



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM  
HELD ON 12 MAY 2021**

**1. Opening**

The Public Forum commenced at 5.32pm.

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

There were no presentations.

**3. Petitions**

There were no petitions submitted.

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

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 5 May 2021 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

<b>Nos</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>In relation to:</b>
1-2	Samara Zeitsch	European wasp baits and licensed technician.
3-9	Bungendore Action Group	Majara Street between Turallo Terrace and Gibraltar Street in Bungendore

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

AC Energy gave a presentation on the proposed 4MW Solar Farm at 134 Burrows Lane, Bungendore.

**6. Closure**

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 5.45pm.



## ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 12 May 2021

### ‘Questions on Notice’ from the Public

Responses to the following ‘Questions on Notice’ received up to *Wednesday 5 May 2021* were provided and tabled at the meeting

### Questions submitted by: Samara Zeitsch

1. **Is council aware that the APVMA (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority) has approved the European Wasp bait Vespex and that we have a licensed technician servicing the area?**

**Response: Natural and Built Character**

Yes, Council is aware that a local technician is servicing the Braidwood area for European Wasps and have already made contact in regards to his operations and potential collaboration.

It should be noted that there are two trade names with the product label Vespex (NZ) and VesPEX (AU).

Vespex (New Zealand) is **still not** approved for use by APVMA in Australia. The Active Constituent of Vespex (NZ) is fipronil and is highly lethal to off target pest (Bees, native Wasps etc). Council does not envisage going down this path.

VesPEX (Sundew Australia) which is what the local technician is using is a different product with no similarities at all to Vespex (NZ), but with the same Trade name. VesPEX (AU) is only a lure with natural product ingredients, and therefore does not need APVMA approval for use.

VesPEX (AU) works the same way as “Laurie Lure” which was introduced into the community 18 months ago.

2. **Will Council engage this company as soon as possible to systematically bait the wasps across town?**

**Response: Natural and Built Character**

Council will continue to liaise with the local technician on his progress.

### Questions submitted by: Bungendore Park Action Group

"We refer to the section of Majara Street between Turallo Terrace and Gibraltar Street in Bungendore (the “Relevant Section”)."

3. **Does Council consider that the Relevant Section is not reasonably required as a road for public use at present? If it is not required, how has Council reached that conclusion?**

**Response: Community Connections**

Traffic modelling undertaken by Schools Infrastructure shows that there is significant capacity in the other roads in Bungendore that is more than capable of managing any additional traffic subsequent to the closure of Majara Street.

4. **Does Council consider that the Relevant Section will not reasonably be required as a road for public use to accommodate future needs? If it will not be required, how has Council reached that conclusion?**

**Response: Community Connections**

It is Council's view that the closure of Majara Street will not significantly impact on the future traffic needs of Bungendore. Traffic modelling and assessment will be undertaken by Schools Infrastructure when the development application for the school is submitted. Council will provide it's comments to that study at that time.

5. **Does Council consider that the Relevant Section is not required to provide continuity for an existing road network? If so, how has Council reached that conclusion?**

**Response: Community Connections**

It is Council's view that the continuity of access will not be significantly impacted by the closure of Majara Street. Traffic modelling and assessment will be undertaken by Schools Infrastructure when the development application for the school is submitted. Council will provide it's comments to that study at that time.

6. **Does Council believe the Relevant Section provides a means of vehicular access to the land situated at 4-6 Majara Street, and 10 Majara Street? Could you please identify any public road other than the Relevant Section which provides lawful and reasonably practicable vehicular access to that land?**

**Response: Community Connections**

The High School Proposal would consolidate 4 – 6 and 10 Majara Street into the school campus, removing the requirement to provide access to the individual lots.

7. **Has Council undertaken (or is Council aware of) any study of current traffic volumes on the Relevant Section? If yes, what were the findings of that study? How many vehicles use the Relevant Section on an average weekday and weekend day?**

**Response: Community Connections**

Traffic modelling and assessment will be undertaken by Schools Infrastructure when the development application for the school is submitted. Council will provide it's comments to that study at that time.

8. **Has Council undertaken (or is Council aware of) any study projecting future traffic volumes on the Relevant Section, noting the proposed subdivision in north Elmslea? If yes, what were the findings of that study? How many vehicles are projected to use the Relevant Section on an average weekday and weekend day in the timeframe examined by the study?**

**Response: Community Connections**

Council is preparing to complete a wider traffic study and model for Bungendore that includes all of the proposed future development, further to the Structure Plan. Council will consider the study once it is completed.

9. **Has either the Relevant Section or the road reserve for the continuation of Majara Street north of Turallo Terrace previously been vested in Council? Has any construction ever taken place on the Relevant Section or the road reserve?**

**Response: Community Connections**

That section of Majara Street to the north of Turallo Terrace is public road under Council's control. It appears that there has never been a road constructed on that section of road.