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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
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Dear Secretary

Subject: *Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*

OSCAR (Organisation of Sunshine Coast Association of Residents) is the peak body representing 40 resident and community organisations on the Sunshine Coast. We are a non-partisan and not-for-profit incorporated association.

OSCAR is broadly supportive of these proposed amendments contained in this Amendment Bill and only wishes to specifically comment on the *Clause 174 – Chapter 7, Part 4A (Service of documents), S 275B* amendment relating to the service of documents under the Planning Act.

Committee members may be aware that the Sunshine Coast Regional Council recently went to the P&E Court to seek exemption from sending their Notification of Decision for the Yaroomba Beach development (Sekisui) out to submitters by mail. The notice document is 330 pages and there were 11,666 properly made submissions; the Council had estimated the cost of compliance to be around \$250,000. OSCAR felt this was a reasonable request (which was granted by the Court) provided, as well as a link to the document, a *hard copy was available to anyone who requested it at no cost*. To the credit of the Council, it did in fact adopt this course of action, even though the Court did not impose that particular condition on them.

Accordingly, we strongly support the **S 275B (1) (b)** amendment –ie:

(b) the receiver may ask the person for a copy of the relevant document in hard copy or electronic form.

and request that this clause be retained and amended with the words “*at no cost to the receiver*” added at the appropriate place to provide certainty about what is probably intended.

OSCAR hopes that our request is treated favourably and wishes the committee well in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Smith', is written over a white rectangular area.

Greg Smith
President, OSCAR