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Dear Mr. Anderson,

Consultation Draft Community Engagement Charter

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Draft of the Community Engagement Charter. Council considered a report on the Charter on 28 November 2017 and resolved to authorize me to convey to the Commission the following:

- That Council endorses the Community Engagement Charter 2017 – Consultation Draft.
- That the Commission should:
 - Have an engagement specialist to provide expert advice on engagement plans submitted to the Commission for approval.
 - Consider the proposed training on the Charter for practitioners to form part of the accreditation process for planners.
 - Review the Charter to establish guidance or a framework for 'commercial and confidential' information that may form an element of a proposal/amendment to a planning instrument.
 - Amend the mandatory requirement for proposals initiated by a non-government body to include consultation on the engagement plan also.
 - Review Principles 1 and 2 to include 'facilitating community collaboration' as a performance outcome.
 - Consult Council on the formulation of the associated Toolkit.
 - Engage Council, the Local Government sector and the Community on the formulation of the associated PDI Regulations.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission in progressing the Charter.

Kind regards



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Chief Executive Officer

