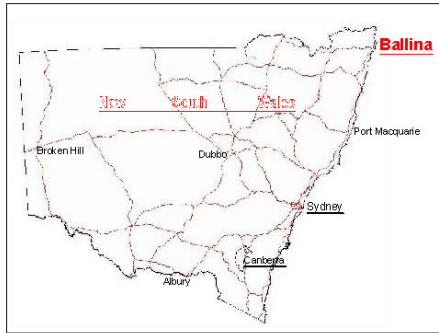


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Attachment – Location and Concept Plan



State Context Map



Regional Context Map

Affordable Housing Site Maps

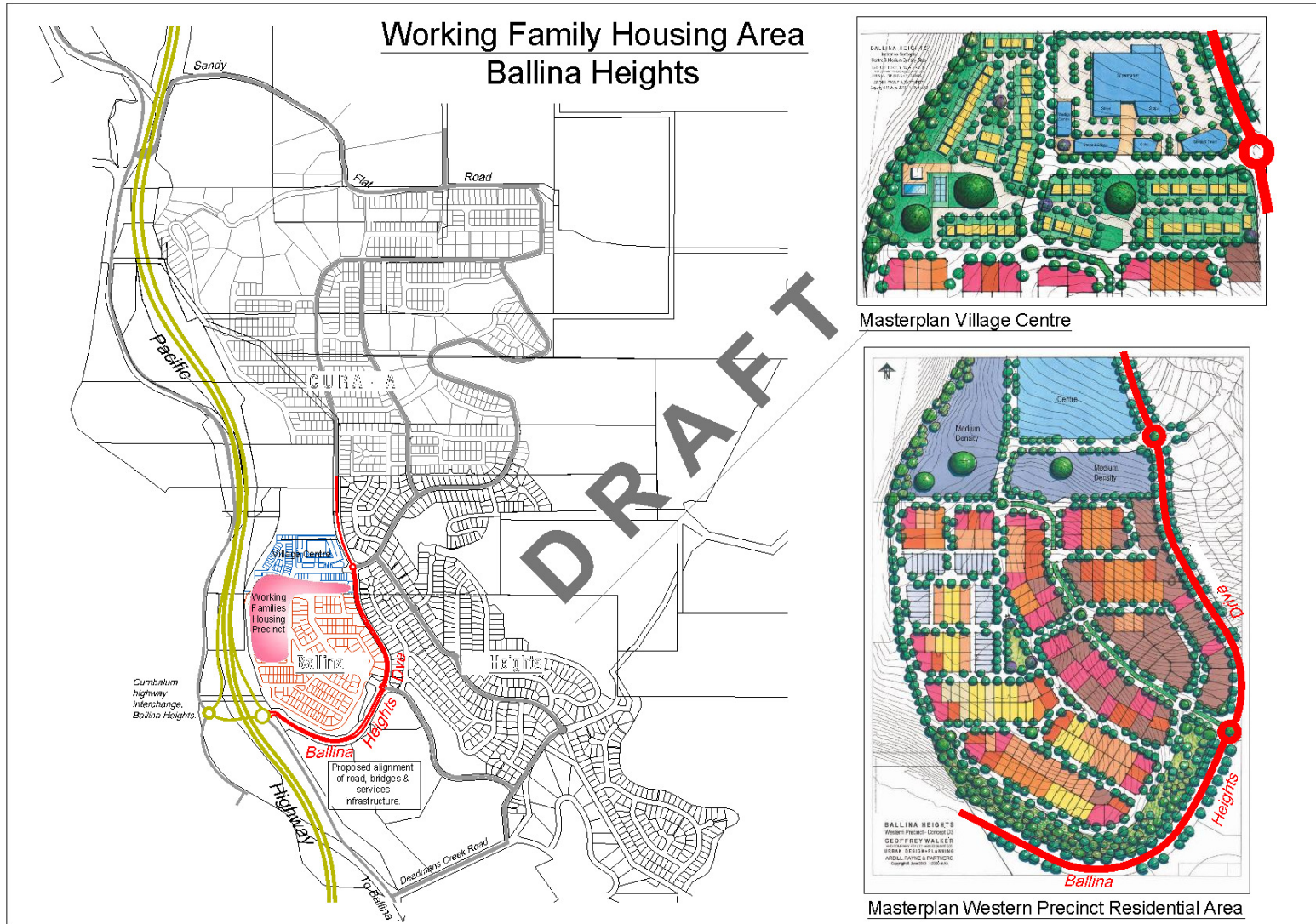
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District Context Map

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Sandra Bailey

From: Paul Hickey
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2013 8:29 AM
To: Sandra Bailey
Subject: FW: Building Better Regional Cities Scheme
Attachments: image001.jpg; O'Keefe Stephen Ballina Heights Drive project Minister reply.pdf

From: Stephen O'Keefe [<mailto:Stephen.OKeefe@pkf.com.au>]
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2013 12:49 PM
To: Paul Hickey
Cc: Councillor Sue Meehan; Sharon Cadwallader External; Stephen O'Keefe
Subject: Building Better Regional Cities Scheme

Dear Paul,

Further to our previous correspondence on this matter last week and prior ,please find attached a copy of the letter from The Hon Kevin Andrews MP ,Minister for Social Services addressed to The Hon Stuart Robert MP Assistant Minister for Defence who investigated and negotiated the matter for me.

Could I now please ask for your continued support on this matter and recommend amendments to Council So that the Scheme becomes generally available to any successful applicant who wishes to build a new home In the Ballina Region. Such scheme being similar in workings with a 1st Home Owners Grant.

In my view if the scheme could be engineered to work with that outcome it would provide a tremendous Competitive edge for the entire Ballina Business Community rather that the two lucky residential estates that have limited broad appeal.

I have since spoken with two concerned Councillors (copied) who also share your view. They look forward to your views on the matter and will no doubt be in discussion with you.

I look forward to your views and actions on this matter and of course would appreciate a response as soon as You are able to comment.

Thankyou

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Dear Minister *Stuart,*

Thank you for your email of 20 September 2013 on behalf of Mr Stephen O'Keefe about the Building Better Regional Cities programme. I apologise for the lengthy delay in responding.

As you would be aware, the programme was set up by the previous government to invest in local infrastructure projects that support an increase in the number of homes for sale and rent that are affordable for working families on ordinary incomes, in communities experiencing positive jobs and population growth.

The Ballina Heights Drive project was awarded \$5 million under the programme to construct Ballina Heights Drive and associated infrastructure, which provides immediate access to a village centre in Ballina Heights Estate. This in turn is designed to facilitate the development of residential lots, medium density housing, a town centre and community facilities. As part of the funding agreement with the Australian Government, Ballina Shire Council will grant a rebate for 120 residential lots which directly benefit from the infrastructure funded to eligible purchasers with low to moderate household income.




I note that Ballina Shire Council has nominated the Ballina Heights Estate as the subdivision where the rebates will be available to eligible purchasers in this funding agreement. Should the council wish to include other residential subdivisions in their agreement, they should contact the Department of Social Services for this request to be formally considered. Please note the Building Better Regional Cities programme guidelines support new housing developments within eligible regional cities – therefore, the scope is limited to the proposed subdivisions that were not under development prior to the granting of the programme's funding.

Thank you again for writing on behalf of Mr O'Keefe.

Yours sincerely


KEVIN ANDREWS MP



		<p>Locality Map - Ferngrove & Riveroaks Estates, Ballina</p>	 <p>Printed 12/12/2013</p>
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