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RESPONSE LETTER:

- SIGNATORY:**
- Priority - 5 days
 - Standard - 15 days
 - Other: days
- Minister
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ACTION:

- BRIEFING NOTE REQUIRED
- Refer to Department for direct reply
- No response required
- Copies to: Minister ... PA SMA
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REFER TO BUSINESS GROUP:

- Office of the DG/CG
- Growth Management Queensland
- Project Assessment and Attraction
- Infrastructure and Land
- Local Government Services
- Regional Services - SPH East
- Strategy & Governance
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GOLD COAST CITY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Gold Coast City Council

14 December 2010
Our ref : #MS29189186

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Planning
PO Box 15009
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

PROPOSED EXCLUSION OF LOT 28 ON SP189559 167 HINKLER DRIVE, WORONGARY AND LOT 10 ON SP229681 169 HINKLER DRIVE, WORONGARY, FROM THE URBAN FOOTPRINT

Council has previously submitted to your department during the consultation period for the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 requesting that the above properties are removed from the urban footprint.

The government chose not to exclude the properties from the urban footprint and Council urges reconsideration of this matter, on the following basis:

- The area has not been nominated as a Development Area or Growth Area in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031.
- The regional plan population targets for Gold Coast can be met without opening up a new urban area in Worongary (Gold Coast City Council Priority Infrastructure Plan Planning Assumptions and Priority Infrastructure Area, August 2010).
- The lots have been identified as a key component of the Greenheart project, which aims to provide Gold Coast residents with one of the world's largest urban parkland systems.
- Assessment of infrastructure requirements has shown that this area is difficult and expensive to service with reticulated water and wastewater networks.
- There is regionally significant remnant vegetation on the site (*'Dominant remnant vegetation containing endangered regional ecosystems'*, and *'Remnant vegetation that is a least concern: regional ecosystem'*)
- There is a visually prominent forested ridgeline at the rear of the site and the whole site has high visual exposure with 80% viewable from public locations. It provides a High to Very High Scenic Amenity Rating (8 - 10 in the range up to 10 of values set by the regional plan Implementation Guideline No. 8).

In making this request I acknowledge the strong working relationship between the state government and Council, and I look forward to continuing to work together to provide improved planning and land use outcomes for the Gold Coast community.

Best wishes

RON CLARKE MBE
MAYOR

cc The Hon Anna Bligh, Premier and Minister for the Arts
Mr John Cherry, SEQ Council of Mayors
A Mitchell, GCCC (spot 29121501v1)



Hon Paul Lucas MP



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06 JUN 2011

Councillor Ron Clarke MBE
Mayor
Gold Coast City Council
PO Box 5042
Gold Coast MC QLD 9729

Dear Councillor Clarke

I refer to your letter of 14 December 2010 to the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, the former Minister for Infrastructure and Planning regarding 167 Hinkler Drive, Worongary, requesting my Department remove this property from the Urban Footprint. As this matter now falls under my Ministerial portfolio responsibilities I am responding to you on this matter. I apologise for the delay.

I have reviewed the contents of your letter and note Council's position and rationale for exclusion from the Urban Footprint. At this time, I am advised the removal of the Urban Footprint from these sites is not appropriate for the following reasons:

- the subject sites are consistent with the Urban Footprint principles as contained in the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031*
- the subject sites are surrounded by the Urban Footprint
- the regional plan clearly states that the Urban Footprint incorporates the full range of urban activities, including housing, industry, business, infrastructure, community facilities and urban open space
- the Greenheart proposal is for urban parkland purposes
- the remainder of the Greenheart proposal (to the east of the sites in question) are also located in the Urban Footprint
- there is a current development application related to the subject sites before Council for assessment. I note that the Department has issued an information request as a Concurrence Agency for this application.

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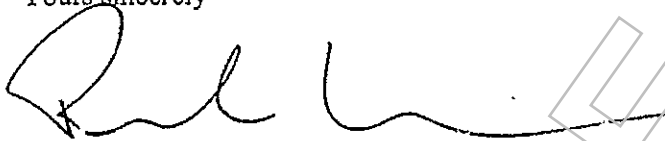
I further note the recently released Growth Management Plan indicates Worongary may be required in order to meet dwelling forecasts of the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031*.

Finally, it is not intended that the Department of Local Government and Planning amend the Regional Plan until the next review which is expected to be finalised in 2014. All Councils will have an opportunity to discuss the Urban Footprint at this time. Councils will be expected to demonstrate how they propose to accommodate the dwelling projections at this time, as well as how changes to area classifications are consistent with the *South East Queensland Regional Plan*.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Nicole Bisson, Senior Policy Advisor, on 3224 4600 who will be pleased to assist.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



PAUL LUCAS MP
Deputy Premier and Attorney-General,
Minister for Local Government
and Special Minister of State