

**ENCLOSURE – 16 JUNE 2009 BUSINESS PAPER**

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1	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Pay Biolytix a service fee and Biolytix sends Council an annual report</li> <li>• Why is Council charging a fee for doing nothing?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 1,477 premises were individually advised of the implementation of the on-site sewage fee for absorption, pump-out systems and the like. 29 submissions were received (ie. 2%). The majority of these submissions were a form letter.</li> <li>• Council's program is in response to state government legislation specifically designed to address health and environmental issues associated with the high failure rate of on-site sewage management systems, estimated to be &gt;50%.</li> <li>• Onsite sewage systems contribute to the pollution of streams and ground water and impact on the environment in a City surrounded by a World Heritage National Park. The approach is consistent with Council's Sewerage Strategy, City Strategy and addresses one of the highest priority areas for improvement identified by the Community Survey ie. Clean Creeks and Waterways.</li> <li>• In implementing the legislation the state government acknowledged that any approval / inspection program should not be subsidised by the general ratepayer who pays sewerage charges.</li> <li>• There are currently around 35,000 rateable properties in the Blue Mountains and approximately 1,600 premises will continue to have on-site effluent systems after Sydney Water has completed its connect to sewer upgrade program.</li> <li>• In 2008-2009 the fee structure was annualised for 'aerated' on-site systems. The fee was adopted and included on the rates notice and has been accepted. The proposal is to introduce an annual fee for the remaining on-site systems.</li> <li>• The fees were determined taking into account the resourcing requirements, the ability to pay and factoring in community benefit. The income received from the staged implementation of 2009-2010 fees, is estimated to achieve a 60% cost recovery ie. 40% is funded by ratepayers in consideration of the public good.</li> <li>• The annual fee of \$30 for pump-out and \$50 for absorption is charged on the rates notice ie. \$7.50 and \$12.50 per quarter respectively.</li> <li>• The proposed fee is consistent with the Council objective to increase revenue streams where legitimate and appropriate to do so.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the submissions regarding the annualised fee for on-site sewage systems, it is recommended that the 2009-2010 Fees and Charges (page 33 of the Financial Supplement) are modified as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That the advertised fee apply to all rateable properties with on-site sewage systems (note that the fee would not apply to properties currently exempt from paying rates eg. churches and the like); and</li> <li>b. That only 50% of the annual fee be charged to properties where Pensioner rebates apply; and</li> <li>c. That the implementation of the fees be staged and commence upon the lapse of the last approval to operate (where a 5-yearly fee has been charged).</li> </ol>

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2	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Not our choice to be on pump-out</li> <li>• Taking money for nothing</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
3	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Taking money for nothing</li> <li>• One last grasp at money before sewer upgrade</li> <li>• Just another tax</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
4	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage system</li> <li>• Work in progress to connect area to the sewer system to be completed late 2009 early 2010</li> <li>• Residents paid a \$60, 2 year management fee in 2008</li> <li>• The area is neglected and ignored by council except for money grabbing schemes</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
5	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• A revenue grab</li> <li>• Fee is a 100% charge increase</li> <li>• Previous inspection approved on site system until November 2010</li> <li>• Why is fee being increased and what do residents get in return?</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
6	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Pensioner in sole person household paying fee increases in all areas including rates</li> <li>• How will fee be utilised and what is benefit to property?</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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7	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Fee is 600% increase on previous \$40 five yearly inspection fee</li> <li>• No improved benefit to rate payers</li> <li>• Current primitive polluting systems should be improved if new fee charged</li> <li>• Fees should be discounted as a reward to those that confine or prevent pollutants on properties</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
8	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Annual inspections are not required</li> <li>• Council rates are exorbitant</li> <li>• Fee is a tax</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
9	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Current system installed 4 years ago, working well and inspected only once by Council representative from a distance</li> <li>• Prefer to pay \$50 for footpaths for children to access local school and area</li> <li>• Refuse to pay fee</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
10	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Advised in 2002 that on-site system was good for another 15 years</li> <li>• Unfair to pay in advance for inspection that may never happen</li> <li>• Fee is unfair for senior citizen, sole person households</li> <li>• Request rebate for seniors</li> <li>• This is a rate increase and very few services in area</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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11	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Fee very hard for pensioners trying to make ends meet</li> <li>• Has had one inspection of sewage system in 9 years</li> <li>• Substantial increase for non existent service</li> <li>• Currently no street lighting, untarred pot holed road, poor access to bus services</li> <li>• Currently no plan to improve area</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
12	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Inspection in 2007 approved system until 2012</li> <li>• Fee is unfair revenue raising as no extra services are provided for 100% fee increase</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
13	Resident	Annualised fee Resident for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Fee is a breach of previous authorisation of sewage system until 2011</li> <li>• Annualisation of fee is deceitful camouflage</li> <li>• Really a fee increase</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
14	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Unnecessary &amp; unfair charge where owners are managing onsite systems to a high standard</li> <li>• Not prepared to accept another charge</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
15	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for on-site sewage systems</li> <li>• Previously wanted to connect to reticulated sewerage system</li> <li>• Cost of council approved ditch diggers and overall cost of connection (\$15,000) prohibitive</li> <li>• Therefore Council not encouraging connection to reticulated sewerage system</li> <li>• Would consider fee when Council encouragement to connect to reticulated sewerage system improves and current approval runs out (2013)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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16	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for on-site sewage systems</li> <li>• On-site system inspected once since 1988</li> <li>• Council and State Government are not serious about addressing health and environmental issues of onsite sewerage systems as properties in the area will not be connected due to disgraceful decision by others</li> <li>• Using fee for education initiatives is revenue raising. Council serious about encouraging connection it would be mandatory</li> <li>• Fee is a tax to assist Council financial difficulties due to mismanagement</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
17	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for on-site sewage systems</li> <li>• Have an approval for the operation of septic system</li> <li>• The suggested annual fee is far in excess of what the State government originally recommended and tantamount to an annual licence fee which Councils are not permitted to issue</li> <li>• Will refuse to pay</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
18	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems for services which may not be rendered</li> <li>• Septic system has been inspected once</li> <li>• Ratepayers with faulty septic systems should pay for repairs not other ratepayers with septic systems that work well</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
19	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• The fee is a rise by 100%</li> <li>• Septic is the only option for Bell</li> <li>• Inspectors need to be re-trained in their jobs</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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20	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Currently no guarantee of regular inspections - an inspection timetable should be provided</li> <li>• Fee is a rip-off</li> <li>• Fee should only be charged at time of inspection</li> <li>• History of fees being charged and services not carried out</li> </ul> <p><b>Form letter to Mayor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council misleading and deceptive in disguising unjustifiable fee increase as "Annualising" the previous fee per 5 year period</li> <li>• Councillors not complying with high ethical standards</li> <li>• Councillors not insisting on proper financial management and moderation in imposing ratepayer fees</li> <li>• Councillors failed to represent interests of all residents in regard to this issue</li> </ul> <p><b>Form letter to Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object to lack of candour and completeness</li> <li>• Pump-out systems will have increased by 250% and absorption systems by 417% since Council Statement of Revenue Policy, 2006-2007(p53)</li> <li>• Increases are in excess of CPI over the same periods</li> <li>• Unjustifiable current fee increases for selected minority of ratepayers</li> <li>• Contradictions between letter of 8 April and Council Statements of Revenue Policy</li> <li>• Vagaries regarding GST charged for on-site sewerage systems by Council in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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22	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Form letter to Mayor - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> <li>• Form letter to Council - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
23	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems x 2</li> <li>• How do Council's set fees for on-site systems inspections?</li> <li>• Community had no knowledge of changes to "annualised fees and charges for on-site sewerage systems" at Council meetings since 20/7/1999</li> <li>• Historically inspections have been unsatisfactory, polluting systems have not been identified</li> <li>• Maintaining and renewing on-site sewerage systems is a high cost for property owners</li> <li>• Letter attached regarding historical dealings Council concerning on-site sewerage system polluting their neighbouring property</li> <li>• Also sent a Form letter to Council - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
24	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Form letter to Mayor - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> <li>• Form letter to Council - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).

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26	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for onsite sewage systems</li> <li>• Forced to use pump-out and now have to pay charges</li> <li>• Will refuse to pay until Heather Glen is put onto the sewer</li> <li>• Also sent a Form letter to Council - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
27	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annualised fee for on-site sewage systems</li> <li>• Form letter to Mayor - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8) Form letter to Council - as summarised above (Submission no. 20, page 8)</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
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30	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Operates non-commercial kitchen at the Argyll Bed and Breakfast</li> <li>• Most small B&amp;Bs are suffering in the current economic climate</li> <li>• A reasonable fee of \$50 could be charged where only 1 person operates the kitchen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 400 food premises were individually notified with ten submissions received (ie. 2.5%), mostly from Bed &amp; Breakfast (B&amp;B) operators.</li> <li>• The fee structure adopts the framework of the Food Regulation, namely an annual administrative charge and a separate fee for inspections. The recommended fees are generally less than those that would be charged by the Food Authority.</li> <li>• Low risk premises (ie. those categorised as P3) eg. service stations, bottle shops, green grocers etc. should be subject to a reduced administrative fee and this is recommended.</li> <li>• It is also acknowledged that B&amp;B's are involved in limited food preparation activities when compared to other premises within the medium risk category. Accordingly, it is recommended that a reduced administrative fee with a low risk inspection fee be charged to B&amp;Bs which engage in food preparation.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the food premise fee submissions, it is recommended that the 2009-2010 Fees and Charges (page 31 of the Financial Supplement) are modified as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. B&amp;Bs with pre-packaged food be categorised as P4 (ie. inspected on incident only) ie. no fees unless inspected subject to complaint.</li> <li>b. The administrative fee for B&amp;Bs involved in food preparation be reduced to \$100 and that a low risk inspection fee apply ie. \$70.</li> <li>c. The administrative fee charged to low risk premises (ie. P3) be reduced from \$250 per annum to \$100 per annum.</li> <li>d. Routine inspection fees not apply to food businesses that operate for the sole purpose of raising funds for a community or charitable cause.</li> </ol>

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31	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• As a small owner operated business finding it difficult to pay all the increasing bills</li> <li>• New and increasing fees will force many of the small B&amp;Bs out of business and will erode tourism</li> <li>• No justification in the fees being re-introduced and at such a massive jump in cost</li> <li>• Would like to see the fee reduced significantly at the lower end especially for the administration fee</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
32	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Council taxing small business in time of recession</li> <li>• \$250 is maximum charge allowable under cl 183 Food Regulations Guidelines</li> <li>• Requests lower fairer fee for smaller businesses</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
33	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• What will we get for this fee?</li> <li>• Explanation requested for 180% fee increase since last year</li> <li>• Fee unfair and difficult in time of financial downturn, Council unsupportive of small business</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).

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34	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Fee increase of over 300% but no extra work proposed</li> <li>• What is justification of increase considering inflation is 3.5%</li> <li>• Currently Tourism industry undergoing biggest contraction in 30 years</li> <li>• Fee increase will come out of personal income as tariffs cannot be increased to recoup fees</li> <li>• Third fee introduced for Accommodation Operators in past 2 years</li> <li>• Fee "Double Dipping" as Land Rates provide income for administration to the Local Council Area</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
35	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• How can the increase be justified?</li> <li>• How will it make food safer for the public?</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
36	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Fee plus \$70 inspection fee for sole traders is prohibitive and opportunistic</li> <li>• What service will Council provide for the fee?</li> <li>• Fee applied to businesses where food is supplied and guests self cater</li> <li>• Fee not capturing unregistered "holiday lets" and therefore discriminates against legitimate business</li> <li>• Unsupportive of legitimate operators and supporting unlicensed operators</li> </ul>	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 30 above (page 10).

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37	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection by Bed &amp; Breakfast establishments to the new proposed fee structure for food businesses</li> <li>• Refers to Council letter 2001, regarding Council decision not to continue routine annual inspection of all B&amp;B's because of their excellent condition and council staff and operators financial resources would be better utilised elsewhere</li> <li>• Why are inspections being re-introduced?</li> <li>• What is the justification for \$250 plus inspection (\$70 - \$140) charge in a small premises?</li> <li>• Council unhelpful in difficult economic environment</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
38	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Given current economic climate faced with significant downturn in business and serious increases in expenses of running a business</li> <li>• Proposed expenses exorbitant for the 10 minute inspection</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).
39	Business	Proposed Administration fees for food premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection to annual administration fee for food premises</li> <li>• Very small business, what we will gain by paying this fee? What is this fee for?</li> <li>• Why the enormous increase?</li> <li>• During this time of economic downturn struggling to survive difficult trading conditions</li> </ul>	Refer to ' <i>Council Comment</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 30 above (page 10).

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40	Bullaburra Township Committee	Capital Works Requests – Bullaburra Various	<p>Request Capital Works Funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commuter Carpark and childrens playground in Railway Parade, North Bullaburra</li> <li>• The Service Road from Genevieve Road Bullaburra to Ridge Street Lawson</li> <li>• - The road bridge over the projected upgrade of the Great Western Highway between North and South Bullaburra</li> </ul>	<p>All three projects are currently under investigation as part of the REF (Review of Environmental Factors) for the two upgrade projects for the Great Western Highway through Bullaburra. Negotiations are currently underway with the RTA and as such it is appropriate to allow this process to conclude prior to any decision on these requests. The Council sees the provision of road bridges over the Great Western Highway as a state government responsibility with the Council having an advocacy role. The Bullaburra Township Committee have made direct representation to the RTA and to the Minister’s Office on these issues.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.</p> <p>No further action proposed.</p>
41	Valley Heights Progress Association	Benoit Park	<p>Request for Benoit Park project to be included in the 2009-2010 Capital Works Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would provide equity and recreational facilities for all those residents on the southern side of Valley Heights</li> <li>• Estimated cost \$56,500</li> <li>• Keen to make application for grants but needs to be included in the 2009-2010 Management Plan</li> </ul>	<p>There is no current funding allocation for Benoit Park in the 2009-2013 Capital Works Program. \$100,000 is allocated for South Warrimoo Park. The Plan of Management for Benoit Park is substantially complete and may be adopted in Quarter 1 of the 2009-2010 financial year, therefore construction of facilities for Benoit Park is achievable in 2009-2010, subject to available funding.</p> <p>An allocation of \$50,000 each to Benoit Park and to South Warrimoo Park in the 2009-2010 Management Plan can be made, allowing each location to have the major development occur as stage one. Further funding allocations will be considered for additional works, as required, for the 2010-2011 period.</p>	<p>It is recommended that an amendment to 2009-2013 Capital Works Program be made (page 100 of the Financial Supplement) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include Benoit Park with a budget of \$50,000</li> <li>• Reduce South Warrimoo Park budget from \$100,000 to \$50,000.</li> </ul>
42	Chairman, Village’s Strata Title Executive Committee	Request for Bus Shelter, Lalor Drive Springwood (for Over-55s Village)	<p>Request for Bus Shelter outside the Waratah Over-55s Village, Lalor Drive, Springwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents of 40 Villas in Village rely on bus service to access services, Springwood and Other areas</li> <li>• Need Bus Shelter to protect residents including elderly and disabled from weather</li> <li>• 40 villagers contribute to Council minimum residential K rate for infrastructure in Springwood but do not have a Bus Shelter</li> <li>• Comparable villages have bus shelter, request disadvantage be corrected as soon as possible</li> </ul>	<p>No funding has been allocated to bus shelters in the 2009-2013 Capital Works Program due to higher priority projects.</p> <p>This location is included on the Council’s list for potential new bus shelters and has been assessed as a high priority. Should future Capital Works Program funding be available for bus shelter construction, this location will be considered in addition to other locations of similar priority.</p> <p>The approximate cost to construct a bus shelter is \$15,000. Bus shelters cost approximately \$2,000 each to maintain on an annual basis.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.</p> <p>Should future Capital Works Program funding be available for bus shelter construction, this location will be considered as a high priority.</p>

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43	Resident	Kids Kingdom Fees	<p>Request for reconsideration of prohibitive fees for Kids Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A flexible fee structure so that the cost is lower at low usage times</li> <li>• A discount for playgroups</li> <li>• A loyalty card</li> </ul>	<p>The Kids Kingdom fees have been reviewed and a number of flexible pricing options are recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Morning - Free Entry: The introduction of a Free for Mums and Dads morning each Tuesday morning during school terms. This would reduce the cost by \$4.40 per adult. This would provide an option for those who are concerned by the parent entry fee.</li> <li>• After School Special: The introduction of an After School Special Entry price of \$5.50, would encourage after school visits during school terms.</li> <li>• A discount for playgroups: It is recommended that the advertised 10 visit pass price of \$68.00 be reduced to \$64.00 and that the group entry price be equivalent to the bulk purchase amount of \$6.40 per child.</li> <li>• A loyalty Card: It is recommended that the advertised 10 visit pass price of \$68.00 be reduced to \$64.00. This price is equivalent to 8 casual visits and will enable the fair implementation of a 5th Visit free option for those who are unable to afford the \$64.00 up front.</li> </ul>	<p>It is recommended that an amendment to the 2009-2010 Fees and Charges schedule be made (page 73 of the Financial Supplement) to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The introduction of a 'Free Entry for Mums and Dads' morning each Tuesday morning during school terms</li> <li>• The introduction of an After School Special Entry price of \$5.50</li> <li>• The advertised 10 visit pass price of \$68.00 be reduced to \$64.00</li> <li>• Implementation of a 5th visit free option</li> </ul>

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44	Council Timor Leste Friendship Committee	Increased funding for Council (Hatu Bulico) Timor Leste Friendship Committee	<p>Submission for an increase in funding for Council (Hatu Bulico) Timor Leste Friendship Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee is a formal Committee of the Council</li> <li>• Requests an increase funding of \$12,500</li> <li>• Funding should be sourced from Councils General Funds</li> <li>• Funding is required for project initiation and implementation and secretarial backup (\$2,500) based on the following projections: Solar Panel (\$US4,500), Water tanks (\$US1,884), Ongoing environmental regeneration of the remaining villages (\$US700), Scholarships for students (\$US1,680), Beba's retainer (\$US500)</li> </ul> <p><i>A number of attachments to the submission were received:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>BM East Timor Friendship Committee Draft Terms of Reference</i></li> <li>2) <i>Friendship Agreement</i></li> <li>3) <i>Draft Report - BM - Hatu Bulico Friendship Committee Mayoral Delegation 2007</i></li> <li>4) <i>BMCC Hatu Bulico Friendship Project Strategic Plan 2008</i></li> <li>5) <i>Report to the Hatu Bulico Friendship Committee on the VLGA Timor-Leste Australia Friendship Conference, Dili, June 2008</i></li> <li>6) <i>Timor-Leste Working Group Update April 2009</i></li> <li>7) <i>Hatu Bulico Committee Proposal to Council Committee of Blue Mountains</i></li> </ol>	<p>The establishment of the Friendship Committee was endorsed by the Council as resolved at the 25 January 2005 Council meeting. The current 2008-2009 budget for the Committee is \$2,800 for operational costs and \$3,120 for employment costs = \$5,920. The current draft 2009-2010 budget is \$2,828 for operational costs.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Committee receive equivalent funding to the Sister Cities Committee. The 2009-2010 budget for the Sister Cities Committee is \$14,746. Therefore it is recommended that the Timor Leste Friendship Committee budget for 2009-2010 be increased by \$11,918.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the 2009-2010 budget for the Timor Leste Friendship Committee be increased from \$2,828 to \$11,400 (ie. receive additional funding of \$8,572 equivalent to the Sister Cities Committee). The additional budget will be identified as part of the 2009-2010 Quarter 1 budget review.</p>

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45	Resident	Financial Matters	<p>Offer the following suggestions to respond to the financial challenges confronting the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff reduction after conversion to standard LEP</li> <li>• Rates should be collected fairly</li> <li>• Not undertaking community consultation when it does not decide the outcome of a matter</li> <li>• Trimming other expenses such as Bang the Table, Bike Safe Program</li> </ul>	<p>The suggestion for financial savings are noted. With the ongoing financial challenges being faced by the Council, the Council continues to focus on strategies to reduce expenditure and increase revenue. The following comments are made in relation to specific matters raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings from conversion of LEP to the standard template - The conversion of the LEP to the standard template will result in significant costs to the Council. Workload implications resulting from these changes are not known at this stage. The Council's staffing levels are constantly monitored and adjusted to workload demands.</li> <li>• Rates - The Council has prepared its rating structure consistent with the Department of Local Government's (DLG's) advice. Inherent in Council's approach is the intent to balance the principles of 'Access to Services' and 'Ability to Pay' as referred to in the DLG's "<i>Council Rating and Revenue Raising Manual</i>".</li> <li>• Consultation - As part of its civic leadership role, the Council is committed to engaging the community on issues that affect them. The type and level of consultation may vary between activities and projects and the level of consultation may be more intense and detailed depending on the needs of particular groups or a community within the Mountains. Whilst not all 'consultation' has a direct bearing on the decisions that are made by the Council, the consultation process is an important process that helps identify needs and issues and involves the community in discussion and debate.</li> </ul>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.</p> <p>No further action proposed.</p>
46	Resident	Various	<p>46.1 Springwood Town Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for further detail on the task of reviewing the "Masterplan" for Springwood Town Centre</li> </ul>	<p>46.1 Given the current status of the Springwood Town Centre project, a detailed description of the work to be undertaken during 2009-2010 is not able to be provided at this time. This will be the subject of numerous Council reports over the coming year, with comprehensive media and community engagement. The Council is committed to meaningful and ongoing community engagement throughout the development of the program. More detailed Information about the Springwood Town Centre project is provided on the Council's website at <a href="http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/sustainableliving/majorprojects/springwoodtowncentre">www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/sustainableliving/majorprojects/springwoodtowncentre</a></p>	<p>It is recommended that the wording for the 2009-2010 Springwood Town Centre Project (page 28 of the Management Plan) be changed to:  <i>"Respond to and action as appropriate the Council's decisions on the Springwood Town Centre."</i></p>

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46 cont	Resident	Various	<p>46.2 Park for Hawkesbury Heights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children do not have a safe place to congregate</li> </ul>	<p>46.2 Hawkesbury Heights is noted as not having a local park. There is a parcel of bushland zoned for recreation – so in principle a park is a possibility. However, a review of the land in this area may determine it to be unsuitable for use as a park. For a park to occur the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a preliminary review the suitability of the recreation land for a park,</li> <li>• if suitable, a plan of management for that land is required, and</li> <li>• once a plan of management is developed, then funding for both development and maintenance needs to be identified.</li> </ul> <p>Funding for this project has not been identified as a priority within the 2009-2010 Management Plan, however preliminary investigations can be commenced in 2009-2010 to determine the feasibility of a local park within the Hawkesbury Heights area.</p> <p><i>Note: This issue is the subject of a Notice of Motion of 5/5/09. It was resolved "that a report come back to Council investigating the possibility of a park being created in Hawkesbury Heights. Specifically, whether Council has any land in Hawkesbury Heights that could be used for this purpose." This report is scheduled for 28 July.</i></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.</p> <p>Preliminary investigations to be commenced in 2009-2010 to determine the feasibility of a local park at Hawkesbury Heights in the context of strategic City-wide needs, (and in response to the Council resolution of 5/5/09).</p>
			<p>46.3 Requests for off-road cycleway linking Winmalee and Hawkesbury Heights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends stage 1 - provide usable unsealed path and Stage 2 - seal the routes</li> <li>• Currently no bus service and 80km per hour speed limit plus standard of road verges hazardous for cyclists</li> <li>• Cycleway would serve locals and youth hostel visitors</li> </ul>	<p>46.3 The Blue Mountains Bike Plan was adopted in January 2009. The Winmalee-Hawkesbury Heights route is scheduled as I6B (Extension East). This has been assessed as a low priority and is not in the 2009-2013 Capital Works Plan. The estimated cost for constructing this cycle route is \$563,440.</p> <p>The Council does not construct unsealed footpaths as they would result in erosion and maintenance issues.</p> <p><i>Note: This issue of a bus service is the subject of a Notice of Motion of 5/5/09. It was resolved "that Council receive a brief report on contact with the Pearce Bus Company on establishing a bus service for residents in Hawkesbury Heights at the 26 May Council meeting." At the time of preparing this report, the outcomes of this report were not known.</i></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.</p> <p>No further action proposed.</p>

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47	Mountains Youth Services Team	Youth Facilities	<p>Youth Facilities in the Lower Mountains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend Draft Plan to include Council Decision of 24 March to actively search for a suitable location for MYST to provide youth services in Springwood or Blaxland</li> </ul> <p>Youth Facilities in the Mid Mountains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend draft Plan to clearly identify Council's commitment to provide a youth facility in the Mid Mountains</li> </ul> <p>Katoomba Skate Park site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend the Draft Plan by including a statement that site selection for a new Katoomba Skate Park will occur in 2009-2010</li> </ul>	<p>The Community Plan 2007 has as a key Action Area for Council, "to investigate options for co-location and external funding of a range of City Wide and area focused youth services in the Mid Mountains." In addition the Community Plan identifies as a key Action Areas for all stakeholders: "provide a facility for youth services in the Mid Mountains."</p> <p>Given the review of provision of Youth Services by the Mountains Youth Services Team particularly in the Lower Mountains and the premises requirements of the Mid Mountains Youth Centre, the following is recommended to be included in the Management Plan, "That the Council continues to work with the Mountains Youth Services Team, the Mid Mountains Youth Centre, other key local Youth Services and stakeholders, and relevant Commonwealth and State Government Departments to investigate options for the provision of suitable premises for the delivery of youth services in the Blue Mountains."</p> <p>Investigations into an alternate location for Katoomba Skate Park are planned for 2009-2010. As the selection of a suitable site involves many factors and issues, selection of a final alternate site for Katoomba Skate Park cannot be guaranteed at this time.</p>	<p>It is recommended that an amendment to the 2009-2010 Management (page 42) be made as follows: Inclusion of the Community Development project: <i>"Council to continue to work with the Mountains Youth Services Team, the Mid Mountains Youth Centre, other key local Youth Services and stakeholders and relevant Commonwealth and State Government Departments to investigate options for the provision of suitable premises for the delivery of youth services in the Blue Mountains."</i></p> <p>It is recommended that an amendment to the 2009-2010 Management (page 43) be made as follows: Inclusion of the Sport and Recreation project: <i>"Undertake an investigation for alternate site for Katoomba Skate Park (noting that that selection of a suitable alternate site cannot be guaranteed)."</i></p>

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48	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various	<p><b>48.1 Sustainability and Climate Change</b></p> <p>48.1.1 That Council switch to 100% Green Power.</p> <p>48.1.2 That Council implement sustainability audits.</p> <p>48.1.3 That Council develop joint strategies with community sector to combat excessive resource usage and continued Council educational initiatives on sustainable living practices.</p> <p>48.1.4 That Council continue educational initiatives for sustainable living practices</p> <p>48.1.5 That Council introduces Brown Bins for households and businesses</p>	<p>48.1</p> <p>48.1.1 Green Power: In December 2007 the Council resolved to purchase 10% accredited Green Power for its large energy using sites. At this stage, in the Council's energy and greenhouse program, the increased greenhouse abatement that could be achieved through purchasing greater than 10% Green Power would not be justified by the associated additional cost. The extra funds needed to purchase Green Power greater than 10% will instead be applied to projects to decrease energy consumption, delivering the same level of greenhouse abatement, as well as energy cost savings. These cost savings could be reinvested into other energy reduction programs, or diverted to the purchase of Green Power at a later stage. This combined approach demonstrates that the Council is willing to work to reduce consumption as well as off-set emissions. After this initial two year period a review will be undertaken and a further report will go to the Council to make recommendations on the way forward.</p> <p>48.1. 2 Sustainability Audits: Council has had an independent energy audit of six of its highest energy using buildings and 14 other buildings housing community and childcare services. Recommendations from that initial audit are being implemented via the Council's Energy and Water Strategy 2007-2010. The recommendations for the community and childcare buildings are the subject of a recent grant application made to the NSW Government. It is expected that successful applications will be informed by August 2009.</p> <p>48.1.3 Joint Community Strategies and Educational Initiatives: The Council will continue to work with the community in delivering a range of sustainability programs and resources. The Council has recently submitted an application to the NSW Government for funding to implement recommendations made in sustainability audits of 14 buildings occupied by community and childcare services. if this approach is successful an extensive community education campaign will accompany it. Further, the Council in 2008-2009 has undertaken 100 free of charge home sustainability assessments to residents, providing each participating household with a personalised action plan. Other joint initiatives that address the use of resources are currently being developed in conjunction with the community services sector.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in this submission.</p> <p>The Council will continue to implement sustainability and climate change initiatives.</p>

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48 cont	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various		<p>48.1.4 This is a core activity of the Waste Minimisation Program which focuses on promoting and encouraging sustainable living practices via activities such as the programmed Earth Works courses, visits to primary schools, fact sheets, pamphlets, advertisements, competitions, events such as Waste2Art, attendance at community events and festivals and maintaining up to date information on Council's websites. The primary focus for 2009-2010 will be waste avoidance and the introduction of the concept "PRECYCLING."</p> <p>48.1.5 Brown Bins (organic waste collection) - The Council's Total Waste Management Strategy is underpinned by the principle that individuals are responsible for their own waste management decisions, including the cost of incorrect or un-sustainable decisions. The current kerbside chipping program was developed to assist residents to manage their greenwaste and to deal with material that was too large to compost. The Council is investigating the management (including the possible collection) of organic waste. Unfortunately there are no sites currently available in the Blue Mountains that would be suitable for the large-scale processing of organic waste. Furthermore, the volumes available would not be adequate to develop a sustainable and cost effective facility at this time.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in this submission.</p> <p>The Council will continue to implement sustainability and climate change initiatives.</p>

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48 cont	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various	<p>48.2 Affordable Housing</p> <p>48.2.1 That Council commit resources to a Blue Mountains Affordable Housing Plan with dedicated Council officer time and resources to further the work of the Working Party.</p> <p>48.2.2 That Council contributes to meeting the need of emergency accommodation options in the Blue Mountains</p>	<p>48.2</p> <p>48.2.1 Council is unable to implement this request but is committed to supporting and advocating for affordable housing in the City.</p> <p>Direct provision of affordable housing is a State rather than Local Government function. Local Government has a role in advocating and facilitating provision of affordable housing. The Council is already committed to doing this through appropriate planning provisions and advocacy processes – particularly given that encouraging provision of affordable housing is a Priority Action Area of the Blue Mountains City Vision. The need to support provision of increased affordable housing will be taken into consideration in the LEP review process. The 2007 Community Plan (adopted by Council Minute No. 141 at Ordinary Meeting of 5 June 2007) outlines the following action to be undertaken by Council over 2007-2012: 1) advocate for provision of additional low cost housing options in the Blue Mountains; 2) ensure that current planning instruments result in provision of appropriate and adaptable housing for the frail aged and people with disabilities; and 3) advocate for additional crisis accommodation for women and men. There is no separate BM Affordable Housing Plan and Council is not planning to develop such a plan. Previously there was a Blue Mountains Affordable Housing Working Party. This Working Party, initiated by the community sector, has not been active over the past 2 years and is no longer being facilitated by Council.</p> <p>48.2.2 The Council does not have a role in the direct provision of housing options. However, the Council will continue to work with key stakeholder organisations and networks to advocate for improved levels of emergency accommodation.</p> <p><i>Note: The selling of vacant Council blocks to NSW Department Of Housing is the subject of a Notice of Motion of 14/4/09. It was resolved:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a report comes to Council that identifies Council owned vacant blocks by location and appropriate zoning that may be sold to the NSW Department of Housing. Further, that the report details the market value of the identified vacant blocks;</li> <li>2. That Council indicates the individual blocks are for the provision of community housing; and</li> <li>3. That Council states a preference for the model to comprise individual houses within established communities and that any clusters of community homes are to be avoided.</li> </ol>	<p>It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in the submission.</p> <p>No further action proposed.</p>

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48 cont	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various	<p>48.3 Youth Issues</p> <p>48.3.1 That Council identifies and provides adequate youth facilities for organisations providing youth services in the Blue Mountains</p> <p>48.3.2 That Council selects a new site for the Katoomba Skate Park in 2009-2010</p> <p>48.3.3 That Council engages with BM Youth Services Network and other relevant community stakeholders when making decisions on youth issues</p>	<p>48.3 Given the review of provision of Youth Services by the Mountains Youth Services Team particularly in the Lower Mountains and the premises requirements of the Mid Mountains Youth Centre the following is recommended to be included in the Management Plan: "That the Council continues to work with the Mountains Youth Services Team, the Mid Mountains Youth Centre, other key local Youth Services and stakeholders, and relevant Commonwealth and State Government Departments to investigate options and funding opportunities for the provision of suitable premises for the delivery of Youth Services in the Blue Mountains."</p> <p>The current Katoomba Skate Park is located in the highway easement (managed by the RTA). Investigations into an alternate location for Katoomba Skate Park are planned for 2009-2010. As the selection of a suitable site involves many factors and issues, selection of a final alternate site for Katoomba Skate Park cannot be guaranteed at this time.</p>	Refer to ' <i>Recommended Action to be Taken</i> ' for Item No 47 above (page 20).

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48 cont	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various	<p>48.4 Lawson Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>48.4.1 That Council look at Lawson as an opportunity for a 21st century town with family friendly spaces.</p> <p>48.4.2 That Council implement recommendations of the Mid Mountains Community Facilities Study 2000.</p> <p>48.4.3 That Council facilitate community and cultural development in Lawson and provide funds to support the 2009 Lawson Festival and other activities.</p> <p>48.4.4 That Council engages closely with community stakeholders in determining the future use of the Old Mechanics Institute</p> <p>48.4.5 That Council consider all land usage in the whole of Lawson / Mid Mountains when considering options for Former Lawson Golf Course.</p> <p>48.4.6 That Council evaluate lessons learnt in Lawson and apply to Springwood Town Centre project and Cultural Centre development.</p> <p>48.4.7 That Council prioritises the Mid Mountains Youth Centre premises.</p> <p>48.4.8 That Council indicates ongoing commitment to continue lease arrangements with community services in Council buildings.</p>	<p>48.4 The Council notes the comments on the Lawson Town Centre redevelopment.</p> <p>48.4.1 The Council is committed to supporting collaborative strategies that progress the Blue Mountains as a “Child Friendly City”. This commitment is outlined in the 2007 Blue Mountains Community Plan. Recent initiatives by Council include the provision of advice into deliberations regarding the Lawson town centre and Lawson community facilities that focused on built environment features that are safe and welcoming to children, and those that assist parents to perform their care giving role.</p> <p>48.4.2 The Mid Mountains Facilities Study 2002 was based on strong community consultation and provides groundwork for the future provision of community facilities in Lawson. The Council is currently conducting a review of community services and facility needs in Lawson and the Mid Mountains with the view to consolidate a Community Services Hub in Lawson. This work will build on and update the Mid Mountains Community Facility Study 2002.</p> <p>48.4.3 As in previous years the Council intends to support the Lawson Festival.</p> <p>48.4.4 The Council will engage with community stakeholders in determining the future use of the Lawson Community Hall (Mechanics Institute). The Council is currently establishing a community advisory committee.</p> <p>48.4.5 The Former Lawson Golf Course site will be appraised in the full context of the mid-mountains.</p> <p>48.4.6 The Council appraises project delivery on a continual basis, seeking to improve process and practice through review noting the unique circumstances that apply for different projects.</p> <p>48.4.7 Integrated service planning and delivery provides the best possible outcomes for vulnerable young people. The Council will continue to work with the Mountains Youth Services Team, the Mid Mountains Youth Centre, other key local Youth Services and stakeholders, and relevant Commonwealth and State Government Departments to investigate options and identify solutions for the provision of suitable premises for the delivery of youth services in the Blue Mountains.</p> <p>48.4.8 The Council intends to continue making community facilities available in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the Community Buildings Policy. This policy is adopted by the Council. It requires a review of occupation agreements with all occupants of Council community facilities within six months of the local government elections. The policy clearly articulates the conditions under which occupation is renewed for a further 4 year period. These occupancy agreements are licences, not leases.</p>	It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in the submission.

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48 cont	Blue Mountains Community Interagency	Various	<p>48.5 Moving Around</p> <p>48.5.1 That Council investigates the viability of the 10 key sustainable transport issues identified by the BM Sustainable Transport Alliance.</p> <p>48.5.2 That Council completes a review of the Citywide Parking Policy and consults with stakeholders on urgent parking needs.</p>	<p>48.5</p> <p>48.5.1 The Blue Mountains Sustainable Transport Alliance Key Issues being addressed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike Plan (the Blue Mountains Bikeplan 2020 was adopted in January 2009), Rail Trail and associated shared paths (feasibility study of the upper mountains Rail Trail has been commissioned).</li> <li>• Pedestrian Access - through the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan and Bike Plan 2020</li> <li>• A number of items are addressed through the Council's active participation in the BM Integrated Transport Forum, which is convened and supported by Council officers.</li> </ul> <p>48.5.2 The Council recognises the value of a Citywide Parking Policy however, this project is not able to be resourced.</p>	It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in the submission.
			<p>48.6 Access and Equity</p> <p>48.6.1 That Council commit more funding towards identifying and implementing Access and Equity strategies</p> <p>48.6.2 That Council does not take complying with standards as a goal but as an absolute minimum</p> <p>48.6.3 That Council considers the viability of a new position for a Council Multicultural Access Worker.</p> <p>48.6.4 That Council continues convening the Access and Equity Committee with community representation.</p> <p>48.6.5 That Council continues the cultural awareness training.</p> <p>48.6.6 That Council include Cultural Competency training in its training programs for all staff</p>	<p>48.6</p> <p>It is recognised that the Council has a leadership role in Council's major developments relating to access provisions. The Council is not considering the employment of a "Multi Cultural Access Worker" however, the Council will continue to support Multi Cultural issues within current resources. The Council will continue to resource the Access and Equity Working Group and involve community representatives to improve the Council's awareness and responsiveness in regard to Access and Equity issues. This will include staff training in Cultural Awareness.</p>	It is recommended that the Council notes the issues raised in the submission.

### Summary of Public Submissions on the Draft 2009-2010 Management Plan

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49	Bang the Table	New footpath, Sinclair Crescent Wentworth Falls	Request for footpath, Sinclair Crescent Wentworth Falls <i>(this request was received via Bang the Table)</i>	The full length of Sinclair Crescent has been assessed for future footpath / cycleway construction, however this location scored an average of 38 out of a possible 210, which resulted in this section receiving a low priority. The possibility of constructing a shared path along the full length of Sinclair Crescent will be considered in any future upgrade of roadway sections. Funding is currently not allocated for new construction of this scale, with a cost estimate of approximately \$450,000 for the requested section from the recreation reserve at the Lake to the intersection of Great Western Highway and Sinclair Crescent.	It is recommended that the Council notes the submission.  It is also recommended that the Council receive a report during 2009-2010, providing further information on this footpath regarding public safety issues, usage levels and costs particularly associated with construction of the section from Canberra Street to Wentworth Falls Lake.
50	Resident	Annualised fee for on-site sewage systems <i>(Late Submission)</i>	Objection to annualised fee for on-site sewage systems - Should not be advised to pump-out unless absolutely necessary to do so - Form letter to Council - as summarised above	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 1 above (page 2).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 1 above (page 2).
51	Resident	Kids Kingdom Fees <i>(Late Submission)</i>	Objection to high Kid's Kingdom Entry Fees (plus petition with 204 signatories) - Consider modifying fess for Kids Kingdom to make them more affordable to families - Costs \$19.80 to visit Kids Kingdom with 2 small children that tire after only 1 hour - Lower socio-economic area with no family discounts - Playgroup of 30 denied group discount only to find out that one applied - Reduce entry fee to \$3 to \$4 per child - Expand the shop and recoup fees on coffee and snacks	Refer to 'Council Comment' for Item No 43 above (page 15).	Refer to 'Recommended Action to be Taken' for Item No 43 above (page 15).