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

### **Submission: Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

Thank you for the opportunity to input into the inquiry into the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. Council has reviewed amendments proposed and is supportive of the amendments proposed to the *Planning Act 2016*, specific comments are detailed below.

#### Clause 165

The calculation of Infrastructure Charges is procedural and relates to charges established under Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution. The requirement to give reasons for issuing an Infrastructure Charges Notice is unnecessary. Council supports the amendments proposed to section 121(3) of the Planning Act 2016 that removes the requirement to give reasons for issuing and Infrastructure Charges Notice.

#### Clause 172

Council supports the proposed amendments to section 230(3) which remove the requirement for a submitter who appeals a decision to give all other eligible submitters to a development application a copy of the notice of appeal.

Council has recently received and/or assessed a number of development applications which have received significantly large numbers of submissions (e.g. one application that is currently being assessed that includes 7964 submissions). The provision of a notice of appeal by a submitter appellant to all other submitters would be onerous in these circumstances.

#### Clause 174

Council supports the proposed inclusion of a new Part 4A (Service of Documents) which replaces the current section 279 of the Planning Act. The new provisions facilitate the use of electronic forms of communication in planning and development assessment by enabling a person to serve a document via a communication (e.g. a letter) which states a website or other

electronic medium where the document can be viewed or downloaded. This amendment has the potential to result in both a significant time and cost saving to Council associated with the assessment of development applications.

For example: Decision Notices for large development applications, which include large numbers of submitters can be in excess of 100 pages. The costs associated with serving copies of decision notices include printing, staff time and postage costs and these costs can easily exceed \$15 / decision notice and take multiple days to prepare and issue. The issue of a single letter with reference to a website will be a significant cost and time saving.

Should you have any further enquiries or require additional information, please contact Council's Senior Strategic Planner, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Andrejic', written over a circular scribble.

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