



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

A CENTRE OF REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

REVISED AGENDA - LATE ITEMS

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

28 MARCH 2011

AT 7.00pm

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ITEM: 25 LATE MAYORAL MINUTE - 28/03/11 - RETIREMENT OF GERARD MARTIN**REPORT FROM: THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR NEVILLE CASTLE**

SUMMARY

As councillors would be aware Gerard Martin, the former State Member for the seat of Bathurst has now retired from NSW politics. Gerard has been a strong advocate for the people of the Lithgow area having contributed many years of his life to the people of the area. It would be most fitting for Council to publically and privately thank Gerard for his service to the community.

COMMENTARY

Gerard Martin has spent some 37 years in public life for the residents of the Lithgow Local Government Area having served on the Greater Lithgow City Council and then the Lithgow City Council from 1974 to 1999, including 16 years as Mayor thus making him the longest serving Mayor/President for Lithgow. Through his role with the councils Gerard also served on the Central West Regional Development Board as Deputy Chairman as well as being the Chairman of the Blayney Abattoir County Council.

This then lead Gerard into State politics where he has been the sitting member for the seat of Bathurst since March 1999. In addition to his role as the State Member he has also held many positions on Government Committees, including Chair and Deputy Chair for some along with holding the position of Government Whip since 2003.

During his term as the sitting member for Bathurst Gerard has supported many developments for the local area where several significant ones have been achieved including the relocation of the State Debt Recovery Office and Police Assistance Line (PAL) to the area along with the establishment of the Emirates Luxury Resort which saw a significant sum of money be invested into the local road network to support the development.

As a strong supporter for the local area Gerard was also against the electricity privatisation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of the dinner function.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Write and thank Gerard Martin for his many years of accomplished service to the people of the Lithgow Local Government Area; and
2. Hold a small dinner to thank him for his services.

ITEM: 26 REG - 28/03/11 – LATE REPORT - REQUEST FOR CONSENT - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AT BLACKMANS FLAT WASTE DEPOT**REPORT FROM: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES**

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To provide Council with information on a request from Weston Matrix Pty Ltd to lodge a 'fixed trial period' Development Application for a Mobile Road Base Blending Facility on the site of the proposed Blackmans Flat Waste Depot.

COMMENTARY

Council has received correspondence dated 9 March 2011 from Weston Matrix Pty Ltd, requesting that Lithgow City Council, as the land owner of the site proposed for the Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility, give its consent for the lodgement of a Development Application to establish a mobile road base blending facility (pug mill).

Weston Matrix Pty Ltd converts industrial by-products into road base products. The main intended raw material input streams in the Lithgow region are (1) Coal Wash Reject – by product of Centennial Coal; and (2) Fly Ash Residue – by product of Delta Electricity.

Weston Matrix, Centennial Coal & Delta Electricity are all members of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW)'s Sustainability Advantage Program and believe there is great potential to utilise the above materials for a significant reduction in the local area by product stream.

Weston Matrix currently has the opportunity to supply road base materials for two projects to trial the performance characteristics of the product, being (1) RTA – Aarons Pass; and (2) Lithgow City Council – Back Cullen Road.

The intent of the Development Application is for a fixed trial period of 6 months, which will allow the undertaking of the trials and assessment of the operation.

The two trial areas have been located with the minimisation of truck movements in the Blackmans Flat Area in mind. Furthermore, as part of the development, it may be possible to undertake the earthworks construction of the access road into the Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility site. This infrastructure could then be utilised into the future and may be helpful in activating the development consent. Any other commercial considerations, e.g. rental would need to be considered separately as would the development application itself which would also be reported to Council in accordance with Council policy. If the Council agrees, consent to lodging the application provides nothing more than allowing the development application itself to be processed.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A development application can only be lodged for a development on land if the owner of the land agrees to its lodgement. The land is classified as Operational under the provisions of the Local Government Act.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence from Weston Matrix Pty Ltd, dated 9 March 2011.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. The report on the request to provide landowners consent for a development application at Blackman's Flat be received.
2. Lithgow City Council, as the land owner, provide its consent to the lodgement of a Development Application.