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Hon Kate Doust MLC
Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review
Legislative Council
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Dear Hon Kate Doust,

**RE: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS)
REGULATIONS 2011**

Thank you for your letter received at the Shire of Broome on 6 May 2015 seeking Council's position on questions raised by the Committee.

Please be advised that the questions were considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 2 June 2015 where Council resolved the following:

That Council writes to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes outlining the following:

- 1. Council believes that the roles outlined within the Regulations in regards to the responsibilities of Councillors who are members of the Development Assessment Panel should be clarified to the extent where it makes it clear that a Councillor sitting on the Panel is not bound by any previous decision made by the local government, or any resolution made by the Council, as the case may be, under the Local Government Act 1995.*
- 2. Council requests that the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes considers reinstating the previous regulations requiring a local government member to be present at the meeting to enable a quorum and consider increasing the number of local government representatives to three.*

The Shire of Broome would like to express its appreciation for being invited to make a submission on the Regulations and providing an opportunity for Council to comment on the questions raised.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 9191 3456.

Yours faithfully

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