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Mr Greg Smith President
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Dear Mr Greg Smith,

RE: UNLAWFUL VEHICLE PARKING ON ROAD VERGES WORKSHOP

As you may be aware, in response to a range of recent community concerns, the Sunshine Coast Council will be conducting a workshop to examine its approach and practices in relation to the management of unlawful parking of vehicles on road verges in the region.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for Councillors and Council staff to gain a comprehensive perspective on the current legislative framework for unlawful parking; the impacts and implications for a range of service and utility providers; key data and statistics on parking management including a comparison with other similar Councils; public access and safety issues; and the expectations and views of the community, business and industry.

The context within which this workshop is conducted reflects Council's statutory responsibility under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* to balance the need to provide a corridor of safety on the roads and on footpaths, nature strips and verges (particularly where there are instances of dangers or hazards) with the need to provide a fair and consistent approach for the community.

This workshop will be held on Monday, 12 February 2018 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre commencing at 9.00am.

On behalf of Council, I would like to invite you to attend and participate in the workshop or to nominate an appropriate representative to attend on your behalf. It is Council's expectation that any representative is able to speak authoritatively on behalf of your organisation and be able to address robustly the issues, impacts and considerations for your members in respect of the matters under consideration.

To allow the workshop participants to better understand the issues and implications for your members in terms of parking on road verges, there will be an allocated timeslot on the agenda for you or your representative to make an appropriate presentation. A final agenda for this workshop will be provided to you at least one week prior to the event.

Council would also like to invite your organisation to make a brief submission prior to the workshop covering the following specific matters and which will inform the discussions on the day:

- Does your organisation and/or its members have specific concerns with vehicles parking on road verges? What issues do you feel have contributed to these concerns?

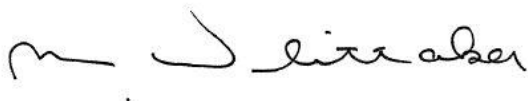
- Do Council's current parking management practices for vehicles parking on road verges address these concerns? Why or why not?
- Does your organisation and/or its members have any alternative proposals for the management of parking on road verges which would lawfully and appropriately address these concerns?

It would be appreciated if your organisation's submission could be received by Council by Wednesday, 29 January 2017. By this date, it would also be appreciated if you could also confirm the attendance from your organisation for this workshop. Your response should be emailed to communityresponse@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

This workshop will enable Council to ensure it determines a best practice approach to parking management on road verges that reflects the best interests of our region, complies with the state government and council regulatory framework and supports the ongoing safety of the local community. Your input and contribution to this process is considered to be of critical importance.

In the interim, if you require any further information about this workshop, please contact Ms Sarah Watts of Council on telephone 0447371680 or by email at sarah.watts@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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