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Dear Sir

The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct (TEPCP) is an instrument of Wyong Shire Council (WSC) that works very hard at informing the community of the important issues that directly and indirectly affect all the residents of Wyong Shire and relay the communities views to Council and the Councillors.

It was resolved at our 16th October, 2012, General Meeting, to lodge a complaint with your office, re WSC's failure to adopt your knowledge update guidelines of May, 2011, to apply the public interest test to determine what personal information associated with development applications should not be published on local council websites. WSC ignores this guide line and relies on the Government Information (Public Access) Act, 2009, with the wording shown below.

"Please note that in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, any submission you make will be made available on Council's website in its entirety; including your name, address, contact number and signature. Your submission may also be reproduced in Council reports or in Court proceedings."

TEPCP's community concern about the policy adopted by Council results from a belief that their policy discourages people from making submissions. Over the past twelve months TEPCP has raised this issue many times. Personally at our meetings with the General Manager, Michael Whittaker, and the Director of Planning, Gina Vereker; in letters and emails to WSC and a continuing dialogue with Melanie Domingo, Senior Administration and Public Officer, Legal and Risk. All our efforts have failed to have Council deal with this matter. Please find attached our 7th June, 2012, unanswered letter to Council that details our concerns.

TEPCP would appreciate if you could please advise us of any action your Office is able to take with regards to this matter.

Yours Sincerely



Doug Darlington
Secretary

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