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Dear Ms Black

Clarence Valley Council Rural Lands Strategy

I refer to your correspondence requesting the Department's approval of the Clarence Valley Council Rural Lands Strategy.

I would like to acknowledge and commend Council on its significant efforts and commitment to strategic planning for the Clarence Valley Shire.

I am pleased to approve the Strategy. It should be noted that:

- there are potential legal and policy issues associated with recommendation 5 which proposes to review rural subdivision controls to facilitate the extraction of existing dwellings from larger holdings that will need to be resolved before it can be determined whether this matter can be supported;
- the North Coast Regional Plan 2036 has been superseded by the North Coast Regional Plan 2041 and Council is encouraged to address the 2041 plan in any future review of the Strategy; and
- the Clarence Valley Local Strategic Planning Statement, when updated, should be consistent with the Rural Lands Strategy.

Ongoing collaboration with the Department along with other key agencies such as the Department of Primary Industries, Transport for NSW and the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Division will be vital in the successful implementation of the Strategy.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you are welcome to contact Ms Kate Campbell, Senior Planning Officer at the Department on 5778 1401.

Yours sincerely



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