

1 May 2015



Scott Greensill
General Manager
Clarence Valley Council
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Dear Mr Greensill,

I write with respect to the proposed redevelopment of our residential care facility located at 125 Crown Street & 217-221 Queen Street Grafton.

Firstly, we are delighted that the Clarence Valley Council has recommended that our Development Application 2104/0596 be approved pursuant to Section 80(1) (a) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 subject to the draft conditions of consent.

The Whiddon Group are committed to the Clarence Valley and this proposed development in the Grafton area represents a significant financial investment for us. As a not-for-profit organisation we are looking to provide a facility that meets the accommodation requirements of the local community going forward as well as employing numerous people which will benefit the local community.

With regard to your report to the Joint Regional Planning Panel we wish to table our comments so further consideration can be given by you with respect to their application for this project. Specifically, the proposed Section 64 Contributions totalling \$236,783.80 represents a significant cost to us and given our status as a not-for-profit organisation as well as the benefit that this project will provide to the Grafton community we believe it is overly onerous. We do understand the requirement of condition no 35 relating to the easement requirement for the hospitals sewer line. However, this also represents additional unforeseen costs for us and request that this also is taken into account when applying any Section 64 contribution. With respect to the schedule of draft conditions no 41 we re-iterate our objection to having any timed parking spaces along the Crown Street frontage.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration of these points identified.

Yours faithfully

Lee-ann Irwin
Chief Executive Officer