

# MINUTES

## **Lochinvar Reference Group Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Twelfth meeting**

1. **Meeting opened:** 4:07pm

**Present:**

Clr Henry Meskauskas (ClrHM)  
Clr Stephen Mudd (Clr SM)  
Alan Wells (AW)  
John Whittle (JW)  
Jim Aird (JA)  
Monica Gibson (MG)

**Apologies:**

Steve Barlow  
Clr Ken Wethered  
Leanne Harris  
Josh Ford

2. **Business arising from previous meeting**

- Amendments to minutes raised by AW. Revised minutes from 1 Feb 2010 to be distributed to Reference Group with draft minutes from 15 March 2010.

3. **Lochinvar Draft LEP and Draft Maitland LEP 2011 Timing and Status**

- MG gave an overview of Council's resolution on 23 February 2010 to endorse the draft Maitland Local Environmental Plan 2011 and submit it to the Department of Planning for their review prior to public exhibition. The Lochinvar URA and other URA were not included in the draft Maitland LEP 2011. Council resolved to progress with separate LEP amendments for URA to ensure that there is an adequate supply of zoned residential land. These amendments may be made to either the existing Maitland LEP 1993 or the future Maitland LEP 2011 depending on the timing of the rezoning. MG explained that the boundary of the Lochinvar URA was mapped in the draft Maitland LEP 2011. Clarification of Council's resolution to prepare an LEP for Lochinvar was required.
- ClrHM noted his disappointment that the Lochinvar rezoning was not included in the draft Maitland LEP 2011 as the Reference Group had been advised that it would be included and the decision to progress the with a separate LEP amendment had not been discussed with the Reference Group.
- AW suggested that the parallel Lochinvar LEP amendment would be a duplication of the process for preparing LEPs and that the potential delays in the LEP process would be internal to Council as it was now dealing with multiple LEP processes.

- JA asked if the parallel LEP process could be delayed by DoP requesting everything be included in the draft Maitland LEP 2011 or another process. **MG to request a formal response from DoP about how Lochinvar can proceed and if there are any barriers or problems and report back to the Reference Group.**
- JW asked if there was a timetable for the preparation of the Lochinvar LEP. MG advised that there was no specific timetable, but that the process was well underway.

#### **4. Review of Environmental Studies**

- MG gave a summary of the preliminary assessment undertaken on the environmental studies submitted for the Lochinvar URA. A copy of the preliminary assessment is to be provided to AW.
- AW tabled the final draft Aboriginal Heritage study for Council's assessment.
- AW noted that Council's acoustic assessment prepared to support the Lochinvar Structure Plan was flawed as it has not taken into account the impact of the Hunter Expressway to reduce vehicle movements on the New England Highway, nor the impact of the Third Rail Track proposal.
- AW explained the progress of the water and wastewater servicing strategy which is being prepared in parallel to the environmental studies and is close to being finalised.

#### **5. General Business**

- JW explained that the Way of the Cross had been removed from the Sisters of St Josephs land due to termite damage and was unlikely to be replaced. MG noted that the Structure Plan had considered this to be a significant cultural and landscape element of the Lochinvar area and that the Structure Plan may need to be reviewed in light of the permanent removal of the Way of the Cross.

#### **6. Next meeting time**

- Next meeting to be held at 4pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in a venue to be determined.

#### **7. Meeting Closed: 4.45pm**