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To: Mr. John Sosso Director-General  
Department State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

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Dear Mr Sosso,

**RE: CONFUSION REGARDING THE CONDITIONS APPLIED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT TO A STATE INTEREST REVIEW (DGC23/1020) OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (SCRC) PLANNING SCHEME and TEMPORARY LOCAL PLANNING INSTRUMENT TLPI-00132 (ACCOMMODATION HOTEL INCENTIVE MEASURES) COMPARED WITH THE DECISION AS MADE IN THE MINISTER'S APPROVAL OF THE SAME TLPI AND HIS RESTRICTION OF THE LOCATIONS TO WHICH TO THE TLPI APPLIES.**

This Letter/email has been sent by the Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR).

The Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit umbrella/peak organisation covering resident and community organisations on the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas (LGAs) in South East Queensland.

OSCAR currently has over 36 member groups from the Pumicestone Passage to Noosa and from the Coast to the hinterland and ranges with these organisations having collectively over several thousand engaged and community minded members

The OSCAR overarching Vision states: *"The residents of this region enjoy being part of a connected and engaged community living in an area of outstanding natural beauty. They recognise that they are custodians of the unique and abundant biodiversity, beaches and green spaces of the region."*

OSCAR aims to support member organisations by:

- 1 Advocating to local and state government and the public on policy issues that are of regional significance and of concern to our members;
- 2 Acting to resolve issues of strategic or region-wide relevance that are referred by member organisations;
- 3 Representing the member organisations on region-wide matters of interest to the community;
- 4 Maintaining awareness and responsiveness through frequent and regular ordinary meetings and dialogue with member organisations; and
- 5 Practising professional, honest and ethical conduct.

Following publication of the State Interest Check, we have read the Conditions applied by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to the SCRC's proposed new Planning Scheme. Subsequently we were informed by the Minister, and as also saw in local media, the Minister's response to the TLPI proposal. OSCAR now seeks clarification, from your Department, of the application of the TLPI provisions related to the proposed Accommodation Hotel Incentives Measures as listed in the Department's Conditions compared with the Media Release from the Minister earlier last week.

**SPP - Tourism — Proposed Temporary Local Planning Instrument (Accommodation Hotel Incentive Measures)**

*10. The Council must:*

*a. Amend the proposed planning scheme to incorporate the relevant provisions of the Proposed Temporary Local Planning Instrument (Accommodation Hotel Incentive Measures) (proposed TLPI) as **submitted** to the Minister for Planning on 11 December 2024.*

*b. Amend Part 8 — Other development codes of the proposed planning scheme to incorporate Schedule 4 — Minimum On-site Parking Requirements for an Accommodation Hotel of the **proposed** TLPI.*

*The Onsite Parking Requirements for an Accommodation Hotel requirements must only apply to the areas identified in Schedule 1 (Areas subject to TLPI Height Allowances) of the **proposed** TLPI.*

*Reasons:*

• *To incorporate the provisions of the proposed TLPI into the proposed planning scheme to support tourism and the preparation for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

Director-General Conditions 28 February 2025.

In seeking to clarify what appears to us as inconsistencies, we ask the following questions:

- i. Why the Department included Conditions relating to the TLPI prior to either the approval or refusal of the TLPI by the Minister?
- ii. Should clause 10a above, be amended to reflect the Minister's **approval** as opposed to the **submission** made to the Minister?
- iii. Similarly in 10b, should the wording be amended from "**proposed**" TLPI to the TLPI as "**approved**" by the Minister?

As a community organisation we made a detailed submission relating to the TLPI and also wrote to the Minister regarding the provisions of the TLPI, following its endorsement by SCRC. We have attached both the submission and the letter to the Minister and the Minister's media release re this topic, for your information.

We await with interest your response.

Yours sincerely



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President OSCAR

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