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Mr Ken Diehm  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Ken

**Re: Letter of Support for the New Library and Administration Centre**

I am writing to express the University of the Sunshine Coast's support for the proposed new regional library building and Council administration centre, which will be located on the corner of Main Street and Torquay Road in Pialba. This transformative project, will create a revitalised city centre, genuinely enhancing the lifestyle for Hervey Bay residents.

Furthermore, the inclusion of a Disaster Resilience Centre within the new facility demonstrates the forward-thinking approach of the Fraser Coast Regional Council. Having a dedicated space where Council and government agencies can collaborate during emergencies is crucial for effective disaster management. The Disaster Resilience Centre will facilitate prompt coordination and information sharing, ensuring that our community is better prepared and equipped to face future challenges.

The establishment of this new facility will have far reaching positive impacts for our community beyond the employment generated by its construction. It will serve as a vibrant hub, bringing people together to learn, connect, engage in cultural and activities, and access centralised Council services. The presence of a modern and well-equipped regional library will provide an invaluable resource for residents of all ages.

The proposed location of the new library and administration centre is strategically chosen as it is easily accessible, and its prime location will contribute to the rejuvenation of the city centre. This provides a key destination to attract residents and visitors, boosting economic growth and tourism opportunities on the Fraser Coast with potential to increase work integrated learning and/ or paid employment options for students.

Upon Council's exit of the current Library space, the University of the Sunshine Coast looks forward to continuing to work together to explore potential education opportunities for the benefit of the community and to improve opportunities for lifelong learning on the Fraser Coast.

Yours sincerely



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