



Mr Troy Green  
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Our ref: 17/01661

Dear Mr Green

**Request for Endorsement of the Tweed Rural Villages Strategy 2016**

I refer to your letter seeking endorsement of the Tweed Rural Villages Strategy 2016.

Following consideration of the strategy, I am pleased to approve the Tweed Shire Council Rural Villages Strategy 2016.

In reviewing the strategy, it is noted that that each village will be subject to a detailed locality plan. Each locality plan should detail and ensure consistency with relevant State Environmental Planning Policies, section 117 Directions, the North Coast Regional Plan 2036 and associated Settlement Planning Guidelines. It is recommended that Council also consider forwarding these locality plans to the Department for approval when completed, to enable them to be considered in relation to relevant section 117 Directions.

It is noted that some potential new and expanded villages, such as Crabbes Creek, may be subject to various environmental and land use constraints. These constraints will need to be considered in more detail and addressed through the future locality plan or planning proposal before it can be determined whether the areas are suitable for rezoning. Future planning proposals seeking to rezone additional village land will need to be supported by an appropriate level of detail confirming the suitability of the land for intensification and rezoning.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Katrina Burbidge Acting Manager, Regional Planning (Northern) to assist you. Ms Burbidge can be contacted at the Department's Grafton office on (02) 02 6641 6606.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Stephen Murray**  
Executive Director, Regions  
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