Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Mr Ed Paterson Director Strategies and Communities Kiama Municipal Council

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Subject: Endorsement of the Kiama Local Housing Strategy 2025

Dear Mr Paterson

I refer to your letter to the Secretary of the Department requesting endorsement of the Kiama Local Housing Strategy 2025 (LHS) which was adopted by Kiama Municipal Council at its ordinary meeting on 15 July 2025.

I would like to congratulate Council on the finalisation and adoption of the LHS, particularly the strategic and collaborative approach undertaken in its development involving the Department, other State agencies and service providers.

As delegate of the Secretary, I am pleased to endorse the Kiama Local Housing Strategy 2025.

The Department reiterates its support of Council's important commitment to strategically plan for and deliver much needed housing in the Kiama local government area (LGA) over the next 20 years. This will provide some certainty in relation to infrastructure needs.

The Department looks forward to working with Council, other State agencies and service providers to implement the LHS and associated actions, including the development of a Structure Plan for the new Kiama urban expansion area as it will be important to coordinate the delivery of this area with well-planned and funded supporting infrastructure.

The Department encourages Council to implement key actions and opportunities identified in the LHS to increase infill development in the LGA, particularly Actions 1-2 as well as completion of the Gerringong Town Centre Study identified in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement Action Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Andrew Hartcher, Senior Planner, Southern, Western and Macarthur Region, at the Department on 02 4247 1823.

Yours sincerely

1/10/2025

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