the site will be determined through the ongoing NSW process.

Please give me a call if you have any questions about the above. I'm just getting a line from the Minister settled for the release and will send ASAP.

Kind regards



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On 24 Sep 2015, at 7:30 pm, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@treasury.gov.au [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED] from the State Minister's office is aware the Treasurer is announcing in the morning, but not 100% comfortable. His preference was to wait until Contracts are settled but understood the intention to announce in the morning and noted that his office will be very careful about how they respond to media until the contract is signed.

[REDACTED] was still waiting on final advice from NSW govt properties as of this evening.

Justin from the ATO (CC'd) said he would expect that we may receive a request from Stokes' office to use language such as 'the ATO will be located at 20 Mann St, subject to signing of final contract...'.

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