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Mr Russell Pigg  
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Attention: Gordon Clark

Dear Mr Pigg

I refer to the Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy - Version 1 and Council's request that the Department formally endorse the document to enable it to be finalised and published.

I am pleased to advise that I have endorsed the Shoalhaven Growth Management Strategy.

The Growth Management Strategy together with the recently finalised Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014 provides your Council with a set of up to date planning documents to help guide and manage growth. The Growth Management Strategy responds to the South Coast Regional Strategy and provides input to the Department's ongoing evidence based strategic planning. It provides a clear approach to the important challenge of managing forecast growth in the Shoalhaven.

I note that section 2.2.5 of the Growth Management Strategy has been superseded and should be replaced with reference to Shoalhaven's proposed inclusion in the Illawarra Regional Growth Plan which is currently being drafted. This decision responds to the strong housing, economic and environmental connections with the three northern Illawarra councils.

I encourage Council to continue to work with the Department's Southern Region office in the consideration of new development consistent with the Growth Management Strategy and in the preparation of proposed Growth Management Strategy - Version 2.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter Mr Mark Parker of the Department's Southern Region office is available to assist you. Mr Parker can be contacted on (02) 4224 9468.

Yours sincerely

  
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