Callala Beach Progress Association Inc

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Major Projects Assessment Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Att: Sally Munk

Dear Sally

Re: Comments on Proposed Shaolin Temple at Comberton Grange, Nowra

The Callala Beach Progress Association is a local association which represents the communities of Callala Beach and Myola. The objectives of the association are:

- To use its best efforts in promoting matters to the advantage of its members
- To secure the carrying out of all works conductive to the welfare of Callala Beach in particular and the Shoalhaven Shire in general
- To foster the feeling of fellowship and co-operation
- To assist charitable organisations as occasions arise
- With the advice and assistance of Shoalhaven Council, carry out any amenities with said Council

As the proposed Shaolin Temple is to be constructed in close proximity to our area the project is a matter of great interest and some concern to the Association. Therefore at our recent meeting of the Association moved that the following comments on the proposal be submitted. Unfortunately due to the timing of our meetings we were unable to submit these comments before the 4th Of December 2012.

General Comments

The Temple is quite a large project and will have significant impact on the area. The impact will be accentuated by the fact that the nearby towns and villages are quite small and the existing infrastructure is inadequate. In addition Currambene Creek is the only major waterway leading into the crystal clear waters of Jervis Bay.

Recommendations

The Association is generally in favour of the development providing the following issues are addressed adequately.

- 1 The environmental impact of the project must be contained to the site. Any runoff from the site which enters Currambene Creek must be treated so that there is no additional pollution or sediment entering the waterway.
- 2 Local roads and intersections will need to be upgraded to handle the extra traffic.
- 3 Local labour and companies are to be employed in the construction of the project.

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- 4 Local labour and companies are to be used where possible within the project once it is completed.
- 5 The visual impact of the project from Currambene Creek is to be minimised.
- 6 The Temple is to engage with the local community as much as possible to avoid any potential racial or other social clashes.

Yours sincerely

Gregory Westlake President Callala Beach Progress Association