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Director-General

Dear Mr Haddad,

I write to register my support for the proposed Shaolin Temple to be built on the Comberton Grange near Jervis Bay.

This is a proposal that brings with it enormous potential for the Shoalhaven, both socially and economically. It is a proposal that cannot be allowed to be lost to the Shoalhaven, a region which has occupied a low socio-economic demographic in or near the lowest census quartile.

The project has the capacity to sit ideally within environmental and infrastructure constraints imposed by both State and Federal Governments. It is these very same constraints that have limited the scope of opportunity for the development and economic advancement of the Shoalhaven.

The prospectus for the temple is very impressive, offering a substantial return on investment through the creation of direct and indirect job opportunities, business investment and stimulus to the local tourism industry.

It is a venture that can compliment and augment the cultural and social diversity of the Shoalhaven and will certainly raise the profile of the area overseas. That in itself could be a catalyst for further opportunities.

In the absence of any significant impact concerns, I can only urge that the proposal be encouraged and expedited and commend the proposal to you.

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