

**ITEM NO: 14**

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS ON LESLIE STREET, WINMALEE**

**FILE NO: F00088**

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**By Councillor A McLaren:**

That a report come to the Council on the provision of additional street lights on Leslie Street, Winmalee outside Winmalee Public School.

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**ITEM NO: 15**

**SUBJECT: ITEM 13 COUNCIL MEETING 9 OCTOBER 2007 (SEE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, CLAUSE 4.3) - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. S06/0100 FOR A ONE INTO SEVEN LOT SUBDIVISION ON LOT 3 DP 593545, NOS. 85-99 BURRAWANG STREET, KATOOMBA**

**FILE NO: S06/0100**

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**By Councillors Angel, Searle and Van der Kley:**

1. That Development Application No. S06/0100 for a one into seven lot subdivision on Lot 3 DP 593545, Nos. 85-99 Burrawang Street, Katoomba be determined pursuant to Section 80 (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 by the granting of a deferred commencement consent subject to conditions shown in Attachment 1 to this Report with the following additions:

Condition 26: a new l. Details of the fencing to protect the Development Excluded Land within Lot 4 as required by the Sydney Catchment Authority conditions of concurrence (following pp 115, k).

Condition 60: In response to the applicant's offer of a \$3,000.00 contribution for native screen landscaping in Carlton Street, opposite 30 to 34 Carlton Street, the applicant is to undertake that screen landscaping in a location and of a type as agreed by the Council, prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate.

2. That the General Manager be granted the delegated authority to determine whether the Council is satisfied that the deferred commencement matters (identified in Part A of Attachment 1) pertaining to development consent No. S06/0100 for a one into seven lot subdivision on Lot 3 DP 593545, 85-99 Burrawang Street Katoomba have been satisfied pursuant to Section 80 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Clause 95 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

**Comment by Councillors Angel, Searle and Van der Kley**

The Council at the meeting of 9 October 2007 made no decision on Item 13 which has left a void in terms of future actions.

**Original Recommendations**

- “1. That Development Application No. S06/0100 for a one into seven lot subdivision on Lot 3 DP 593545, Nos. 85-99 Burrawang Street, Katoomba be determined pursuant to Section 80 (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 by the granting of a deferred commencement consent subject to conditions shown in Attachment 1 to this Report.
2. That the General Manager be granted the delegated authority to determine whether the Council is satisfied that the deferred commencement matters (identified in Part A

*of Attachment 1) pertaining to development consent No. S06/0100 for a one into seven lot subdivision on Lot 3 DP 593545, 85-99 Burrawang Street Katoomba have been satisfied pursuant to Section 80 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Clause 95 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.”*

(Minute No. 273, 9/10/2007)

There is a need to consciously refuse or approve to provide clarity to the community and the applicant. Therefore the recommendations above are proposed to address this issue.

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**ITEM NO: 16****SUBJECT: UNFLUED GAS HEATERS AT BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL****FILE NO: F00088**

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**By Councillor Hamilton:**

1. That Council, without delay, writes to the Hon. John Della Bosca, State Minister for Education and Training, requesting that, as a matter of urgency and in the interest of protecting the health of the children and their teachers, the unflued gas heaters at Blackheath Public School be removed and replaced with a safe and environmentally better system.
2. That Council includes in this letter a copy of this motion, together with the comments below.
3. That Council writes to the Hon. Phil Koperberg, Member for the Blue Mountains, and to Barry O'Farrell, State Opposition Leader, enclosing a copy of Items 1 and 2 above, requesting their support in this matter.

**Comment by Cr Hamilton**

Below is information supplied to me by the Blackheath Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C):

“Blackheath Public School (BPS) uses unflued gas heating. Unflued gas heaters – heaters without chimneys to take the burnt gas outside – allow harmful gases such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and formaldehyde to flow directly into classrooms and be breathed by our children and their teachers.

Scientific reports show that exposure to these gases is hazardous to humans, especially young children, and may cause headaches, suppress the immune system, and exacerbate respiratory problems, like asthma.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) recognises that these heaters are risky, as it expressly directs schools to ensure that any room where an unflued gas heater is used ‘must’ have cross-ventilation. Cross ventilation means having windows or doors on opposing sides of a classroom open to allow the poisonous gases to escape. This is not always possible in many of our classrooms, but where it can occur it ‘must’ occur.

In addition to these health concerns, unflued gas heating is less environmentally efficient than other heating systems. The problem is that the replacement of our unflued gas heaters with a safe and environmentally better system costs more money than the school can raise on its own.

The P&C has formed a heating sub-committee in 2007 to try and negotiate with the DET for a better heating Sydney for BPS. The DET has not provided any workable alternative or real solution to the existing BPS heating situation.

In fact, despite repeated requests, the DET has not shown us any scientific literature that disputes the findings of the scientific surveys we have shown the DET. BPS, located in a cold winter environment, still uses heating that the P&C believes is dangerous, in buildings that are largely uninsulated.

The DET policy and its management have specified that we are only entitled to unflued gas heaters but that, if BPS can afford to replace the unflued heaters, then BPS can do so.

BPS was also advised that we are welcome to seek support from outside the DET to try to gain funding to support our desired heating system but the DET will not assist us.

Due to the DET's position, we are now forced to ask our politicians to help us raise the money for a healthy and environmentally better heating system."

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**ITEM NO: 17**

**SUBJECT: DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS**

**FILE NO: F00088**

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**By Councillor Van der Kley:**

That a report be brought to the Council outlining the current off-leash dog areas and any issues with those areas, as well as any prospective new sites that could enhance the current service provided.

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