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Sent: Monday, 1 July 2019 16:38
To: 'Andrew Powell'
Cc: 'Glass House Electorate Office'
Subject: RE: OSCAR Meeting Minutes

Hi Andrew

I am pleased that our minutes are in the public domain and being read by people outside of OSCAR. This is consistent with our desire to be open and transparent; it is also the reason we have recently moved our Correspondence from the Member Only section of our website to a public page.

We welcome comments and requests for correction if anyone feels the minutes, or anything else we publish, are not accurate. I have already published this email on our correspondence page (<https://www.oscar.org.au/membership-login/correspondence/>) and it will be discussed and minuted at our next meeting to ensure its contents are widely viewed by our members and the broader community.

The minutes in relation to item 9.2 represent an attempt by our Minute Secretary to summarise what was an extended and wide-ranging discussion to which many attendees made contributions, most of which were not related to my meeting with you, but I accept responsibility for what was printed and apologise if your comments to me were misrepresented in the minutes; that was certainly not my intention.

Please refer to my further comments below (***bold and italicised***).

I would never deliberately do anything that put our relationship at risk as I respect your views and advice and appreciate your willingness to engage with OSCAR whenever we have approached you.

Best wishes ... Greg

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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Powell
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Subject: OSCAR Meeting Minutes

Good afternoon Greg

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

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.

Again, I apologise for this error - perhaps the use of the word "agnostics" or even "technology blind" may have been better than "ambivalent".

Further, the minutes do not adequately reflect the fact that our meeting occurred before the State Government announcement of funding for the SCRC's "public transport blueprint" and the minutes may have conflated this fact, plus a number of opinions and comments of a general nature from attendees on public transport as well as my comments on our meeting which have resulted in your justifiable concerns. I agree a casual reader of the minutes who was not at the meeting would not have found it possible to distinguish between your comments and those that occurred in the wider discussion.

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).

OSCAR would totally agree with that view and I do not believe we have ever indicated otherwise to you or in public. We also believe that you and your colleagues have been consistent and strong advocates for such.

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.

I recall you mentioning the TMR analysis but I could not find any reference to it when I followed this up after our meeting. Of course I now understand why and as you say below events have overtaken that. As I noted above, the subsequent funding of the SCRC's business case by the State Government had not been announced when we met.

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.

Noted.

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.

OSCAR also looks forward to seeing the outcome of this study but we continue to worry that there may be too much focus on a single technology. We are also concerned about the extent of community engagement that will occur in the development of this "blueprint". The letter we sent to the Premier as a result of our motion can be

[accessed here](#) if you are interested (Note: we have not received a reply to this to date!). We would welcome you and your colleagues taking up the issue of adequate community consultation on ratepayers' behalf of course.

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 must be honest and admit I cannot recall the CAMCOS/heavy rail corridor comments from the meeting but these were not related to your discussions with me.

I acknowledge that the LNP appears to better understand the need for a holistic approach to public transport on the Sunshine Coast which includes both the internal requirements of the coast, the need for fast rail access to Brisbane and the connectivity between both than does the State Government. We wish you, and your colleagues, state and federal, well with such advocacy.

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

Kind regards
Andrew

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