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Ms Bodhi McSweeney
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Dear Ms McSweeney

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2016 written on behalf of the Meander residents that are opposed to the recent decision made by the Meander Valley Council, to grant a lease of the former school site to Teen Challenge.

I am advised that Minister Groom, having overall responsibility for the management of Crown Land, has now signed the order to transfer the site to Meander Valley Council transferring ownership and control of the site to Council.

I understand that some in the Meander community have concerns for the future of the town and its security regarding the Council decision. The land and all buildings associated with the site are no longer under the control or jurisdiction of the Department of Education and are no longer subject to State Government sanctions. For this reason a meeting between the Meander community and myself would provide little value.

Meander residents should discuss the issue with the Meander Valley Council in order to raise their concerns. The Meander Valley Council have a complaints process set out in the Meander Valley Council Customer Service Charter – 2015, which can be found at www.meander.tas.gov.au (Your Council/Service Quality/Customer Service Charter). Alternatively, community representatives can also contact the Tasmanian Ombudsman through its website www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au.

Once again, thank you for writing to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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