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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.

Class of parties:	The parties to a retail shop lease or small business lease located in the following Local government areas at the time of the North and Far North Tropical Low, commencing 29 January 2025:
	Burdekin Shire Council
	Cairns Regional Council
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
	Townsville City Council
	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire
Fee payable:	None.
Period of waiver:	29 January 2025 until and including 29 July 2025.

Table 1. Waiver of mediation fees for a class of parties for a particular period

This decision remains in effect until the end of the stated period unless otherwise amended or withdrawn.

Dominique Lamb Small Business Commissioner