

Chief Executive Officer Douglas Shire Council PO Box 723 MOSSMAN QLD 4873

Our Ref: 30728

Your Ref: 41.2014.209 (425988)

Date: 20 February 2015

Attention: Jenny Elphinstone

Email: Jenny.Elphinstone@douglas.qld.gov.au

Dear Jenny

Re: Response to Information Request for Reconfiguration of a Lot 1L Oasis Drive, Wonga

Reference is made to Council's Information Request dated 22 August 2014, regarding the above application. On behalf of the Applicant, Floro Pty Ltd, please accept this correspondence and its accompanying attachments as the part response to the information request in accordance with Section 278 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 ("the Act").

The attached response, responds to Items 1-3 of Council's Information Request. Works related to responding to Item 4 are currently being finalised. In accordance with Section 280 (2)(b) of the Act an extension is requested to the response period for a period a one (1) month to finalise the response to Item 4.

Please find enclosed one (1) electronic copy of information addressing the matters raised in the Information Request in relation to the proposed development.

## Item 1 - Land Form

The attached report prepared by PDR Engineers dated 6 February 2015, demonstrates the level of fill to achieve storm tide and flood immunity for both dwelling and associated wastewater facilities. The level of fill will provide suitable building areas, while maintaining acceptable batters that will not encourage erosion and sediment issues.

#### Cairns

25 Grafton Street PO Box 5246 Cairns Qld 4870 Phone (07) 4051 6722

#### Office Locations

Brisbane Mackav

ProserpineBowen

#### manager@oneillsurveys.com.au

www.oneillsurveys.com.au THG WSG Pty Ltd ABN 55 156 210 052 trading as Charles O'Neill Surveyors and Planners





### <u>Item 2 - Traffic Management</u>

The attached engineering plan prepared by PDR Engineers, Ref: 14810-SK01 indicates the location of possible access points for the proposed lots. Due the low traffic volume of Oasis Drive and Bell's Reef Close, it is recommended no restrictions should be imposed on the location of access points for the lots.

### <u>Item 3 - Drainage</u>

The report prepared by PDR Engineers demonstrates that an appropriate drainage solution can be provided for the project.

## <u>Item 4 - Onsite Wastewater Treatment</u>

Zammataro Plumbing has been commissioned to prepare the required reports demonstrating that the proposed lots can accommodate onsite wastewater disposal systems.

An extension for a period of one (1) to the response period is requested to allow sufficient time provide the outstanding report for Item 4. We trust that the information contained within this response will allow Council to commence the assessment of this application. At the time that the report for Item 4 is provided, Council will then be in a position to finalise the assessment.

Should you require any further clarification on this matter, please contact the undersigned on (07) 4051 6722.

Yours faithfully

Michael Tessaro

**Planner** 

Bc: Floro Pty Ltd

Enc: PDR Engineering Response, dated 6 February 2015



6 February 2015 PDR 14810

Floro Pty Ltd C/- CNS PO Box 5246 Cairns Qld 4870

**Attention: Michael Tessaro** 

Dear Michael

RE: Reconfiguration of 1 lot into 5 for Floro Pty Ltd located at 1L Oasis Drive Wonga Beach – Request for information – Engineering issues – Council reference 41.2014.209

We refer to Douglas Shire Council's request for information dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 and advise that we have, as requested, prepared a response to items 1, 2 and 3 of that request.

The proposal consists of five allotments of minimum 2000 sqm with frontages to Oasis Drive and Bell's Reef Close Wonga Beach. There is an existing drainage path located on proposed lot 5 which will be retained and covered by an easement. This report will address issues relating to raising the levels of the lots with suitable fill material to provide immunity to Q100 flooding, traffic management issues raised in Council's request and the management of Drainage.

As part of this report we have prepared a plan, 14810 – SK1, which is attached to this report. We address the issues as follows:-

## Filling of allotments:

The current levels of the allotments range between RL 2.51 to 3.15 AHD. These levels are generally below the level required for protection against inundation during a Q100 storm event. Council have not set any minimum levels in this area, however, our firm has been involved in a number of developments within Wonga Beach during which flood/storm level studies were carried out. Notably these involve the firms DHI and BMT-WBM. The BMT-WBM study was the most recent and it established Q100 flood/storm levels between RL 2.8 and 3.2 for a similar area just north of this site.

It would be uneconomical to carry out an extensive flood study for a project of this size and it is our view that the results of these studies can be used for this project. As a result we are recommending that the minimum fill level for building areas should be at RL 3.4 AHD. This is slightly conservative and ensures that habitable buildings will have a minimum floor level of 3.5. This is also above the adopted level on nearby developments.

www.pdrengineers.com.au t: +61 7 4051 5599 f: +61 7 4051 5455 e: admin@pdrengineers.com.au Office: Level 1 / 258 Mulgrave Road, Westcourt QLD 4870 Mail: PO Box 2551, Cairns QLD Australia 4870 ABN: 88 126 211 461



The plan we have prepared shows how the land should be filled and the levels required. The basic approach is to provide land at RL 3.4 for the allowable habitable building areas and then taper down to the existing levels at the boundary of each lot. This will ensure proper drainage of the lots to the existing road and drainage easement which are the legal points of discharge.

Fill will be sourced from local quarries or approved sites and will be of an approved quality. Engineering drawings at final design stage will specify these requirements. In placing fill the area will be stripped of grass and topsoil, fill placed and compacted and topsoil replaced to encourage grass cover. The design slopes shown on our plan are quite flat and do not create any batters that require special treatment. All slopes used will be of mowable grade.

It is our view that the land can be filled to the desired levels in a manner that will provide suitable building areas and will not encourage erosion and sediment issues.

# **Traffic Management:**

There are no issues regarding access points to each lot and our plan shows possible access locations. We have indicated options for each lot, however, the actual point may depend on the design of each future residence. There are no restrictions we would impose from a traffic point of view other than perhaps restricting access to lot 1 to be from either Oasis Drive or Bell's Reef Close and not the northern section of road.

The low traffic volume and speed regime in the area do not warrant any speed limitation devices or other controls. As a result no special street furniture is required. The plan also shows the proposed location of street trees required under FNQROC.

## **Stormwater Drainage:**

The attached plan shows, in schematic form, the proposed underground drainage system that connects to the existing system flowing west from Oasis Drive. Full details and calculations relating to these pipes will be provided at final engineering design stage. The underground system will be designed for the Q5 event in accordance with QUDM and FNQROC requirements.

The drainage easement in lot 5 will contain an underground pipe placed under a formed grassed open drain. This will ensure that the area is properly drained to the legal point of discharge. This point is the drainage reserve to the west of Oasis Drive, running parallel to the beach line and discharging to the north.

Overland flow paths will be finalised at final design stage, however, inspections reveal that these are available both to the east and west of the site to areas that will not impact on upstream or downstream properties.

We are satisfied that a suitable drainage scheme complying with the requirements of FNQROC can be provided for this project.



We trust that the provision of this report and drawing satisfies your requirements and those of the Douglas Shire Council. Should you require additional details or assistance please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully PDR Engineers

Alan McPherson **Senior Civil Engineer** 

Maria MILO-

