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Re: Sale of Land at Salamander Bay Shopping Centre PSC2009-02408V2

Dear Ms Foster

Thank you for your advice on this important initiative of Port Stephens Council.

TRRA is unaware of a formal resolution by Port Stephens Council **not to prepare a master plan for this highly significant site on the Tomaree Peninsula**. We would appreciate your advice as to when such a decision was taken, and any details. You will appreciate that we are most disappointed by such a resolution in the light of our repeated representations to Council and the Regional Planning Panel setting out the reasons why such a Plan is essential to guarantee the optimal outcome of the future sale and development at the Salamander site.

TRRA notes that Council has agreed to develop design guidelines for the vacant commercial land that it owns and that there will be stakeholder workshops to develop these guidelines.

We note from the report in today's Examiner that it seems the Woolworths development team is considering linking a Big W development with the existing Colonial shopping Centre. TRRA is encouraged by this approach by the parties involved. We believe that such linkages are fundamental to ensure a successful and integrated complex which minimises the need to drive between components. However, we remain of the view that a master plan (rather than piecemeal site by site negotiations) would be the preferred way forward.

A key issue is access and parking, and we would be interested to know what road and other infrastructure works you envisage associated with the proposed subdivision. It is in our view essential that short term developments do not compromise a long term integrated development of the entire Centre precinct.

TRRA would welcome an opportunity to contribute positively to the development of principles for future development of the Salamander complex in the proposed workshops and we look forward to your invitation to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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