

**PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
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Questions – Katrina Willis

Public Art and Signage

- 1. Can the council explain the rationale for different treatment of Braidwood and Queanbeyan communities on the matter of public art and signage?**

The council refused at its January 2018 meeting to support a public art competition for Queens Park but advised in its electronic newsletter on 9 February 2018 that it will install the entrance signage the community voted on for Bungendore.

Response – Community Choice

These are two completely separate projects.

The proposed project was an open public art competition, resulting in the winning artwork being painted on the steps of the amphitheatre in Queen Elizabeth II Park. Council did not support this proposal as it was considered that the undetermined artwork could have a negative impact on the clean lines already created within the multi award-winning Queen Elizabeth II Park.

The signage at Bungendore is town entry signage, similar to that which was installed at the entrances to Queanbeyan 4-5 years ago. Town entry signage to Braidwood has also been updated in the past few weeks.

Ellerton Drive Extension – tree clearing, dust and noise

- 2. What are the requirements of the EDE contractor must follow regarding:**
 - **notifying residents of clearing**
 - **suppressing dust arising from clearing and construction work**

Response – Community Connections

The contractor is required to notify the commencement of construction. This may include delivering notification and or door knocking residents and businesses. A flyer advising that construction was to commence was delivered to general Queanbeyan residences in September 2017. In October 2017, WBHO letterboxed more than 300 properties adjacent to the project to advise that construction was about to commence and have also door knocked these properties.

Under the contract, the contractor is required to develop mitigation and management measures to minimise the generation of dust. Mitigation measures may include, but is not limited to, the use of water trucks on unsealed or exposed areas, dust suppression of stockpiles and limiting speed of construction traffic across the unsealed sections of the site. These mitigation measures are regularly checked and improvements are made where required. An Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) from the EPA also applies to the

Ellerton Drive extension project. The EPL requires monthly monitoring of dust from construction works from various locations along the project. Should testing of these monitors find a result in exceedance of the limits, an environmental incident will be reported. To date, monitoring results have been within the required limits.

- 3. Why is tree felling and other vegetation clearance continuing when no noise walls have been installed?**

Response – Community Connections

The majority of noise walls sit on earthworks and cannot be installed before the contractor finishes shaping the road.

Noise walls that sit on current ground levels at existing Ellerton Drive are currently undergoing a due diligence process by the contractor prior to its installation. This process involves determining service locations, designing service relocations, inspecting backyards and meeting with residents to determine individual property requirements during the work. It is expected that work on these noise walls will begin over the next couple of months. There are no felling and clearing works required behind the properties on the existing Ellerton Drive.

- 4. When will noise walls be installed?**

Response - Portfolio responsible for response

See question 3.

- 5. Who is checking that the requirements of the contract are being observed?**

Response - Portfolio responsible for response

NSW Roads and Maritime Services are the Principal under the contract and are responsible for managing the contract.

Old Cooma Rd duplication – reassignment of developer contribution

- 6. When is the next review of the Googong Local Planning Agreement scheduled to occur?**

Response – Natural and Built Character

The Googong LPA is reviewed from time to time as various elements contained within the LPA change. A number of changes are currently being considered and when they are progressed further, a report will be submitted to Council with a recommendation that they be advertised for community comment.

Greyhound Racing

- 7. Has the council had any discussions with the Member for Monaro, John Barilaro, or representatives of the regional greyhound racing community about building a greyhound racing track in Queanbeyan?**

Response - CEO

The local member's office enquired of the land use zoning and site suitability of potential sites.

- 8. If so, please provide details, including the date of any discussions and the outcome of them.**

Response - CEO

See question 7.

9. **Would a proposal to construct a greyhound racing track and associated facilities in Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA require the proponent to submit a development application to QPRC?**

Response - CEO

Yes