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Dear Mr Cowan

## CLARENCE VALLEY SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

I am writing to congratulate your council on the part it played in bringing the Clarence Valley Settlement Strategy to finalisation as part of the Northern Rivers Regional Strategy. The Clarence Strategy has now been approved under clauses 20 and 38 of the North Coast Regional Environmental Plan, 1988.

Your commitment, patience and willingness to work in partnership with other councils and the State Government have contributed to an innovative Strategy which sets the scene for a sustainable future for the whole Clarence Valley. The Strategy is clearly a model for other sub-regions to follow.

In taking a co-operative and strategic approach to future settlement, your council has been able to truly look at the physical and social environment in its own local area in the context of the wider Valley catchment. This exercise will be to the benefit of future generations in the Valley as the population grows and the need to protect natural resources becomes even more pressing.

The Strategy identifies a number of further opportunities for co-operation, including the collation of Valley-wide flora and fauna data. The Department's North Coast office is assisting councils in the preparation of funding applications to further such opportunities. I believe the sub-regional, integrated and co-operative strategic approach underpinning the funding proposal will be to the councils' advantage in their application.

I am confident that the Clarence Valley's planning future will now be smooth, with a high level of certainty for the councils, State agencies, developers and the community. I am pleased that my Department has been associated with the Settlement Strategy and I offer my congratulations to councillors and the staff for a successful project.

Yours sincerely

**08 MAR 1999**

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