

Public Hearing Report

Public Hearing into the Reclassification of Public Land through Principal LEP

as required by section 29 of the Local Govt Act 1993

On behalf of Lithgow City Council

Prepared by



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1.0 Introduction

Lithgow City Council held a Public Hearing at 6:00pm on Thursday, 29th August 2013 in the Lithgow City Council Chambers, Mort Street concerning reclassification of public lands through Principal LEP as required by Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.

This meeting was held in accordance with the requirements of Section 57 (6) & (7) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. According to Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993 a Council must arrange a public hearing under section 57 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in respect of a planning proposal under Part 3 of that Act to reclassify community land as operational land.

During a Public Hearing, the community can make either a verbal or written submission in person regarding only the reclassification of community land included in the Draft Planning Proposal.

Members of the public were asked to register their interest to attend the Public Hearing and make a submission regarding the categorisation of land. This document is intended to comprise the report of the Public Hearing.

2.0 Independent Chairperson

Under Section 47G of the Local Government Act 1993, the person presiding at a Public Hearing must not be:

- a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.*
- b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.*

In accordance with the above provisions Lithgow City Council engaged the services of Mr. Ray Christison, Managing Director, High Ground Consulting to act as a convener for this Public Hearing. Ms. Karen Luka from Lithgow City Council was in attendance to take registrations and made a brief presentation outlining the role of the Public Hearing. Sherilyn Hanrahan and Councillor Colin Hunter were also in attendance.

3.0 Public Hearing Participants

No submissions were made during the Public Hearing period.

The independent facilitator declared the meeting closed at 7:00pm.



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