

ITEM NO: 13

SUBJECT: PRECIS OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE, 3 MARCH 2009

FILE NO: C00680

Recommendation:

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

1. 6/03/2009 – 8 Petitioners

Affected ratepayers expressing appreciation for the Council's vigorous defence of the spirit of the LEP in the matter of the Yabba Yabba development application (attachment 1).

2. 6/03/2009 – Group Manager Community and Corporate

Response to petition received on 3 February regarding closure of Honour Ave and Benang St, Lawson (attachment 2).

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Attachment 1

PETITION

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ENTERED	
DATE	BY

Care of 188 Wentworth St,
Blackheath. 2785.
February 6th, 2009

The General Manager,
Blue Mountains City Council.
Katoomba.
Sir,

*Captain
C.M. P. P. M. Sgarbi*

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REFER	<i>C.M. P. P. M. Sgarbi</i>
REMITTANCE	REC No. <i>P Greenwood</i>

We write as affected ratepayers to express our appreciation for Council's vigorous defence of the spirit of the LEP in the matter of the Yabba Yabba application.

We were reassured by the detailed attention given by Town Planners to ameliorating noise and parking nuisance, and found the assistance given by Council Officers invaluable in explaining our concerns to the Commissioner at the hearing.

In particular, we appreciate Councillor Hamilton's support. She was always available to meet us, to advise, and to liaise with Council Officers.

Yours faithfully,

Attachment 2

16 February 2009

Office of the General Manager

Reference File: F00984



Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT Closure of Honour Ave & Benang St, Lawson

Thank you for your petition received on 3 February 2009 in which you expressed your concerns regarding the closure of Honour Ave and Benang St in Lawson.

A range of topics were discussed at the site meeting held with residents at Benang Street on 3 December 2008. The issues raised were noted by staff and whilst there is a firm belief that the street layout approved as part of the DA will deliver a very positive outcome for Lawson as explained at the meeting, some of the suggestions made have been taken on board.

Amongst the questions raised, one related to the new intersection of the realigned Benang Street and New Street, between the Blue Mountains Hotel and Heatherbrae. There was concern expressed that queues in New Street of those vehicles waiting to turn onto the Highway at the traffic signals, may at peak times block vehicles turning right (northbound) onto New Street until the Highway traffic signals turned green and cleared. It was put that such a queue could sometimes delay the free flow of left turning vehicles onto New Street. Given that the RTA will be closing Honour Avenue to left turning vehicles at the Highway, concern was expressed that this might contribute to frustrating local traffic movements particularly at peak times.

To act upon the suggestions from the community from the meeting the intersection design was examined and while it was considered that the intersection would operate satisfactorily, a small adjustment to the kerb was made to create a slip lane to minimise the probability of this delay occurring to local traffic. The adjustment would allow sufficient width for left turning vehicles to pass (on the left) while several vehicles are waiting to turn right into New Street. The works have now been undertaken by the contractor to add the slip lane to the intersection.

Please don't hesitate to contact Karin Hartog, Director, Major Projects on 4780 5787 should you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

PETER ADAMS
Group Manager, Community & Corporate
