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Hon Cameron Dick
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Dear Minister Dick

Subject: Request for extension to public consultation period for Planning Scheme amendments

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) currently has a major round of Planning Scheme amendments available for public submission. The closing date for submissions is 7 September 2018.

At a briefing with Council planning staff on 3 August 2018 OSCAR requested an extension to the time for public comment due to the complexity and length of amendment documents (an Explanatory Memorandum of 111 pages and the Amendment Instrument of 229 pages plus numerous supporting documents and maps). We received no response to this initial request so wrote to the Council's CEO on 22 August 2018 and repeated our request; this was refused in a letter we received last Friday, 31 August 2018.

I am writing to ask you to require the Council to extend this consultation period for a further 30 business days. This would be consistent with the action you took in relation to changes in the City Plan allowing aged care and retirement facilities to be built in sport and recreation zones in the Brisbane City Council and would give the Sunshine Coast community the time necessary to properly consider these major amendments that will impact on, among other things, height increments within the Town Plan for the whole of the coast.

I look forward to a favourable and timely response from you, made in the interests of the community we represent, particularly as we can see no reason for urgency in this matter from the Council's perspective.

Yours sincerely

Greg Smith
President