

**PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
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Questions – Katrina Willis

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – road designation

1. Has the Council approached the NSW Government to request the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) be designated as a state road? If so, when? What was the outcome of the approach?

Response – Assets and Projects

Council has discussed the possibility of the RMS considering the Ellerton Drive Extension a regional road. The RMS has indicated that it intends to categorise the Ellerton Drive Extension as a local road.

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – maintenance

2. Will the cost of maintaining the proposed EDE be borne by all ratepayers of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council or only those residing or operating a business in Queanbeyan?

Response – Assets and Projects

Maintenance costs for the Ellerton Drive Extension will be incorporated into Council's Asset Management Plans and Long Term Financial Plan.

Monaro Highway – load limit

3. Has the Council requested the NSW Government place a load limit on Monaro St Highway, including the Queens Bridge? When did it make this request? What was the outcome of the request?

Response – Assets and Projects

Council has not sought to place a load limit on the Queens Bridge and Monaro St. Access will still be required by heavy vehicles to the CBD and Council does not propose to restrict this access at this time.

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – environmental approvals

4. Has the Council been advised why the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy deferred a decision on whether to grant EPBC approval for the proposed EDE to 7 March 2017? If so, what is the reason?

Response – Assets and Projects

A decision has not been deferred until 7 March 2017. The extension allows a decision to be made at any stage between now and 7 March 2017. The extension was provided for administrative purposes.

- 5. Has the Council been asked to provide additional information to the Department of the Environment and Energy to assist with its decision-making about the proposed EDE? If so, what is the additional information requested and what additional information has the council provided?**

Response – Assets and Projects

Council has not been requested to provide any additional information to the Department of Environment and Energy. Council has provided all of the required information to the Department.

Questions – Natasha Ludwig

Mt Jerrabomberra

- 6. I have only just learned of your proposal to reclassify Mt Jerrabomberra natural land as operational. I learned this through google maps, where a review of the bushland behind my house revealed subdivisions. In reading the document at [file:///C:/Users/Power%20User/Downloads/Public Hearing Report and Recommendation FINAL 5 December 2016.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Power%20User/Downloads/Public%20Hearing%20Report%20and%20Recommendation%20FINAL%205%20December%202016.pdf) I note you felt that the community was consulted, and had opportunity to submit concerns. While I appreciate this is now unlikely to resonate with you, I wish to lodge my complaint to you that I am concerned with the proposal to subdivide a natural feature, which was the principle reason why we purchased our property in 2010. I also do not feel 'consulted' given the means you used to 'notify' the community are designed to miss most parts of the community affected. Are there any other opportunities for the community to influence this decision? What are the timelines for this new development?**

Response – Environment, Planning and Development

Council has not reclassified any 'community' land on Mount Jerrabomberra to 'operational' status. Council has been purchasing privately-owned land on Mount Jerrabomberra for many years to bring the entire area into public ownership to ensure its long term protection. All newly-acquired 'community' land is required to be placed into a Plan of Management in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. The subject land has recently been placed in the Mount Jerrabomberra Natural Areas Plan of Management as set out in the recent advertising and consultation undertaken by the Council.

At the same time, Council also reclassified a number of others parcels of land in the local government area from 'community' to 'operational' status. However this did not include any land on Mount Jerrabomberra. Council remains committed to protecting the environmental values of Mount Jerrabomberra and is not proposing any development on the mountain. Council staff are happy to discuss any further details and can be contacted on (02) 6285 6276.