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Good afternoon Greg

I write with regards to the published OSCAR Meeting Minutes of 23 May as per below:

OSCAR MEETING MINUTES – 23 MAY 2019

9.2 Public transport “blueprint” (ie business case for the first stage of an integrated urban public transport solution for the Coast) SCRC suggested we lobby LNP. Previous motion included OSCAR was to not reference light rail as the only transport option. Andrew Powell – said that his view was that council business case was not appropriate. LNP ambivalent about Light Rail. Member informed that CAMCOS/ heavy rail corridor is being included in comments. Note – the corridor has been reduced from 200m to 80m in places. There are many variations and the issue has been politicised. SCRC continue to refer to the ‘light rail project’

Motion: That OSCAR write to the Premier

- i) to express concern that SCRC’s view of a mass transit network is light rail and are not considering alternatives
- ii) ii) to encourage the State Government to insist that genuine community involvement occur in relation to any Integrated Public Transport Proposal for the Sunshine Coast.

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Brady Sullivan

Carried

I am concerned that the views I expressed to you in our meeting have been both misrepresented and taken out of context in these minutes.

To clarify, let me make the following very clear:

1. I, and the LNP Sunshine Coast MPs, strongly agree with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council that there is a desperate need for mass movement public transport on the southern half of the Sunshine Coast coastal strip (think Maroochydore to Caloundra and on to Caloundra South).
2. At the time we met, we had been told that TMR were undertaking an analysis of that need and considering the best public transport solutions to address that. Based on that, I and my colleagues took a technology-blind approach to what that solution might be.
3. We have subsequently been informed that piece of work was never funded and never commenced and instead the State Government has recently provided funding to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to complete a full business case of the public transport solution required – encompassing the Council’s preferred solution of Light Rail.
4. I and my LNP Sunshine Coast MPs await the outcome of that study. And as with other projects on the Coast (e.g. the hospital, airport, Maroochydore PDA, North Coast Rail) we will work with Council and our Federal colleagues to deliver the infrastructure the Coast needs.
5. With regards to the CAMCOS/Heavy Rail Corridor, I and my colleagues await the outcome of the Coast Connect Fast Rail business case being led by Ted O’Brien MP.

I would appreciate it if you could amend the published minutes accordingly.

Kind regards

Andrew

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