



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2022**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.33pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following written presentations were received:

No.	Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against
1	Merle Ketley	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
2	Rod Thiele	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
3	Paige Davis	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
4	Danielle Dodd	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
5	Simon Tennyson	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
6	Michael Crawford	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
7	Ian Pastega	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
8	Communities Against The Tarago Incinerator Inc	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
9	Anthony Gardner	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
10	Charlotte Sutherland & Austin McLennan	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
11	David Hartog	9.5	Planning Proposal to Rezone Land at 174 Tarago Road, Bungendore	Against
12	Jenny Hajek	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against

The following presenters was heard:

No	Name	Item no	Item description	For/ Against
1	Laura Bardell (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
2	Lyndsay Pastega (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
3	Fiona Jeffery (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
4	Andrew Harris (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
5	Amber Standley (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
6	Peter Evans (via Zoom)	10.1	Proposed Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Woodlawn	Against
7	Denis Reid	9.13	Revised QPRC Parking Policy	Neutral

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 16 February 2022 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Nos	Received from	In relation to:
1-3	Save Bungendore Park	Bungendore High School Precinct

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 6.03pm.



ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 23 February 2022

'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 16 February 2022* were provided and tabled at the meeting.

Questions submitted by: Save Bungendore Park Inc

1. The Agenda for the 27 January Council Meeting states (at p49) that:

“Further to earlier discussions with councillors, an integrated facility (customer, office, library, community centre) at 19 Gibraltar St was preferred to centralise the community facilities, operate a customer/library service desk and activate the town centre.”

However, the Development Application lodged for the Bungendore High School proposal in September 2020 states that these facilities will be incorporated into the proposed high school.

a) When was it determined that that these facilities would not be part of the High School development?

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

In October 2021, after the high school development application had been lodged, Council considered a report on options to consolidate the office, library and community centre into a single facility at 19 Gibraltar Street for integrated accommodation and service delivery, rather than separate facilities in the town centre and on the school campus. That option was preferred and formed the basis of negotiations with the Department of Education. That option will be presented within Council's claim for compensation should the compulsory acquisition for the school proposal proceed.

b) Was this decision made by Council or by the Department of Education?

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

As per response to 1a, this was Council's preferred option.

c) The inclusion of Council and Community facilities in the High School development was a fundamental aspect of the proposal (and was fundamental to Council's earlier support). What prompted this change? Clearly it was not simply to “activate the town centre”?

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

As per response to 1a, consolidation of the office, library and community centre into a single facility at 19 Gibraltar Street would allow improved service delivery.

2. The Minutes of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting of 18 November 2021 note that:

“The Council had also supported the recommendation of the Bungendore Soldiers’ Memorial for State Heritage Listing. The recommendation of a curtilage for the Memorial is still being resolved by staff as part of this recommendation.”

In relation to the curtilage, note that the heritage listing under the PLEP this currently includes all of Bungendore Park. This appears intentional as the importance of the Memorial’s location and prominence is supported by the Statement of Significance:

“In its location and design it is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the siting of war memorials.”

Clearly, the curtilage included in the nomination should be as extensive as possible.

- a) What is the current status of the nomination?

Response: Natural and Built Character

The Nomination Form has been lodged with NSW Heritage by the Bungendore War Memorial Committee. It is understood that the application is to be considered by the State Heritage Register Committee at its next meeting of 1 March 2022

- b) What is the proposed curtilage?

Response: Natural and Built Character

The proposed curtilage is still being worked through with the Bungendore War Memorial Committee.

- c) Given the current imminent threat to the Memorial’s prominence and siting arising from the Bungendore High School proposal, can Council act urgently to action the nomination and ensure greater protection for the Memorial?

Response: Natural and Built Character

The nomination was made by the Bungendore War Memorial Committee and is at Stage Two of a three-stage process, with a final decision to be made by the responsible Minister.

3. The “Proposed Acquisition Notices” in relation to Council and community facilities in Bungendore included in the Attachments to Item 10.1 ahead of the 27 January meeting stated simply that:

“the Department [of Education] and Council did not reach agreement in relation to the acquisition of the Subject Land...”

It is surprising that the Department of Education reached this conclusion notwithstanding Council’s (then) in-principle agreement to sell the relevant assets and delegation to the Chief Executive Officer of authority to negotiate all relevant arrangements.

- a) What was the status of negotiations between Council and the Department when the Department terminated discussions in relation to acquisition by agreement? When did these discussions terminate?

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

See response to 1a.

- b) Had the Department made a formal offer to acquire the relevant assets? If so, did Council reject this offer? Why did it reject this offer?**

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

Council considered reports on Department of Education proposals to acquire Council and Crown property in October 2020 and 2021, with the resolutions published.

- c) What is Council's understanding of why the Department of Education concluded that it was unable to reach agreement and instead commenced the compulsory acquisition process?**

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

This enquiry is best directed to the Department of Education.

- d) What is the effect of the compulsory acquisition process on earlier proposals to include community facilities as part of the High School development or ensure that any sale price included additional funding towards replacement facilities (such as a heated pool)?**

Response: Office of the Chief Executive

Council believes there will be no significant effect – market value and/or disturbance compensation will apply to either option:

- Temporary and permanent relocation of office, and apportioned cost of pool; or
- Temporary relocation of office, and permanent relocation of office, community centre and library, and apportioned cost of pool