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Subject: Clarence Draft Local Provisions Schedule
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Clarence City Council General Manager

Dear Sir or Madam.

I have attached the submission from the Board and members of Abundant Life church. Lauderdale regarding the Draft Local Provisions Schedule. Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback, we look forward to an ongoing conversation.

Gary Barnier

6 March 2020

Clarence City Council

Re: Clarence Draft Local Provisions Schedule

To Whom It May Concern,

As an Elder of Abundant Life Church and on behalf of the Board of Abundant Life Church, Lauderdale I am writing to express some concerns regarding the proposed changes included in the Clarence Draft Provisions Schedule.

The church has played an effective and growing role within the Lauderdale community for over 25 years and though the name of the church has varied in that time the commitment to the community has only strengthened with time. We believe we have a significant role to play in the development of the social infrastructure of the Lauderdale, Clarence Plains and South Arm areas.

While the concerns expressed in this submission are focussed on our property, 490 South Arm Road Lauderdale, we believe that similar sentiments would be echoed by many property owners in central Lauderdale. Firstly, the imposition of arbitrary boundaries relating to particular flora species will have dramatic impacts on the future development of our property. Such restrictions on the church's use and future expansion of its facilities are extremely limiting and may potentially diminish our effectiveness in meeting the growing needs in our community. The church has played a major role in providing a centre for families and childcare, offering support for the youth and young families and in a pastoral sense, caring for the whole community. Restrictions described and illustrated in the DLPS documents can only serve to diminish Abundant Life's ability to serve the most disadvantaged in our community.

Secondly, should there be a sea level rise the portion of South Arm Drive adjacent to the church's property and other significant infrastructure such as the electricity grid, could face being submerged by water. The DLPS indicates that there would be remedial work undertaken by the Council to maintain the standard of these infrastructural assets, in other words the Council would act to defend its infrastructure from the negative impacts of sea level rise. This is in direct contrast to the concepts relating our property described in the DLPS where the Church, as an asset holder, is expressly forbidden from any form of defence of the asset. Such a scant regard for the assets of a member of this community would be almost laughable if not so serious.

Thirdly, The DLPS suggests that any form of remedial work on South Arm Road would include a system of culverts in order to ensure the inundation of our property, and others. Why would a Council facilitate the future damage of our property and the current severe devaluing of our property's market price? Surely any remedial work to the road would



benefit our property by forming a barrier to any sea level rise providing such a barrier was of a solid and impervious nature. We would ask the Council to reconsider the use of culverts in any remedial or reconstruction work carried out on South Arm Road.

Finally, the impact upon our property's value as an asset for sale and its potential use as collateral for future loans cannot be underestimated. This will have an impact on the Church but will have a greater impact on those members of the Lauderdale community. There will be increased levels of emotional and family upheaval caused by these changes which have dramatic effects on those least able to deal with them. There will be a need for compensation which not only covers the loss of value of the physical assets but also the emotional and social trauma of this process. We are sure that the affected members of the community would stand as one in the search for proper compensation.

We trust you can understand our distress at some of the provisions contained in the DLPS and we earnestly desire the opportunity to further discuss these issues, and any others that may arise. We look forward to such an opportunity at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely and on behalf of all the members of Abundant Life Church

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Barnier', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gary Barnier