

Council Report to NRDCAA (the Association) meeting 16th February 2015.

The report covers three meetings of Council, 25 November, December 2014 and February 2015.

The report covers main issues as determined by the CoM that could affect residents and ratepayers west of the river.

This report should not be relied upon by residents and ratepayers. Council Business Papers and Minutes of each meeting are available on the Council website.

Council Meeting, 25 November 2014.

Item 224. Proposed Amendments to Hawkesbury Development Control Plan (HDCP) 2002-Draft E Chapter 8 Redbank at North Richmond.

The NRDCAA opposed the Exhibited amended Draft Plan, on the basis of; (1) The Developer was the author of the Plan, not Council. (2) Lack of Precision, too much flexibility which can be exercised to improve Developers profitability. (3) Vagueness of Purpose, the structure and language does not reflect the title Development Control Plan (DCP). (4), Fails to deliver or modifies facilities promised in the Voluntary Planning Agreement Plan (VPA). (5) Inadequate provisions for roads, public transport, cycle ways and lack of connectivity to roads and cycle ways.

Three speakers from the Association (BI, CT and MW) expanded on the submission from the NRDCAA and others.

We were not successful with our endeavours, although Council picked up some of our suggestions.

Councillors who supported our position were Councillors, Calvert, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen and Williams, Councillors who supported the Developer were, Councillors Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Porter Reardon and Tree. Councillor Paine was absent.

Item: 228 Roads to Recovery Program 2014-2019.

An amount of \$776,587 allocated for the first year be spent on Bull Ridge Road East Kurrajong,(550m), \$285,262, Tizzana Road Ebenezer, (560m), \$285,600 and Terrace Road Freemans Reach, (442m) \$205,725.

Questions, Three questions were asked by Councillor Calvert—all on Navua, one asked by Councillor Lyons-Buckett—shipping container Bowen Mountain.

Council Meeting December 9, 2014.

Item 236: DA-Subdivision –Community Title-Browns Rd Kurrajong.

The application was referred for a site inspection.

Item 238: Planning Proposal 431 and 431A Greggs Road Kurrajong, nine lots.

Councillor in support of the developer, Councillors Creed, Ford, Porter, Reardon and Tree, Councillors against, Councillors, Conolly, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen and Williams. Councillors Calvert, Mackay and Paine were absent with approval from Council.

Council staff did not support the Planning Proposal mainly because it did not meet criteria in the Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy (HRLS) that is, distance from closet village (Kurrajong) is further than one Km radius and the difficulty that a portion of the land is greater than the allowable 15 degree slope, which acts as a constraint to development.

A rescission motion was lodged at the conclusion of the meeting by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

Item: 239 Permissibility of Rural “Secondary Dwellings” and detached dual Occupancy” in HLGA.

In short, Council will prepare a concept plan for discussion with Department of Planning.

The recommendation contains five points and if this matter interests residents and ratepayers further, we suggest read the report and recommendation in the Business Paper at pages 44-67, of the December meeting.

Item: 240, Council Section 94 Contributions Plan 2008-current review and preparation of future contributions.

In short, Council has given the tick for the review of the current plan (which the NRDCAA believe covers Pitt Town) and a new plan to cover other growth areas in the HRLS.

The resolution (number 419) covers five dot points and if this matter interests residents and ratepayers we suggest you read the recommendations in the Business Papers pages 61-67, of the December meeting.

Item: 243 Hawkesbury Horizon Project – progress and further Actions.

There is ongoing discussion within Council Staff and the consultant on a way forward.

Council have resolved to support phase two which involves a two day conference on “big ideas”, in mid February.

Invited attendees for the workshop will include will include the main community organisations from the three towns, Windsor, Richmond and North Richmond.

Item: 244, Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Management Review Taskforce.

Councillors are not unified in dredging the Hawkesbury River within the HLGA. A minority do not support the dredging of the river.

Item: 249 Effective systems for monitoring and recording meetings between developers.

The report and recommendation resolved that no change be implemented. The report and recommendation is at pages 101-103 of the Business Paper.

Comment: This is disappointing.

Questions:

Councillor Lyons-Buckett, one- update on shipping container Bowen Mountain.

Councillor Reardon, two- increases in Animal Shelter and traffic minimisation past Grose View School should the Navua Reserve bridge proceed.

Comment: It should be noted Councillor Reardon supported the developer's proposal for a river crossing at Navua.

Council Meeting February 3, 2015.

Mayoral Minute (MM).

The MM reflects the slow process of implementing the structure planning and funding models (S94 etc.) According the Council resolved *to suspend acceptance of new planning proposal under the Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy (RLS) until the key implementation actions of the RLS, in particular, structure planning and development contribution planning has been completed for the Kurrajong/Kurmond investigation area or 31 July 2015.*

A further three points are contained at resolution 2, p6 of the Council's Minutes.

This resolution goes a little way to the position of the NRDCAA, no rezoning until our current traffic congestion is addressed. The Association opposed all Planning Proposal west of the river over the last few years on that and other basis.

The report notes the Council has 13 applications for residential rezoning and two for industrial. The approximate number of residential lots from these applications is 310. Approximately 128 of these are located in Kurmond. The remainder are in Pitt Town, Richmond and Windsor.

Item: 1 Planning Proposal 35 Chapel Street Richmond.

This is a Planning Proposal for subdivision that could yield up to 58 dwellings. The Council staff recommended rejection. The application has a long history back to August 1993, according to the business papers.

Council have deferred the PP to a site inspection.

Item: 3 and 4 Richmond Lowlands, alterations and addition to a Restaurant.

These two items are connected in so far as the applicant is the same in both and the owner the same.

The business Papers advised the premises are *currently used for events and functions such as wedding receptions without the consent of Council.*

Council staff rejected the applications on the grounds that the descriptor is more like a function centre.

Following a reading of the business papers by the applicant (Friday 30th of January) the applicant made amendments to the plan to include kitchens.

On that basis Mr Owens (Director of Planning) advised Council verbally that would make the application acceptable.

The issue for the residents west of the river, particularly the Terrace Road area, is the noise that emanates when functions are held on the sites.

This matter will be taken to the Land and Environment court for conciliation later this month. Council's resolved to reject the application.

Item: 12, Revaluation of Properties within the HLGA.

The Business Paper at pages 109-127 gives a comprehensive report on the revaluations. It assist understand how the rates systems works and the effect on our rates for next period until the next revaluation. There is also at pages 119-127 the revaluation Details per suburb on what it will cost the ratepayer.

Rescission Motion Planning Proposal for 431, and 431A Greggs Road Kurrajong.

The rescission motion was lodge by Councillors, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen and Williams.

The rescission motion was lost on the casting vote of Councillor Ford, Mayor of HCC.

Councillors Calvert, Conolly, Lyons-Buckett, Paine, Rasmussen and Williams supported the rescission motion.

Councillors Creed, Ford, Mackay, Porter, Reardon and Tree opposed the rescission motion.

NM 1, Treatment and disposal of coal seam gas flow back water.

The Council resolved to request information on six points and to keep the Community advised of any changes related to the source or volume of CSG waste water coming into the HLGA. See p35 of the minutes, Tuesday 3 February 2015.

The motion was proposed by Councillors Lyons-Buckett and Rasmussen.

NM 2, Richmond Lowlands and associated activities.

The Council resolved to continue its support for the polo and associated industries on the Richmond Lowlands.

And, that all stakeholders are aware of Council's willingness to work together to resolve conflict associated with rezoning and other land uses. See p36, of the minutes, Tuesday 3 February 2015.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Tree.

Councillors Ford and Porter requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

Comment: Why would Councillor Ford and Porter vote against a motion that is endeavouring to work with residents and ratepayers?

NM 3, Mt Wilson-Mt Irvine Road—Emergency access route.

The Council rejected the motion to *work with Blue Mountains City Council, State and Federal Governments to have Mt Irvine Road established as an emergency access route.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Porter.

Questions.

Councillor Calvert two. Has council received a reply from RMS re Resolution 357 and, the ramifications for the Hawkesbury LGA re "A Plan for growing Sydney".

Councillor Paine two. Re email received regarding property in Maraylya and, requested Council to consider holding a luncheon for past Citizens of the year.

Councillor Williams three. Does Council have any further information regarding CSG water carting to the Hawkesbury LGA, request that vegetation be slashed at Bailey's Bridge, West Portland Rd, and, is Council aware of the recent algal bloom that occurred in the Hawkesbury River and if the boom is still operational at Freemans Reach.

Councillor Reardon one. Referred to the Council's Fit for the Future Submission and asked about public consultation in association with its submission to State Government.

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