



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM  
HELD ON 22 MAY 2019**

**1. Opening**

The Public Forum commenced at 5.34pm.

**2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda**

The following presenters were heard:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item no</b>	<b>Item description</b>	<b>For/Against /Neutral</b>
Ms Shelley Evans	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Ms Debra Parish	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr Richard Graham	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr Mike Cramsie	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Ms Marketa Grundy	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr Charles Stuart	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr Geoff King	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr Mick McGrath	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Ms Allison Hudson	10.1	Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone - Bywong and Wamboin	Against
Mr David McDonald	10.2	Place Naming Proposal - Smiths Gap, Bungendore	For
Mr Peter Evans	11.2	Update on Draft Bungendore Structure Plan	For

**3. Petitions**

There were no petitions.

#### **4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public**

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 15 May 2019 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

	<b>Received from</b>	<b>In relation to</b>
1	Ms Sandra Young	Council monetary assets re new administration building.
2	Ms Sandra Young	Loans re new administrative building.
3	Ms Sandra Young	Water and sewer funds.

#### **5. Presentations by Invitation from the CEO/General Manager**

There were no presentations.

#### **6. Closure**

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 6.08pm.



## ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 22 May 2019

### 4 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 15 May 2019* were provided and tabled at the meeting

### Questions submitted by: Sandra Young

1. **What %, approximately, of total council monetary assets, will be spent on loans when the new administrative building is built?**

#### **Response – Finance**

Council will soon exhibit the concept designs for the Queanbeyan Head Office and Smart Hub. A number of options will be presented to the community which will impact the final cost of the project. Since the project was envisaged in 2017, a number of elements have been added to the project brief, including basement car parking, spaces for office and commercial tenancies, emergency operations centre, a gallery-style entrance with mezzanine and lifts that links to the Bicentennial Hall and The Q. The current Delivery Program includes borrowings of \$43m for the Queanbeyan Head Office and Smart Hub, which equates to 25% of Council's current cash holdings which were \$167m (2018-19 Financial Statements). It should be noted however, that raising and servicing of debt is an important financial ratio to be met by councils, as required by the NSW Government. The Long Term Financial Plan

2. **If council already has about \$50 million in loans, what are the anticipated and approximate total loans that council will then need, which will also include the added loan for the new Queanbeyan administrative building, that QPRC will be then committed to?**

#### **Response - Finance**

Council's adopted Delivery Program includes around \$173m worth of borrowing. Further borrowing is forecast in the Long Term Financial Plan adopted in 2018 and Council continues to meet the financial benchmarks regarding debt cover. Should additional borrowings be required, they will be assessed against the financial benchmarks and the rigours of NSW TreasuryCorp.

3. **From the council amalgamation, has water and sewer money ever been used, or transferred, to projects other than water and sewer? If water and sewer money has been transferred and/or used for other projects, how much water and sewer money has been used, or transferred, from council accumulated internal water and sewer reserves, and what were these projects?**

#### **Response - Finance**

Councils are not permitted to utilise water and sewer funds for projects within the general fund unless there is an internal loan arrangement. QPRC does not hold existing internal loan arrangements between general and water/sewer funds.