

**ITEM NO:    15**

**SUBJECT:    PRECIS OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE, 15 JULY 2008**

**FILE NO:    F03480**

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**Recommendation:**

*That the Précis of Selected Correspondence be received and appropriate letters forwarded where necessary.*

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**1. 24 June 2008 – 2601 petitioners (Attachment 1)**

Residents from Springwood and surrounding villages from the Save Our Springwood community group opposing the introduction of any large shopping centre development in Springwood; asking Blue Mountains City Council to cease all negotiations and discussions with potential developers; to guarantee that no such development will take place; and that the Council meets with the Springwood Community to discuss upgrades to important community facilities.

**2. 26 June 2008 – 15 petitioners**

Local residents and users of Bureau Park, North Katoomba requesting that, in the interests of their safety and the safety of their children, the decision to use Bureau Park as a trial Off-Leash area be rescinded in order to fence the entire Off-Leash Area and to conduct proper community consultation.

**3. 26 June 2008 – Letter from the Hon Frank Sartor MP (Attachment 2)**

Advising the General Manager on the progress of the NSW Planning Reforms and asking for the Council's involvement in an Implementation Advisory Committee.

**4. 3 July 2008 – 88 petitioners**

Petition in support of the submission by Megalong Valley Community Association to rename the locality back to Megalong Valley and have the full name of Megalong Valley reinstated in all relevant records.

Attachment 1

24 June 2008

The General Manager  
Blue Mountains City Council  
2-6 Civic Place  
Katoomba NSW 2780

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed signatures in support of our petition.

We, the undersigned, oppose the introduction of any large shopping centre development in Springwood. We believe that such a development will damage the historical and social character of our village.

Therefore we ask the Blue Mountains City Council to cease all negotiations and discussions with potential developers and to guarantee to the Springwood Community that no such development will take place.

Further, we ask that the Council meets with the Springwood Community to discuss the process for upgrading important community facilities such as the Civic Centre and the Neighbourhood Centre.

Yours sincerely



Mr Chris Taylor  
Convenor  
SOS  
Save Our Springwood

Attachment 2



**The Hon Frank Sartor MP**

*Minister for Planning  
Minister for Redfern Waterloo  
Minister for the Arts*



FOO 861

Mr Phil Pinyon  
General Manager  
Blue Mountains City Council  
Locked Bag 1005  
KATOOMBA NSW 2780

Title No.	
Rec'd Records	26 JUN 2008 BMCC
REFER	Phil Pinyon
REMITTANCE	REC NO.

Dear Mr Pinyon

**NSW Planning Reforms**

The NSW Planning reforms have now been passed through Parliament. This is the first crucial step in delivering a better and more efficient planning system for NSW.

We are now getting on with the implementation phase to deliver on these important reforms to ensure that the benefits are delivered to the people of NSW as soon as practicable.

As part of the ongoing implementation the Government has established an Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) under section 22 of the EP&A Act to provide advice on the development of subordinate legislation, guidelines and other related matters. The Local Government and Shires Association and Local Government General Managers Association have been invited to join this group.

As with any new legislation, various elements of the new legislation will be proclaimed over the coming months once the more detailed subordinate components are finalised. The Department of Planning will keep you informed of the implementation program and staging in due course.

I would like to thank you for your valuable input into the reforms so far, and am seeking your council's assistance in the ongoing implementation of these important reforms that will deliver real benefits to the people of NSW.

Yours sincerely

**Frank Sartor**