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Subject: Response to Bellingen Shire News Article – 20 November 2025

Whilst we welcome the article we wish to set the record straight. We held a public meeting in Urunga in June 2025 and shared all available information at that time. The key objectors and many of the neighbours and local residents attended this meeting. We are committed to continuing to consult with the community and immediate neighbours.

The project is still in its early stages. Yesterday Council decided to start a process to *consider* transferring the land for forever-affordable homes for locals. This now gives us something concrete to consult on. We will be required to prepare a full business case showing the community benefit as part of this process.

The Community Land Trust is a tried and tested model internationally. The Mid North Joint Organisation of Councils commissioned a Proof of Concept in 2021 which supported this approach for our region.

We have engaged qualified specialists—including an architect, ecologist and arborist—to assess what can be achieved while protecting key trees. We are also working closely with Yurruungga Aboriginal Corporation, who have completed a cultural heritage assessment.

For more information see the Example Site Scenarios on our website.

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