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Dear Secretariat,

Please see the following points for RSES consultation.

The RSES represents an important opportunity to meaningfully address climate change in the context of informing project selection and objectives that will mitigate the addition of carbon dioxide emissions and align the region with a low carbon development path.

It is important that the finalised document identifies clear, coordinating approaches towards such objectives.

This can be in terms of qualified support for early stage carbon generating projects, conditionally supportive where carbon reduction benefits are identified, perhaps with quantified targets.

In addition, where it is premature to list projects ahead of environmental assessments, the RSES should indicate a need to attain the benefits related to reducing carbon emissions from private transport and unlocking issues to inhibit walking and cycling for short distance travel.

I refer you to findings from the UK which relates settlement patterns generating further demand for car based travel.

<http://www.transportfornewhomes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/transport-for-new-homes-summary-web.pdf>

There should also be provided a framework that supports counties to identify resource allocations in water, roads, zoning etc to be reserved for rebalancing the over provision of housing verses the under provision of employment, community facilities, etc.

While gaining critical mass of population remains a typical objective of development plans, it should be ensured that there is a strong functional assessment of rates of growth and ways to balance services for communities.

Thank you for considering these points and efforts thus far in producing this policy.

Kind regards,
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