

ITEM NO: 26

**SUBJECT: PETITION FROM 31 RESIDENTS OF GREGORY TERRACE,
LAPSTONE REGARDING ROAD RESEALING.**

FILE NO: F04799 - 08/355855

Recommendation:

That the Council notes and receives this report.

Report by Group Manager, Community Corporate

Reason for report

The purpose of this report is to respond to the following Question Without Notice from the Council meeting of 2 December 2008.

"Question by Councillor Fiona Creed (2/12/08)

With regard to Item 1 of the Precis of Selected Correspondence, 02/12/2008: what was the result of the petition where they were complaining about the road seal?

*1. 27/10/2008 – Petition from 31 residents of Gregory Terrace, Lapstone
Requesting that recent road resurfacing work be redone, as tar is not dry and causing damage to vehicles and household items."*

Background

A petition containing signatures from residents of Gregory Terrace, Lapstone was received by the Council on 4 November 2008. In the petition the residents of Gregory Terrace, Lapstone requested that the recent road resurfacing work be redone, as the tar had not dried and was causing damage to vehicles and household items.

Response

A response letter has been forwarded to the sender of the petition, with the following details.

"The majority of road sections under the 2008/09 resurfacing program have been resurfaced using flush seal. Hot mix resurfacing is generally applied on collector roads only; for example Governors Drive, whilst flush seal resurfacing is applied on local roads like Gregory Terrace. It is not possible to resurface all roads in the Blue Mountains with hot mix with the Council's current level of funding.

Flush seal (sprayed bituminous seal) resurfacing using hot bitumen and blue metal is a nationally accepted practice. Minor bleeding of bitumen in this type of sealing in hot temperatures is unavoidable and the condition of the road will improve with time. There have been a few minor issues with driveways being contaminated with bitumen in Gregory Terrace and this contamination will be rectified by the Council's contractor."

RESPONSE TO QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE Item 26 Ordinary Meeting, 27.01.09

As part of the road safety protocol, roads are checked every three months. Council officers will monitor Gregory Terrace to determine whether any additional works are required, particularly in regard to the differential sediment in the stormwater drain.

In addition, recent communication and site inspection with some of the residents has occurred and it is considered that the road surface has now settled.

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