



Office of the Director General

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Dear Mr Greensill

I refer to your letter of 4 October 2011 submitting the final copy of Council's Maclean Urban Catchment Growth Management Strategy for my approval.

I am pleased to advise that I have approved the Strategy. It now replaces/updates the approved Clarence Valley Settlement Strategy (1999) to the extent of any inconsistency in the Maclean area. Council is now encouraged to proceed with planning proposals that are consistent with the new Strategy.

I note that Council proposes to review the Strategy after five years. At such time, any remaining unconstrained land mapped within the Mid North Coast Regional Strategy's growth area boundary will be available for assessment for inclusion in future land releases. This may be considered earlier if demand for additional land dictates.

The new Strategy identifies a biodiversity corridor running north-south through the area, linking patches of remaining native vegetation. I would encourage Council, through its local planning, to make every effort to maintain and enhance the area's remaining vegetation, particularly along the corridor recognised in the Strategy.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Greg Yeates of the Department's Northern Region to assist you. Greg may be contacted on telephone number (02) 6641 6608.

Yours sincerely

Sam Haddad
Director General

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