

**PUBLIC FORUM  
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS  
9 November 2016**



**Questions – Katrina Willis**

**Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension**

**With regard to the tender [Contract 08/2017] for ‘Selective Clearing of Trees and Destruction of Termite Mounds for EDE’:**

- 1. How many termite mounds does council propose to destroy?**

**Response – Assets and Projects**

A total of 44 termite mounds are proposed to be removed within the development footprint for Ellerton Drive Extension. It is estimated that this will equate to the removal of approximately 4.62% of the termite mound resource in the approximate home range of the Rosenberg’s Goanna (530ha).

- 2. How many and what type of trees does council propose to clear?**

**Response – Assets and Projects**

Fifty-five hollow bearing trees and a 20m clearing zone around each hollow bearing tree will be cut down within the development footprint for Ellerton Drive Extension.

- 3. How many trees proposed to be cleared contain hollows?**

**Response – Assets and Projects**

Fifty-five hollow bearing trees will be cut down within the development footprint of Ellerton Drive Extension.

- 4. What is the proposed schedule of work; when is it proposed to start and finish?**

**Response – Assets and Projects**

Work will commence when Council has met all the requirements from the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Work can take up to seven weeks depending on the methodology adopted by the successful contractor.

- 5. What protection is proposed for water quality in the Queanbeyan River and its affected tributaries during any clearing?**

**Response – Assets and Projects**

Clearing and tree felling as part of Contract 08/2017 shall be carried out in a way that does not disturb the root structures or topsoil, and existing groundcover vegetation shall be retained so as to maintain as much cover as possible for soil stability. All trees shall be cut above ground level and left onsite for relocation/mulching during the main clearing of the project with the exception of trees adjacent to 74 Barracks Flat Drive which will be taken off the site.

Silt fence barriers will be used as erosion and sediment controls required as soil disturbance will be minimised.

### **Lanyon and Tompsitt intersection upgrade**

6. Further to responses to Public Forum questions for 14 September 2016, why is the NSW government managing the upgrade of this intersection?

#### **Response – Roads and Maritime Services**

Lanyon Dr is a state-owned road and therefore the project will be managed by the NSW Government.

7. The cost of the upgrade is listed as \$5 million on the RMS website [<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/tomsitt-lanyon-drive-upgrade/index.html>]

The previous Member for Eden-Monaro pledged \$6 million towards the intersection upgrade on 17 June 2016, on behalf of the Liberal-National government during the election campaign. Are these funds no longer required? Have they been re-directed to other road projects?

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-17/eden-monaro-road-funding/7520356>

The NSW government also pledged an additional \$1 million for the project, making a total of \$12 million. Can the council clarify the estimated cost to upgrade this intersection?

#### **Response – Roads and Maritime Services**

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing investigations and planning for the Lanyon and Tompsitt intersection improvements. As the project progresses we will continue to provide updates to the community.

8. According to the website, RMS was to update the community on progress of this work in October 2016. Has council received an update from RMS about this project? If so, please provide details.

#### **Response – Roads and Maritime Services**

See question 7.

### **Renegotiating the Googong VPA**

9. Please provide an update on discussions with Googong Township about renegotiating the Voluntary Planning Agreement governing Googong development.

**Response – Planning and Environment**

Council and Googong Township Pty Ltd are currently discussing updating the Voluntary Planning Agreement. This update is primarily to ensure the costs of the works and infrastructure set out in the agreement reflect the most recent cost estimates available.

10. Have there been any discussions about moving the location of the planned high school from Googong to another location in Queanbeyan? If so, where?

**Response – Planning and Environment**

No

11. What is the council's view about such a change?

**Response – Planning and Environment**

See above

**Proposed construction on Gale Crown Land reserve**

12. Is council aware of a proposal to construct buildings on Gale Crown Land reserve?

**Response – Organisational Excellence**

Council is not aware of any development proposals on the Gale Crown Land Reserve.

13. Has council had any discussions with developers about construction on Gale Crown Land reserve? If so, please provide details?

**Response - Organisational Excellence**

See question 12.