

# MINUTES

## Lochinvar Reference Group Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Tenth meeting

1. **Meeting opened:** 4:10pm

**Present:**

Clr Henry Meskauskas (ClrHM)  
Alan Wells (AW)  
John Whittle (JW)  
Steve Barlow (SB)  
Josh Ford (JF)

**Apologies:**

Clr Stephen Mudd  
Leanne Harris (Group Manager – Service, Planning and Regulation)  
Monica Gibson (Manager, City Strategy)

2. **Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil.

3. **Progress of Environmental Studies**

- AW presented a partially completed draft ecological report and discussed some mapping associated with the draft report.
- AW summarised progress of the environmental studies as follows:
  - ◆ Land contamination – samples to be completed by the laboratory and a draft report to be completed within 5-6 working days.
  - ◆ Archaeology – draft archaeological report is not yet available for review.
  - ◆ Water/sewer – consultant is still on target to complete this work in the allotted timeframe, with a meeting scheduled with Hunter Water Corporation next week. Some water modelling needs to be rectified, however sewer modelling is acceptable.
- AW explained that corrections need to be made to the draft ecological assessment, including mapping.
- AW requested copies of the ecological assessment for the St Helena DA and rezoning application from Council. JF to follow up and possibly speak with consultant that was involved with that project.

- AW stated that constraints have been analysed in relation to ecological assessment, however opportunities mapping and analysis should also have been undertaken.
- AW asked JF if Council required traffic or flood studies to be submitted with the rezoning application. JF explained that Council are currently in the process of completing both traffic and flood studies for the majority of the Local Government Area and any information relating to traffic or flooding in the Lochinvar Urban Release Area would be extracted from these.
- AW stated that the expectation of submitting studies to Council by the end of January is realistic given the status and progress of studies to date, however he is awaiting information from Ian Adams who is also working on a detailed planning study for the subject rezoning.
- JF explained that the end of January was a significant deadline given that adequate time needs to be afforded to Council staff who will (i) need to review the environmental studies when they are submitted, and (ii) subsequently make a recommendation to Council via a Council report.
- Clr HM raised concerns over Lochinvar Creek and back water flooding on the southern side of the New England Highway during heavy rain and storm events.
- AW to forward studies to JF and landowners as studies are completed.

**4. General Business**

- Nil.

**5. Next meeting time**

- Next meeting to be held at 4pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 in the SP&R Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Council Administration Building.

**6. Meeting Closed: 4.45pm**