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Dear Melva,

Re: Sunshine Coast Council submission to the State Government regarding the South East Queensland Regional Plan Review

I am writing in relation to your correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), John Baker, dated 12 June 2026, requesting a copy of Council's submission to the State Government regarding the review of the *'ShapingSEQ' South East Queensland Regional Plan 2023* (SEQ Regional Plan), and requesting that the document be published on Council's website. As this is an operational matter which sits under my responsibility in Council, the CEO has asked me to provide a response.

The document referred to in your correspondence is not a formal public submission prepared as part of a statutory consultation process. Rather, it was correspondence provided by Council in response to a request from the State Government seeking feedback from SEQ local governments regarding priorities and issues for consideration as part of the State's review of the SEQ Regional Plan. The correspondence formed part of an early-stage intergovernmental consultation and deliberative process between State and local government.

Council routinely receives requests from other levels of government and associated agencies seeking information, technical advice and feedback on a range of planning and policy matters. In responding to such requests, Council provides advice informed

by adopted Council positions, strategic planning policy and matters of importance to the Sunshine Coast community. It is not Council's usual practice to publish routine correspondence of this nature, including correspondence that forms part of ongoing policy development or deliberative processes.

This approach differs from Council's practice regarding formal submissions made in response to public consultation processes, such as those relating to regional plan or environmental assessment processes. Where Council prepares a formal submission in response to public consultation processes, those submissions are generally made available on Council's website. As noted in your correspondence, a range of Council's previous submissions to State and Commonwealth governments on regional planning and environmental matters are publicly available through Council's website.

In considering your request, Council has had regard to the nature of the correspondence and the context in which it was provided. As the document forms part of routine government-to-government engagement rather than being in response to a formal consultation process, Council does not propose to provide a copy or publish the correspondence on its website.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and for OSCAR's ongoing contribution to planning and community discussions across the Sunshine Coast region.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Patey (Manager Strategic Planning) on 5420 8953 or Roma Stevenson (Coordinator Regional Planning and Advocacy) on 5420 8945.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DR', followed by a horizontal line.

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