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## REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018

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1. UPDATE ON DOUDLES FOLLEY CREEK 17/0074, 5508/1, 5457

Clr I M Scandrett asked for an update on Doudles Folley Creek, including the decision by Council and action required by the landowner and the referrals to Water NSW and agencies, etc.

### **REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

A plan of consolidation has been received by Council on 14 February 2018 along with a section 88B instrument as required by conditions under 17/0074 imposed by the Council. Council staff are currently assessing the adequacy of those documents in order to enable lodgment of a construction certificate. As the development application has been approved, the developer has 5 years to physically commence works in order to activate the consent.

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2. CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME 5509, 5457/1

Clr I M Scandrett asked for a briefing on the Container Deposit Scheme in this Shire, to include:

- (a) Active sites
- (b) Status of approvals for these sites and whether approvals are necessary
- (c) Traffic, parking and pedestrian issues
- (d) Our own Container Deposit Scheme items that are currently collected as general waste in our town and village CBDs, sportsgrounds and the like
- (e) Any impact on our yellow bin service and its economics

### **REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE AND RISK/MANAGER BUSINESS SERVICES**

- (a) Woolworths Mittagong has a reverse vending machine. St Vincent De Paul Mittagong and Moss Vale offer an over-the-counter operation.
- (b) State government passed legislation not requiring DA approvals.
- (c) As no DA was required we can only rely on feedback from the public and to date no complaints have been received.
- (d) If collected in general / putrescible waste it is tipped directly into the general waste truck destined for landfill. If disposed of in a yellow lidded recycle bin the material is sent to a MRF for sorting and recycling.

- (e) This is being worked out with Council's contract partners in MACROC in accordance with the EPA requirements. A pre CDS audit was conducted last year with a post CDS audit to be carried out this year. From these figures a rebate percentage may be issued back to councils on agreement mutually agreed to. The whole recycling industry is currently being reviewed in Australia owing to China ceasing the importation of recyclables which is creating 600,000 tonnes of excess of recyclables above the current requirements of our industries in Australia.
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3. REMOVAL OF CAR BODIES FROM MITTAGONG CREEK 203/4, 7530/6, 7502

Clr I M Scandrett asked for a report to Council on the removal of car bodies from Mittagong Creek (rock pools, etc) as previously raised with staff.

**REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

Council has sought specialist recovery contractor's advice on how the specified car body could be removed from the current location and disposed of. Quotes have been received by Council in the order of \$22,000 plus disposal costs to remove the vehicle and accordingly Council staff will require a resolution of the Council and an allocation of funding in order to proceed with the recovery actions.

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4. WHITES CREEK MOSS VALE 5457/5

Clr T D Gair asked if Council staff can inspect Whites Creek from Lackey Road to St Pauls College boundary to investigate and plan for removal of foreign growth, debris and other issues. Clr Gair requested that this matter be referred to the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee for comment and that any other issues be brought back to Council.

**REPLY FROM MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

A Customer Request will be created for this item and inspected, assessed, and responded to through this process. This matter will be dealt with in this way in the first instance as the matter is likely to be outside the Terms of Reference for the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). If any relevant matters become apparent from the inspection, these will be taken to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

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