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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 November 1985

Dear Mr. Bradman,

Thank you for your letter of 6 August with its vigorous proposals for disposal of surplus public sector land. I have delayed replying until now because I wished to have the benefit of Ken Baker's advice following your recent meeting with him.

All of us in government wish to see a more rapid pace of disposal, particularly in inner city areas where new development would be most welcome. As a result of an initiative Patrick Jenkin took with my encouragement, members of the public are now expressing interest in the registration and disposal of particular sites. In addition we are stepping up the pace of directions. Ken Baker will be issuing a number shortly and he will be following those up with further notices under section 99 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act where the owners appear to have been dilatory.

I understand the need to speed disposal where planning and other relevant matters have not been resolved and where they are likely to cause undue delay. You also acknowledge that the public sector has to act fairly between potential

buyers and has to achieve the best price possible, reflecting the current state of the land and its development potential.

Your ideas are now being worked on by officials, following your meeting with Ken. He is very much aware of my interest in these matters and will I know be seeking to bring these discussions to a rapid and fruitful conclusion.

I am grateful to you for your interest and for your perseverance!

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Dalbey

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