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Dear Ms Hobson



Thank you for your letter earlier this year about the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's (the Council) proposed Temporary Local Planning Instrument (proposed TLPI) for the Kawana Waters Town Centre.

I note your varying levels of support for the proposed TLPI, but also your concerns regarding the proposed motel in Detailed Planning Area 1 (commonly known as Eastbank). I also understand that you previously provided a submission to the Council and Stockland on the proposed provisions.

As the State's Planning Minister, I am required to make decisions to fix Labor's housing crisis, but also give industry every opportunity to build more homes. When the Council consulted with the community and proposed 18 storey buildings at Birtinya, I opposed this. It was too high and out of character with our area.

The Council acknowledged this feedback and reduced heights to 15 storeys. But even then, I was not convinced. That's why, as part of this TLPI process I have conditioned the approval to require the Council to decrease building heights further, going as low as 8, 10, and 13 storeys, but with a select few sites remaining at 15 storeys.

My decision to limit the heights even further was made after considering the feedback from local residents.

I took my time in assessing this planning request from the Council, and I hope the heights that have been reduced allow for the delivery of more homes, but also deliver on the expectations of local Birtinya residents.

On 11 September 2025, the proposed TLPI was approved, subject to the above conditions. The Council will now decide whether or not to adopt the proposed TLPI.

I have asked for Ms Jamaica Hewston, Manager, Planning Services in the Department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Hewston on (07) 5352 9718 or by email at jamaica.hewston@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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