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Dear Mike

Subject: SCAAN campaign for Alternate Format documents and forms

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you, on behalf of OSCAR, in support of our member organisation the Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network Inc (SCAAN) in its campaign to make organisational documents and forms more accessible to people with visual and/or cognitive disabilities.

I am aware that SCAAN enjoys a good relationship with the Council and greatly appreciates the financial support it receives via grants from Council.

I have attached a letter prepared by SCAAN that outlines their general aims and objectives and their particular requirements for the preferred format of documents and forms.

I believe Council has indicated in-principle support for SCAAN's accessibility requirements and hope that it will continue to ensure as many of the services, documents and forms of the SCRC are as accessible as possible to all sectors of the community and especially those with vision impairment. We would also be particularly keen to see SCAAN's advice being sought when the time comes to plan for the new Council offices in the Maroochydore CBD development to ensure no-one in the community is prevented from maximum utilisation of the Council's facilities and services.

Your past and future activities in this area are appreciated by SCAAN's membership and by OSCAR itself.

Yours sincerely

Greg Smith
President