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The Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
GPO Box 1691
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Dear John,

KINGBOROUGH DRAFT LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE HEARINGS

Council appreciates the significant time and effort the Commission, representors, Council staff and consultants have committed to the hearings process for the Draft Local Provisions Schedule for Kingborough.

As the hearings have progressed, Council has considered how best to support the remainder of the process in a way that is efficient, respectful of all participants and mindful of the resources required from those involved.

Council therefore respectfully requests that its staff and consultants no longer be required to attend hearing sessions as a matter of course, except where the Commission considers their attendance necessary and provides reasonable notice of that requirement.

Council remains fully committed to assisting the Commission and will, of course, respond to any directions, requests for information or invitations to attend hearings where the Commission considers this would be beneficial to its consideration of a particular matter. Should attendance be required, Council will make every effort to ensure the appropriate staff member or consultant is available.

This request is made for several reasons. Firstly, Council recognises the importance of providing representors with a clear and focused opportunity to present their views to the Commission. In circumstances where Council staff or consultants are not required to contribute to the discussion at the time, their absence may assist in streamlining proceedings and allowing greater emphasis on the matters raised by representors. Council is keen to support a process that promotes constructive engagement and enables community members to participate effectively in the hearings.

Secondly, the ongoing commitment required to attend all hearing sessions represents a significant draw on Council's limited strategic planning resources. Council is mindful of ensuring that its current strategic planning workload is managed in a sustainable manner, particularly given the extended duration of the hearings process and the need to continue progressing other statutory and strategic planning priorities. Council's consultants will also have reduced capacity moving forward, as it was not anticipated that their services would be required for such an extended period.

Finally, the hearings have highlighted a number of planning and strategic matters that require Council's attention. Council considers it important that staff are able to focus increasingly on progressing this broader strategic planning work, while continuing to provide support to the Commission as required.

Council wishes to emphasise that this request should not be interpreted as any reduction in its commitment to the process. Council remains committed to assisting the Commission to complete its consideration of the Draft Local Provisions Schedule and will continue to provide information, clarification and attendance whenever requested.

Thank you for considering this request. Should the Commission wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER