

BERRIMA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Deniz,

I am writing on behalf of the Berrima Residents Association. It was brought to our attention by a committee member on Saturday, March 16 that the SEARS application from Blue Sox Developers, for the redevelopment of the Berrima gaol, was an agenda item for this coming Wednesday's general meeting of Council.

We were disappointed not to have been informed by Council.

We know as a State Significant Development that WSC has a minor role to play. However, we did expect to be given an invitation and opportunity to speak in the public forum, to register our willingness to work constructively with Government agencies, Council and the Developers, as we move forward. We will be registering Duncan McDonald to speak on behalf of the community.

We support the letter from Lisa Miscamble calling for a Master Plan of the Berrima Gaol Precinct, a design competition providing options for discussion and adherence to the Berrima DCP.

We have a large, vested interest in the outcomes here. Both residents and businesses will be hugely impacted by this development. To that end, we had already organised a village meeting on Thursday, March 21, to update the village on the gaol redevelopment. It has proved a timely initiative. The community is engaged, mobilised and very willing to be part of this negotiation.

We would appreciate it if this letter could be tabled at the March ordinary meeting.

With thanks,

Frances Meagher,

on behalf of the Berrima Residents Association