



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 10 MARCH 2021**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.36pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following presenter was heard:

Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against /Neutral
Ms Margo Sachse	8.1	Development Application DA 322-2015 - Two Lot Subdivision - 300 Lanyon Drive, Jerrabomberra	For

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up 3 March 2021 to were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Nos	Received from	In relation to:
1-5	Bungendore Park Action Group	Proposed Bungendore High School and Precinct.

5. Presentations by Invitation from the CEO

There were no presentations.

6. Closure

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 5.42pm.



ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 10 March 2021

4 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 3 March 2021* were provided and tabled at the meeting

Questions submitted by: Bungendore Park Action Group (follow-up questions from 24 February)

1. *(Regarding response to question 1 on 24 February)* **The “Rapid Traffic Assessment” [sic – it’s actually “Rapid Transport Assessment”] is not a traffic assessment. It examines transport options for students attending the school. Further, it was prepared in August 2020 on the assumption that Majara Street would not be closed. So it is irrelevant to the question we asked. We note the response that the Department has now prepared a “more detailed traffic assessment”. Will this be made available to the public before submissions close in relation to the proposed road closure?**

Response: CEO’s Office

The Department of Education has provided Council with an in confidence copy of the draft detailed traffic assessment. Councillors were provided with a presentation from DoE and their traffic consultant at a workshop on Wednesday 3 March. Following feedback at the workshop, DoE has advised that the plan will be updated. DoE has advised that the assessment will be proactively released when it is finalised. It will also be included as part of the documentation that will be released by DoE during the development application notification period. Unless it is released publicly beforehand, a copy of the report will be included as a confidential attachment with the report that will consider submissions on the proposed closure of Majara St.

2. *(Regarding response to question 3 on 24 February)* **The responses note that “Council was approached...” in relation to the proposed school site. This is inconsistent with the Department’s records, including a presentation dated June 2020 which was emailed to Mr Tegart on 6 July ahead of meetings which occurred around that time. This presentation did not contemplate closing Majara Street or selling the Palerang Council Building. Our specific question related to this aspect of the proposal. Was it made by Council or the Department? Was it made with the knowledge and support of Councillors? Could you please address the question?**

Response: CEO’s Office

Council was approached with a proposal to construct a school on Mick Sherd Oval and to acquire the Council-owned property on Majara St. A workshop was held with Department of Education representatives, councillors and staff in July 2020. During the workshop, there was discussion on minimising the impact on Mick Sherd Oval as much as possible. It was suggested during the workshop that moving the school further to the east, and utilising the road reserve may be worth consideration by DoE. This was a suggestion, not a decision or a direction. DoE representatives took the suggestion on board and revised the plan following consideration.

3. *(Regarding response to question 5 on 24 February)* **This is inconsistent with what we’ve heard from one of the Councillors, who suggested that s94 contributions have been raised to pay for the refurbishment of the pool. Could you please confirm again that this is not correct.**

Response: CEO's Office

In regard to the Question 5 on 24 February, the response stands.

Council considered a report at its January 2021 regarding the pooling of section 7.11 (formerly section 94) developer contributions which proposed that about \$1m in existing section 7.11 contributions collected for recreation purposes be allocated for the construction of the new pool at the sports hub. Council may ultimately choose to assign some of those contributions to other recreation projects in Bungendore. These contributions have already been paid by other developments within Bungendore. No additional section 7.11 contributions will be collected for the construction of the High School, as contributions schemes do not apply to government developments across the state.

Council is yet to consider options for design and construction for the proposed new pool at the sports hub. The new pool is estimated to cost \$10 million. It will be funded by:

- \$5m contribution from Department of Education;
- Approximately \$1m available in existing section 7.11 funds as indicated above;
- The remainder will be funded through loans.

4. *(Regarding response to question 6 on 24 February)* **We are pleased to hear that Council is proposing to undertake the follow-up heritage studies recommended in previous reports. As per our question, can Council undertake to ensure that this will be done before it takes any decision affecting the long-term future of the Park? In addition, noting that the Bungendore Structure Plan was adopted “following many months of community engagement” in 2020 is not very helpful, given the School proposal is a fundamental change to the centre of town and was not contemplated in the Plan.**

Response: CEO's Office

At this stage, no funding has been allocated to completing this heritage study. As such the study will not be completed before the School project commences. It is estimated that this study would cost approximately \$15,000 and would be seeking assistance with funding from NSW Heritage. It should also be noted that the heritage impact of this School project will be required to be considered as part of the development application process that is being conducted by School Infrastructure and that this will be available for comment by Council and the community during the exhibition period for the project.

5. *(Regarding response to question 9 on 24 February)* **We asked for a specific confirmation that all proceeds will be applied locally. The response does not address this. Could you please address the question.**

Response: CEO's Office

As reported, all proceeds from the sale of assets in Bungendore, relating to the Bungendore High School proposal will be spent in Bungendore.