
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2018

1. COLO VALE SUBDIVISION

Clr G M Turland tabled a constituent letter relating to delays in registering the Hamilton Estate subdivision in Colo Vale. He asked that a brief report come back to Council via weekly circular regarding that subdivision and outlining the reasons for the lengthy delay.

The General Manager advised that this information will be provided as per Clr Turland's request.

2. TULLOONA AVENUE UNNAMED ROAD DELAYS

Clr G M Turland advised that he has been contacted by the resident of number 19 Tulloona Avenue Bowral whose access to his driveway has been affected by works to an unnamed road for approximately 12 months. Clr Turland requested that Council be updated on the status of this work.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECT DELIVERY

Council has considered Mr Ormsby's concerns and will undertake minor works to provide access to Mr Ormsby's driveway.

These works are expected to be completed within 4 to 6 weeks.

Mr Ormsby has been informed of the proposed works.

3. 2016 LOCAL ELECTION

Clr G M Turland asked all Councillors if they have ever engaged a private investigator to research candidates in the 2016 local election.

4. COUNCIL'S MEDIA POLICY

Clr I M Scandrett asked the General Manager the following questions relating to Council's media policy:

- a) Regarding the drafting of this policy by the Media Manager, did the Media Manager receive any guidelines from yourself or any other member of staff on your instruction in preparation of the policy, and was any other council's media policy used as a point of reference?

REPLY FROM MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

The media policy was drafted in accordance with Council's policy development and review procedures. As per the policy development procedures research was undertaken to inform

the development of Council's media policy. This included the review of other councils' media policies.

- b) Was any external media authority or organisation consulted for input and was any local government expert legal opinion sought, either internal or external and were any media publications or broadcasters asked to provide input and were any of these shown the draft of the WSC media policy prior to presentation to Council?

REPLY FROM MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

As per the policy development procedures, key stakeholders were consulted during the development of Council's media policy. This included media authorities, media outlets and General Counsel.

- c) Was the OLG consulted on this policy and why were any references or sources used then not listed on the finished document in the interests of transparency and proof of professional rigour?

REPLY FROM MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Yes, the Office of Local Government (OLG) was contacted. In addition, the OLG's 'Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW – October 2017' (Consultation draft) document provided direction in the formulation of the Policy.

Council's standard policy template does not require that references and sources of information be listed. However, the 'External Communication and Consultation' section of the Council report from 11 April 2018, which presented the policy to Council for endorsement, outlined this information.

5. **FLOOD CERTIFICATES**

Clr K J Halstead asked whether the General Manager could confirm that the flood certificates issued to land owners in Renwick that were inaccurate with regard to flood affectation, which have been re-issued, are 100% correct?

The Deputy General Manager Corporate Strategy and Development Services responded to this question and confirmed that this is correct.