

ITEM NO: 2

SUBJECT: MECHANICS INSTITUTE, LAWSON

FILE NO: F00088

By Councillors Searle, Mays, McCallum and Clark:

1. That Council supports the current proposed timetable for the widening of the Great Western Highway through Lawson.
2. However, that Council rescind Matter 476 presented to Council at the ordinary meeting on 22 April 2008 only insofar as Council determined to demolish the Mechanics Institute building/Lawson Community Hall ("the Hall") in Lawson.
3. That Council writes to the RTA to see if its earlier offer regarding the Hall (that is, to move the portico and widen the highway without the demolition of the Hall) remains open and, if it is, to indicate in that same letter that Council wishes to accept that offer.
4. That Council actively pursues the options identified in the report on funding possibilities for the Hall presented to Council in Minute 581 on 5 August 2008, to secure funding that would facilitate the retention and upgrading of the building.
5. A further report on matters contained in 3 and 4 above to come to Council as soon as practicable.
6. If, in response to the letter proposed in paragraph 3 above, the RIA indicates that the offer previously made to Council is no longer open, that Council seeks the assistance of the State Member for Blue Mountains, Phil Koperberg, to persuade the RTA to renew that offer.

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