SUBMISSION on the
DRAFT SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL PLAN 2009-2031

The Hon. Paul Lucas
Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning **.. ../.. ../2009**
Draft SEQ Regional Plan Review Feedback
Department of Infrastructure and Planning
Reply Paid 15009
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Deputy Premier,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft South East Queensland Plan 2009-2031.

Comments on "Part C – Regional land use pattern – Sub-regional narratives – Sunshine Coast"

Extent of Urban Footprint

I commend your initiative in not increasing the urban footprint on the Sunshine Coast. You have recognized that the extensive regional landscape and rural production areas, which provides the Sunshine Coast with much of its unique character, should be retained.

Dwellings Required by 2031

I am strongly opposed to the extraordinarily high population target you have imposed on the Sunshine Coast. You have prescribed that 98,500 new dwellings are required by 2031. This translates to a target of 518,000 people in our region, which represents a 76% increase from our 2006 population. To put this increase in perspective, you plan for the Sunshine Coast population in 2031 to be 11% greater than the 2006 population of the Gold Coast. This is totally unacceptable to me.

I also strongly object to you prescribing the number of new dwellings required before first assessing the ecologically sustainable population level (the carrying capacity) and the rate at which this level can be achieved. This must include an assessment of not only water availability and infrastructure capacity but also natural resources to ensure no further flora or fauna becomes threatened, endangered or extinct. Also, the assessment must be based on the predicted effects of climate change, such as extreme weather conditions and sea level changes.

Additional Comments

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