



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

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REVISED AGENDA - LATE ITEMS

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

20TH JUNE 2011

AT 7.00pm

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LAND USE STRATEGY 2010-2030****REPORT FROM: THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR NEVILLE CASTLE**

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

The Draft Lithgow Land Use Strategy 2010-2030 and supporting documents have been on public exhibition between the 5th May and 16th June 2011. A series of nine open house information sessions were held at eight different locations in the Local Government Area between 16th May 2011 and 26th May 2011. A government authority/agency forum was also held on the 28th May 2011.

COMMENTARY

Having had discussions with Sherilyn Hanrahan, Land Use Strategy Officer and other staff and a number of community members I believe there is a need for an extension of time for comment on the Land Use Strategy.

Council has received considerable feedback to date and over 120 submissions. However, throughout the exhibition period Council officers and Councillors have also received feedback relating to the length of the exhibition period and the notification process undertaken.

Many landowners have expressed concern that they have had insufficient time to prepare submissions due to becoming aware of the Draft Strategy too late in the exhibition period or that the sheer complexity of the Strategy requires some time to work through.

Concern has also been expressed that there would still be many landowners that are still unaware of the exhibition, particularly rural landowners that have less access to media and internet services.

It is critical that the community is given every opportunity to comment on the Draft Strategy prior to Council further considering its adoption.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION**THAT** Council:

1. Extend the public exhibition period of the Draft Lithgow Land Use Strategy and supporting Draft Open Space and Recreational Needs Study and Heritage DCP Study for a further period until the 22nd July 2011.
2. Council notify, in writing, all rural landowners within the Local Government Area to ensure that those most affected by the key policy changes are both aware of the public exhibition and have the opportunity to comment.