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The Honourable Steven Miles MP
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Dear Deputy Premier,

RE: Proposed Amendments (V4.0) to the Whitsunday Planning Scheme 2017

Whitsunday Regional Council is writing to give notice to the Chief Executive, pursuant to Section 20 of the *Planning Act 2016*, of a Planning Scheme Major Amendment, in accordance with the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules 2020 (MGR)*.

Whitsunday Regional Council is also writing to give notice to the Chief Executive, pursuant to Section 21 of the *Planning Act 2016*, of an Administrative Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) Amendment, in accordance with the MGR.

The following documents have been attached to comply with Chapter 2, Part 4, Section 16.5 of the MGR:

1. the Council decision to amend its Planning Scheme:
Refer to **Attachment 1 – Council Resolution**; and
2. the required material for a Proposed Major Amendment, as prescribed in Schedule 3, including:
 - a) An electronic copy of the Proposed Amendment:
Refer to **Attachment 2 - Proposed Major Amendment (V4.0)**;
 - b) A statement addressing the State Interests in the relevant Regional Plan and State Planning Policy (SPP), which includes:
 - i. how the State Interests are integrated in the amendment;
 - ii. reasons why any State Interests have not been integrated in the amendment; and
 - iii. any State Interests that are not relevant:
Refer to **Attachment 3 - State Interest Review Statement**;
 - c) A statement about how the key elements of a Planning Scheme mentioned in section 16(1) of the Act have been addressed and if the amendment is consistent with the regulated requirements:

The Proposed Major Amendment is consistent with regulated requirements, as it clearly identifies strategic outcomes for the Local Government Area; includes measures, in the form of Development and Overlay Codes, that facilitate the achievement of these strategic outcomes; and coordinates and integrates State and Regional aspects of these matters, as identified in Section 16 (1) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

d) A communications strategy:

Refer to **Attachment 4 – Community Engagement Plan**;

e) An indicative timeframe for the completion of the amendment process:

Refer to **Attachment 5 – Indicative Timeframe**;

f) Any background studies or reports that informed the preparation of the amendment:

Refer to Attachments:

- **Attachment 6 - Town of Whitsunday Drainage Study**;
- **Attachment 7 - Bowen Water Hazard Study (Stage 1 and 2)**;
- **Attachment 8 - Coastal Hazard Mapping Refinement Study**;
- **Attachment 9 - Whitsunday Landslide Study**;
- **Attachment 10 - Scenic Amenity Study 2017**; and
- **Attachment 11 – Acid Sulfate Reports**;

g) Any relevant mapping:

Refer to **Attachment 12 – Proposed Major Amendment Mapping (V4.0)**; and

h) Any other information considered relevant by the local government:

Not applicable.

The Major Amendment has been compiled responding to State Planning Policy amendments, Planning Scheme submissions from the last round of consultation, functionality edits and DSDILGP conditions of approval from 2017.

Whitsunday Regional Council requests the Department to commence the Major Amendment State Interest Review, in accordance with the MGR.

The Administrative LGIP Amendment requires no action from the State, however, will be necessary to ensure the Proposed Major Amendment fully functions. These two amendments will run concurrently, to be adopted and take effect at the same time.

Council looks forward to working with the State throughout the MGR process and receiving the Minister's notice of the outcome of the State Interest Review and approved communications strategy for the Proposed Major Amendment, pursuant to the MGR.

Yours faithfully



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