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Via email only

RE: Report from Meet & Greet between JWD/GHD and RHVA 29/3/19

Dear Grant,

As discussed in our phone conversation last week herein is a brief summary of the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Richard Drummond and Warren Brain from JWD and Michala Lander and Alexandra Jobin from GHD representing owners/developers, whilst Neil McGuckin, Jorj Lowrey, Lexie Meyer, Corinna Klupiec, Brendan Lacy and myself represented the Red Head Villages Association.

Richard Drummond (spokesperson) highlighted his involvement in the *Sunrise at 1770* beachside eco-estate development at Agnes Waters, Queensland.

Michala Lander stated that:

- an extension to gateway had been granted until December 2019.
- the change in footprint was because of biodiversity issues.
- what was previously supported by Council didn't align with new findings.

Regarding the proposed development footprint, Richard Drummond said there were a couple of options on the table and that this proposal was put forward out of necessity, in order to obtain the gateway extension. When questioned on the validity of the proposed footprint, he stated that "you can use it as kindling" because they can't put their actual proposal forward until their biodiversity survey is finalised.

He also stated that the OE&H will be determining body and NSW Government consenting body.

RHVA pointed out that development in the North East corner would not only impact upon the onsite ecology, but also most likely the adjacent dunes, and that it was very important to us they not be disturbed.

Michala Lander said that there will be a web site up soon devoted to North Manyana development, and that they will be returning for further meetings when studies are finalised and more information becomes available.

Although more questions were raised than answered, it was good to engage with the owners and consultants and develop an initial understanding of their current intentions.

We reiterated that our maximum development footprint is that which had been previously agreed to by Council, following compromises by the community. Our community's desire, and we also believe for visitors, is to maintain the pristine green environment and not have housing development encroach anywhere near beaches and waterways, particularly considering the biodiversity of this area. We are concerned that the previously agreed footprint was ignored.

As per our 'Character Assessment' submission on the draft Shoalhaven GMS (a copy of which we gave to GHD during the meeting), we questioned comments in their "North Manyana Urban Design Strategy" that we believe do not at all reflect our coastal village character, nor our community's expectations in light of the previously confirmed footprint.

A Public Meeting is to be held on April 20th to further consult local residents and ratepayers.

We look forward to meeting with your team so we can further elaborate on the matters raised and have some questions answered.

Yours sincerely,

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