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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR MIMAROPA Region
Ermita, Manila

FROM : THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon

SUBJECT : LETTER DTD 05/19/2021 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION,
CLARIFICATION AND CLEAR-CUT TO QUESTIONS LINGERING IN
MINDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE ISLAND OF ROMBLON
(DENRCO-ASRMD-2021-015427)

DATE : 04 AUG 2021

Referred herewith is the letter, from Mr. Roberto R. Madera, addressed to DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, which pertains to the abovementioned subject.

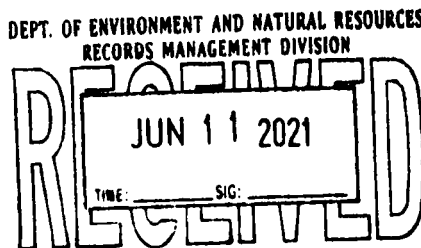
Please act on the subject matter, communicate with the concerned party, and submit to the undersigned status on the actions taken for monitoring and record purposes.


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Cc: Office of the Head Executive Assistant

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Sir/Madam:

GREETINGS!

This letter is to request for information, clarification and clear-cut answer to questions lingering in the minds of the residents of the island of Romblon and the capital of Romblon province.

Before I state the questions let me give you a brief geographical description of the island of Romblon. It is a small island with a circumferential road of only 42 km. around the island with shorelines and cliffs. From the town going to the western part some rich families have built or building houses, resorts parallel to the shoreline with high concrete walls that you cannot see anymore the beach and the sea.

My questions and I'm sure many Romblomanons as well would like to know but hesitant or afraid to ask are the following:

1. When or where is the 25 meters plus 5 meters from the highest tide set back or easement applicable?
2. Is the 25+5 meters easement applicable also to a cliff which is close to the sea. How high is the cliff to be applicable or not.
3. What would apply if the cliff or shoreline is close to the road and within the 25+5 meters.
4. When a land within the 25m + 5m rule was issued a Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC), what can the owner construct or build?
5. What is/are the exceptions to the 25m + 5m from the highest tide, if there are any?
6. If there are violations of your policy, many residents believe that its demolition must be implemented by your office because local elected officials are hesitant to demolish them for fear of election backlash.
7. We would suggest that you send inspectors incognito to verify and implement your policy then send out notices and reports to violators and to local executives and officials as well.

Your immediate action on this letter would help clarify the issues to the Romblomanons who felt deprived seeing the beautiful shoreline, rock formation, fresh air, watching the sea to relax.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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