

Subject **SCRC arrangements for notifying Councilors of current/pending DA's**  
From OSCAR President <president@oscar.org.au>  
To <warren.bunker@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au>  
Date 24-08-2020 12:19

---



Good afternoon Warren.

At a recent OSCAR meeting, the issue was raised as to how Councillors are alerted to development applications current or pending in Council .

Our concern relates to the matter where the Mayor in 2019 was at a launch of a major development on the Sunshine Coast, before any approval had been issued for the said development.

Further, what advice is given to Councillors including the Mayor in regard to their attendance at any function relating to any proposed development before approval of any such development?

If there are procedures in place, will Council give the community assurance that there is a mechanism for appropriate officers who manage individual Councillor appointments and the Mayor's diary to raise an alert and advise any councillor (incl the Mayor) of a DA not yet approved and that attending an event related to that DA may give rise to a complaint to the OIA?

We also seek assurance that any such advice is documented in order to ensure transparency and protection of officers who are responsible for these tasks.

We thank you in anticipation of your response.

Regards,

Melva Hobson

President

Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (OSCAR)