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The Hon. Brad Hazzard, MP,
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and
Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure
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Dear Minister,

RE: PROPOSED SHAOLIN TEMPLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved at the last meeting of Regional Development Australia – Far South Coast (RDAFSC) that I write to inform you of the Committee's support for the proposed Shaolin Temple Tourism Development at Jervis Bay on the NSW south coast.

With 50% of the Australian population living within driving distance of the site, the proposed \$370 million tourist and residential development has the potential to become a major tourism destination drawing from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. It will also be a tourist destination with global appeal.

During construction, hundreds of jobs will be created and following completion it is estimated that thousands of jobs will be created to cater for the expected hundreds of thousands of visitors. These jobs will be in hospitality, tourism, retail, service industries and entertainment.

This project could not come at a better time with construction in Australia at an all-time low and a major decline in tourism numbers.

It would provide a massive boost to the economy of the NSW south coast and would be the region's first 5 star tourism facility providing a heritage and legacy for future generations in Nowra.

The RDA Far South Coast Committee strongly supports this major tourism development and, as Chair, I urge you to do all in your power to expedite commencement of this project.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Pollock OAM – Chair



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