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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>	The parties to a retail shop lease or small business lease located in the following Local government areas at the time of the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, commencing 21 March 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barcoo Shire Council</li><li>• Boulia Shire Council</li><li>• Bulloo Shire Council</li><li>• Diamantina Shire Council</li><li>• Longreach Shire Council</li><li>• Murweh Shire Council</li><li>• Paroo Shire Council</li><li>• Quilpie Shire Council</li><li>• Winton Shire Council</li></ul>
<b>Fee payable:</b>	None.
<b>Period of waiver:</b>	21 March 2025 until and including 7 April 2026.

This decision remains in effect until the end of the stated period unless otherwise amended or withdrawn.



Dominique Lamb  
**Small Business Commissioner**