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Dear Michael

Subject: Community concerns with the Planning Proposal for Wyalla Road Jamberoo.

I wish to advise Kiama Municipal Council that the Parliamentary Secretary, Craig Baumann has recently met with Mr Gareth Ward MP and local resident group Jamberoo Valley Watch to discuss its concerns with the rezoning of land along Wyalla Road, Jamberoo.

Jamberoo Valley Watch expressed concern with the extension of the town boundary to allow additional residential lots within the town and the effect this would have on agricultural land and impacts to the rural setting of the town. The residents identified that the proposal was opposed by the local community and raised concern that no public meeting was held by Kiama Council to allow community views to be expressed in an open forum.

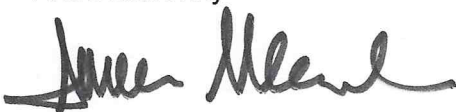
Mr Ward and Jamberoo Valley Watch were advised that the plan making process has been delegated to Council and neither the Minister nor the Department have a further role in the process. Any future development of the land would, however be subject to a development application to Kiama Council at which point Council would undertake a full merit assessment of the proposal including exhibition.

Mr Ward and Jamberoo Valley Watch were also advised that in issuing a Gateway determination, the Department encouraged Council to consider preparation of a development control plan to provide greater certainty of development outcome including seniors housing consistent with the Kiama Urban Strategy.

Parliamentary Secretary Baumann has asked the Department to bring the residents' concerns to Council's attention for any action it may wish to take. I understand that Council has committed to preparing a development control plan for the site. The Department supports this approach as it will establish detailed controls for the site to include a mix of seniors housing and private residential development. The public exhibition of the development control plan will also provide a transparent and open process and allow the community to further voice any concerns.

Should you require any further advice in relation to this matter, please contact Lisa Kennedy, Planning Officer on 4224 9457.

Yours sincerely



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cc Parliamentary Secretary Craig Baumann