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Dear Mr Cooney

Unitywater amendments to Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa Priority Infrastructure Plans

At the conclusion of our meeting on 7 June 2013 regarding the finalisation of Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa Priority Infrastructure Plans (PIPs) and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution for Sunshine Coast Regional Council we agreed that Unitywater would provide Sunshine Coast Council with:

- a. Amendments to Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa PIPs; and
- b. A covering letter, outlining the purpose of the amendments and compliance with amendment provisions in the PIP statutory guideline 1/11 Priority Infrastructure Plans.

1. Amendments to Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa PIPs

I confirm that Unitywater amendments to the Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa PIPs were provided to Council's Coordinator Priority Infrastructure Planning and Infrastructure Charges, Mr Oddbjorn Ludvigsen, by email on the 27 June 2013. Amendments were made as requested using tracked changes of word documents provided to Unitywater on the 19 June 2013. Plans for trunk infrastructure for the water supply and sewerage networks were provided on compact disk to Mr Ludvigsen on the 5 July 2013.

2. Purpose Of The Amendments and Compliance with Amendment Provisions

Statutory Guideline 01/11 Priority Infrastructure Plans permits an amendment to a Priority Infrastructure Plan subsequent to public notification "*to address new or changed planning circumstances or information*" where in the local government's opinion the amendment does not constitute a significant change.

In correspondence received from the Minister for State Development Infrastructure and Planning dated the 16 May 2013, the Minister advised that Council could proceed to adopt planning scheme amendments to include Priority Infrastructure Plans for Caloundra, Maroochy and Noosa into its applicable planning scheme.



In addition, the Minister advised that plans for trunk infrastructure (and associated schedule of works as a component of plans for trunk infrastructure) should reflect Council's capital works program. For the water supply and sewerage network, Unitywater's Capital Works Program is Council's capital works program for the water supply and sewerage networks.

Proposed Unitywater amendments to the Maroochy, Caloundra and Noosa PIPs are consistent with the definitions of trunk infrastructure, standards of service, plans for trunk infrastructure and schedule of works contained within Unitywater's Netserv Plan Part B Growth Management Plan (v0-9), March 2013.

The Netserv Plan Part B Growth Management Plan details Unitywater's updated capital works program which is based upon Council's planning assumptions provided to Unitywater in 2011 and the the latest network modelling undertaken by Unitywater to serve demand detailed within each Priority Infrastructure Plan.

The proposed Unitywater amendments are consistent with the "new or changed planning circumstances or information" provisions contained within Statutory Guideline 01/11 and the Ministers advice that the Priority Infrastructure Plans for Caloundra, Maroochy and Noosa should reflect Council's capital works program.

Given the above, it is Unitywater's view that the proposed amendments are in accordance with Statutory Guideline 01/11 and do not constitute a significant change requiring additional notification. Accordingly, Unitywater recommends that Council proceed to adopt planning scheme amendments to include Priority Infrastructure Plans for Caloundra, Maroochy and Noosa as amended by Unitywater without further public notification.

Unitywater requests that a copy of finalised PIP amendments and report to Council be provided to Unitywater for a final review before submission to Council.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Your time, effort and input is greatly appreciated by Unitywater.

Yours sincerely

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