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Dear Melva

RE: Correspondence received 12 March 2023 (Follow-up to meeting with OSCAR Executive held on 19 January 2023)

I acknowledge the above mentioned correspondence from OSCAR and note that there are a number of requests for Sunshine Coast Council (Council) response.

Firstly, I can confirm that the additional meetings requested between OSCAR and Council are being scheduled and proposed meeting dates for June 2023 and December 2023 will be provided to you for consideration. I look forward to meeting with you during the year.

The three issues you have requested a written response to in your letter of 12 March 2023, are addressed below:

1. *Confidential items release – what is the process and timelines for this to occur and where on the Council website will such a register be maintained?*

Should Council resolve that confidential information contained in reports considered by Council during its statutory meetings, may be released publicly at a nominated point in time or once certain preconditions to release had been satisfied, the information is published with the related meeting documentation for the meeting at which the resolution was made. A separate register of this material will not be maintained as it is considered this would potentially disconnect the released information from the relevant Council report and related subject matter.

2. *Brisbane Rd Carpark – when will the information re costs associated with the Abacus process be available as indicated in correspondence from the then CEO (8 June 2018) and the outcome of the RTI process of 2017 (RTI 17/046)?*

The Heads of Agreement that was not executed with Abacus was publicly released in April 2022 when the preconditions for the release of that document (as resolved by Council on 6 December 2018) were satisfied. The disclosure log for this can be accessed at <https://publicdocs.scc.qld.gov.au/hpecmwebdrawer/Record/13234116/File/document>.

3. *Beerwah East Investigation Area (IA) – from the discussion re the Inter-urban break, (which OSCAR supports) and the Beerwah East IA, you or James referenced that SCRC*

had been working on a Structure Plan and had had discussions with the relevant State Government department. We ask whether there is a timeline for release of that plan for discussion and comment. OSCAR would prefer that process to be in the hands of SCRC rather than a PDA overseen by the State.

ShapingSEQ included a high priority implementation action that directed the (now) Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) to work in collaboration with Council and the various infrastructure providers to undertake a structure planning process for the Beerwah East MDA and resolve any planning and infrastructure issues. The State Government is the lead planning agency for the Beerwah East MDA.

The Structure Plan was finalised by Council (with the input and agreement of the State agencies involved) and forwarded to the State Government in April 2020. The Structure Plan demonstrated that there are no planning or infrastructure impediments to Beerwah East MDA being developed for urban purposes.

In July 2022, the State Government advised that it is proposing to prepare a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the Beerwah East MDA to determine the feasibility of proceeding with the development of the MDA. As part of this process, it is expected that the DBC will also examine the delivery model for the MDA including the proposed planning framework. The preparation of the DBC is estimated to be an 18 month process. Unfortunately, as the State Government is the planning lead for the MDA, it will be their decision as to when the Structure Plan and proposed planning framework for the implementation will be made public. As part of any plan making process however, it will be made available by the State Government for public consultation. In the meantime, Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for not only the timely delivery of the Beerwah East MDA but to also ensure that the ultimate planning framework and Structure Plan will achieve the best outcomes for our community.

I look forward to discussions regarding the State Government Housing Summit at our next meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to make contact with Council and I look forward to discussions at future meetings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emma Thomas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Thomas
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER