



## Planning

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### Letter to the Editor of the Coffs Coast Advocate

Recent media discussions, including in *The Advocate* ('Govt overrides council on Hearnes land' – 2/12/10 and 'We'll fight' – 4/12/10), about a proposed 280-lot subdivision at Sandy Beach require clarification.

The Department of Planning has not approved the proposal by Sandy Shores Development Pty Ltd.

The proposal remains under assessment by the Department and no recommendation has yet been made to the Minister.

A standard and important step in this assessment process is the Department's consultation with the local council on draft conditions of approval prior to any decision being made.

These conditions, once finalised, are the conditions that would be placed on the project, should it ultimately be approved by the Minister.

The Department has developed a protocol, in consultation with the Local Government and Shires Associations, that councils be given five working days to provide feedback as part of this step in the process.

In addition to consulting on the draft conditions, the Department of Planning has also worked with Coffs Harbour City Council throughout the assessment of this project.

For example, Council provided input to the project's assessment requirements at the very early stages of the process and also made a submission to the Department during the project's month-long public exhibition period last year.

This submission, along with others received during the public exhibition, is being carefully considered by the Department in its assessment of the project.

All relevant information on this project and its status in the assessment process can be found on the Department's website at

[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=1060](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=1060)

Yours sincerely,

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