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Dear Mr Brownlee *Ray*

I am writing in respect of your representations to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking inclusion in State Environmental Planning Policy No 70 – Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes) (SEPP70).

I commend Randwick Council's dedication to the delivery of affordable rental housing. Providing secure housing to people on very low, low and moderate incomes is an essential part of an equitable housing market and contributes to a robust and prosperous society.

I therefore support the commencement of planning processes to include Randwick City Council within SEPP70 and have asked the Department to commence work on an amendment to the policy to identify Randwick as a local government area with a need for affordable housing. This constitutes the first step in enabling council to levy for affordable housing contributions.

Council is now required to prepare an affordable housing contributions scheme for areas in which they wish to levy for affordable housing. Any new scheme will need to be identified within the Randwick Local Environmental Plan (LEP) through an amendment to that plan. Exhibition of the amendments to the LEP and SEPP70 may occur concurrently to expedite the process as I understand that Council intends to prepare an affordable housing contribution scheme for the Kensington to Kingsford in a timely manner. I welcome the opportunity to review the scheme.

The Department of Planning and Environment has briefed me on Council's actions to secure affordable housing on the Newmarket site. I understand this matter is before the Court at the moment and as such it is not appropriate for me to comment on this particular site.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Deborah Brill, Acting Executive Director, Planning Policy on (02) 9274 6118.

Yours sincerely

Rob Stokes
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