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Sent: Friday, 14 June 2019 09:53
To: president@oscar.org.au
Subject: RE: Business case for an integrated urban public transport solution for the Sunshine Coast

Hi Greg,

Thanks for writing, your comments are sincerely noted. I would hope that with your participation in the Transport Forum you will see that we do take a very consultative approach to advocate on these issues. In that role or for a study of that scale, I would envisage that the community will be consulted and indeed look forward to it.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Business case for an integrated urban public transport solution for the Sunshine Coast

Dear Rick

We welcomed the news that the State Government agreed to contribute \$7.5 million to the detailed business case for an integrated urban public transport solution for the Sunshine Coast.

I would like to reiterate OSCAR's concerns that I expressed on Wednesday at the Transport Community Group Meeting:

- The SCRC seems fixated on light rail as the only solution to the mass transit needs of the Sunshine Coast; this is apparent in on-going public comments by both the Mayor and Councillors and the fact that this project is always referred to as the "light rail project"; this occurred as recently as yesterday's SCRC Ordinary Meeting and during Wednesday's TCG meeting – even after your perceptive comment in response to mine – ie "end of life" technology v emerging technologies.

We believe this focus will result in a business plan that fails to adequately address alternative technologies that may provide a more future-proof and cost effective solution to our transport needs. There are many emerging technologies that need to be thoroughly investigated (including, but not limited to, electric buses, autonomous vehicles and "trackless" trams). The business plan should not place all its emphasis on infrastructure solutions that are "end-of-life" technologies that may be extremely expensive rather than properly exploring new and emerging technologies that may prove to be cheaper and less disruptive to implement and maintain.

Ironically, the SCRC's own and much touted **Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network Project** (supported financially by the State Government through the Jobs and Regional Growth Fund) has the potential to deliver the infrastructure to leverage emerging transport technologies such as trackless trams and autonomous vehicles through high speed internet and WiFi connectivity.

- The SCRC has demonstrated a poor record on community engagement when undertaking major projects and developing key policy documents; far too often stakeholder reference groups do not include any representation for the key stakeholders involved – ie the ratepayer/taxpayer who are funding the whole \$15 million in this case (an excellent example of this is the SunCentral Maroochydore Shareholder Representative Group that has oversight of the City Hall project). All too often this community is presented with a fait-accompli. I hope you in your portfolio role will ensure this does not happen in the development of this detailed business plan.

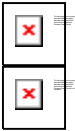
Best wishes ... Greg

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