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Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC)

CEO Ms. Emma Thomas

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Dear Ms. Thomas

**Re: Clarification on media report regarding the Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment –
Additional SEQRP Sites and Other Zoning Matters**

Following a report in the SCD of 16 January 2021 headed “Views on zoning shake-up to be kept confidential”, I am writing on behalf of the members of the Organisation of Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (OSCAR) seeking verification of this story. If it is factual, OSCAR seeks clarification of the process for dealing with public submissions to the above Planning Scheme Amendment package exhibited between 2 November and 4 December 2020.

With respect we would like answers to the following questions:

1. If, as the Daily reports submissions to the amendments package remain confidential, we ask, under what legislation or regulation has such a decision be made?
2. Was the decision made at an Ordinary Meeting of Council and if so the date of the meeting and whether the item was dealt with as a confidential item?
3. If the decision was not made by Councillors at an Ordinary Meeting by whom was the decision made and under what authority?
4. Why should the wider community be excluded from the discussion about and views of those who are making submissions relating to potential development within the Sunshine Coast LGA?
5. Will public submissions be made available to Councillors?

OSCAR appreciates your time in considering and responding to our questions and looks forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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