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# WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023

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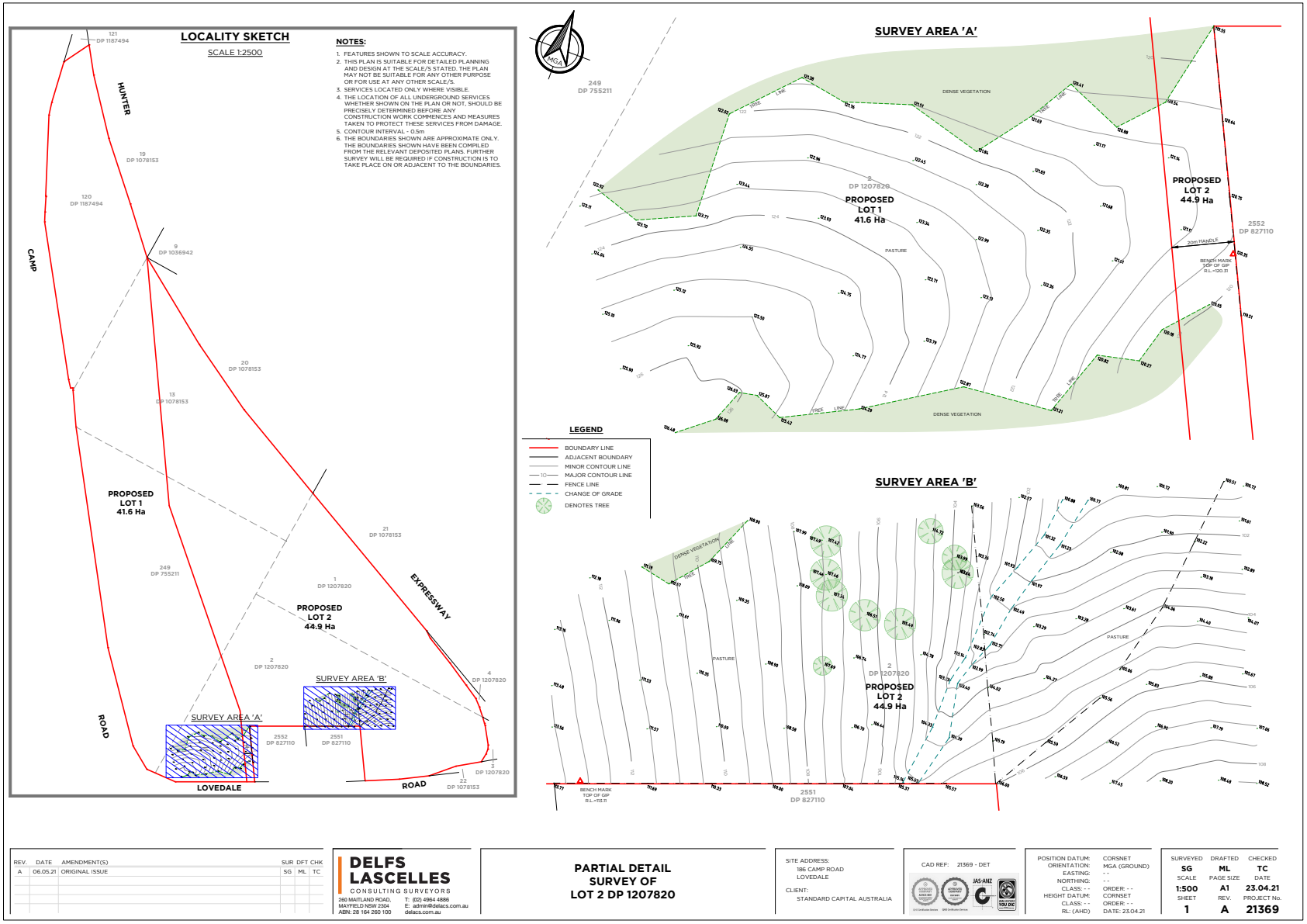
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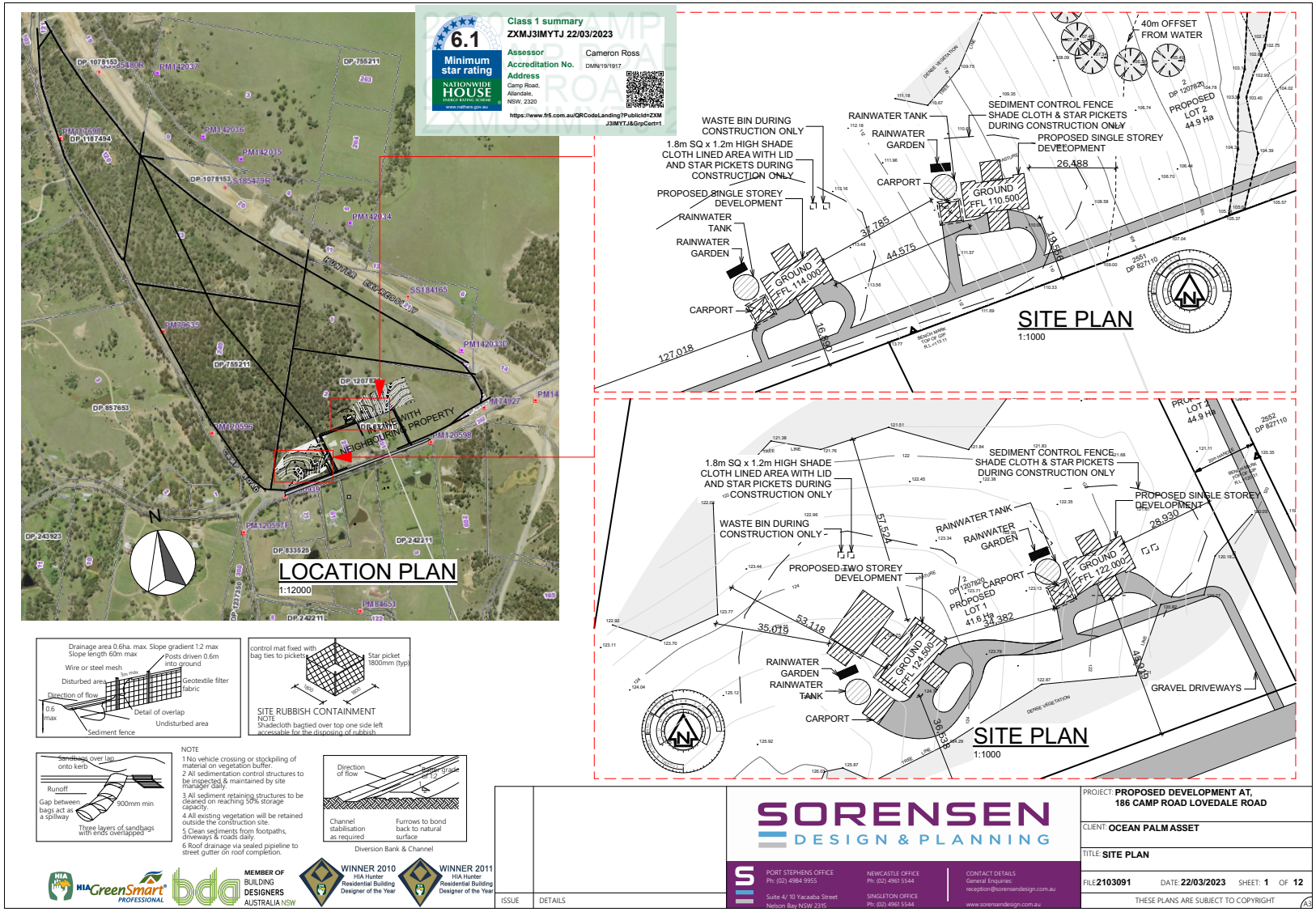
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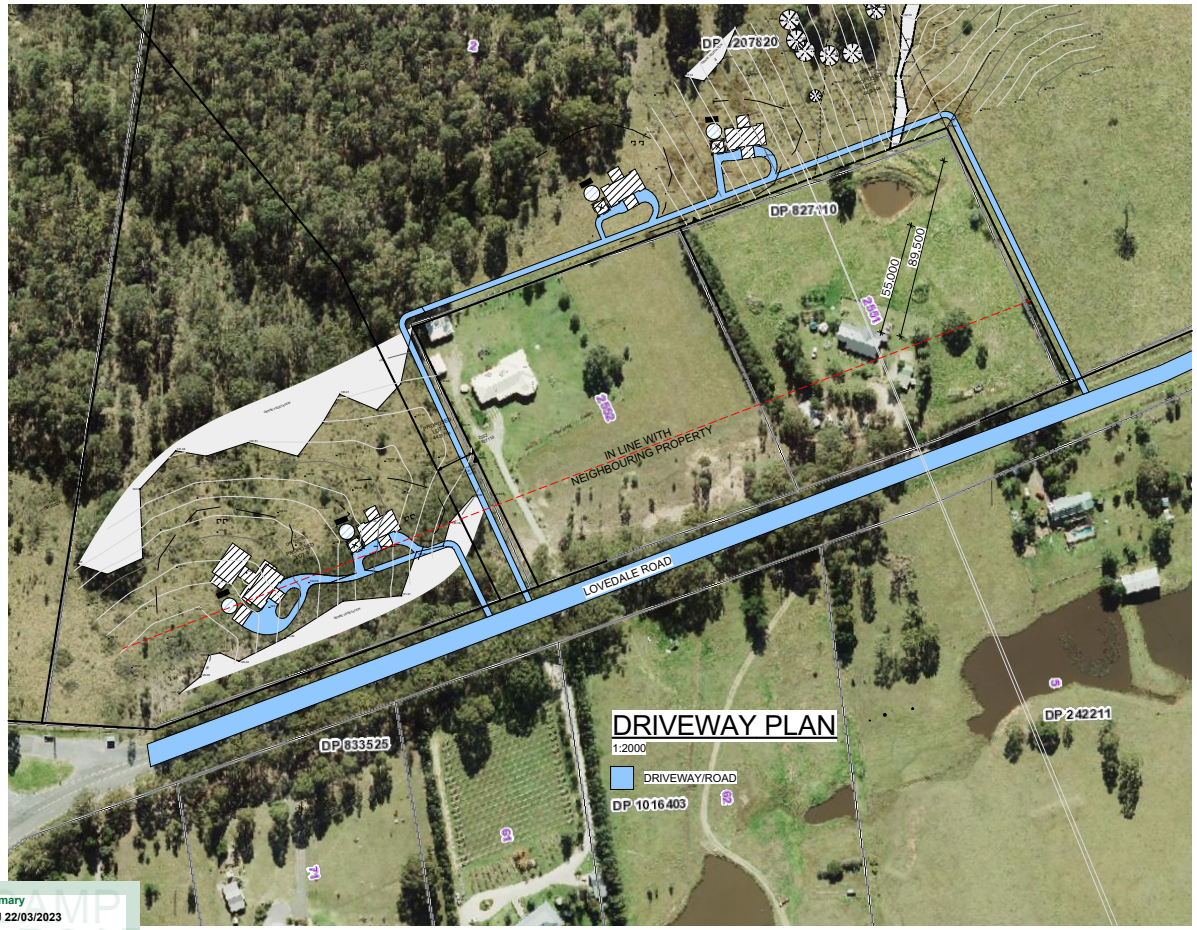
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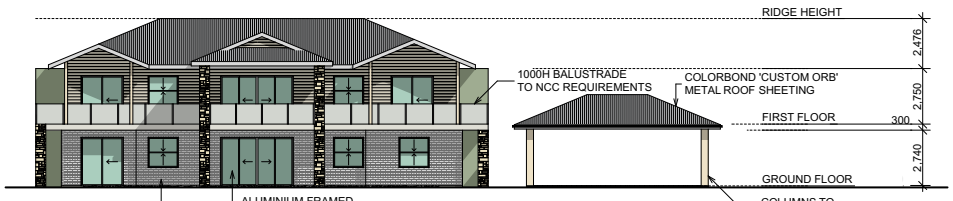
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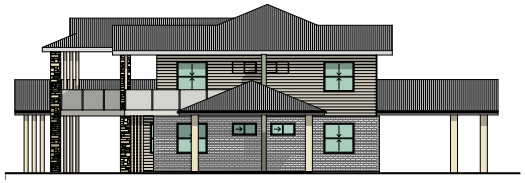
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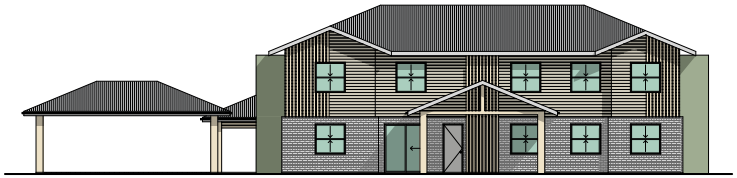

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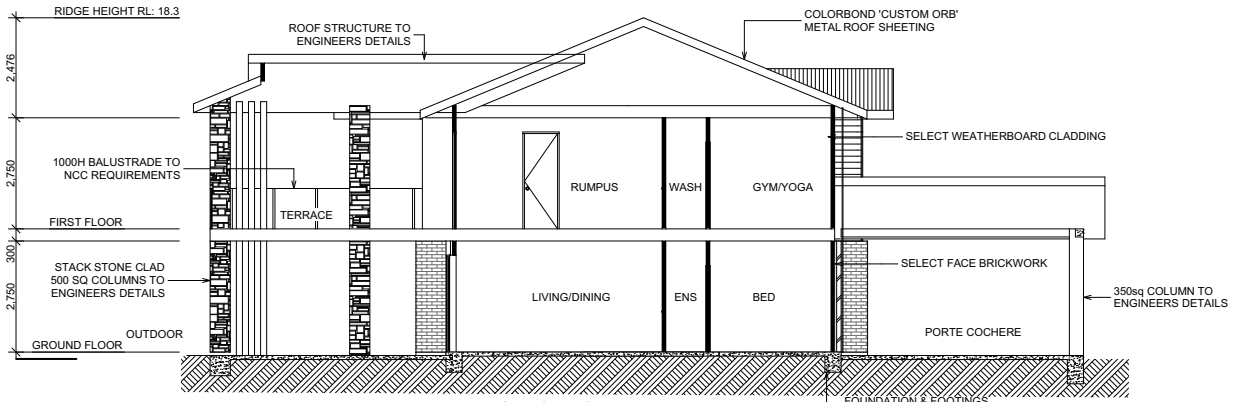
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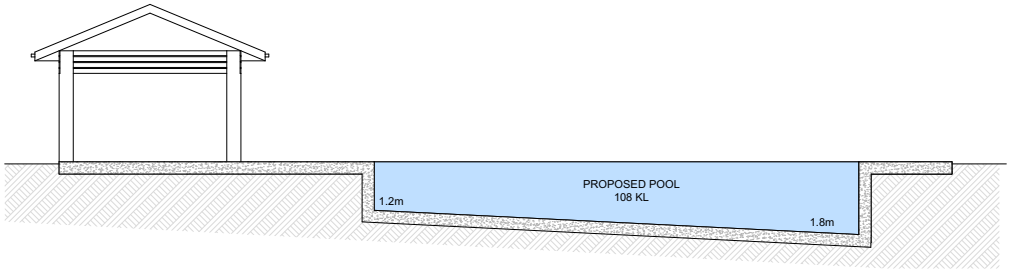
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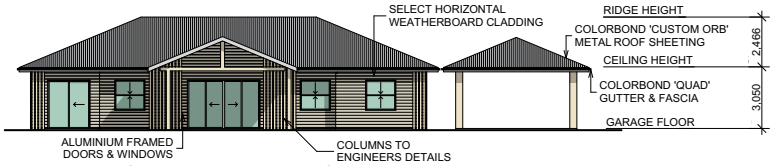
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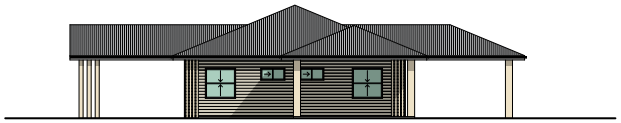
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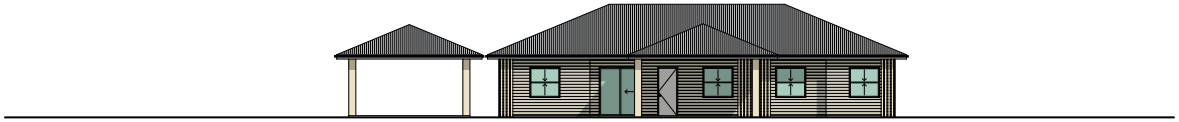

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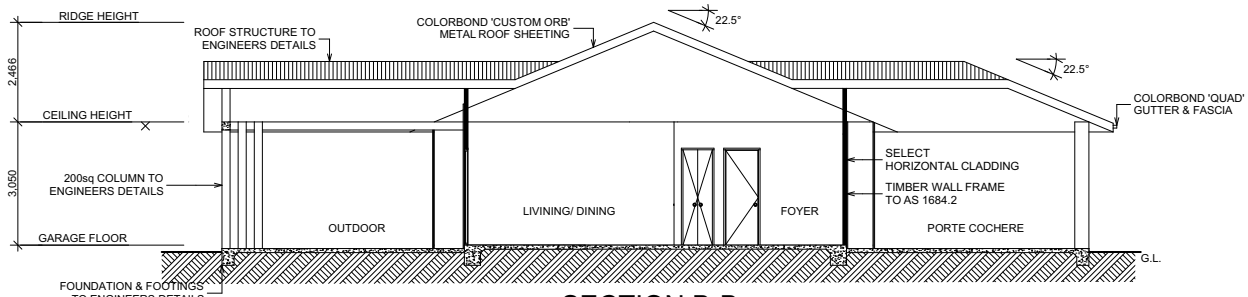
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8 2021 22204 1 – Objections Received During First Exhibition Period

20 January 2022 – 18 February 2022.

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Sat 29/01/2022 2:51 PM

Renee Neal [redacted]

**Submission against DA 8/2021/22204/1**

To council

Dear councillors,

I am writing in regards to the proposed plans for DA 8/2021/22204/1.

I would like to put forward my disagreement with the proposed plans. As a member of the Allandale community I do not feel that the proposal has the best interests of the community and existing residents. The main concern I would like to express is position of the proposed dwellings. The proposed positioning of the dwellings could not possibly be any more intrusive of the existing residents, with a planned road to wrap around not properties on the fence line, not to mention dual story proposed dwellings to be looking directly into the existing properties. Further to this, the sheer size of the properties and proposed occupancy rates would undoubtably produce significant noise disturbance to the area most closely effecting the 2 properties that are encased by the proposed road and dwellings. Already in this area is a 'stays' accommodation that sleeps 10 people and the noise generated from this property in an otherwise quiet rural residential area is significant, and this is without the property being rented every weekend.
I am not opposed to progress for the area and understand this is a tourism district however the existing residents who make up this community, live in this area, vote in our elections and contribute to this community should have their homes and lifestyles protected as a priority over more tourist accommodation in an already over flooded tourism market.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission against the proposed development.

Kind regards,

Renee Neal

Sent from my iPhone

KH

Fri 18/02/2022 12:46 PM

KAYE HILL [redacted]

Objection to DA application (8/2021/22204/1)

To council

**My husband and myself strongly oppose this development application due to the following reasons-**

**1. We strongly oppose the size and positioning of the 4 dwellings.**

**The proposed development does not fit within the established character of the area and is considered out of context for the locality.**
**The direct location so close to each neighboring property has a direct impact of overlooking and total loss of privacy. Is this the only viable position? Given the size of each lot, why locate the development at one frontage?**

**2. We strongly oppose the entry and exit driveways that are so close to a very busy corner and intersection ie. Lovedale Rd and Camp Rd. Shouldn't there be a turning lane? This part of Lovedale Rd is a common speeding zone, as it is a straight stretch of road. Many cars overtake at great speeds all the time. A major issue to consider.**

**3. The dwellings are stated as dual occupancy but they appear more like hotel/tourist accommodation-does this mean a very large number of cars etc arriving/leaving during occupancy (often at all hours)? Also loud parties, bucks & hens parties-who knows?**

**4. Overlooking/loss of privacy- The proposed development results in a substantial impact on the privacy of the entertaining area and spa area of our property.**
**Is there any privacy screening or landscaping to help minimize this?**

**5. Car parking- There appears to be insufficient space for parking of large volumes of cars.**

**6. Sewerage Plant- Has there been sufficient examination of the disposal of the treated wastewater? Given the site conditions,**

**soil type (clay) and maintenance of the irrigation area.**

**7. Bush fire Risk-we are concerned that there will be additional bush fire risk to existing houses directly adjacent (new dwellings located on existing/designated firebreak)**

**8. We strongly oppose the access road that will border the 2 x 5 acre properties due to total lack of privacy, noise and dust issues.**

**9. The impact of this development will not only affect the direct occupants but we believe the style and size of the dwellings are way out of character for this beautiful rural area.**

Regards
Kaye & Owen Hill
[redacted]

Diane and Roy Deane
[redacted]

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Cessnock Council
PO Box 152, Cessnock NSW 2325

Dear Council,

**DA 8/2021/22204/1**
**Subdivision and Construction on Corner of Camp and Lovedale roads ALLANDALE**

We are in receipt of details for the above DA, which proposes

- **The rearrangement** of **5 allotments** (one presently along Lovedale Road, three presently along Camp Road, one with no road frontage except for the Hunter Expressway) **INTO 2 adjoining 40+Ha allotments** with frontage to Lovedale Road. One is adjacent to Camp Road and the other is adjacent to the Hunter Expressway. These allotments are then accessed by new driveways on Lovedale Road.
- **The construction** on each of these properties of pairs of dwellings. Each comprising a single storey and a two storey building.

## Our major concern is the traffic situation along Lovedale Road.

We occupy 908 Lovedale Road, which is opposite the subject properties as well as the Camp road, Lovedale Road intersection. We suffer at least annual instances of cars coming from Camp Road failing to stop safely at Lovedale Road, and damaging our front fence to the extent that we have stopped maintaining it.

Traffic also comes along Lovedale Road from the Cessnock direction so fast that it presents a danger to people turning into Camp Road from Lovedale Road and vice-versa. Illustrating the speed of this traffic, in the last year a car failed to negotiate the bend 400m from this intersection and ended up overturned inside our side boundary slope, and last week at this same bend two cars collided head-on and Lovedale Road was closed for the day.

Coming from Cessnock, speeding cars suddenly realise they have missed the Camp Road turn, and try to do a U-turn in front of the proposed Lovedale frontages. This stretch, and the intersection itself, is very dangerous, as can be gauged from the frequent blowing of horns at cars that have turned dangerously at this intersection.

While we would like some sort of comprehensive solution to this problem existing on our doorstep, **we also do not think it is wise to create two (in fact three!) more driveways onto Lovedale Road when the much quieter Camp Road could be used for access.**

## The buildings should be sympathetic to the rural setting

We feel that the proposed buildings are somewhat out of character for the area, and propose that the height be restricted to a single storey, and that the buildings closest to Lovedale Road should be moved significantly further back from the roadside.

**Diane and Roy Deane**

Objections to Nominated Integrated Development, Application No. 8/2021/22204/1 per Cessnock City Council our advice letter dated 03 January 2022 received 18 January 2022, re proposed development at 186 Camp Road, Greta.

Note: The actual Development Application refers to an address on Camp Road, Greta when the proposed development has frontage and entry to/from Lovedale Road, Allandale. Is that a strategy to get around development approval? When the land was offered for sale the address was Lot 2 Lovedale Road, Lovedale.

The applicant is seeking to subdivide 5 lots into 2 with the end result to build dual occupancies on both lots. Our objection is the subdivision into 2 lots and intended location and use of the buildings and their two storey design on proposed Lots 1 and 2.

Our objections to the development:

1. The proposed Lot 1 is heavily wooded with sections of trees believed to be of protected species hence the applicant is taking the advantage of a cleared section to build two structures very close to the Lovedale Road boundary. Regarding Lot 2 there is sufficient cleared land to position the proposed structures further east, well away from existing residences.
2. The application does not state what the buildings will be used for i.e. permanent or part time residential use or holiday let? I suggest the latter will be the case. The client Ocean Palm Asset does not represent as a home builder, therefore the "Detached Dual Occupancies" are not residential home sites. It is obvious from the description of the internal fit-out the buildings will be eventually used as a boutique hotel or a form of holiday accommodation. The plan looks similar to a hotel or resort (similar to Lovedale's Crowne Plaza accommodation units). With each unit having bedrooms with sitting rooms and ensuite it is obvious the accommodation will be used as holiday lets. To this we object.
3. Lot I (to be built opposite our property (918 Lovedale Road, Allandale) one building is to be a two storey construction which certainly is not ambient to the said Allandale district. A two storey construction will impact/severely damage the existing character of the landscape. To this we object.
4. Zone RU2 Rural Landscape objectives per Cessnock Council advice, "To maintain the rural Landscape character of the land" and "To maintain and enhance the scenic character of the land." The proposed subdivision is FAR from Council objectives.
5. Lot 1 is proposed to be built on 41.6 Ha (102.7 acres) the applicant proposes the two storey and single storey buildings to be constructed approximately 44 metres from the front boundary. Diagram (slide 2/7) indicates the building front boundary to be in line with neighbouring properties based on the building alignment of the residence built on 951 Lovedale Road Allandale. This residence was constructed pre 1990 when Lovedale Road was a lazy country road, it is far from that now, a very busy arterial road. Residences built after that date are positioned generally 80

metres from the front boundary. The immediate next door neighbour 931 Lovedale Road their front building alignment from the front boundary is 80 plus metres. Opposite neighbours residences are 70-80 metres from the front boundary.
The Applicant seem happy to report Lot 2 will be hidden by existing residential houses. Level 1 will be very prominent to Lovedale Road traffic constructed 44 metres from the front boundary, the existing foliage/trees far too sparse to "hide" the construction. As well boundary trees will need to be removed to allow the planned two driveway access opening up the land further. The two storey building far from "blending" into the rural aspect. It will be prominently seen by Lovedale Road traffic. A ridiculous planning action. We object to the proposed location and design of Lot 1.
To our knowledge there are NO "in your face" TWO STOREY residences built along Lovedale Road. Two storey rural constructions should be banned by council if not already.

6. Driveway access to the proposed Lots 1 and 2 is shown to be on the already very busy Lovedale Road, a road that has taken lives before, a 80 km speed limit that is very busy since the opening of the Newcastle Expressway and as we live on the road and experience every day vehicles being driven at excessive speeds past our residence and the proposed driveway entrance to the proposed lots not to mention the daily use of the roadway by B Doubles trucks using Lovedale Road turning into Camp Road en-route to the railway site entrance off Nelson St. Greta. Lovedale Road is a death trap now with possibilities of further deaths due to excessive speed of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds in both eastern and western direction. To this we object.
7. The proposed development boasts Lot 2 will be "hidden" from view of Lovedale Road passers-by. What about the two residents that own properties Nos 931 and 951, Lot 2 is proposed to be built on their fence line, a ridiculous proposal. To this we object.

As residents we are not opposed to sensible development however this development as proposed is contrary to the rural concept of the Allandale district, it is obvious the buildings will be used as holiday accommodation resulting in taking away the rural atmosphere (our original reason to purchase land/ farms in the first place) in Allandale, not to mention noise of casual rentals, lighting from the buildings, extra traffic movement with the danger of vehicle's turning in/out from Lovedale Road, and merely taking away the rural beauty of the area. We submit to Council our total objection to this development proposal.

Peter and Janice Mayon

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As residents of 931 Lovedale Road, we strongly object to the proposal for the application 8/2021/22204/1. Our property adjoins the property outlined in the proposal, on two sides. This proposal is for two lots both with dual occupancy.

Our objections are based on visual impact, privacy issues, road safety and environmental concerns.

We do not believe rezoning the existing five lots into two lots is in the best interests of the environment or the neighbouring residents. This whole parcel of land was previously owned by the Roads and Maritime Services, as a buffer to the Hunter Expressway. It was classified as an Endangered Ecological Community due to the presence of threatened species of fauna -Lower Hunter Spotted Gums, Hunter Lowland Redgum Forest and Ironbarks.

**VISUAL IMPACT**

DOC2022/004298 – Statement of Environmental Effects, 3.1.6 ROADS ACT 1993, Clause 2.3 – Zone Objectives and Land Use Table

The proposal states that the objectives are “to maintain the rural landscape character of the land” and “to maintain and enhance the scenic character of the land”. Many of the trees fronting Lovedale Road would need to be removed to accommodate the dual driveways in the submission (minimum of 4m in width each). These trees are threatened Spotted Gums and if removed would affect the ecological community and change the rural landscape and character of this stretch of road, as the corridor of trees is very scenic when approaching from the Hunter Expressway. This would not maintain the scenic character of the land, nor enhance it in any way. In fact, we believe this would be detrimental to the rural appearance. The Executive Summary, of the Statement of Environmental Effects, states that “the development is considered to be in the public interest and suitable for the site”. It also states, “No adverse impact on the existing character or amenity of the area will result”, and “The development will have positive economic impacts for the site and provide suitable housing for the growing population”.

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We oppose these statements, as on what basis is a development suitable when it would have an adverse impact on the character of the area? How can four houses be in the public interest and contribute to housing for a growing population? It is a rural area, not a housing development. What are the positive economic impacts??

DOC2022/004305 – Developmental Control Plan Compliance Table, Part D Subdivision 1.4 Specific requirements for RU2 Rural Subdivision

1.4.11 Visual amenity:

The subdivision allows for the construction of the dual occupancy development to be clustered with the existing residential dwellings along Lovedale Road to reinforce the residential area against the rural landscape. The dual occupancy on proposed Lot 1 is not considered to have any significant visual impacts from the public domain with the dwellings being obscured by the existing vegetation along the southern property boundary and set against the vegetation to the north. The dual occupancy on Lot 2 is located behind the existing neighbouring dwellings and will be significantly hidden from the public domain. In this respect, there is considered negligible impact on the rural landscape. It is considered that the proposed subdivision will not result in significant adverse visual impacts.

We strongly disagree with this baseless assessment. The proposed dwellings on both Lots 1 and 2 would be clearly visible from Lovedale Road, as the trees along the roadside and at the front of both our property and the property in question do not provide a thick enough canopy to block the visual impact. Our home is quite visible from Lovedale Road, as would be these dwellings. Additionally. The removal of trees from the front of the property for the driveways, in the south of proposed Lot 1, would further increase visibility of the proposed dwellings. As there are two 2-storey dwellings in the proposal, we fail to comprehend how they could be conceived as being “significantly hidden from the public domain”. Indeed, we cannot envisage that there could possibly be “negligent impact on the rural landscape”.

Part D Urban Housing 2.3.4 Streetscape and front setback:

The proposed development creates two large rural allotments with a natural aspect across the native vegetation. The scale of the development is considered appropriate for the size of the proposed allotments. The dwellings located on the southern side of Lovedale Road are large in scale. It noted that to the west of the site incorporates other dual occupancy development approved in the locality of similar scale.

The setback of the dwellings on proposed Lot 1 are consistent with the dwellings already present adjoining the property. The dwellings are situated away from the public domain and are obscured by the existing vegetation along Lovedale Road. It is considered that the dwellings on proposed Lot 1

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are consistent with the streetscape present. The dwellings on proposed Lot 2 are situated behind the existing dwellings. It is considered they will have negligible impact on the streetscape.

Again, these documents imply that there will be no visual impact on the rural streetscape, which we dispute. There are no 2-storey dwellings in the immediate area and those along Lovedale Road are not situated as close to the road as proposed Lot 1 dwellings would be. This would change the rural appearance of the area.

The visual impact of these four massive residences upon exiting the Hunter Expressway would be detrimental to the appeal of entering the rural Lovedale Winery area.

**PRIVACY ISSUES**

2.3.4 Streetscape and front setback:

Setbacks provide space for residents to feel an adequate sense of visual and acoustic privacy when using rooms fronting the street.

The setbacks provide sufficient space for residents to feel an adequate sense of visual and acoustic privacy.

2.3.5 Private Open Space

The site has sufficient space to achieve the private open space requirements. It is not anticipated that privacy screening is warranted for this development.

Whilst both 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 refer to the privacy of the proposed inhabitants of the new dwellings, what about our privacy? We would have a house almost on our west boundary, (proposed Lot 1) set forward of our house and angled to be facing our house front, in particular our main bedroom and loungeroom. A proposed 2-storey dwelling on Lot 2 would also be on our back boundary fence, invading our privacy.

Houses in rural areas are not generally built next to boundaries and not immediately next to neighbours. This is not in keeping with the rural streetscape of this area at all. We have been residents here for over six years, having moved here for the privacy and space the acreage afforded us. Not only would we lose all our sense of visual privacy, but we would also be looking at what would appear to be nothing short of a housing development, instead of

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the natural landscape we currently enjoy. Acoustically we would hear the general comings and goings and general household noise, being surrounded by 4 dwellings. This is not an urban street, so we should expect privacy where we are situated. Why is there no provision made in this proposal for screening for both acoustic and visual privacy for us and our neighbours?

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3.3 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

The proposed development has been sited to minimise the impact on the rural landscape. The dwellings on proposed Lot 1 have been sited to be consistent with the existing setbacks established with the dwellings on the adjacent sites. Thus, creating a logical extension of the rural residential form within the locality. The dwellings on proposed Lot 2 have been sited behind the existing dwellings along Lovedale Road to minimise visual impact upon the rural landscape. The dwellings will be obscured for the public domain and therefore rural vistas when approaching the Hunter Expressway from the Vineyards district are maintained. The dwellings have been carefully sited to minimise, where practical, vegetation removal and be consistent with the existing rural character of the area. The development is considered of an appropriate density for the land use zone and has been sited to ensure the integrity of the land values are maintained or managed where appropriate.

How has the proposed development on Lot 1 “been sited to be consistent with the existing setbacks established with the dwellings on the adjacent sites”? when it is not in line with our home which is right next door?

2.4 Design Elements 2.4.2 External appearance

1. The building design and the Statement of Environmental Effects that accompanies the proposal shall demonstrate that the following matters have been addressed:

• consideration of the existing scale, character and massing of development in the immediate area;

The existing character of the area is not dense in residential development. Generally, there is significant space between dwellings, which demonstrated on lots that have an existing dual occupancy. It is considered that the proposed dual occupancy development on each allotment is consistent with the character of the area.

As already stated, this is not an urban street, so any proposal should not change the density of housing so it appears as a residential development, which we fear this proposal would do.

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### 2.4.3 Height and Scale

1. Walls are sited and are of such length and height that there is no significant loss of amenity to adjacent dwellings and land. This can be achieved through:

• setbacks that are progressively increased as wall heights increase to reduce bulk and overbearing;
• building siting and height that are related to landform, with minimal cut and fill;

• building forms that enable a sharing of views with neighbours;

• building bulk, that is generally distributed to reduce impact on neighbours and on the public street;
• building heights similar to those in the public streetscape;

• building to the boundary, which maximises privacy for neighbouring dwellings and their private open space;

• boundary walls, limited in length and height, to minimise the impact on neighbours; and

• adequate separation between facing dwellings for privacy.

The height of the dwellings are considered standard to single and two storey development. Given the setbacks from the public domain and the adjoining landowners, the height and scale of the development is considered appropriate.

How are the proposed 2-storey dwellings similar heights to the streetscape?
How do we share views with the proposed dwellings, when they would be blocking our current views from various places on our property?
How does distributing “building bulk… reduce impact on neighbours”??
How does “building to the boundary” maximise both our privacy as neighbours and our private open space?
How can houses built on our doorstep be considered appropriate in height and scale?

### 2.3.6 Views and privacy

1. To encourage the sharing of views whilst not restricting the reasonable development potential of a site.
2. To site and design buildings to meet projected user requirements for visual and acoustic privacy.
3. To protect the visual and acoustic privacy of nearby buildings and private open space.

It is considered that the proposed development can achieve view sharing, visual privacy and acoustic privacy. The development is not believed to substantially impact upon the views of the neighbours.

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Again, how can we, as neighbours, not be impacted visually and acoustically? What is the developer's definition of "substantial impact"? We believe it would be a substantial impact to our lifestyle, which would potentially affect our mental health.

**ROAD SAFETY**

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3.2.3 SEPP (INFRASTRUCTURE) 2007 (Infrastructure SEPP (ISEPP))

As described in Section 1.3 the development is adjacent to Hunter Valley Expressway, a state classified road, and bordered by Lovedale Road, a regional classified road, to the south. Pursuant with Section 101 of the ISEPP, the Consent Authority must not grant consent to development on land that has a frontage to a classified road unless it is satisfied that:
(a) where practicable and safe, vehicular access to the land is provided by a road other than the classified road, and
(b) the safety, efficiency and ongoing operation of the classified road will not be adversely affected by the development as a result of— (i) the design of the vehicular access to the land, or (ii) the emission of smoke or dust from the development, or (iii) the nature, volume or frequency of vehicles using the classified road to gain access to the land.

With respect to Section 101 Clause 2(a), Lot 1 is afforded a boundary with Camp Road being a local road. Access was not considered to this road for the development given the dense vegetation located in the west portion of the site. The area of vegetation along Camp Road is identified with significant biodiversity values, as shown in FIGURE 6. As such it was considered that providing access to Lovedale Road would require less vegetation removal and have less environmental impact; thus, was the more appropriate location. The location of the driveway for Lot 1 has been situated on the east boundary to be the furthermost point from the intersection of Lovedale Road and Camp Road. The location of the driveway minimises the risk of traffic movement conflict. It is considered that the proposed development of Lot 1 does not result in any significant road safety impacts. Any vehicle can move to and from the site in a forward motion and the driveway access is believed to have suitable sightlines to move safely onto Lovedale Road.

4.1.2 ACCESS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

The proposed development has not been found to result in adverse impact on the road network. Given the low traffic generation associated with residential development it was considered that a Traffic Impact Assessment was not warranted in this instance. The assessment against Section 101 and 102 of the ISEEP has demonstrated that the development adjacent to classified roads is appropriate and will not compromise the safety of Lovedale Road. Access to the proposed Lots have been justified under the assessment of Section 101 of the ISEPP. Their location has been determined by environmental constraints and have been sited where there will be the least environmental impact.

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The proposed driveway construction is disturbing and ludicrous at best. Whilst we realise this plan was created for bushfire protection measures, as indicated in DOC2022/004280 Bushfire Assessment Report, and due to environmental concerns on Camp Road, we believe a better option for dwellings on proposed Lot 2 would be to build to the east. There is already a road into the property there and little vegetation to be cleared. It is not viable for the Lot 1 proposal as there is no suitable driveway options which do not hinder road safety or destroy the natural, threatened environment.

The proposed driveways would require removal of Spotted Gums, which are vulnerable, along Lovedale Road, as previously mentioned. This would not only affect the environment, the rural appearance of this scenic corridor and create less vegetation to obscure the oversized dwellings, it would also create a dangerous road safety issue.

Our neighbours and ourselves have frequently had near accidents turning into our own driveways due to the sharp bend at Camp Road turnoff, the crest of the hill near Camp Road turnoff, the excessive speed vehicles travel along Lovedale Road and the common crossing of kangaroos on Lovedale Road in this vicinity. Two of the proposed driveways would be adjacent to our existing driveway and be even closer to the crest of the hill, and thus be even more difficult for cars coming from the hill to slow down and avoid collision with vehicles turning into the proposed driveways. It would also be dangerous for vehicles turning from the three proposed driveways, particularly across oncoming traffic. Vehicles turning into the three proposed driveways would have the danger of being rear ended from vehicles travelling at speeds above the limit when travelling on Lovedale Road either to or from the Hunter Expressway. Kangaroos are frequently killed in this area due to high traffic; more driveways would compound this problem.

This is a real concern for us in this area, we do not want the situation worsened. Three driveways in close proximity to ours, and our immediate neighbours, would be cause for real concern that it would only be a matter of time before another serious road accident occurred, one having happened near here.

The proposal to build a driveway on our western boundary, extending along our northern boundary and then on past our neighbour's boundaries is very upsetting. This would remove all our privacy, create a lot of dust and cause

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noise from vehicles coming and going. This does not even include the noise and dust and lack of privacy we would experience while the proposed dwellings are being built. Also, we would lose many of the beautiful gums, including Spotted Gums, which are at the rear left corner of our property, which contribute to our bush views. These gums are also home to a variety of native birds, including Black Cockatoos, Kookaburras, Parrots, Lorikeets and Babblers, to name a few. There are no driveways we are aware of that have been built so close to two boundaries of other properties on Lovedale Road. This type of driveway is comparable to battle-axe driveways in suburban developments and is not in any way in keeping with the rural character of the area.

An alternative would be to use the existing road into proposed Lot 2 and build a bridge over any causeway. This would mean that there would be no need for a driveway to enclose both our boundaries and that of our neighbour's. This would also reduce the number of proposed driveways onto Lovedale Road whilst also meeting standards for the Rural Fires Act, 1997.

Building the proposed dwellings on Lot 2 further to the east, would eliminate the issues of privacy, reduce the risk of road safety and fire risk, and save our beautiful native gums in the process.

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3.1.6 ROADS ACT 1993

Considering the location of the dwellings set back from Lovedale Road and the Hunter Expressway it is not anticipated that the residents of the dwellings would be significantly impacted by road noise which would result in sleep disturbance. It is believed that the development is appropriately sited against vehicle noise and no additional attenuation measures would be required.

The dwellings on proposed Lot 1 would be situated closer to the road than our house. We need to close our windows at night to block the noise from Lovedale Road, particularly on weekends and early hours before dawn on weekdays due to commuters. Lovedale Road is extremely busy and noisy and there are many trucks and buses that travel past. In fact, homes in this area, including ours, have had their windows double-glazed to combat the increased noise pollution from the Hunter Expressway and the increase of traffic on Lovedale Road because of the Expressway.

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C.6 Access and mobility

The development is not for a Class 1a tourist and visitor accommodation units, thus this chapter of the DCP does not apply to the development.

*Single storey dwelling*

- Carport;
- Porte cochere; Recreational rooms (snooker room; yoga room; sauna; movie room; gymnasium);
- Kitchen and living room;
- Parent's retreat, bedroom and ensuite;
- Three bedrooms each with separate sitting room and ensuite; and
- Outdoor entertaining area.

*Two storey dwelling*

*Ground floor*

- Carport;
- Porte cochere;
- Recreational rooms (snooker room; yoga room; sauna; movie room);
- Kitchen and living room;
- Five bedrooms each with separate sitting room and ensuite;
- Outdoor entertaining area; and
- Outdoor pool and cabana.

*First floor*

- Parent's retreat, bedroom and ensuite;
- Study / office;
- Library;
- Gymnasium with washroom;
- Upstairs living area;
- Kids playroom;
- Two bedrooms each with separate sitting room and ensuite; and
- Terrace and verandah.

It seems surprising, given the nature of the design of the houses and proximity of the developments on each site, that this is not tourist accommodation. If the proposed developments are in fact residential accommodation, why would

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anybody choose to live on rural acreage if their homes were right next to the neighbour's boundaries and their neighbour's homes? And why would there not be garages in the designs for such large homes? It does not make sense to build developments such as these and be so close to existing homes in a rural setting.
Other neighbours have bought homes in this area and live elsewhere. It is quite common to rent out properties on Lovedale Road as tourist accommodation, as this is a high traffic tourist destination. If the development becomes tourist accommodation, how would we, as immediate neighbours, not be affected by the implications of lack of privacy, security and safety issues, and increased noise both day and night??

Furthermore, we are concerned the value of our property would be reduced by having neighbours so close to our own home.

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4.3.1 SAFETY, SECURITY AND CRIME PREVENTION

No additional safety, security for crime prevention measures are required as a result of the proposed development. The proposed development will not create any safety, security or crime concerns on or around the site.

Any increase in population, will automatically increase the concern of crime. It is not reasonable to state that this "will not create any safety, security or crime concerns on or around the site." There have been incidents of crime on Lovedale Road. If this proposed development becomes tourist accommodation, there would be a definite higher risk to both ourselves and our property.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

DOC 2022/004272 Biodiversity Assessment Report
1.5.1 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)

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The proposed development will require the clearing of 1.11 hectares (ha) of native/exotic vegetation requiring offsets and 1.17 ha of native/exotic grassland not requiring offsets. The proposed impacts on native vegetation exceed the vegetation clearing threshold for the Study Area (1 ha based on a minimum lot size of 40 ha) and triggers entry into the BOS. [Biodiversity Offset Scheme]

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4.2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

4.2.1 ECOLOGICAL

The proposal will result in the removal of 2.28ha of native vegetation which exceeds the biodiversity threshold legislated by the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017. As such the BDAR identifies that the development triggers 20 ecosystem credits minimum lot size of 40 ha) and triggers entry into the BOS.

The BDAR identifies the direct impact of the proposed development is the removal of 1.11ha of native vegetation and 1.17 ha of largely exotic vegetation. The indirect impacts of the development include:

- Increased weed invasion and potential spread of introduction of pathogens from the site to adjacent vegetation;
- Accidental incursions during clearing; or
- Reduced viability of adjoining habitats due to increased noise, dust, or light spill

As stated above, this proposed development exceeds the limits legislated by the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017. Offsets would have to be implemented. We do not agree with the need to rezone this area and cause the entry into the Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

Australia is one of the worst countries in the world for broadscale deforestation. Bit by bit, our country, with NSW being a main offender, is destroying our native vegetation. We have already killed tens of millions of native animals (including threatened species) and wiped out endangered forests and woodlands. Australia is also the worst offending country in the world for the extinction of mammals. [Wilderness Society, February 2021] Although this is a small, forested area, every tree removed, every native animal or bird's home which is removed is contributing to this catastrophic crisis. Kangaroos, echidnas and various bird species, use this area as home. Black Cockatoos are seen in this area, a vulnerable species. A large mob of kangaroos regularly feed on the exact areas proposed for construction of dwellings, in both proposed Lots 1 and 2. This area is their home. Echidnas amble along the boundary areas, currently undisturbed.

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We fear that these native birds and animals will be displaced as their habitat is further reduced. Increased weed invasion, noise, dust and light spill would contribute to further devastation to their homes. Part of the natural beauty of living here is to see the flora and fauna in their natural state. The proposed dwellings will destroy their homes and the attraction of living here for us.

DOC 2022/004272 Biodiversity Assessment Report
3.2.1 Vegetation within the Development Site

#### 3.2.1.1 Plant Community Types

One Plant Community Type (PCT) was identified within the site; *1600 - Spotted Gum - Red Ironbark - Narrow-leaved Ironbark - Grey Box shrub-grass open forest of the lower Hunter*. The remainder of the Development Site was characterised by areas of managed exotic grassland.

The vegetation within the Study Area was assigned to three (3) vegetation zones based on floristics and vegetation condition. Vegetation Zones comprised the following:

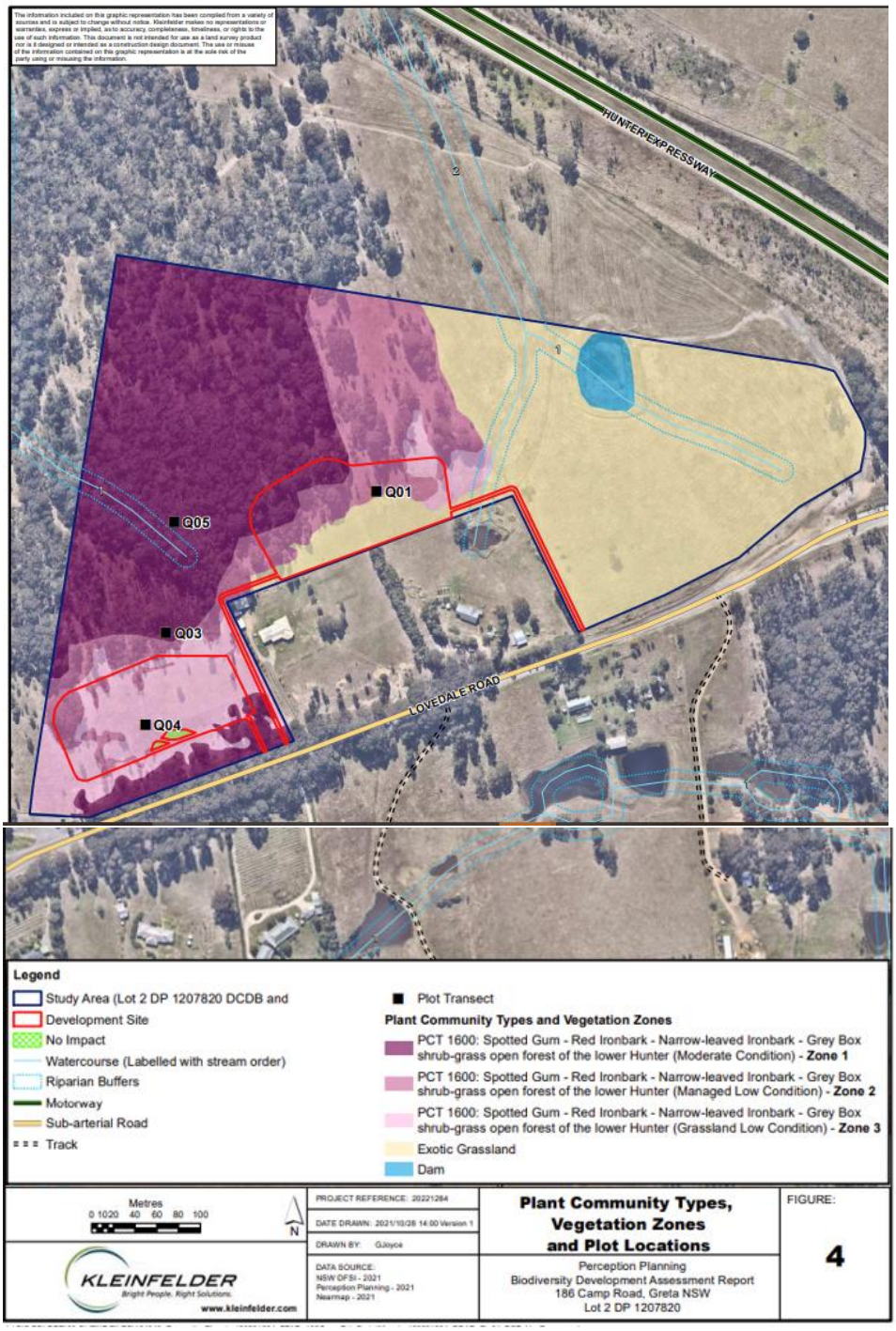
- **Vegetation Zone 1:** *1600 - Spotted Gum - Red Ironbark - Narrow-leaved Ironbark - Grey Box shrub-grass open forest of the lower Hunter (EEC - Moderate Condition)*
- **Vegetation Zone 2:** *1600 - Spotted Gum - Red Ironbark - Narrow-leaved Ironbark - Grey Box shrub-grass open forest of the lower Hunter (Managed Forest – Low Condition)*
- **Vegetation Zone 3:** *1600 - Spotted Gum - Red Ironbark - Narrow-leaved Ironbark - Grey Box shrub-grass open forest of the lower Hunter (Grassland- Low Condition)*

### 3.2.1.2 Vegetation Descriptions

The vegetation within this zone most closely resembles a dry sclerophyll forest due to the presence of sclerophyllous plant species and a forest structure. PCT 1600 was deemed to be most closely aligned PCT to the vegetation within the Subject Site due to the known occurrence of this PCT within the locality and the dominance of key diagnostic species such as Corymbia maculata (Spotted Gum), Eucalyptus moluccana (Grey Box), Allocasuarina luehmannii (Buloke), Leucopogon juniperinus, Daviesia ulicifolia and Cymbopogon refractus.

BC Act: The vegetation within this zone meets the definition for Central Hunter Box Ironbark Forest EEC under the BC Act

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The diagram clearly shows that parts of both Zones 1 and 2 would be removed if this proposal moves forward. Zone 1 qualifies as a threatened ecological community under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. The Zone 1 section fronting Lovedale Road would be destroyed by the proposed driveways, affecting threatened environment as well as the visual landscape, thus ruining the rural character of this section of property frontage on Lovedale Road.

### 3.1.4 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016

The report determined the following:

• The removal of vegetation to the south will have negligible impact on habitat connectivity within the locality and unlikely to disrupt the movement of threatened species;

• Movement corridors within the local area would largely be maintained with the retention of a large area of intact native forest to the north;

• Indirect impacts on the first order streams can be managed through appropriate erosion and sediment control measures during the construction period; and

• Vehicle strike on threatened species or animals was deemed unlikely.

What proof is there that vegetation removal "will have negligible impact on habitat connectivity within the locality and unlikely to disrupt the movement of threatened species"? Movement corridors would be affected as new development interrupts the current habitats of local wildlife. Black Cockatoos are evident in this proposed rezoning area, even if the very limited survey did not see evidence during the site assessment.

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### 7 PUBLIC INTEREST

The public interest is best served by the orderly and economic use and development of land for purposes permissible under the relevant planning regime and predominantly in accordance with the prevailing planning controls. The development proposal as outlined by this SEE, has negligible impact on the surrounding locality and is considered compatible with the development within the surround area.

### Conclusion

The key reasons why the proposed development is appropriate are as follows;
• It is a permissible form of development,
• It is consistent with the applicable environmental planning instruments,
• Environmental impacts can be managed and / or mitigated;
• No adverse impact on the existing character or amenity of the area will result, and

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• The development will have positive economic impacts for the site and provide suitable housing for the growing population.
It is considered that the proposal will have no significant impacts on the surrounding locality to that it is likely to adversely affect their ability for future residential development opportunities.

We firmly disagree with the above conclusions, and indeed the entire proposal to rezone this property into two lots and construct four dwellings upon it.

We believe that:

- the visual, rural character of the immediate area will be altered irrevocably,
- we will lose our privacy and our current lifestyle will be both visually and acoustically impacted; our mental health will also suffer,
- there would be a decrease in road safety due to the multiple driveways,
- there would be adverse environmental impacts on both flora and fauna,
- the value of our property would be reduced, and the opportunity for selling impacted by lack of privacy,
- the only positive economic impact would be for the property owners, not the neighbours.

We ask that you consider the implications outlined in this submission and not approve the subdivision of five lots into two, nor the construction of two detached dual occupancies.

Yours faithfully,

Karen and Chris Spinks

[redacted]

8 2021 22204 1 – Objections Received During Second Exhibition Period

14 September 2022 – 13 October 2022.

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Attention: Development
Cessnock City Council
62-78 Vincent Street
Cessnock

Emailed to: Council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

23 September 2022

**Objection to Development Application 8/2021/22204/1**

I wish to object to this development, and have the following observations and questions in support of my objection:

1. The plans for the development suggest that it's address is 186 Camp Rd. Whilst this is one of the lots being consolidated, the construction is clearly being carried out on DP 1207820 which is on Lovedale Rd. The proposal is thus misleading.

2. I note that two dual occupancies are to be built close together, consistent with rental or motel accommodation, yet no intended use is stated. Has Council investigated this? If so, what use is contemplated?

3. What is the potential number of occupants contemplated by this development? Lovedale Rd is already experiencing high traffic volumes and developments of this nature are only going to increase this – further detracting from the rural ambience so valued by local residents.

4. The description of the proposal on Council's website states that "one Dual Occupancy (is) to be built on each of the Proposed Lots. However, the Site Plan provided by Sorensen Design & Planning shows two detached buildings to be constructed on each of Lots 1 and 2, making four in total. Which is correct?

5. The proposed buildings on Lot 1 appear very close to Lovedale Rd. The appearance of such commercial style buildings so close to the road is not consistent with the rural nature of the area, nor with what I understand to be current best practice.

6. The buildings on Lot 2 are too close to the boundary of the adjacent properties.

7. The building on the western side of Lot 2 appears very close to bushland which will create a fire hazard to that property. Is some of the vegetation to be cut down as part of the construction?

8. Who will maintain the access roads to the proposed new Lots?

9. The western side of the access road to Lot 2 runs very close to the boundary of the adjacent property.

10. I believe the location of this development is completely inappropriate, in view of its proximity to both Lovedale Road and the M15 Expressway, and the attendant traffic and noise levels likely to be experienced by future occupants. I urge Council to reject the application and preserve the attractive and successful rural and hospitality nature of the area.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

David Lowes

Diane and Roy Deane
[redacted]

5 October 2022

Cessnock Council
PO Box 152, Cessnock NSW 2325

Dear Council,

**Re-notification DA 8/2021/22204/1**
**Subdivision and Construction on Corner of Camp and Lovedale roads ALLANDALE**

Further to our response on 17 February 2022 and the renotification from Council on 7 September 2022, we still have some concerns re this development.

**Our major concern is still the traffic situation along Lovedale Road.**

In our earlier submission we pointed out actual instances of VERY dangerous traffic situations that occur along Lovedale Road, particularly from about 300m West of the Camp Road intersection and along the road frontage of the subject properties.

The additional three access points being proposed to Lovedale Road add on to the already dangerous access points for existing properties. We suggest that the access point for the proposed property which adjoins Camp Road should be relocated to provide access from Camp Road, and that the two access points for the proposed Eastern property should be reduced to one, positioned as far East along Lovedale Road as is feasible.

The main concern Council needs to address in this area, even without this development, is that traffic travels from the South along Lovedale Road at 80+ km/h around a bend - and are surprised that the turn left into Camp Road is suddenly upon them! They may miss the turn and then come back after a dangerous U turn; or they brake dangerously and/or toot loudly at cars they find turning right, across their path, from Lovedale road into Camp Road. The braking and tooting that occurs is often heard at this intersection, as well as some unfortunate accidents. **It is essential that thoughtful consideration be given to significantly slowing cars in this area** - and adding in extra access points from properties onto Lovedale Road is not advisable.

**The proposed buildings should be sympathetic to the rural setting**

We feel that the proposed buildings are still somewhat out of character for the area, and propose that the height be restricted to a single storey, and that the buildings closest to Lovedale Road should be moved significantly further back from the roadside.
Further, the encircling of two existing properties by borderside driveways appears to be an unnecessary and un-neighbourly design feature of the development, particularly as the number of en-suite bedrooms in the proposed properties would seem to ensure significant traffic movements, particularly on weekends.

**Diane and Roy Deane**

# Submission for 8/2021/22204/1

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Development not in keeping with surrounding country ambience. Too large not appropriate for the area. Adds significant pressure on the already super busy Lovedale Road. Sited within the 50 metres of the boundary which is not appropriate for new developments on Lovedale Road. Bulk and height are an issue.

PERCEPTION PLANNING

# STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

**FIVE INTO TWO LOT TORRENS TITLE SUBDIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED DUAL OCCUPANCY ON EACH CREATED LOT OVER THREE STAGES**

**186 CAMP ROAD, GRETA, NSW,2334 (120/-/1187484, 13/-/1078153, 248/-/755211, 1&2/-/1207820)**

# Response to DA for Subdivision and Construction of Detached Dual Occupancy Lots 1,2

## Summary of Key Points:

1. **Agree with Stage 1** consolidation 5 into 2 lots which comply with Cessnock Council conditions for approved dwelling construction on 40 ha sites. Stage 1,2 proposed dwelling construction raises added complexity if included in the existing DA (see below). Suggest separate and site-specific DA could be lodged for each of the proposed dwellings on Lot 1 and Lot 2 at any later date.

2. **Object to 3 additional access to Lovedale Road.** Environmental Effects Report does not consider existing access problems experienced for current residences, black spot at Camp Road intersection (due to blind sweeping bend from Cessnock direction and speeding vehicles from the expressway direction). More importantly the Report has not considered the future increased traffic flows resulting from recently approved residential development at the former Camp Road migrant camp site. Alternate access options have been identified for Lot 1 and Lot 2 (see below).

3. **Object to Lot 1:** Proposed (4-bedroom plus 9-bedroom) dual occupancy dwellings is, in effect, 13-bedroom commercial short-term accommodation not residential. They represent excess development, inconsistent with local environment. Noise, visual and parking issues exist. Site is significantly impacted by trees in the environment protection area. Potential access option could be via Camp Road adjacent to existing bus shelter?

4. **Object to Lot 2** Proposed dual occupancy (2 x 4-bedroom) dwellings is in effect, 8-bedroom commercial short-term accommodation. Noise, visual and parking issues. Building envelope is in the designated bushfire protection zone for adjacent properties. Exit driveway crosses waterway behind 951 and will require substantial road work (and a separate DA?) to become trafficable. Potential option is to use the existing access driveway or possibly a private access road at the roundabout (similar to that at the quarry). Suggest an alternate building envelope could be on hillside above existing dam. This area is also naturally sheltered from traffic noise from Expressway.

5. **Wastewater Issues:** Proposed dual occupancy dwellings show additional rooms which could be converted to bedrooms which will result in increased hydraulic load and will require additional LAA. The Whitehead Report specifies commercial wastewater treatment systems. Water usage for this type of accommodation is not 120 litres per guest and is actually around 200 – 240 llitres per guest (based on 10 years local experience e.g Cypress Lakes Resort, Allawah Estate and Hunter Resort, Hermitage Road and others)

## 6. Summary and signatures of proponents

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# Introduction

A range of engagement methods were used to raise awareness and seek input into the Draft Climate Change Resilience Plan. This included:



**391 visits to councils online engagement page Together Cessnock,** with 168 comments to the discussion points



**95 people connected with us across 5 pop up stalls:**

- Branxton
- Clothes swap event, Cessnock
- Kurri Kurri Library
- Bridges hill playground
- Wollombi Markets



**Information on how to get involved** included in enewsletters



**5000+ individuals reached on social media** with 351 engagements

# SUBMISSIONS & RESPONSES


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6.1 Community emissions profile

Council has a variety of roles when undertaking actions to increase resilience to climate change (see Page 23 of the plan). The highest level of influence is directly implementing actions to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations, but we can also assist the community by collaborating and capacity building with groups and organisations.

## Do you agree with Council's role in regards to climate change?

(Total responses with and without comment)

**21** Affirmative responses

**16** Negative responses

## Council Responses

| 4.3 COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE ROLE | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** The Plan is an overreach by Council | The Plan addresses the commitments of the Climate Change Policy adopted by Council in 2020. | No amendment. |
| **2** Council should be worried about running the business they can't do now and stop trying to get into politics which is not at council level | As per 1. | No amendment. |
| **3** Council has no place deciding on climate change policies | The Climate Change Policy was adopted by resolution by Council and the Plan addresses the commitments of the adopted Policy. | No amendment. |

**Council's Climate Change Policy provides a commitment to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Climate Change Resilience Plan contributes to this long-term target but the actions identified in Sections 5 and 6 are to be implemented within the next four (4) years.**

# Do you agree with Council's timeframe for the implementation of the plan?

(Total responses with and without comment)

**25** Affirmative responses

**22** Negative responses

## Council Responses

| 4.4 TIMEFRAME | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Faster emission reduction would be better. | Council has previously adopted the policy commitment of net zero emissions by 2050 for consistency with Australian Federal Government and NSW State Government policy position. Council acknowledges the IPCC sixth report (AR6) recommendation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and the Plan aims to reduce emissions within Council's level of influence. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |
| **2** Council should be climate neutral by 2030. If you want to see how another Council is setting the lead look to Woollahra Council. | While other Councils have adopted an earlier date for achieving net zero emissions Council's current policy goal is net zero emissions by 2050. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |
| **3** I would really like to see the council bring forward the time line and take climate change seriously. | The Plan establishes an initial pathway to reducing greenhouse gas emissions within Council's realm of influence and assisting the community to build resilience. The Plan is the first stage in achieving our commitments and playing our part in addressing climate change. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |

**The plan outlines a series of actions for Council to mitigate greenhouse gases and increase sustainability in its operations and delivery of services to the community. These actions have been divided into 6 themes and can be viewed in Table 5.2 – starting on p28 of the plan.**

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to reduce waste and waste emissions (W1-W8)?

(Total responses with and without comment)







## Council Responses

| 5.2 COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS | | |
|---|---|---|
| **WASTE** | | |
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Landfill is the biggest source of Council's own emissions at 76% – it would be good to see the introduction of FOGO in the short term rather than the medium term. | Action W2 outlines the implementation of FOGO to Cessnock LGA. The measured implementation and required infrastructure for FOGO waste collection is forecast to take 2 years and has been included in the Plan as medium term to reflect the timeframe for implementation. | No amendment. |
| **2** The old waste system was much more inclusive and sustainable, including the dump shop. Too much waste goes to landfill. | The waste actions (W) within the Plan provide a suite of opportunities to reduce waste to landfill and continuous improvement in our waste operations. | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **3** I have some concerns with carbon offsetting - this should be an option of last resort for hard-to-abate sectors | Noted. Council considers carbon offsetting as the final option after reduction and mitigation. Action W5 highlights carbon offsetting may be required to be investigated if Council is to achieve a net zero emission goal. | No amendment. |
| **4** There needs to be more emphasis on manufacturing for resource recovery and reuse in the circular economy, rather than alternative waste treatment processes. | Action W8 highlights the partnership between Hunter Councils and the Hunter Joint Organisation which is actively seeking to accelerate the circular economy within the region. While the manufacturing of reusable products is outside of Council's realm of influence we are actively encouraging and seeking opportunities to facilitate this sector as part of a circular economy within the region. | No amendment. |
| **5** Governments should be forcing the responsibility for reuse back onto manufacturers and retailers. | Packaging of products is governed by Australian Consumer Law and industry-specific regulations. These laws are regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and State consumer protection agencies. Council does not have delegated authority in these matters, but could play an advocacy role for more sustainable packaging or product stewardship schemes. | Action W9 has been added to the Plan. |



## Do you agree with the proposed actions to transition Council's fleet and plant to low emission technology or other alternative power sources? (FP1-FP5)

(Total responses with and without comment)

**46** Affirmative responses

**21** Negative responses

## Council Responses

| FLEET AND PLANT | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** **Electric vehicles place more pressure on electricity transmission infrastructure due to charging times.** | Charging times are dependent on the type of charger used. Charging outlets are installed based on infrastructure at the charging point and would be assessed. Wider transmission infrastructure is the responsibility of Ausgrid and outside the scope of the Plan. | No amendment. |
| **2** **EV charging ports have been filmed all over the world catching fire and the batteries in the car catch fire.** | The regulation of the operation of EV charging infrastructure are captured under the national energy framework by the National Electricity Law and Rules, National Energy Retail Law and Rules along with NSW State Regulators. National safety standards for electric vehicles are also regulated by the Federal Government. | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **3** We do not have the infrastructure now for electric vehicles nor the local services to supply and service such things. | The introduction of electric vehicles to the Australian market is relatively new and required infrastructure is being supported by Federal and NSW State Government policies. Actions FP2, FP4 and CR8 support the implementation of the required charging infrastructure. | No amendment. |
| **4** Just think you could install EV charging at Council in the short term rather than medium term. | Action FP2 will assist in determining timeframes for potential installation of charging stations at Council facilities. | No amendment. |
| **5** Major opportunity to establish wide scale solar power generation within Cessnock LGA, especially with regard to supporting the transition to EV options and removing costs and dependencies on grid power. | Noted. | No amendment. |



## Do you agree with the proposed actions to progress sustainable options and reduce emissions in Council's infrastructure and facilities? (IF1-IF9)

(Total responses with and without comment)







## Council Responses

| INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Action IF2 -I do not agree with Council managing water use as water is not a council resource, but is supplied by nature. | Action IF2 does not propose management of water supply, which is currently undertaken by Hunter Water Corporation. The action refers to sustainable management and conservation of water in Council facilities. | No amendment. |
| **2** Action IF3 – I do see a reason to fund new lighting when there is existing lighting. | Action IF3 refers to sporting field lighting utilising low-energy options which are more economical and sustainable. This would apply to replacement globes and any future sporting facilities. | No amendment. |
| **3** Action IF4 – I do not agree with the transition from gas as it is clean energy and should remain used commercially and residentially. | Action IF4 relates to Council facilities only and does not propose removal of gas from private properties. | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **4** Action IF6 – I do not agree with installation of LED lighting. | The LED replacement program for street lighting has resulted in substantial cost savings and greenhouse gas emission reduction for Council. | No amendment. |
| **5** Action IF8 - Open space opportunities are something that is required for high density development and unless Council are intending to implement high density housing this is not needed | Action IF8 refers to Council open space or recreational facilities and how they can be best designed/utilised for the community in response to heat, landscaping design etc. These facilities are not restricted to a particular neighborhood density. | No amendment. |
| **6** Action IF9 - I do not agree with sustainable procurement as this could lead to Council obtaining peoples properties or businesses as part of best practice climate adaptation | Action IF9 does not propose what has been raised in this issue. | No amendment. |



## Do you agree with the proposed actions to reduce Council's electricity consumption and increase use of renewable energy options? (E1-E8)

(Total responses with and without comment)

**40** Affirmative responses

**21** Negative responses

## Council Responses

| ELECTRICITY | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Action E1 – I do not agree with a data system to track anything as it is only a short step to tracking residents | The Council energy and emissions data system is for internal Council operations and reporting only and does not include private properties/ operations. | No amendment. |
| **2** I don't agree with an electricity or emissions data system. Whatever happened to privacy? | As per 1 above. | No amendment. |
| **3** Action E4 – I do not agree on a public reporting platform | The public reporting platform aligns with Action E1 and is to provide the community with transparent information regarding Council's greenhouse gas reductions and journey towards net zero emissions. | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
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| **4** Action E5 – I do not agree with membership of the Cities Power Partnership as it is a 'big brother' initiative that we do not require | Council has been a member of the Cities Power Partnership for three years along with other Hunter Councils. The Cities Power Partnership facilitates an exchange of information that assists Councils to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction and sustainability options. The Cities Power Partnership has been an invaluable resource and provides economic efficiencies by collaborating with other Councils and information sharing | No amendment. |
| **5** Action E6 – I do not agree with the participation in the State Government Cities and Communities Program as I believe it is pushing high density monitored community living | The objective of the Government and Cities and Communities Program is to increase sustainability in communities and is not focused around high density development. | No amendment. |
| **6** Action E7 – I do not agree with a PPA arrangement in which a third party developer installs, owns and operates an energy system on a customer's property | A PPA is contract between an electricity consumer and seller where energy is generated from renewable sources. A well designed PPA can be simple way to decarbonize electricity usage. The source of the renewable energy generation is subject to regulatory approval. | No amendment. |
| **7** I would just like to see a power purchase agreement in place in the short term rather than the medium term. | A PPA is subject to the terms of an agreement and availability of a suitable agreement will be subject to market demands. While there may be a PPA availability in a shorter timeframe Council will continue to investigate suitable options. | No amendment. |
| **8** Agree with reducing electricity consumption, but renewable energy sources are a feelgood option. | Federal and NSW energy policies have facilitated the commencement of renewable energy into the energy grid. Council does not have regulatory control of the energy transition but is committed to utilizing renewable energy sources as part of its commitments under the Climate Change Policy. | No amendment. |
| **9** Will the purchase of electricity from renewable sources meet the demand of more electric vehicles on road | This issue is outside the scope of the Plan and will be dependent on the uptake of electric vehicles. | No amendment. |



## Do you agree with the proposed actions to increase sustainability and resilience in Council's corporate planning processes and procurement of products? (CPP1-CPP11)

(Total responses with and without comment)







## Council Responses

| CORPORATE PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Action CPP2 – waste emergency management should be covered in the EMP why do it again. | Emergency waste management procedures are not included within the current regional emergency management plan. Waste management has been an issue during recent emergency declarations and Action CPP2 seeks to fill this gap. | No amendment. |
| **2** Action CPP4 – I do not agree early warning networks are required. They are just a weather report. | Early warning networks are an essential element of preparedness for emergencies and go beyond the issue raised. | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **3** Action CPP8 – I do not agree assessment of infrastructure assets is required to account for climate change adaptation. | Assessment of infrastructure for projected climate change scenarios allows Council to incorporate adaptive designs and upgrades to infrastructure. This planning for infrastructure has a significant cost benefit for Council and the community. | No amendment. |
| **4** Action CPP11 – I believe the revolving energy fund is not a positive use of funds. The recycled timber company is a good example of wasted funds. | The Revolving Energy Fund utilises savings made from installation of more energy efficient technology within Council facilities to generate additional savings for Council and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. | No amendment. |



## Do you agree with the proposed actions to facilitate increased sustainability in development within the local government area? (DP1-DP6)

(Total responses with and without comment)







## Council Responses

| DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Action DP2 – If developments are landscaped developers will charge extra cost on the buyers price and if owners do it they will have to outlay the cost | Council's current Development Control Plan (DCP) contains controls for landscaping as do State Environmental Planning Policies for development. Action DP2 seeks to provide more guidance for landscaping elements, but cost is market dependent as per the current market. | No amendment. |
| **2** Action DP3 – Community batteries are part of the new monitored communities | Not applicable | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **3** Action DP4 – BASIX has already been updated and requires ceiling fans instead of double glazing which ultimately does not make sense. | Action DP4 seeks to incentivize applicants to incorporate more sustainable measures into development. | No amendment. |
| **4** Action DP5 – Increasing the dwelling density is not in line with the rural character of CCC LGA and more in line with high density or high rise or monitored community developments. | Action DP5 aligns with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement. Dwelling density is a consideration for development due to land availability and use along with other factors. | No amendment. |
| **5** Putting in high rise units in Cessnock will make it more like a concentration camp of WW2 | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| **6** Green infrastructure, community batteries, BASIX. It's not Council's job. | The approval of these initiatives within development is undertaken under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is a core function of Council. | No amendment. |
| **7** The condition of existing infrastructure (roads, waterways, electricity distribution, water and sewage management, public land maintenance) needs to be assessed to improve and maintain these in the first instance. | The assessment of Council infrastructure is undertaken through our Asset Management Plans and framework. Highlighted areas such as electricity distribution and reticulated sewage management are the responsibility of other organisations and Government departments. | No amendment. |
| **8** Enforcing land holder responsibilities with regard to waterways through private properties including riparian management of banks and removal of water for private use. | Not applicable. Use of water on private properties is administered by Water NSW while enforcement activities are undertaken by the NSW Natural Resource Access Regulator | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **9** People often only build one house in their lifetime, so there is only one chance to site it facing north (not specifically included in the plan), with a light coloured roof and driveway and vegetation to shield from the summer sun - basics that probably do more than green walls and roofs. Given the amount of building going on in Cessnock, there should be more emphasis on energy efficiency now, including charging for EVs and getting developers to install community batteries in every new subdivision. | Noted. These issues are already addressed in the Plan through actions such as DP2. | No amendment. |
| **10** There needs to be a stronger position on ensuring protection of existing native vegetation (and avoid loss of existing vegetation and relying on offsets) replacing the existing plant giveaway to only provide local native provenance species, and extending this to existing residents not just new dwellings. | Council is currently reviewing its Biodiversity Strategy and protection of native vegetation will be assessed as part of this review. | No amendment. |
| **11** A stronger green policy on all new developments requiring a % development mandatory green space and creation of new native revegetation areas | The Plan includes relevant actions (DP1, DP2) to investigate changes to promote green space and infrastructure. | No amendment. |
| **12** Replacing the existing plant giveaway to only provide local native provenance species, and extending this to existing residents not just new dwellings. | Noted. Action CR10 includes sustainability programs that could potentially incorporate an expansion of the current plant giveaway program. | No amendment. |



## Do you agree with the actions where Council can assist the community to increase sustainability within the LGA? (CR1-CR17)

(Total responses with and without comment)







## Council Responses

| 6.2 COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** I would like to see some incentive for landlords to make their rental properties more energy efficient, therefore more comfortable and cheaper to run for renters, as well as lowering emissions. | Action CR4 outlines potential renewable energy options for private properties that promote cost saving incentives. Council through its collaborative partnerships with the NSW state Government can also assist in promoting wider ranging sustainability initiatives for houses. | No amendment. |
| **2** Given that most of the Cessnock LGA is bushfire prone land, it probably warrants a special mention under preparedness for natural disasters. It is another area where householders could use some expert advice as to the best way to protect their house, in the most cost-effective way | Action CR13 outlines initiatives for natural disaster preparedness, but does not specifically mention bushfire. | Bushfire wording added to Action CR13.<br>Rural Fire Service added as a supporting partner to Action CR13. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **3** I appreciate the Council's efforts towards encouraging community activities such as local food production and community gardens. I would like our Cessnock Council to establish Landcare groups to care of the bush and the overall environment. | Council is currently reviewing its Biodiversity Strategy and establishment of Landcare Groups (beyond existing groups) will be considered in the review. | No amendment. |
| **4** Establishing Sustainability Neighbourhood groups similar to Lake Macquarie City Council. | Noted. This may be considered under Action CR10. | No amendment. |
| **5** Action CR1 – I do not agree with a community emissions profile. Are peoples rubbish being checked, are power usages being monitored? | Community emissions profiles are collated from existing data provided by utility providers and other sources in accordance with greenhouse gas accounting methods prepared by the Australian Federal Government. | No amendment. |
| **6** Action CR2 – I do not agree with community awards as they are divisive and do not foster community harmony | Any community awards would be established with a framework to provide transparency and inclusivity. | No amendment. |
| **7** Action CR7 – Programs to increase community emergency preparedness have not merit. People in this LGA are already aware of bush fire, flood and natural disasters and take personal preparedness for such events. To leave this to government is an encroachment on peoples lives. | Action CR7 aims to promote awareness and preparedness for impacts from climate change and natural disasters and provide informed decision-making during these events. | No amendment. |

## Are there any other initiatives or actions that should be included in the plan?

(Total responses with and without comment)

**18** Affirmative responses

**19** Negative responses

## Council Responses

| OTHER | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issue** | **Response** | **Outcome** |
| **1** Child/slave labour is used to mine cobalt for EV batteries | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| **2** Concern regarding transparency of a 15 minute city in the name of making things more convenient | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| **3** Bring back notifying residents of up and coming development in their area | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
|---|---|---|
| **4** Lithium ion batteries can't be recycled so they are bad for the environment | If recycled 95% of lithium ion batteries components can be reused (CSIRO 2022). CSIRO is currently investigating opportunities for onshore recycling programs. | No amendment. |
| **5** Why use solar panels? They can't be recycled! | Up to 95% of a solar panel can be recycled with the most valuable parts being glass, metal frames, silicon and metals. Certain components can be recycled easier than others. However, a small number of Australian companies can undertake recycling with other recycling systems offshore. | No amendment. |
| **6** I don't believe in climate change. I see the planes flying over all the time and the geoengineering occurring. | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| **7** I believe that the whole climate change issue is a means by which governments are aiming to have higher control of the population. People will not be limited to stay in a 15 minute zone or pay a levy. I am totally against this happening and say no to anything to do with smart cities | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| **8** We don't have the energy grid or output for electric cars. The state and federal government wants to shut down more coal power plants so not sure where they are going to draw all the energy from. Renewables don't cut it! | The electricity network is regulated by the Federal and State Governments. The networks is outside of Council's realm of influence. | No amendment. |
| **9** Climate change is climate engineering! Closing power stations before these renewables are up and running doesn't make sense. | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |

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| **10** There should be firm targets in the Plan to indicate progress and commitment | Council has previously adopted the policy commitment of net zero emissions by 2050 for consistency with Australian Federal Government and NSW State Government policy position. Many of the actions within the plan will assist in contributing to this longer-term goal, but Actions E1 and CR1 will assist in demonstrating our progress over time. | No amendment. |
| **11** A commitment and vision statement from the highest level of Council, supported by management needs to be developed and widely promoted within the corporate divisions to ensure unmitigated adoption by staff | Noted. | No amendment at this stage. |
| **12** It is important that this is a costed program, or at least that it is noted and accepted there will be a cost over and above general Council operational costs. It must be understood and factored in that, potentially, a separate resourced and funded working group of some form, headed by a suitably qualified project manager, will be required to deliver this excellent initiative. | Noted. The Plan has provided estimated costing for the four year timeframe of its implementation. Additional budgeting will be undertaken through Council's annual budgeting process. | No amendment. |
| **13** The UN IPCC is a political organisation more concerned with furthering the agenda of vested interests rather than exercising scientific integrity. Climate change scaremongering is being used to manufacture consent for tighter controls over human populations. | Not applicable | No amendment. |

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| **14** I don't believe in climate change I know that the climate is being manipulated by the globalists. Catastrophic weather events are created with the intention of implementing Agenda 23/30. The worldwide cohesion of Federal, State and local government bodies in this country to implement their plans is to lead us into a very dangerous communist state. | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| **15** LED lights are usually accompanied by surveillance cameras which again implies surveillance of the citizens. | The plan has no actions for surveillance equipment. | No amendment. |
| **16** It could be good to showcase houses that have been upgraded, so people can see what is possible but also what is cheap and easy to do. As well as providing information, it would be good to have an interactive online forum/s where people can ask questions and get answers, or be told where to get the answers eg Recycle Mate etc. | Action CR10 may incorporate these suggestions through our sustainability education programs. | No amendment. |
| **17** My main concern is that Council can take these actions and control their own emissions, but the biggest source of emissions is electricity use by residents, commercial and business. There will need to be a lot of education and leadership for the actions to filter down to everyone in the LGA. | Agreed. The community climate change actions outlined in Section 6.2 of the Plan aim to assist with education of the community regarding their greenhouse gas emissions. By collaborating with other Government Departments, industry and the community we can work together to reduce emissions. | No amendment. |
| **18** Have a competition for the best street in the LGA/best school/ best preschool for recycling correctly, or getting FOGO right once it's introduced. | Action CR10 may incorporate these suggestions through our sustainability education programs. | No amendment. |

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| **19** There is a need for an organisational guideline re sponsorships/partnerships involving fossil fuels or things incompatible with our strategic intent re sustainability, climate resilience, our charter and/or stated business ethics. Councils run the risk of being party to greenwashing and not acting consistently in terms of realising our planning goals in relation to climate change or a sustainable healthy environment (CSP 2036) Our sponsorship and partnership practices should be in alignment with net zero emissions. | Action CPP7 aims to review Council processes to align with our net zero emissions target. This review could potentially incorporate a review of sponsorship and partnership practices. | No amendment. |
| **20** Where will EV charging stations be located? | Action CR8 proposes to investigate potential suitable locations. | No amendment. |
| **21** Community batteries:<br>• What is the reliability?<br>• How is energy distributed?<br>• How much energy is produced?<br>• What is the cost? | Community batteries are a shared solution for local neighbourhoods that allows energy generating infrastructure to be connected to storage battery. The energy is distributed between households from the battery and will be dependent on size of the battery system. Households will remain connected to the existing electricity network so reliability is maintained. Energy storage will be dependent on the size of the battery installed. Cost will also be dependent on the battery size. | No amendment. |



# APPENDIX
# FULL LIST OF RESPONSES

# Do you agree with Council's role in regards to climate change?

Council has no place deciding on climate change policies.

Council should be worried about running the business they can't do now and stop trying to get into politics which is not at council level.

You can't even build roads, sporting fields and infrastructure let alone trying to implement net zero. Do what we are paying you to do and supply the services to a high standard rather then this and leave this up to the state politicians which get paid to do.

I am concerned about Council's role in the aim to increase resilience to climate change and the wider implications this has for the community. Whilst perhaps well intentioned I'm concerned that the measures proposed by Council in the draft plan may in fact do opposite to the desired effect. Planning strategies, in particular, looking for increased opportunities to encourage increased dwelling density, the push to move towards electric vehicles and electric charging stations, the development of an ongoing emissions profile for Cessnock LGA and the idea of neighbourhood batteries are of concern to me.

What exactly is meant by 'increased dwelling density' within the context of the Cessnock LGA? Based on my observations Cessnock has experienced incredible growth over recent years and has not been able to manage this effectively. I'm concerned that by encouraging 'increased dwelling density' that this is going to further contribute to exponential growth that we aren't equipped to deal with. Furthermore, I feel the larger Cessnock grows, the less I recognise it and the more it loses it's appeal as a town that I want to live in.

Electric vehicles are currently being pushed globally as a trendy approach to reducing emissions. However, what are the emissions associated with mining and manufacturing required to produce an electric vehicle? How does this compare to current emissions? How long do electric vehicles last for? How are they then disposed of? How does their disposal impact on our environment? I have concerns about electric vehicle safety, with recent news articles highlighting fires occurring within these. It has also been acknowledged that electric vehicle fires pose a great challenge to emergency services as they are still learning how to put these fires out. Additionally they are also noted to be difficult to extinguish and keep extinguished. In the event of an emergency who is going to extinguish these fires? Will training be provided to emergency services to ensure community safety? Electric vehicles are reported to be heavier than combustion engine vehicles due to the weight in their battery. What impact will this have on our roads? I'm sure all would agree that our roads are a huge concern across the whole Cessnock LGA. What impact will heavier vehicles have on the state of the roads we drive and how can council ensure safety and appropriate upkeep/maintenance of these roads if any additional damage is to occur?

The draft plan also references pursuance of funding to support the installation of electric charging stations that 'should be powered by on-site renewables where possible'. As mentioned above, there is a risk of electric vehicles catching on fire. What are the risks of electric vehicle fires when recharging compared to risk of fires caused by vehicles refueling at current petrol stations within our community? What is the risk of these fires expanding due to being more difficult to extinguish and to keep extinguished? If charging stations 'should be powered by on-site renewables where possible' what happens if this is not possible? How many vehicles will be able to be charged by renewable energy sources at these charging stations? How long will it take to charge a vehicle? Where will these stations be located?

The draft plan refers to the development of an 'ongoing emissions profile'. What will this look like? Is this a Cessnock LGA wide profile or is it intended to be monitoring specific areas within the LGA? If it is the latter, will this lead to repercussions for certain areas who may have increased emissions compared to others? Will data on individual households be collected and stored as part of monitoring emissions?

Lastly, the idea of neighbourhood batteries has been included within the draft plan. Can you please clarify what is being referred to by this term? How are neighbourhood batteries intended to be used within the Cessnock LGA? If as a renewable energy source, then how reliable are these? How will they operate within the community i.e. how is energy distributed amongst the community, how much energy is produced/available, what is the cost associated not only with implementation but the ongoing cost of energy to the everyday household? With an increased push towards renewable energy sources what happens in the event of a disaster or emergency? How will these systems operate and ensure community safety? How long will these systems hold up in emergency circumstances?

I acknowledge that there are some initiatives within the plan that are appealing such as the 'share and repair' initiative, improving public transport and the concept of farmers markets and local foods. However, I am concerned about the implications of the above mentioned strategies. I have many other concerns relating to changes regarding climate change including the loss of jobs many of these changes are to going cause, the flow on impact of that on families who are already experiencing financial hardship with the current financial situation, and the reliability and practicality of shifting towards a 'renewable' energy source. This is particularly when looking further into the impact on the environment that the current suggested alternatives actually have.

I don't believe in climate change I know that the climate is being manipulated by the globalists. Catastrophic weather events are created with the intention of implementing Agenda 23/30. Sounds good on paper but here is a more realistic view https://feedthewolves.substack.com/p/un-agenda-21-2030-hidden-agenda Weather manipulation has been going on since the late 50s and it is all by design. www.geoengineeringwatch.org

The worldwide cohesion of Federal, State and local government bodies in this country to implement their plans is to lead us into a very dangerous communist state. An example of this is https://youtu.be/vJYaXy5mmA8 very scary stuff indeed. I guess you don't think this could possibly happen, well it is being trialled in the UK in Oxford the citizens are being locked down in their 15 min city. https://youtu.be/t4PI0NJ6b-Y If you happy to have every aspect of your lives controlled I guess you won't agree with me but I want to be free to visit my family who don't live near me and to do so when I wish to.

I have seen over the years how the government has put fear into our communities many times ! For our rate payers to fork out 4 million dollars and possibly get one million back is not real smart! The young people I spoke to at council's presentation had no idea of what has happened in the last 30 years ! And we all know of all those predictions failed! Another waste of our ratepayers money and you wonder why people are concerned of how our council is run!

All this is predicated on a one way scientific debate. The UN IPCC is a political organisation more concerned with furthering the agenda of vested interests rather than exercising scientific integrity. Climate change scaremongering is being used to manufacture consent for tighter controls over human populations.

The reporting on climate changes seems to be over stated and the alternative are not fully researched. Big biz seems to control all reporting and gov decision's.

It's not Climate change it's Climate control. Global warming is nature's way. Climate has. always been in cycles It's normal has been for centuries.

I do not believe that this area needs multi story buildings any where. I don't feel council has the right to tell residents what to do. Currently, solar panels and wind turbines CAN NOT be RECYCLED and are an ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. Additionally, COBALT is MINED BY CHILDREN in 3rd world countries and the environmental damage done by mining other " environmental energy solutions" is astronomical. I don't believe council or the residents of this area should take part in this.

Climate change is climate engineering! Closing Power Stations before these Renewables are up and running, doesn't make sense!

As a rate payer I believe there is more important and immediate issues in the Cessnock LGA for council to direct their resources to.

I'll explain why I don't agree with this proposal:

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| How much carbon dioxide emissions does the Cessnock LGA actually emit? Australia emits 1.3% of global emissions according to the CSIRO and NSW just 0.4%. |
| If Australia achieve Net Zero tomorrow, the difference in global surface temperatures will be 0.000555ºC over a century, next to nothing! |
| You currently do not have enough money to do the most basic things expected of council such as repairing our roads. |
| And I for one is not willing to pay more in rates for something I don't agree with. |
| How will you pay for this? Where do you need to cut funds to redirect to this? All to achieve no results other than virtue signalling to left wing ideologs. |
| I strongly oppose this. |
| Kind regards, Q.K |
| Firstly, why do we need to explain only no and not yes. Seems like youre trying to push people into the answer you want to hear |
| Secondly, the council can barely run effectively as it is in doing the jobs it's meant to do. Throwing extra work load on it won't help anyone |
| Thirdly, there is already so much restriction around climate policy pushed onto us by the state government. In the council area of cessnock we need to do big back burns to keep residence home and lives safe but because the state government pushes limited back burning unless the day is exactly correct to limit CO2 exsposure much of the bush land isn't back burned and every summer there's a worry fire being so big and out of control. In the cessnock area we also have a massive problems with bats nesting literally right up against a school fence. Just to be clear on this, when I say literally you might think I mean close by. No I mean literally the trees are touching the fence and the bats live there but because of the state and federal government protection on the bats nothing can be. The state and federal government are already ignoring the health of school children, let's not the council into the mix as well. In conclusion, stop trying to push the answer you want, the council has enough on it's plate and, there's already so much crap that we and the council have to apply with and there is other things not mentioned above that affect people's lives. So the answer is no and just leave people alone. |
| I believe that the whole climate change issue is a means by which governments are aiming to have higher control of the population. The council is paid by the people to address the best needs of the ratepayers not the government, who are also paid by the people. |
| People will not be limited to stay in a 15 minute zone or pay a levy to say Nelson Bay etc. |
| If these so called smart cities are put in place, people who didn't realise what they actually are, a ghetto, will retaliate and violence will probably occur, like in Holland and France. |
| I am totally against this happening and say NO to anything to do with smart cities. |
| Let wisdom prevail regardless of the governments agenda. |
| Let Cessnock council be on the right side of history. |

I don't believe in climate change. I see the planes flying over all the time and the geoengineering occurring.

I'm 92 years old and there's been no change in the climate in my years. Coal has kept me and millions of other people warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

I think it's overreach by the council, you just need to focus on your jobs, like fixing the pot holes in the roads all over Cessnock and surrounding areas!!

## Do you agree with Council's timeframe for the implementation of the plan?

Get on with it.

2050 is too late, go for 2030. Follow Woollahra Council.

No, the sooner the better. 2050 is too long away. Our aging society won't see the benefits.

As above, 2030 is way better.

Australia already has a negative gas emission because of all the trees.

No! Net zero is unrealistic and denies people of basic human rights. Trees absorb carbon emissions. STOP cutting these down and erecting ugly infrastructure. (This comment had three ticks in agreement.)

We "reduce emissions" (joke) while China, India INCREASE theirs.

Would love to see gov set time frames and caps on big pollution companies.

Would love to see frames and caps on elites who fly in their private jets and sail in their yachts.

There is NO such thing as a climate emergency - Prof Ian Plimer.

Ice Age – again when I was a lot younger.

Heating up of the earth – a few years later.

Raising seas – Tsunami is coming = lower property values. Elite bought seaside mansions because they knew it was all lies.

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| Now because we haven't believed the above it's called climate change. All LIES!!! |
| I think each term could be a bit sooner eg from 6 months to 18 months for short term. |
| Don't need to attack climate change when China do nothing little cesssnock council won't change anything. |
| We are a country town with a large area and so what has been proposed will not work unless you fix the shit show you have created. |
| We don't need climate change plan. We need more parking. More infrastructure. More schools. Things to compensate for the amount of houses in housing estates going up. |
| Landfill is the biggest source of Council's own emissions at 76% - it would be good to see the introduction of FOGO in the short term rather than the medium term. We seem to have been talking about it for years! |
| As electricity is the biggest overall source of emissions, it would be good to see some of the actions in the Planning area happening in the short term rather than the medium term. People often only build one house in their lifetime, so there is only one chance to site it facing north (not specifically included in the plan), with a light coloured roof and driveway and vegetation to shield from the summer sun - basics that probably do more than green walls and roofs. Given the amount of building going on in Cessnock, there should be more emphasis on energy efficiency now, including charging for EVs and getting developers to install community batteries in every new subdivision. |
| I believe 'net-zero' is an unachievable target. What does net-zero actually look like? How do we realistically even achieve ZERO carbon emissions? What will be the impact of the proposed alternative renewable energy sources on the environment short and long term? I agree wholeheartedly in looking after our environment, however examples such as the exploitation of other minerals such as cobalt and the exploitation of human rights in mining these to produce electric vehicles does not make sense to me. What data is used to predict climate change? I watched an interview with Dr David Evans (Climate Modeller) who is from Australia and he has argued that we are unable to accurately 'predict' the future climate, that is why they make 'projections' instead. These projections are based on 'modelling' and the data for these models is often manipulated and does not take into account many factors that would influence the outcome (i.e. the impact of clouds on the temperature). He references a period of 15 years in the past where Climate Modellers predicted increases in temperature, however this never occurred and Climate Scientists are unable to accurately and effectively explain why this was the case to this day. |
| I am yet to see this council do anything timely or positive. |
| Because the plan will sit on the shelf with all the others you have! |
| Cessnock Council should be climate neutral by 2030. |
| Unrealistic. |
| The way council works it will take a lot longer! |
| I don't agree with this proposal at all. |

As stated previously I do not agree with climate change science. Rather I see it as another tool, like the proposed use of central bank digital currencies (CBDC) to centralise power. I have a PhD in chemistry from the University of Sydney, I have worked for the government doing regulatory toxicology and I have worked for a multinational company doing product safety and risk management. I understand the workings of these institutions, and the nature of the people working in them- the cultural norms and biases. Council would do better to engage in real environmental issues such as recycling, landfill and waste, cradle to grave education on green initiatives, forest management. Climate change has become a cult, controlled by very powerful cult leaders pushing their new agenda. Contrary to media propaganda, there is no consensus among scientists as to whether man made climate change is real. As we can see from the debacle that is covid shots, groupthink can lead even supposedly intelligent people into nonsensical outcomes. Similarly, climate change hysteria is just a knee jerk reaction to all the fearmongering taking place in communities.

If you want to see how another Council is setting the lead -- look to Woollahra Council

https://www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/environment/energy_and_climate

From 1 July 2022 Woollahra has been using 100% renewable energy to power all of our 74 Council sites including buildings, parks and street lighting. Our energy contract links with three NSW solar farms, reducing our emissions by nearly 50 per cent

Council Climate Change Actions:

I submit that all the following Actions should become SHORT term rather than MEDIUM term for delivery:

W2, FP4, E7, DP2, DP3, DP4, DP6.

Not necessary.

I do not believe we need Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Australia contributes LESS than 1.4% green house gases per year, compared to United States (30%), China (27%), India (8%), Russia (4%), Germany (2.17%), and Japan (2.2%). To reach 0%, the eradication of every animal including humans, so that all cars, trucks and industry cease to exist.

And again, only asked to explain when answer no.

As above.

No, as per last response.

I don't agree with the plan.

Faster would be even better.

Focus on what rate payers want you to focus on, the climate is not one of those things!

# Do you agree with the proposed actions to reduce waste and waste emissions (W1-W8)?

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| We need a curbside pick up, once per year and a few vouchers so there is a decreased fire hazard in homes. (This comment had one tick in agreement.) |
| Vouchers for curbside pick up (1 or 2 x yearly). Food and organic collection. |
| Only if large polluters are held accountable. |
| Agree bulk waste. |
| Yes to curbside pick up. |
| Clothing, recycling initiative is excellent. |
| Mattress, furniture pick up. |
| Loss of recycling centre at dump has been a great loss to many. No longer can we source things to replace or fix things – all this stuff is now going into landfill. ☹ |
| Organic in nature does not mean it has not been compromised by contaminants. Look at W2 the wording is deceiving. |
| NO! Waste emissions cannot be solved by the introduction of electric vehicles. Look at the big polluters. The EPA are a joke, large industries get away with excess carbon emission and other contaminants. |
| Why charge more for a system that isn't working now. Oh that right charge more do less that how you get pay rises. |
| I have some concerns with carbon offsetting - this should be an option of last resort for hard-to-abate sectors - not sure that landfill fits this category.I also have some concerns with advocating for "alternative waste treatment processes and facilities". There needs to be more emphasis on manufacturing for resource recovery and reuse in the circular economy, rather than alternative waste treatment processes. I certainly don't want to see waste-to-energy facilities built before we have explored all avenues for resource recovery. Governments should be forcing the responsibility for reuse back onto manufacturers and retailers. |
| Please see first response. |
| Looks good on paper, much is to be done in educating the community on sustainability as many just don't care. I am not one of them I am very vigilant in my personal household waste management. Bring back the dump shop. Having worked in aged care I used to bring elderly gentlemen to the shop and they would share many stories and knowledge of things they saw. Priceless . |
| The control of wastes have to start with big companies! |

W2 should be short term. FOGO is proving highly successful in other Council areas and should be adopted as early as possible.

By all means reduce waste. This is the greatest environmental threat at hand. But as indicated previously, the anxiety over waste emissions will see misappropriation of taxpayer money.

Need to use waste as a fuel more.

My view not appropriate.

I believe development applications no longer are in line with rural standards and appear to be moving towards medium and high density, this should cease. Some councils sell worm farms and compost tumblers to residents at a discount rate to encourage food and foliage recycling, that would be more advantageous.

Council has had years to work out a better way of handling waste!

Council can't afford this.

And again.

As above.

I don't agree with climate change so don't agree with any plans/policies regarding reducing carbon emissions. I agree with being sustainable and protecting our environment, however I don't agree these things will help that.

I don't agree with the plan.

I moved out here because it is rural I don't think development applications are in line with rural life styles and are moving towards suburbia.

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to transition Council's fleet and plant to low emission technology or other alternative power sources? (FP1-FP5)

This must happen sooner than later. Use the solar panels with battery support for overnight charging. Allow rate payers to charge their cars at these facilities. (This comment had one tick in agreement.)

Unchecked climate change will see massive coastal inundation (great to see any action to address the issue.)

Unsure of the longevity of Electric Vehicles. (This comment had four ticks in agreement.)

EVs powered by coal. (This comment had two ticks in agreement.)

Electric vehicle BATTERIES need RARE EARTH MINERALS – the mining of which DESECRATES the ENVIRONMENT. (This comment had three ticks in agreement.)

NO! This is ridiculous as all will utilise coal to recharge. Solar and wind power are an environmental disaster waiting to happen. Where is the money coming from? Why are the roads a disgrace? (This comment had one tick in agreement. It also had a response from another community member – "How are solar and wind an environmental disaster?")

Doesn't look very well planned to me.

Please see first response.

Our roads are a disgrace, our town is dowdy and dirty. Covid yet another plan of the globalists have all but destroyed small business everywhere and very evident in Cessnock. The town is dead and most leave to go shopping. A four lane highway from Bellbird to the center of towns two lane bottleneck is perhaps the most ridiculous thing I have heard of. LED lights are usually accompanied by surveillance cameras which again implies surveillance of the citizens.

I see how it works in politics! And it only hurts the working class!

Sustainable options are a good idea, but please all the concern over emissions is ridiculous. I defer to the new operations at Cessnock waste disposal centre. The old system was much more inclusive and sustainable whereby one could dispose of metal for free and materials at the dump shop. This new system looks good but council have thrown the baby out with the bathwater. Too much goes to landfill.

No consideration is being given to the state of roads and the increasing impact that is having on the environment. Anecdotally, most ratepayers in rural, semi-rural and outer regional areas of the LGA consume vehicle tyres at least twice as quickly due to the poor roads. Fuel consumption, especially in regard to the prevalent diesel vehicles, is also greatly increased due to the road conditions. Whilst maybe not providing any direct cost savings to Council, the reparation and reasonable maintenance of roads in the Council's remit would greatly improve overall sustainability and enavironmental impacts within the LGA and beyond. Also, no direct reference to investigation and implementation of mid-large scale solar where appropriate.

Just waffle.

These things should already be in place!

Waste of resources.

And again only for no. There's a few things here but one of the biggest ones I see is recycling of old road. Our roads are already garbage as it is, why reuse crap that will come and cost more money in wages and more materials in a shorter amount of time.

As above.

As per previous responses.

I don't agree with the plan.

I'm a mechanic, so not an academic and even I know electric vehicles are bad for the environment. My grandkids tell me that cobalt is mined by kids their age in other countries, forced child labour! Then there is the lithium, manganese, cobalt, graphite, steel, and nickel do we really have unlimited supplies of this? And you can't recycle those batteries> Unless you know how?

I agree with in relation to recycling of old road and pavements (IF1) as this is a sensible reuse of materials; however, I DO NOT AGREE on (IF2) council managing water use (unless in council chambers only), as water is not a council resource, but one supplied by nature. I DO NOT AGREE and do not see the reason to fund new lighting (IF3) where there is existing lighting, my rates are not for that use. I DO NOT AGREE with the transition from gas (IF4) as gas is clean energy and should remain used commercially and residentially. I DO NOT AGREE that "Operational funds" (IF5) need to be spent on new facilities etc, look after the ones we have first. I DO NOT AGREE on spending 2 million dollars on LED street lighting (IF6), which has already been explained and covered in IF3. I DO NOT AGREE with money being wasted on "food studies" (IF7), unless we have rice or cotton fields here, it is a waste of rate money. I DO NOT AGREE on spending funds on "open space opportunities" (IF8) this is something that would be required in high density developments and not a rural setting, unless CCC is intending to implement high density housing developments ( which I most STRONGLY DISSAGREE with), this is a waste of tax and rate payer money. I DO NOT AGREE with council incorporating "climate adaption actions including sustainable procurement measures" (IF9), as this could lead to the "procurement" (the action of obtaining or procuring something) of peoples properties or businesses or anything else council decide needs obtaining for "best practice climate adaptation". None of these measures listed IF2 through to IF9 inclusive do I agree with.

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to progress sustainable options and reduce emissions in Council's infrastructure and facilities? (IF1-IF9)

Support more infrastructure (i.e. charging stations) for electric vehicles.

We need to have a plan to create standardization of charge stations (same cables to suit all Australian sold vehicles).

We need more charging stations in the Cessnock area – with multiple types of chargers. Where is the NRMA charging stations at Bridges Hill? Where's the NRMA charging stations near Coles/TAFE area?

Yes – solar street lights.

Cleaning parks, to get people outside enjoying nature.

Bring dump shop back!!

NO NO NO we shouldn't have a proposal. (This comment had two ticks in agreement.)

NO (This comment had one tick in agreement.)

As per previous responses.

I don't agree with the plan.

I do agree with recycling of old road and pavements it's a good idea to reuse materials; but I don't agree with anything else on that table, no way!

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to reduce Council's electricity consumption and increase use of renewable energy options? (E1-E8)

Batteries are important.

Need to look at recycling of old panels

Ensure end of life panels considered.

No, we still will mine coal to send to China but we can't use it. BS.

As per previous responses.

I don't agree with the plan.

I don't agree with a data system being set up to tack anything what ever happened to privacy? I don't believe we need Zero gas emissions by 2050. I know Australia contributes about 1% a year, what about all those other polluting countries, start with them, the council should focus on roads etc.

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to increase sustainability and resilience in Council's corporate planning processes and procurement of products? (CPP1-CPP11)

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| Support engagement with Indigenous groups. (Firesticks Alliance, Barkuma Hut - Kurri) |
| Ensure quality of materials is high and long lasting as well as sustainable. |
| You haven't worried about it in the past – why now? We need carbon for our trees. Trees are our life breath. Without the trees we all die – that's you council members too. |
| Reduce carbon?? Humans are carbon. Carbon OFFSETS = paying someone money NOT being environmentally RESPONSIBLE. PROFIT PROFIT. |
| As per previous responses. |
| I don't agree with the plan. |
| Don't want an update, just do a swift repair of roads after flooding. The rest of this is rubbish too, no I don't agree for more reasons than I have time to tell you! |

## Do you agree with the proposed actions to facilitate increased sustainability in development within the local government area? (DP1-DP6)

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| More green options affordable! |
| No gas in new houses. |
| Mandate vehicle battery points in new houses. |
| NO! Because council are using language aligned with one work government agendas following the principles of the World Economic Forum. ☹ |

We are not in a green house crisis. Australia doesn't produce more C02 than it deals with in all our trees and H20. Keep the trees. (This comment had seven ticks in agreement.)

More trees – less crazy development for your mates.

Climate Change is a HOAX!! You've been lied to! (This comment had three ticks in agreement.)

As per previous responses.

I don't agree with the plan.

Green infrastructure, community batteries within new subdivisions, BASIX, no it is not councils job. I still don't agree with electric vehicles.

## Do you agree with the actions where Council can assist the community to increase sustainability within the LGA? (CR1-CR17)

Finish cycleways (especially Branxton – Greta).

Cycle way along rail line from villages of Paxton/Ellalong into Cessnock.

Wollombi – community renewable energy source. Support area to move off grid.

Money makes carbon disappear (This comment had three ticks in agreement.)

You only want our money, you don't give a s*** about us! (This comment had four ticks in agreement.)

Involving Indigenous people in the action plan.

Weed spraying to be more effective in Wollombi.

Free dump passes for those who need them.

No because we shouldn't be doing this. Be respectful, that's all.

Programs to support off grid power systems.

"Sustainability" is not about protecting the environment. It is a WEF Agenda 21/30 WORD to deceive the populace. There is NO CLIMATE EMERGENCY. It is a way to implement CONTROL and SURVEILLANCE while PROFITING. (This comment had two ticks in agreement. It also had responses from other community members – "Read and trust the science" and "Not true read the science".)

As per previous responses.

I don't agree with the plan.

None of this do I agree with. Why bulk buy solar panels? Do you know how to recycle them? If not, they are a environmental problem.

I agree with cr5 as I was raised in the repair, reuse, repurpose days, but I don't agree about educating people on the green energy myth.

## Are there any other initiatives or actions that should be included in the plan?

Electric vehicle charging stations, more green space, heat island reduction building material

Until we know how to recycle lithium, turbine blades, solar panel and other green alternatives we shouldn't run head first down this path, it will be my grandkids and great grandkids left to clean up the mess! They say we are running out of fossil fuels, but are mining rare non renewables for these batteries, solar panels and turbines, such as: lithium, copper, graphite, zinc, cobalt, which also cost a lot to mine. I just don't see the sense.

## Do you have any general comments on the Climate Change Resilience Plan?

More trees in carparks, myrtle crepe along Wollombi Road.

More street trees and encouraging the community to plant more trees. (This comment had one tick in agreement.)

No more DA's for petrol stations.

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| Council needs to look after the trees they plant. (This comment had one tick in agreement.) |
| Agricultural land, protect it from urban development. (This comment had one tick in agreement.) |
| Better infrastructure implemented before development is done. |
| Tree vouchers for all residents like waste vouchers. |
| Strict ecology vetting of developers i.e. STOP KNOCKY 'GOOD' TREE DOWN. |
| Listen to the community. |
| Consider community batteries out in the rural hamlets where they have small cul-de-sacs and paint them like silo art. (E.g. Mountain View Estate) |
| Council needs to research WEF Agendas – this is just one piece of the pie. Klause Schwab "You will own nothing and be happy." Agenda 2021/2030. |
| I don't agree with this plan. |
| This is a high priority issue. The science is clear, its time for the community to get onboard. |
| About time Cessnock Council got onto this issue! Plan is well written, sensible and measured. |
| The Climate Change Resilience Plan, is all pie in the sky, and I don't think it will benefit Cessnock LGA rate payers at all, most of it isn't even based on facts. If you want to spend my rates, spend it on the roads or garbage collection, or shade in council car parks, or even work out how to recycle this stuff you want to bring in. |
| I wanted to speak to the Council officers at the Park on 1st April. I and my walking group went that way on purpose to see them, but we were blockaded by a bunch of anti climate people carrying on about some conspiracy. I heard one woman saying she was in the news that day. So i went looking and figured out it was our own Councillor Jurd I saw there harrassing the council staff and scaring people away. My own elected representative stopped me from engaging with this process because I believe differently to her. I am disgusted in her behaviour. Undemocratic, divisive nonsense. Shame on her. |
| I am very concerned about climate change. I have been around for a fair few decades and see the impact. I was disappointed not to speak with some representatives at the park in Cessnock Saturday week ago. My walking friends and I were blocked by a group of obviously anti climate change people. We felt quite intimidated by this group to the point we did not go near the table. |
| I support this. |


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**Summary of public submissions – Draft Climate Change Resilience Plan – 13 March 2023 to 14 April 2023**

| Issue | Response | Outcome |
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| **4.3 Council's Climate Change Role** | | |
| 1. The Plan is an overreach by Council | The Plan addresses the commitments of the Climate Change Policy adopted by Council in 2020. | No amendment. |
| 2. Council should be worried about running the business they can't do now and stop trying to get into politics which is not at council level | As per 1. | No amendment. |
| 3. Council has no place deciding on climate change policies | The Climate Change Policy was adopted by resolution by Council and the Plan addresses the commitments of the adopted Policy. | No amendment. |
| **4.4 Timeframe** | | |
| 1. Faster emission reduction would be better | Council has previously adopted the policy commitment of net zero emissions by 2050 for consistency with Australian Federal Government and NSW State Government policy position. Council acknowledges the IPCC sixth report (AR6) recommendation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and the Plan aims to reduce emissions within Council's level of influence. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |
| 2. Council should be climate neutral by 2030. If you want to see how another Council is setting the lead look to Woollahra Council. | While other Councils have adopted an earlier date for achieving net zero emissions Council's current policy goal is net zero emissions by 2050. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |
| 3. I would really like to see the council bring forward the time line and take climate change seriously. | The Plan establishes an initial pathway to reducing greenhouse gas emissions within Council's realm of influence and assisting the community to build resilience. The Plan is the first stage in achieving our commitments and playing our part in addressing climate change. | No amendment to policy emission target at this stage. |
| **5.2 Council climate change actions** | | |
| **Waste** | | |

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| 1. Landfill is the biggest source of Council's own emissions at 76% - it would be good to see the introduction of FOGO in the short term rather than the medium term. | Action W2 outlines the implementation of FOGO to Cessnock LGA. The measured implementation and required infrastructure for FOGO waste collection is forecast to take 2 years and has been included in the Plan as medium term to reflect the timeframe for implementation. | No amendment. |
| 2. The old waste system was much more inclusive and sustainable, including the dump shop. Too much waste goes to landfill. | The waste actions (W) within the Plan provide a suite of opportunities to reduce waste to landfill and continuous improvement in our waste operations. | No amendment. |
| 3. I have some concerns with carbon offsetting - this should be an option of last resort for hard-to-abate sectors | Noted. Council considers carbon offsetting as the final option after reduction and mitigation. Action W5 highlights carbon offsetting may be required to be investigated if Council is to achieve a net zero emission goal. | No amendment. |
| 4. There needs to be more emphasis on manufacturing for resource recovery and reuse in the circular economy, rather than alternative waste treatment processes. | Action W8 highlights the partnership between Hunter Councils and the Hunter Joint Organisation which is actively seeking to accelerate the circular economy within the region. While the manufacturing of reusable products is outside of Council's realm of influence we are actively encouraging and seeking opportunities to facilitate this sector as part of a circular economy within the region. | No amendment. |
| 5. Governments should be forcing the responsibility for reuse back onto manufacturers and retailers. | Packaging of products is governed by Australian Consumer Law and industry-specific regulations. These laws are regulated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and State consumer protection agencies. Council does not have delegated authority in these matters, but could play an advocacy role for more sustainable packaging or product stewardship schemes. | Action W9 has been added to the Plan. |
| **Electricity** | | |
| 1. Action E1 – I do not agree with a data system to track anything as it is only a short step to tracking residents | The Council energy and emissions data system is for internal Council operations and reporting only and does not include private properties/operations. | No amendment. |

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| 2. I don't agree with an electricity or emissions data system. Whatever happened to privacy? | As per 1 above. | No amendment. |
| 3. Action E4 – I do not agree on a public reporting platform | The public reporting platform aligns with Action E1 and is to provide the community with transparent information regarding Council's greenhouse gas reductions and journey towards net zero emissions. | No amendment. |
| 4. Action E5 – I do not agree with membership of the Cities Power Partnership as it is a 'big brother' initiative that we do not require | Council has been a member of the Cities Power Partnership for three years along with other Hunter Councils. The Cities Power Partnership facilitates an exchange of information that assists Councils to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction and sustainability options. The Cities Power Partnership has been an invaluable resource and provides economic efficiencies by collaborating with other Councils and information sharing | No amendment. |
| 5. Action E6 – I do not agree with the participation in the State Government Cities and Communities Program as I believe it is pushing high density monitored community living | The objective of the Government and Cities and Communities Program is to increase sustainability in communities and is not focused around high density development. | No amendment. |
| 6. Action E7 – I do not agree with a PPA arrangement in which a third party developer installs, owns and operates an energy system on a customer's property | A PPA is contract between an electricity consumer and seller where energy is generated from renewable sources. A well designed PPA can be simple way to decarbonize electricity usage. The source of the renewable energy generation is subject to regulatory approval. | No amendment. |
| 7. I would just like to see a power purchase agreement in place in the short term rather than the medium term. | A PPA is subject to the terms of an agreement and availability of a suitable agreement will be subject to market demands. While there may be a PPA availability in a shorter timeframe Council will continue to investigate suitable options. | No amendment. |
| 8. Agree with reducing electricity consumption, but renewable energy sources are a feelgood option. | Federal and NSW energy policies have facilitated the commencement of renewable energy into the energy grid. Council does not have regulatory control of the | No amendment. |

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| | energy transition but is committed to utilizing renewable energy sources as part of its commitments under the Climate Change Policy. | |
| 9. Will the purchase of electricity from renewable sources meet the demand of more electric vehicles on road | This issue is outside the scope of the Plan and will be dependent on the uptake of electric vehicles. | No amendment. |
| **Fleet and Plant** | | |
| 1. Electric vehicles place more pressure on electricity transmission infrastructure due to charging times | Charging times are dependent on the type of charger used. Charging outlets are installed based on infrastructure at the charging point and would be assessed. Wider transmission infrastructure is the responsibility of Ausgrid and outside the scope of the Plan. | No amendment. |
| 2. EV charging ports have been filmed all over the world catching fire and the batteries in the car catch fire | The regulation of the operation of EV charging infrastructure are captured under the national energy framework by the National Electricity Law and Rules, National Energy Retail Law and Rules along with NSW State Regulators. National safety standards for electric vehicles are also regulated by the Federal Government. | No amendment. |
| 3. We do not have the infrastructure now for electric vehicles nor the local services to supply and service such things. | The introduction of electric vehicles to the Australian market is relatively new and required infrastructure is being supported by Federal and NSW State Government policies. Actions FP2, FP4 and CR8 support the implementation of the required charging infrastructure. | No amendment. |
| 4. Just think you could install EV charging at Council in the short term rather than medium term. | Action FP2 will assist in determining timeframes for potential installation of charging stations at Council facilities. | No amendment. |
| 5. Major opportunity to establish wide scale solar power generation within Cessnock LGA, especially with regard to supporting the transition to EV options and removing costs and dependencies on grid power | Noted. | No amendment. |

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| **Infrastructure and Facilities** | | |
| 1. Action IF2 -I do not agree with Council managing water use as water is not a council resource, but is supplied by nature | Action IF2 does not propose management of water supply, which is currently undertaken by Hunter Water Corporation. The action refers to sustainable management and conservation of water in Council facilities. | No amendment. |
| 2. Action IF3 – I do see a reason to fund new lighting when there is existing lighting | Action IF3 refers to sporting field lighting utilising low-energy options which are more economical and sustainable. This would apply to replacement globes and any future sporting facilities. | No amendment. |
| 3. Action IF4 – I do not agree with the transition from gas as it is clean energy and should remain used commercially and residentially | Action IF4 relates to Council facilities only and does not propose removal of gas from private properties. | No amendment. |
| 4. Action IF6 – I do not agree with installation of LED lighting. | The LED replacement program for street lighting has resulted in substantial cost savings and greenhouse gas emission reduction for Council. | No amendment. |
| 5. Action IF8 - Open space opportunities are something that is required for high density development and unless Council are intending to implement high density housing this is not needed | Action IF8 refers to Council open space or recreational facilities and how they can be best designed/utilised for the community in response to heat, landscaping design etc. These facilities are not restricted to a particular neighborhood density. | No amendment. |
| 6. Action IF9 - I do not agree with sustainable procurement as this could lead to Council obtaining peoples properties or businesses as part of best practice climate adaptation | Action IF9 does not propose what has been raised in this issue. | No amendment. |
| **Corporate planning and procurement** | | |
| 1. Action CPP2 – waste emergency management should be covered in the EMP why do it again | Emergency waste management procedures are not included within the current regional emergency management plan. Waste management has been an issue during recent emergency declarations and Action CPP2 seeks to fill this gap. | No amendment. |

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| 2. Action CPP4 – I do not agree early warning networks are required. They are just a weather report | Early warning networks are an essential element of preparedness for emergencies and go beyond the issue raised. | No amendment. |
| 3. Action CPP8 – I do not agree assessment of infrastructure assets is required to account for climate change adaptation. | Assessment of infrastructure for projected climate change scenarios allows Council to incorporate adaptive designs and upgrades to infrastructure. This planning for infrastructure has a significant cost benefit for Council and the community. | No amendment. |
| 4. Action CPP11 – I believe the revolving energy fund is not a positive use of funds. The recycled timber company is a good example of wasted funds. | The Revolving Energy Fund utilises savings made from installation of more energy efficient technology within Council facilities to generate additional savings for Council and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. | No amendment. |
| **Development and Planning** | | |
| 1. Action DP2 – If developments are landscaped developers will charge extra cost on the buyers price and if owners do it they will have to outlay the cost | Council's current Development Control Plan (DCP) contains controls for landscaping as do State Environmental Planning Policies for development. Action DP2 seeks to provide more guidance for landscaping elements, but cost is market dependent as per the current market. | No amendment. |
| 2. Action DP3 – Community batteries are part of the new monitored communities | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| 3. Action DP4 – BASIX has already been updated and requires ceiling fans instead of double glazing which ultimately does not make sense. | Action DP4 seeks to incentivize applicants to incorporate more sustainable measures into development. | No amendment. |
| 4. Action DP5 – Increasing the dwelling density is not in line with the rural character of CCC LGA and more in line with high density or high rise or monitored community developments. | Action DP5 aligns with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement. Dwelling density is a consideration for development due to land availability and use along with other factors. | No amendment. |
| 5. Putting in high rise units in Cessnock will make it more like a concentration camp of WW2 | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| 6. Green infrastructure, community batteries, BASIX. It's not Council's job. | The approval of these initiatives within development is undertaken under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is a core function of Council. | No amendment. |

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| 7. The condition of existing infrastructure (roads, waterways, electricity distribution, water and sewage management, public land maintenance) needs to be assessed to improve and maintain these in the first instance. | The assessment of Council infrastructure is undertaken through our Asset Management Plans and framework. Highlighted areas such as electricity distribution and reticulated sewage management are the responsibility of other organisations and Government departments. | No amendment. |
| 8. Enforcing land holder responsibilities with regard to waterways through private properties including riparian management of banks and removal of water for private use. | Not applicable. Use of water on private properties is administered by Water NSW while enforcement activities are undertaken by the NSW Natural Resource Access Regulator | No amendment. |
| 9. People often only build one house in their lifetime, so there is only one chance to site it facing north (not specifically included in the plan), with a light coloured roof and driveway and vegetation to shield from the summer sun - basics that probably do more than green walls and roofs. Given the amount of building going on in Cessnock, there should be more emphasis on energy efficiency now, including charging for EVs and getting developers to install community batteries in every new subdivision. | Noted. These issues are already addressed in the Plan through actions such as DP2. | No amendment. |
| 10. There needs to be a stronger position on ensuring protection of existing native vegetation (and avoid loss of existing vegetation and relying on offsets) replacing the existing plant giveaway to only provide local native provenance species, and extending this to existing residents not just new dwellings. | Council is currently reviewing its Biodiversity Strategy and protection of native vegetation will be assessed as part of this review. | No amendment. |
| 11. A stronger green policy on all new developments requiring a % development mandatory green space and creation of new native revegetation areas | The Plan includes relevant actions (DP1, DP2) to investigate changes to promote green space and infrastructure. | No amendment. |

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| 12. Replacing the existing plant giveaway to only provide local native provenance species, and extending this to existing residents not just new dwellings. | Noted. Action CR10 includes sustainability programs that could potentially incorporate an expansion of the current plant giveaway program. | No amendment. |
| **6.2 Community climate change actions** | | |
| 1. I would like to see some incentive for landlords to make their rental properties more energy efficient, therefore more comfortable and cheaper to run for renters, as well as lowering emissions. | Action CR4 outlines potential renewable energy options for private properties that promote cost saving incentives. Council through its collaborative partnerships with the NSW state Government can also assist in promoting wider ranging sustainability initiatives for houses. | No amendment. |
| 2. Given that most of the Cessnock LGA is bushfire prone land, it probably warrants a special mention under preparedness for natural disasters. It is another area where householders could use some expert advice as to the best way to protect their house, in the most cost-effective way | Action CR13 outlines initiatives for natural disaster preparedness, but does not specifically mention bushfire. | Bushfire wording added to Action CR13. Rural Fire Service added as a supporting partner to Action CR13. |
| 3. I appreciate the Council's efforts towards encouraging community activities such as local food production and community gardens. I would like our Cessnock Council to establish Landcare groups to care of the bush and the overall environment. | Council is currently reviewing its Biodiversity Strategy and establishment of Landcare Groups (beyond existing groups) will be considered in the review. | No amendment. |
| 4. Establishing Sustainability Neighbourhood groups similar to Lake Macquarie City Council. | Noted. This may be considered under Action CR10. | No amendment. |
| 5. Action CR1 – I do not agree with a community emissions profile. Are peoples rubbish being checked, are power usages being monitored? | Community emissions profiles are collated from existing data provided by utility providers and other sources in accordance with greenhouse gas accounting methods prepared by the Australian Federal Government. | No amendment. |

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| 6. Action CR2 – I do not agree with community awards as they are divisive and do not foster community harmony | Any community awards would be established with a framework to provide transparency and inclusivity. | No amendment. |
| 7. Action CR7 – Programs to increase community emergency preparedness have not merit. People in this LGA are already aware of bush fire, flood and natural disasters and take personal preparedness for such events. To leave this to government is an encroachment on peoples lives. | Action CR7 aims to promote awareness and preparedness for impacts from climate change and natural disasters and provide informed decision-making during these events. | No amendment. |
| **Other** | | |
| 1. Child/slave labour is used to mine cobalt for EV batteries | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| 2. Concern regarding transparency of a 15 minute city in the name of making things more convenient | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| 3. Bring back notifying residents of up and coming development in their area | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| 4. Lithium ion batteries can't be recycled so they are bad for the environment | If recycled 95% of lithium ion batteries components can be reused (CSIRO 2022). CSIRO is currently investigating opportunities for onshore recycling programs. | No amendment. |
| 5. Why use solar panels? They can't be recycled! | Up to 95% of a solar panel can be recycled with the most valuable parts being glass, metal frames, silicon and metals. Certain components can be recycled easier than others. However, a small number of Australian companies can undertake recycling with other recycling systems offshore. | No amendment. |
| 6. I don't believe in climate change. I see the planes flying over all the time and the geoengineering occurring. | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| 7. I believe that the whole climate change issue is a means by which governments are aiming to have higher control of the population. People will not be | Not applicable | No amendment. |

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| | limited to stay in a 15 minute zone or pay a levy. I am totally against this happening and say no to anything to do with smart cities | | |
| 8. | We don't have the energy grid or output for electric cars. The state and federal government wants to shut down more coal power plants so not sure where they are going to draw all the energy from. Renewables don't cut it! | The electricity network is regulated by the Federal and State Governments. The networks is outside of Council's realm of influence. | No amendment. |
| 9. | Climate change is climate engineering! Closing power stations before these renewables are up and running doesn't make sense. | Outside scope of the Plan | No amendment. |
| 10. | There should be firm targets in the Plan to indicate progress and commitment | Council has previously adopted the policy commitment of net zero emissions by 2050 for consistency with Australian Federal Government and NSW State Government policy position. Many of the actions within the plan will assist in contributing to this longer-term goal, but Actions E1 and CR1 will assist in demonstrating our progress over time. | No amendment. |
| 11. | A commitment and vision statement from the highest level of Council, supported by management needs to be developed and widely promoted within the corporate divisions to ensure unmitigated adoption by staff | Noted. | No amendment at this stage. |
| 12. | It is important that this is a costed program, or at least that it is noted and accepted there will be a cost over and above general Council operational costs. It must be understood and factored in that, potentially, a separate resourced and funded working group of some form, headed by a suitably qualified project manager, will be required to deliver this excellent initiative. | Noted. The Plan has provided estimated costing for the four year timeframe of its implementation. Additional budgeting will be undertaken through Council's annual budgeting process. | No amendment. |
| 13. | The UN IPCC is a political organisation more concerned with furthering the agenda of vested | Not applicable | No amendment. |

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| interests rather than exercising scientific integrity. Climate change scaremongering is being used to manufacture consent for tighter controls over human populations. | | |
| 14. I don't believe in climate change I know that the climate is being manipulated by the globalists. Catastrophic weather events are created with the intention of implementing Agenda 23/30. The worldwide cohesion of Federal, State and local government bodies in this country to implement their plans is to lead us into a very dangerous communist state. | Not applicable | No amendment. |
| 15. LED lights are usually accompanied by surveillance cameras which again implies surveillance of the citizens. | The plan has no actions for surveillance equipment. | No amendment. |
| 16. It could be good to showcase houses that have been upgraded, so people can see what is possible but also what is cheap and easy to do. As well as providing information, it would be good to have an interactive online forum/s where people can ask questions and get answers, or be told where to get the answers eg Recycle Mate etc. | Action CR10 may incorporate these suggestions through our sustainability education programs. | No amendment. |
| 17. My main concern is that Council can take these actions and control their own emissions, but the biggest source of emissions is electricity use by residents, commercial and business. There will need to be a lot of education and leadership for the actions to filter down to everyone in the LGA. | Agreed. The community climate change actions outline din Section 6.2 of the Plan aim to assist with education of the community regarding their greenhouse gas emissions. By collaborating with other Government Departments, industry and the community we can work together to reduce emissions. | No amendment. |

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| 18. Have a competition for the best street in the LGA/best school/ best preschool for recycling correctly, or getting FOGO right once it's introduced | Action CR10 may incorporate these suggestions through our sustainability education programs. | No amendment. |
| 19. There is a need for an organisational guideline re sponsorships/partnerships involving fossil fuels or things incompatible with our strategic intent re sustainability, climate resilience, our charter and/or stated business ethics. Councils run the risk of being party to greenwashing and not acting consistently in terms of realising our planning goals in relation to climate change or a sustainable healthy environment (CSP 2036) Our sponsorship and partnership practices should be in alignment with net zero emissions. | Action CPP7 aims to review Council processes to align with our net zero emissions target. This review could potentially incorporate a review of sponsorship and partnership practices. | No amendment. |
| 20. Where will EV charging stations be located? | Action CR8 proposes to investigate potential suitable locations. | No amendment. |
| 21. Community batteries<br><br>- What is the reliability?<br>- How is energy distributed?<br>- How much energy is produced?<br>- What is the cost? | Community batteries are a shared solution for local neighbourhoods that allows energy generating infrastructure to be connected to storage battery. The energy is distributed between households from the battery and will be dependent on size of the battery system. Households will remain connected to the existing electricity network so reliability is maintained. Energy storage will be dependent on the size of the battery installed. Cost will also be dependent on the battery size. | No amendment. |


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## Acknowledgement of Country

Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its local government area boundaries are the traditional lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people and the Darkinjung people.

We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

## Climate Change 101

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| **Carbon offsetting** | Using processes to reduce greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere, such as vegetation planting and increasing soil carbon storage. |
| **Climate change adaptation** | Responses that seek to improve resilience of the human and natural environment to help withstand the impacts of climate change. |
| **Climate change mitigation** | Actively reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emission released to the atmosphere. |
| **$CO_{2-e}$** | Measure to compare emissions from greenhouse gases based on global warming potential. The measure converts the gas to the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide with the same global warming potential. |
| **Net zero emissions** | Achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and greenhouse gases taken out of the atmosphere. Moving towards net zero means reducing greenhouse gas emissions as far as possible and balancing remaining emissions by offsetting. |

## Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Full name |
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| **$CO_2$** | Carbon Dioxide |
| **$CO_{2-e}$** | Carbon Dioxide equivalent |
| **IPCC** | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |
| **IP&R** | Integrated Planning and Reporting |
| **LG Act** | Local Government Act 1993 |
| **PV** | Photovoltaic |
| **SDG** | Sustainable Development Goals |
| **UN** | United Nations |

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# INTRODUCTION



# 1.1 Global climate change

**Global surface temperatures have cycled naturally over time resulting in glacial or cooler periods and warmer periods. These natural cycles fluctuate in response to a number of factors and have developed over long timeframes. A key regulator of global temperatures are atmospheric greenhouse gases that prevent global surface heat from escaping into space.**

However, since the start of the Industrial Age in the mid-18th century there have been growing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere with emissions increasing significantly since 1960. Greenhouse gas monitoring at Kennaook/Cape Grim in Tasmania, a premier World Meteorological Organisation monitoring site, shows carbon dioxide ($CO_2$) has increased in the atmosphere by 26% since 1976 (**Figure 1**) (CSIRO 2022).

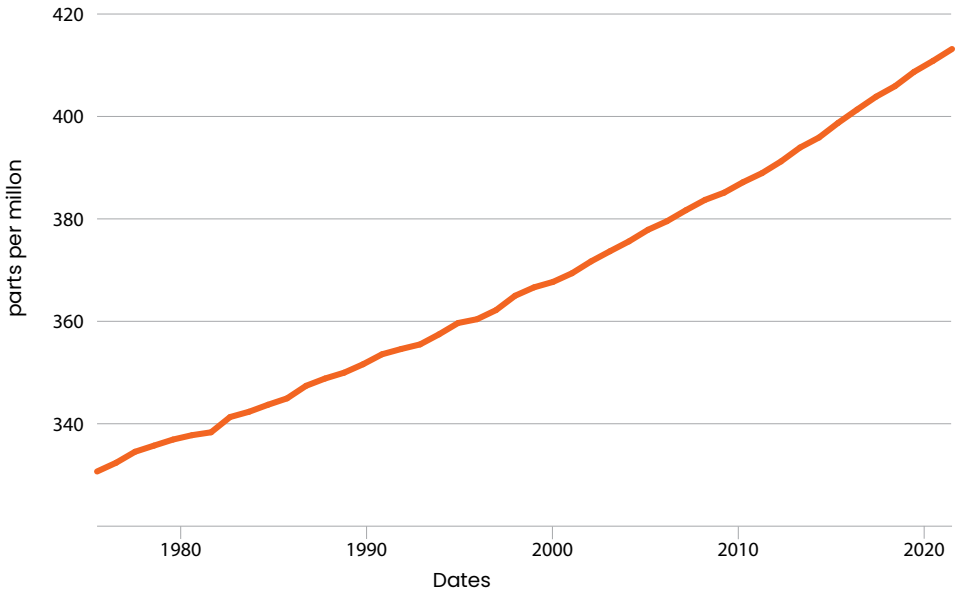



Figure 1 **Atmospheric carbon dioxide measurements at Kennaook/Cape Grim monitoring station, Tasmania 1976-2022**

The increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have resulted in significant alterations to global environmental systems and changes in the world's climate. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assesses the latest research on climate change and its effects around the world. The IPCC sixth report (AR6) was released in 2022 with key findings including:

- Human activity, through increased greenhouse gas emissions, is the dominant cause of global climate change since 1950 with extensive research supporting this finding.
- Global surface temperatures have increased between 0.8$^{oc}$ to 1.3$^{oc}$ from 1850-2019.
- Rainfall over land has increased since 1950 with a faster rate of increase since 1980. The frequency and intensity of heavy rainfall events has increased in all land regions across the world since 1950.
- Global sea level has increased by 0.2m between 1901 and 2018.
- Warming of the global upper ocean environment has occurred since 1970.
- Acceleration of glacier retreat and Artic sea ice reduction has occurred since 1970.
- Global surface temperatures will continue to increase until the mid-21$^{st}$ century due to current levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- To limit global warming to between 1.5$^{oc}$ and 2$^{oc}$ deep reductions in $CO_2$ and other greenhouse gases needs to occur in the coming decades (IPCC 2022).

Changes to the Earth's climate driven by increased human emissions of greenhouse gases is a global problem, but impacts vary across the world. Australia's climate has warmed on average by 1.44$^{oc}$ since 1910 within an increase in the frequency of extreme heat events. Rainfall patterns across the country have altered with south-east Australia experiencing a 12% decline during winter/early spring since 1970 and a higher frequency of extreme rainfall events. Extreme fire weather events have increased across the country with the length of the fire season significantly extended, particularly in southern Australia (CSIRO 2020).



## 1.2 Climate change in Cessnock

**Since the 1970's the Hunter Region has experienced a changing climate. The average annual maximum temperature within the Hunter Region has increased by 1.2$^{oc}$ between 1970 and 2007. Temperatures during spring have significantly increased during this period and an overall increasing trend of 0.9$^{oc}$ in annual average temperature has been recorded (HCCREMS 2010).**

Climate change modelling by the NSW State Government using the NSW and ACT Regional Climate Modelling (NARCLiM) system resulted in the following climate change projections for the Hunter Region:

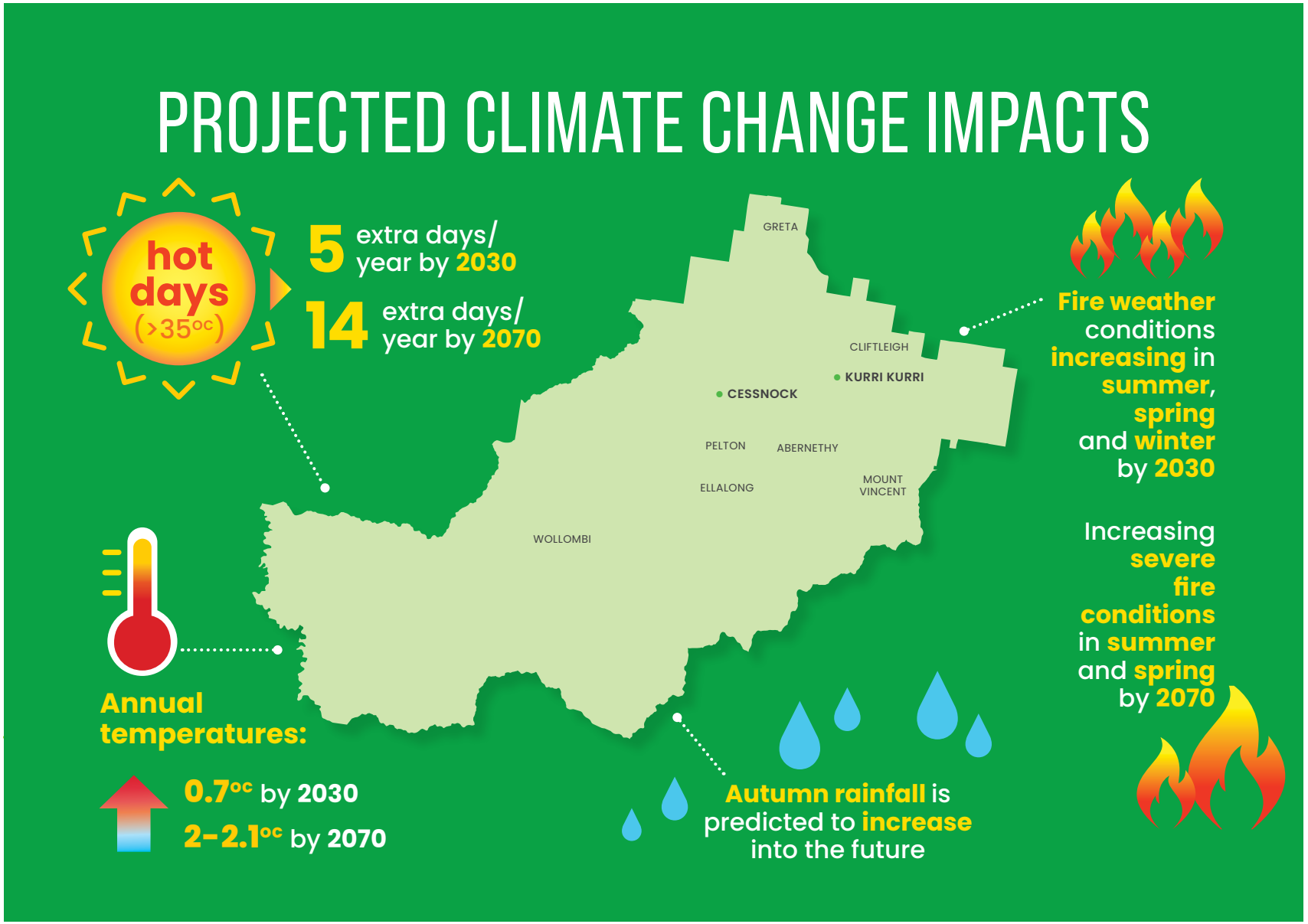
- Maximum annual temperature is predicted to increase by 0.7$^{oc}$ by 2030 and 2$^{oc}$ by 2070 compared to the baseline average (1990-2009).
- Minimum annual temperature is predicted to increase by 0.7$^{oc}$ by 2030 and 2.1$^{oc}$ by 2070 compared to the baseline average (1990-2009).
- Hot days (>35$^{oc}$) are predicted to increase by an extra 5 days/year by 2030 and 14 extra days/year by 2070
- Autumn rainfall is predicted to increase into the future
- Average fire weather conditions are projected to increase in summer, spring and winter by 2030 with severe fire conditions predicted to increase in summer and spring by 2070 (Adapt NSW 2014).

## 1.3 Climate change resilience

**Resilience is a guiding principle for the community within the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA). The community identified resilience as the ability to support each other to survive, adapt and thrive in the face of extreme challenges (CCC 2022). Climate change represents one of the greatest challenges of the 21$^{st}$ century and the effects will continue to surface into the future impacting both urban and natural environments. The ability to build resilience capacity in response to climate change is crucial for on-going sustainable community outcomes.**

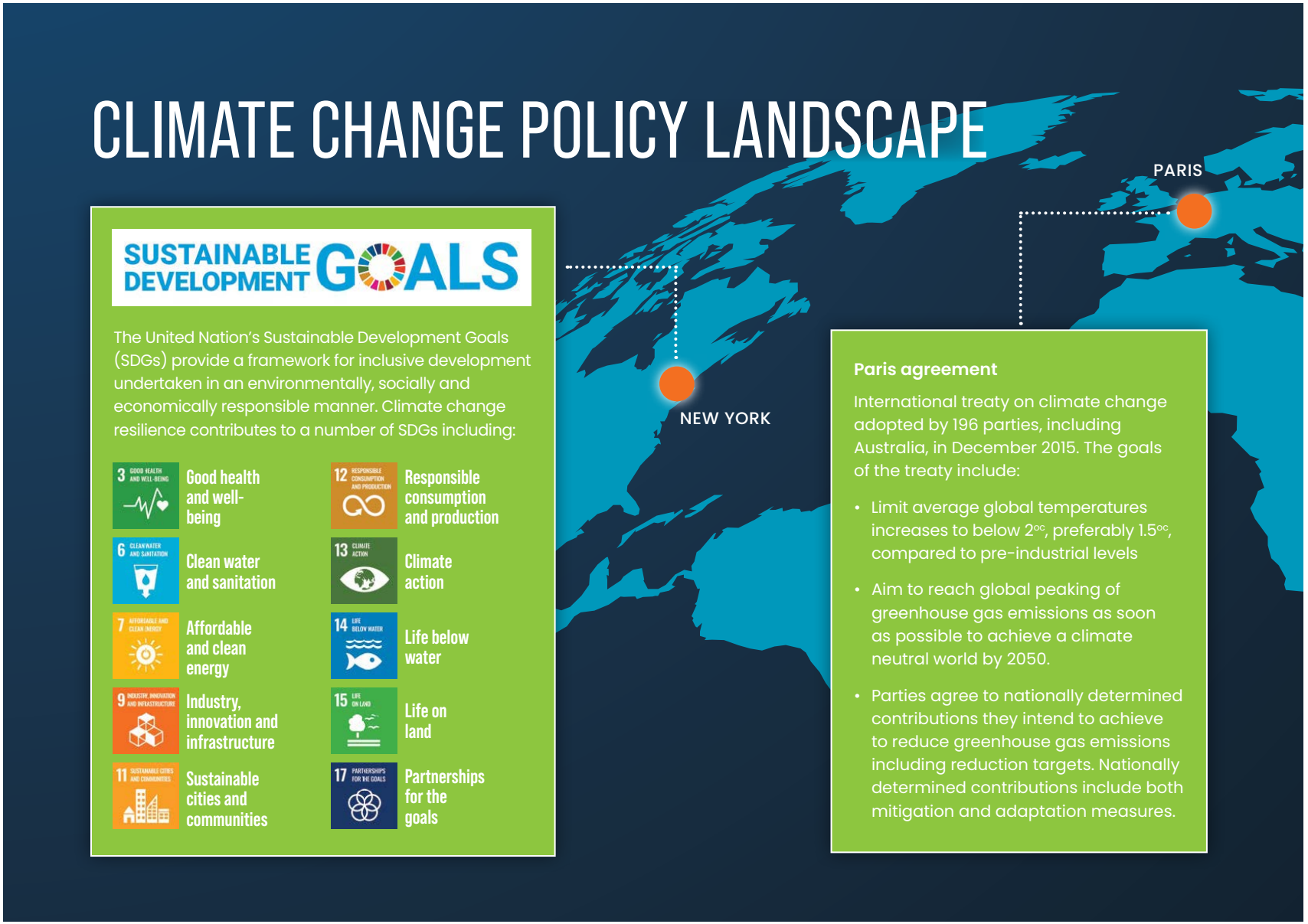
Actions to build resilience can be multi-faceted and include both reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) to limit on-going climate change and being prepared to change or evolve existing management processes in response to climate change (adaptation).

Mitigation and adaptation actions often interact and provide co-benefits in strengthening resilience to climate change. This Climate Change Resilience Plan provides an integrated approach to prepare the community for the impacts of climate change and assist in the local area and region's vision for a sustainable future.

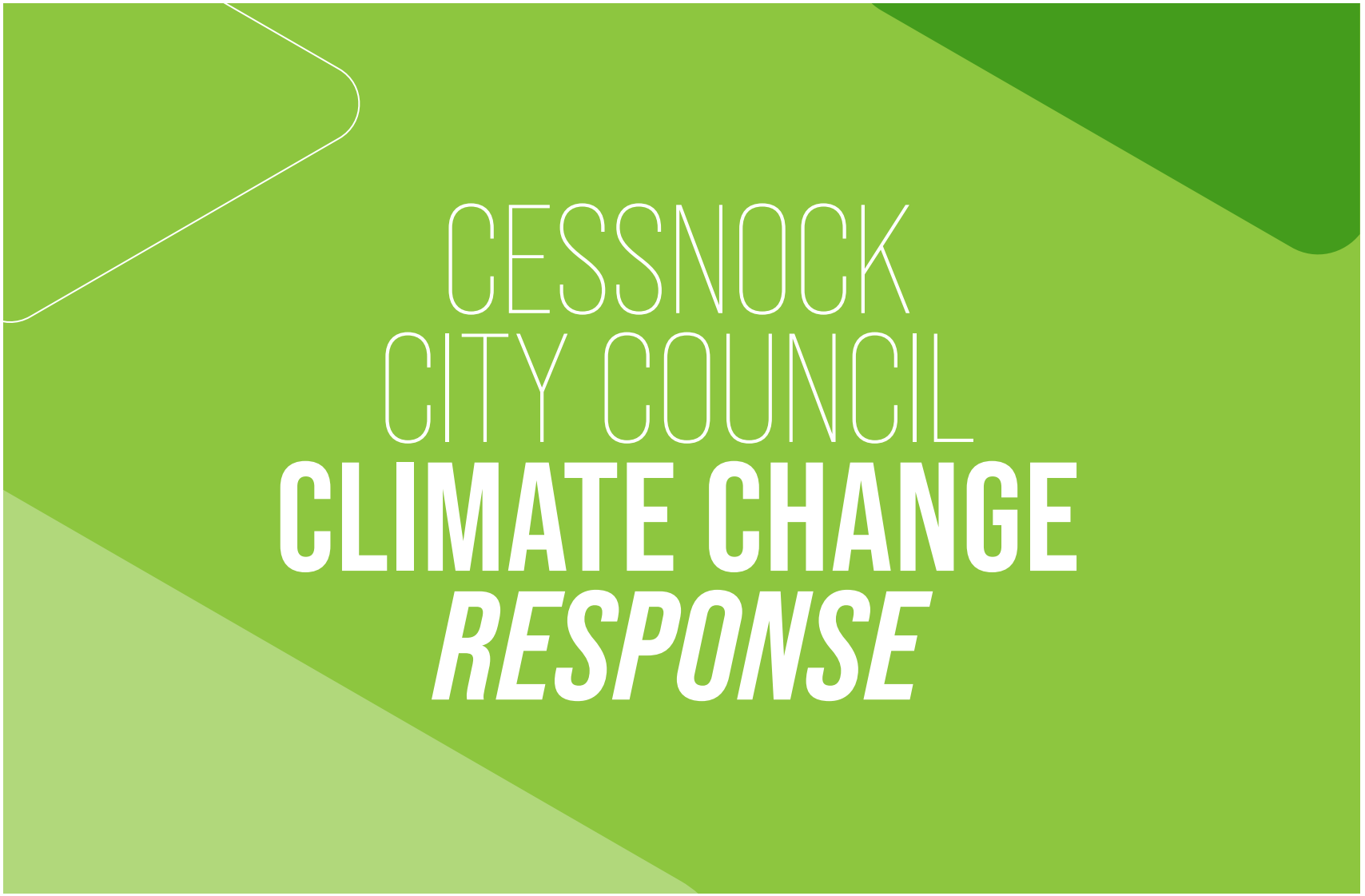

PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS
hot days (>35oc)
5 extra days/ year by 2030
14 extra days/ year by 2070
GRETA
CLIFTLEIGH
KURRI KURRI
CESSNOCK
PELTON
ABERNETHY
ELLALONG
MOUNT VINCENT
WOLLOMBI
Fire weather conditions increasing in summer, spring and winter by 2030
Increasing severe fire conditions in summer and spring by 2070
Annual temperatures:
0.7oc by 2030
2–2.1oc by 2070
Autumn rainfall is predicted to increase into the future

# CLIMATE CHANGE
# POLICY LANDSCAPE




CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY LANDSCAPE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a framework for inclusive development undertaken in an environmentally, socially and economically responsible manner. Climate change resilience contributes to a number of SDGs including:
3 Good health and well-being
6 Clean water and sanitation
7 Affordable and clean energy
9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
11 Sustainable cities and communities
12 Responsible consumption and production
13 Climate action
14 Life below water
15 Life on land
17 Partnerships for the goals
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Paris agreement
International treaty on climate change adopted by 196 parties, including Australia, in December 2015. The goals of the treaty include:
• Limit average global temperatures increases to below 2°c, preferably 1.5°c, compared to pre-industrial levels
• Aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050.
• Parties agree to nationally determined contributions they intend to achieve to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including reduction targets. Nationally determined contributions include both mitigation and adaptation measures.


While the purpose of the Climate Change Resilience Plan focuses on localised actions within the Cessnock LGA it contributes to a wider response to the challenge of climate change that is being actively undertaken at international, national and state levels.
Australia's nationally determined contributions
The Australian Federal Government recently updated the nationally determined contributions to provide a commitment to
• Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 43% compared to 2005 levels by 2030
• Target of net zero emissions by 2050.
The Australian Federal Government has also committed to climate change adaptation through the National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy 2021-2025.
New South Wales emission reduction targets
In 2016 the NSW State Government committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 through the NSW Climate Change Policy Framework. This target is being advanced by
• Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030 aims to deliver a 50% cut in emissions compared to 2005.
• Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap
• NSW Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
Cessnock City Council Climate Change Policy
In 2020 Cessnock City Council adopted a Climate Change Policy that outlined a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050. The Climate Change Policy commits to both mitigation and adaptation measures for Council operations and the community within the LGA.
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**The issue of climate change was first raised in 1972 at the UN Scientific Conference in Stockholm Sweden. However, an international agreement on climate change was not reached until the UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) in Rio de Janiero, Brazil in 1992. The Earth Summit resulted in the signing of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and subsequent protocol to limit greenhouse gas emissions (Kyoto Protocol) in 1997 (UN Chronicle 2007) and the current Paris Agreement in 2015 (See Section 2).**

While climate change policy debate in Australia has continued at Federal and State levels for thirty years Council commenced its climate change response in 2009 by assessing opportunities for mitigation of carbon emissions from Council operations. Through greenhouse gas emission reduction planning and policy development (**Figure 3.1)** Council has reduced its operational greenhouse gas emissions by 12% (Ironbark Sustainability 2021). **Figure 3.2** outlines some of the initiatives and projects undertaken by Council that have contributed to emissions reduction and progressed resilience to climate change.

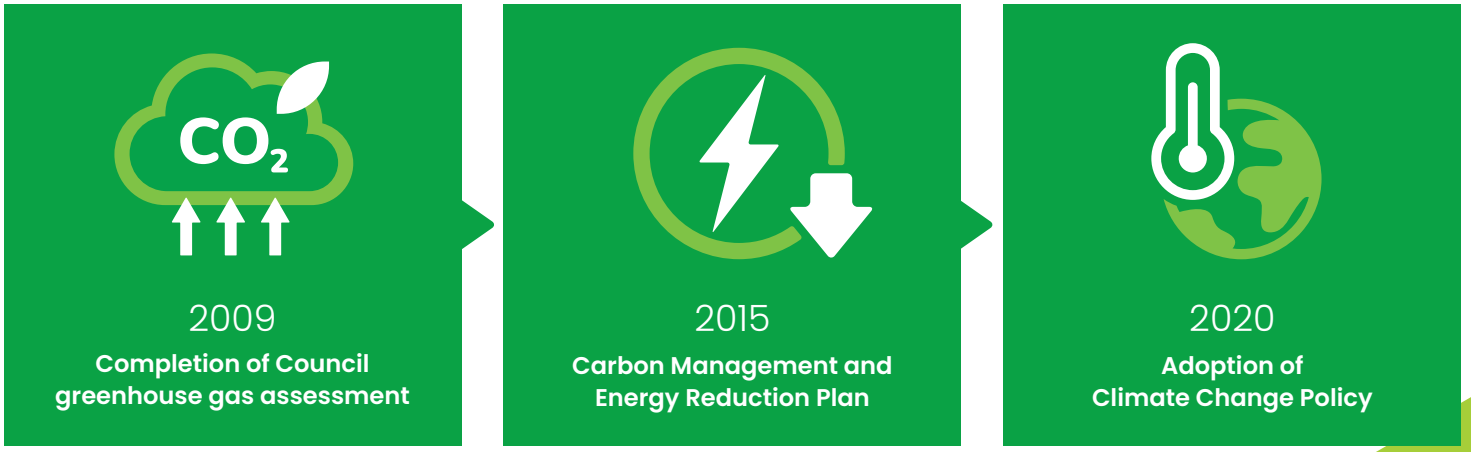



Figure 3.1 **Council climate change planning**

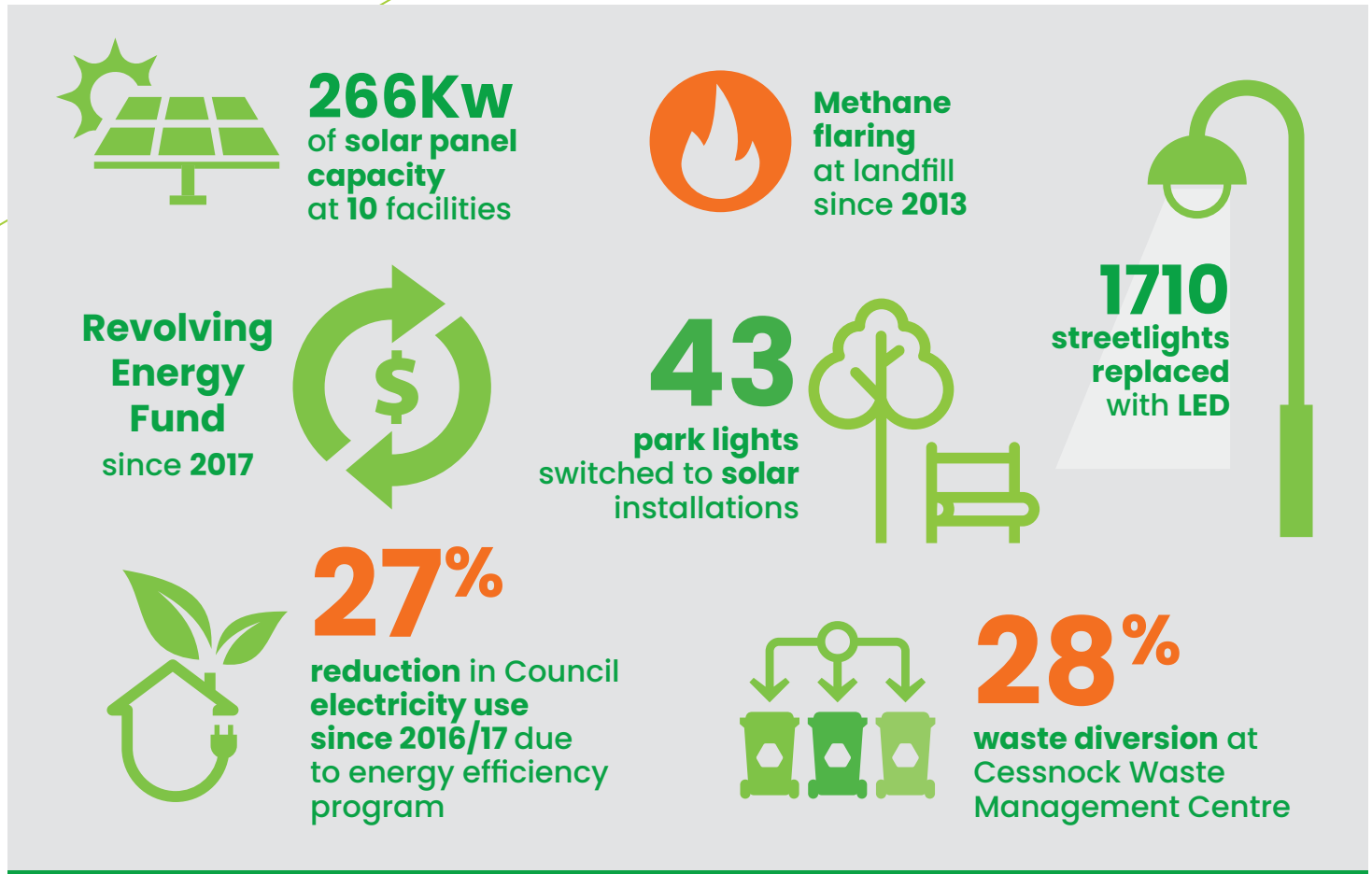



Figure 3.2 **Council climate change projects and achievements**


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# 4.1 Council strategic context

Local Councils in NSW are governed through the provisions of the *Local Government Act* (LG Act) *1993* with the principle of ecologically sustainable development, including consideration of the long-term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations, guiding Council operations and decision-making. Council is required to undertake strategic planning and reporting through the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework (IP&R) (**Figure 4.1**).

The Climate Change Resilience Plan forms a supporting plan to Council's objective of a sustainable and healthy environment as outlined in the Cessnock Community Strategic Plan 2036. The strategic context of the Climate Change Resilience Plan within Council's planning hierarchy is outlined in **Figure 4.2**.

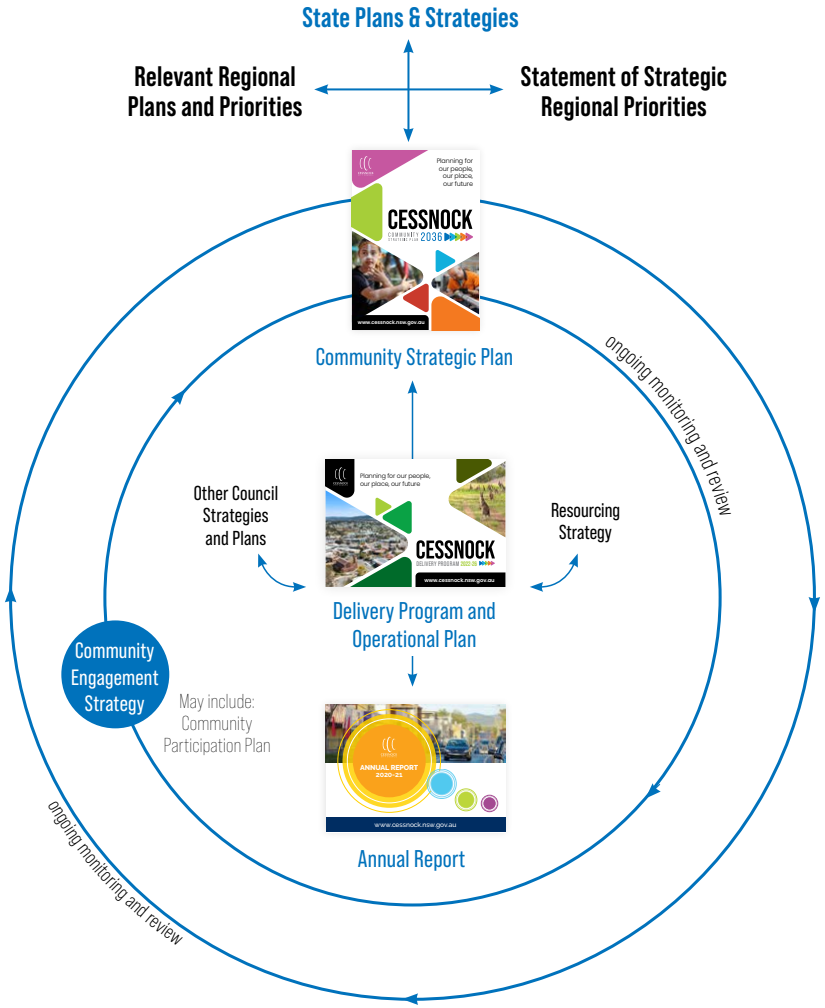



Figure 4.1 **Integrated Planning and Reporting framework under Chapter 13 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

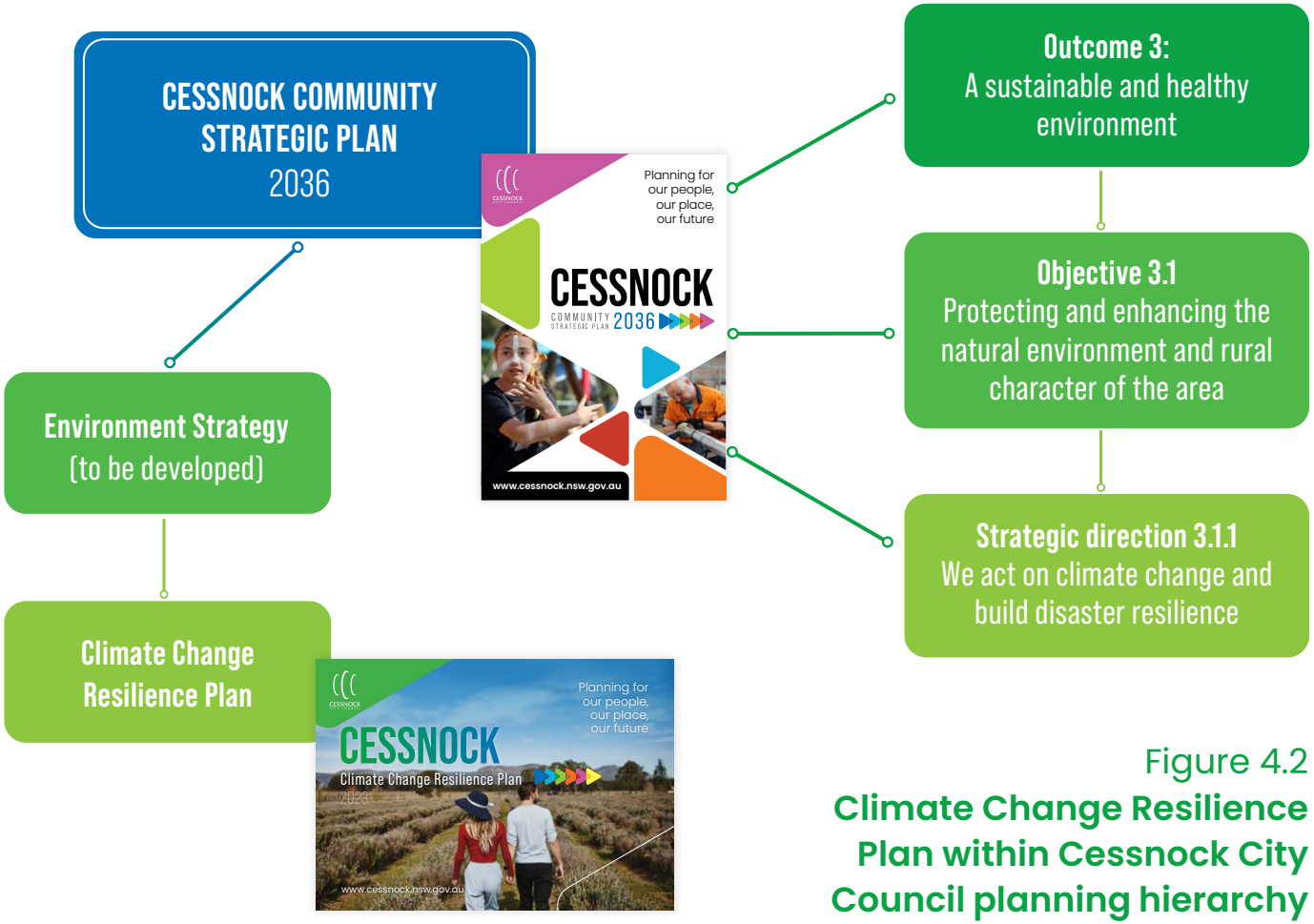
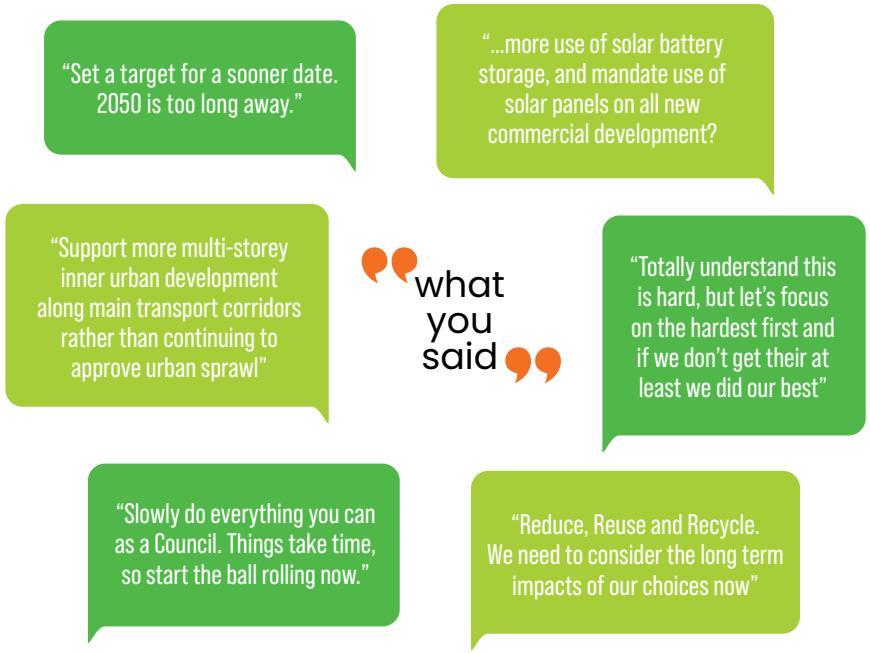



Figure 4.2
**Climate Change Resilience Plan within Cessnock City Council planning hierarchy**

## 4.2 Community climate action feedback

In developing the climate change resilience actions outlined in **Sections 5 and 6** Council conducted community consultation including an on-line community survey (84 respondents) and engagement workshops (11 attendees). Community feedback included:




## 4.3 Council's climate change role

**All levels of government as well as private sector businesses and the community have various roles in building climate change resilience. Council recognises local government plays an important part in developing climate change resilience capacity for the local area and region, but many aspects of climate change anagement are outside the statutory responsibility or influence of local government.**

The highest level of influence Council has is directly implementing actions to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations. While Council cannot directly implement the uptake of environmental behaviors within the community we are committed to assisting and facilitating community greenhouse emissions reduction and sustainable actions. This commitment extends to providing factual educational material and supporting advice to our community and business sector to assist enhancement of climate change resilience. As a Council we also provide representation to the voices of our community and will advocate for the needs of our community at State and National levels to effect sustainable environmental change.

Climate change resilience actions are outlined in **Sections 5 and 6**. Council's role in implementation of actions include:

**PROVIDER** Provide direct services including infrastructure, facilities and programs to meet the needs of the community.

**COLLABORATOR** Forming partnerships and strategic alliances with other partners to achieve best possible outcomes for the community.

**ADVOCATE** Promoting the interests of the community to other decision makers and influencers.

**LEADER** Identify key community issues and respond where appropriate through policy and practice.

**CAPACITY BUILDER** Work with groups and agencies to bring interested parties together and obtain necessary resources for community outcomes.

**EDUCATOR** Building awareness and sharing reliable knowledge

## 4.4 Timeframe

Council's Climate Change Policy states a commitment to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Climate Change Resilience Plan contributes to this long-term target but actions identified in **Sections 5 and 6** are to be implemented within the next four (4) years. Therefore, actions within **Sections 5 and 6** have been assigned the following timeframes for implementation:

**Short** **Delivery within 1-2 years**

**Medium** **Delivery within 2-4 years**

**On-going** **Continued implementation throughout the 4 year timeframe of the plan**




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# 5.1 Operational emissions and areas for action

**While Council has achieved a significant reduction in operational greenhouse gas emissions (See Section 3) we are committed to expanding our response to the climate change challenge and accelerating our journey towards net zero emissions.**

Council operational activities generated 29.8 kilotonnes of greenhouse gas emissions ($CO_{2-e}$) in 2019 (Ironbark Sustainability 2021). **Table 5.1** shows the contribution of each sector of Council's operations to overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Landfilling of waste materials, electricity usage by Council facilities and transport fuel combustion contribute over 91% of Council's greenhouse gas emissions. Council is actively implementing processes and technology to reduce emissions and these mitigation measures are an important component of strengthening Council's climate change resilience. However, Council adaptation and investment in monitoring and reporting capabilities will play an integral role in building both Council operational and community resilience outcomes. This reporting capacity and evolving technological landscape is particularly relevant for waste sector emission reduction to meet Council's commitment of net zero emissions by 2050.

| Sector | Greenhouse Gas emissions ($tCO_{2-e}$) | Percentage of emissions (%) |
|---|---|---|
| Landfill | 22,638.00 | 76.00 |
| Electricity (buildings) | 2402.15 | 8.06 |
| Transport fuel | 2144.83 | 7.20 |
| Street lighting | 1966.45 | 6.60 |
| Other goods and services | 444.02 | 1.49 |
| Water | 125.24 | 0.42 |
| Business travel | 24.48 | 0.08 |
| Stationary fuel | 22.01 | 0.07 |
| Fugitive gases | 9.88 | 0.03 |
| Natural gas | 9.11 | 0.03 |
| **Total** | **29,786.17** | **100.00** |

Table 5.1 **Greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations in 2019**

**Council actions in Section 5.2 have been organised into six (6) operational themes:**

1. **WASTE** Council is responsible for collecting and managing waste produced by households and operates the waste management facility. Waste management is undertaken by Council through the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-25. The Climate Change Resilience Plan will work in conjunction with the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to assist in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions.

2. **ELECTRICITY** Council is responsible for and has direct control over the amount and source of energy used within its facilities and buildings.

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES** Council owns and operates buildings and facilities, including parks and sportsgrounds, and are responsible for the maintenance and construction of these community assets.

4. **FLEET AND PLANT** Council is responsible for and has direct control over size, type of plant and vehicles as well as fuel source used.

5. **CORPORATE PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT** Council is responsible for its own governance and purchase of goods and services, including accounting for the principle of ecologically sustainable development and operation in accordance with the LG Act 1993.

6. **DEVELOPMENT PLANNING** Council has a regulatory role through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to ensure ecologically sustainable development is promoted and implemented through the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plans. This role intersects with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement.



# 5.2 Council climate change actions

## Table 5.2 Climate change resilience management actions for Council operations

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WASTE** | | | | | | | | |
| W1 | Develop a Sustainable Events guideline for event managers, including Council, and stallholders to improve sustainability of events including waste minimisation.<br>Guideline would form part of conditions for Local Government Act and Development Application approvals. | • Leader | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| W2 | Implementation of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste collection program across the LGA. The FOGO waste collection program will be accompanied by extensive educational program to divert organic waste from landfill. | • Provider<br>• Educator<br>• Leader | • Waste and Environment<br>• Business Support | • NSW EPA | • Capital funds<br>• Domestic waste charge<br>• Staff time | • $700,000 p.a | | Medium |
| W3 | Undertake a review of resource/material use across Council operations to identify opportunities for increased uptake of recyclable/alternative materials in line with current and emerging technologies. | • Collaborator | • Infrastructure<br>• Open Space and Community Facilities | | • Staff time | | | Medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W4 | Advocate for State and Federal Government leadership and financing for development of alternative waste treatment processes and facilities. | • Advocate | • Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | On-going |
| W5 | Investigate carbon offsetting opportunities to balance emissions from Council's waste facility. | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment | • Industry | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| W6 | Construct and extend the methane capture system at Council's existing waste facility.<br>Investigate the potential for the methane capture system to facilitate waste to energy generation and use. | • Provider | • Waste and Environment | | • Capital funds<br>• Domestic waste charge<br>• Operational funds (on-going) | • Domestic waste charge | | Short-medium |
| W7 | Investigate alternative and innovative treatments/measures to stabilise waste materials prior to placement in landfill. | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment | • NSW EPA<br>• Industry | • Staff time | | | On-going |
| W8 | Ensure partnerships are established and secured/ continued to progress the circular economy within the Hunter Region. | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | • Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils<br>• Industry | • Staff time | | | On-going |
| W9 | Advocate to the Australian Federal and NSW State Governments for changes in packaging/product standards to facilitate more sustainable or recyclable packaging materials and extension of product stewardship schemes | • Advocate | • Waste and Environment | • Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils | • Staff time | | | Short<br>On-going |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FLEET AND PLANT** | | | | | | | | |
| **FP1** | Review Council fleet policy to support and incentivise uptake of hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles and promote higher efficiency standards where dual-fuel alternatives are not available. | • Leader | • Works and Operations<br>• Waste and Environment<br>• Finance and Administration | | • Staff time | | Commenced | Short |
| **FP2** | Develop and implement business case for electric vehicle trial within passenger pool fleet and installation of EV charging infrastructure for large scale fleet transition by 2030. | • Leader | • Works and Operations<br>• Waste and Environment<br>• Finance and Administration | | • Staff time<br>• Capital funds | $40,000 | | Short |
| **FP3** | Undertake a Council fleet transition plan including:<br>• Timing and proportion of fleet targets for transition to zero emission or electric vehicles<br>• Incentives for uptake of staff electric vehicles<br>• Options for passenger, light and heavy vehicle transition | • Leader | • Works and Operations<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funds | $20,000 | | Medium |
| **FP4** | Establish electric vehicle charging points at Council Administration building and depot to facilitate uptake of electric vehicles. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Capital funds | $150,000 | | Medium |
| **FP5** | Investigate the transition of Council operational plant and equipment to electric and battery powered options or other low/zero emission alternatives such as hydrogen fuel cells | • Leader | • Works and Operations<br>• Waste and Environment | • Industry | • Staff time | | | Medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES** | | | | | | | | |
| IF1 | Undertake innovative trials to assess sustainable options for road and maintenance activities including:<br>• Recycling of old road pavement in-situ<br>• Exploring materials requiring minimisation of excavation<br>• Recycling of excavated materials<br>• Working with suppliers to increase appropriate use of recycled materials | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Infrastructure<br>• Works and Operations | • Industry | • Operational funds<br>• Staff time | To be determined | | On-going |
| IF2 | Support Council facility managers to understand and implement sustainability practices, such as reduced energy, water use and waste. | • Collaborator<br>• Educator | • Waste and Environment<br>• Infrastructure | • Community facility managers | • Staff time | | Commenced | On-going |
| IF3 | New and replacement sporting field lighting installations will utilise LED fittings or similar low-energy fittings. | • Provider | • Open Space and Community Facilities | | • Capital funds<br>• Operational funds | $400,000 | | On-going |
| IF4 | Progressively transition Council facilities from gas energy supply as opportunities arise. | • Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Operational funds | | | On-going |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IF5 | Develop a sustainable buildings/infrastructure guideline for Council facilities including new facilities and upgrade projects. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Open Space and Community Facilities<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funds | $20,000 | | Medium |
| IF6 | Continue implementation of the LED bulk replacement program for streetlights | • Provider<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment | • Ausgrid | • Operational funds<br>• Staff time | $2,000,000 | Commenced | On-going |
| IF7 | Update flood studies in accordance with latest version of Australia Rainfall and Runoff assuming a warmer (0.5-1.5oc increase) baseline scenario | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Development Services | • NSW State Government | • Operational funding<br>• Grant funding<br>• Staff time | $50,000 | | On-going |
| IF8 | Identify opportunities in open space areas to incorporate latest research and best practice to ensure urban landscapes can adapt to future climate. New open space projects will be designed to incorporate best practice and latest research in adaptive design. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Open Space and Community Facilities<br>• Infrastructure | | • Operational funds<br>• Capital funding<br>• Staff time | To be determined | | On-going |
| IF9 | Review and update Council Asset Management Plans to incorporate current best practice climate adaptation actions including sustainable procurement measures. | • Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Open Space and Community Facilities | | • Staff time | | | Short-medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ELECTRICITY** | | | | | | | | |
| **E1** | Establish a Council energy and emissions data system. The data system will assist in decision-making and help track progress towards Council's target of net zero emissions. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | | • Operational funding<br>• Staff time | $25,000 | Commenced | Medium |
| **E2** | Continue to install behind the meter solar PV where feasible. | • Provider | • Waste and Environment<br>• Infrastructure | | • Operational funding<br>• Revolving energy fund | $100,000 | Commenced | On-going |
| **E3** | Undertake continuing energy audits across Council facilities to provide options for further emission reduction investment. | • Educator | • Waste and Environment | | • Operational funding | $40,000 | Commenced | On-going |
| **E4** | Establish an innovative public reporting platform for Council's Greenhouse gas emissions, energy use and supply (renewable and grid). | • Provider<br>• Leader<br>• Educator | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning<br>• Business Support | • Ausgrid | • Operational funding<br>• Staff time | $50,000 | | Medium |
| **E5** | Continue membership of the Cities Power Partnership. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | | • Staff time | | Commenced | On-going |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E6** | Continue participation in the State Government's Cities and Communities Program including mentoring to upskill Council's workforce. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment | • NSW State Government | • Staff time | | Commenced | On-going |
| **E7** | Secure and implement a renewable Power Purchase Agreement for Council operations. | • Collaborator<br>• Provider | • Waste and Environment | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding | To be determined | Commenced | Medium |
| **E8** | Investigate potential options for establishment of renewable energy generation facility(s) on Council owned or managed land. | • Leader | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning<br>• Infrastructure | • Industry | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding | $25,000 | | Medium |



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CORPORATE PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| **CPP1** | Update the Local Emergency Management Plan to incorporate potential climate change impacts and prepare community for effects of climate change. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Infrastructure | • Local Emergency Management Committee | • Staff time | | | Short |
| **CPP2** | Prepare a waste emergency management subplan to assess risk to waste management infrastructure and outline operational capabilities during anticipated increased frequency of emergency events. Ensure the subplan is formally recognised in the emergency management framework. | • Capacity builder<br>• Provider | • Infrastructure<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | Short |
| **CPP3** | Review emergency management plans to ensure they adequately respond to new climate change data as it becomes available. | Leader | • Infrastructure | • Local Emergency Management Committee | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **CPP4** | Investigate the use of additional early warning networks to increase community preparedness for natural disasters and impacts of climate change. | Leader<br>Capacity Builder | • Infrastructure | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funds | $40,000 | | Medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
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| **CPP5** | Review the Hunter and Central Coast Enabling Regional Adaptation Report for application to Council internal processes and asset management | Provider<br>Capacity Builder | • Strategic Planning<br>• Infrastructure | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **CPP6** | Establish a Council climate change steering committee with representation across all departments of Council to assist in implementation of climate change actions. | Collaborator<br>Capacity Builder | | | • Staff time | | | Short |
| **CPP7** | Initiate organisational review of Council policies, processes and operational practices to ensure alignment with net zero emissions target. | Leader<br>Provider | • Finance and Administration<br>• Strategic Planning<br>• Infrastructure | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding | | | Short |
| **CPP8** | Review the Cessnock Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan including<br>• Predicted cost of climate change to Council service delivery and public infrastructure assets<br>• Risk and resilience pathway planning<br>• Risk reduction and mitigation options | Provider | • Strategic Planning<br>• Infrastructure<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Operational funds<br>• Staff time | $50,000 | | Medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
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| **CPP9** | Establish climate change planning objectives/ assessment into Council's project management framework and implement in project planning and delivery. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Finance and Administration<br>• Infrastructure<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **CP10** | Strengthen the environmental and sustainability considerations, including emission and waste reduction, in Council's Procurement Policy and application in procurement documentation. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Finance and Administration | | • Staff time | | | Short |
| **CP11** | Continue to fund emissions reduction activities via the Revolving Energy Fund | • Leader | • Waste and Environment | | • Operational funds<br>• Staff time | To be determined based on cost savings | Commenced | Short |
| **CP12** | Increase seed funding to the Revolving Energy Fund to facilitate further innovative actions and projects while existing mitigation projects pay back initial capital investment. | • Leader | • Waste and Environment | | • Operational funds<br>• Staff time | To be determined | | Short |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DEVELOPMENT PLANNING** | | | | | | | | |
| **DP1** | Undertake a review of Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) to promote the uptake of green infrastructure such as green roofs and walls. | • Leader | • Strategic Planning | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **DP2** | Review the requirements of Council's DCP to promote resilient development through innovative building, infrastructure and landscape design to facilitate adaptation to a changing climate. | • Leader | • Strategic Planning<br>• Development Services | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **DP3** | Investigate the potential for inclusion of provisions within the Council's DCP for installation of community batteries within new subdivisions and major developments. | • Leader | • Strategic Planning | • Ausgrid | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **DP4** | Investigate inclusion of an ecologically sustainable development chapter to the existing Development Control Plan (DCP) including objectives relating to greenhouse gas emissions, waste minimisation and water efficiency above the current NSW Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) and National Construction Code requirements. | • Leader<br>• Educator | • Strategic Planning<br>• Development Services | | • Staff time | | | Medium |

| Action number | Management Action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DP5** | Investigate changes to planning instruments such as the Local Environment Plan to encourage increased dwelling density in appropriate parts of the LGA. | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Strategic Planning<br>• Development Services | | • Staff time | | | Medium |
| **DP6** | Investigate changes to the Development Control Plan (DCP) to facilitate uptake of electric vehicles in residential areas, such as requiring charging points in new development. | • Leader | • Strategic Planning<br>• Development Services | | • Staff time | | | Medium |




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# 6.1 Community emissions profile

In 2019 the calculated greenhouse gas emissions from Cessnock LGA were 632 000 t $CO_{2e}$. (**Figure 6.1**) (Ironbark Sustainability 2021a). In terms of cumulative LGA emissions Council operational activities account for 4.7% of total emissions (**See Section 5.1**).

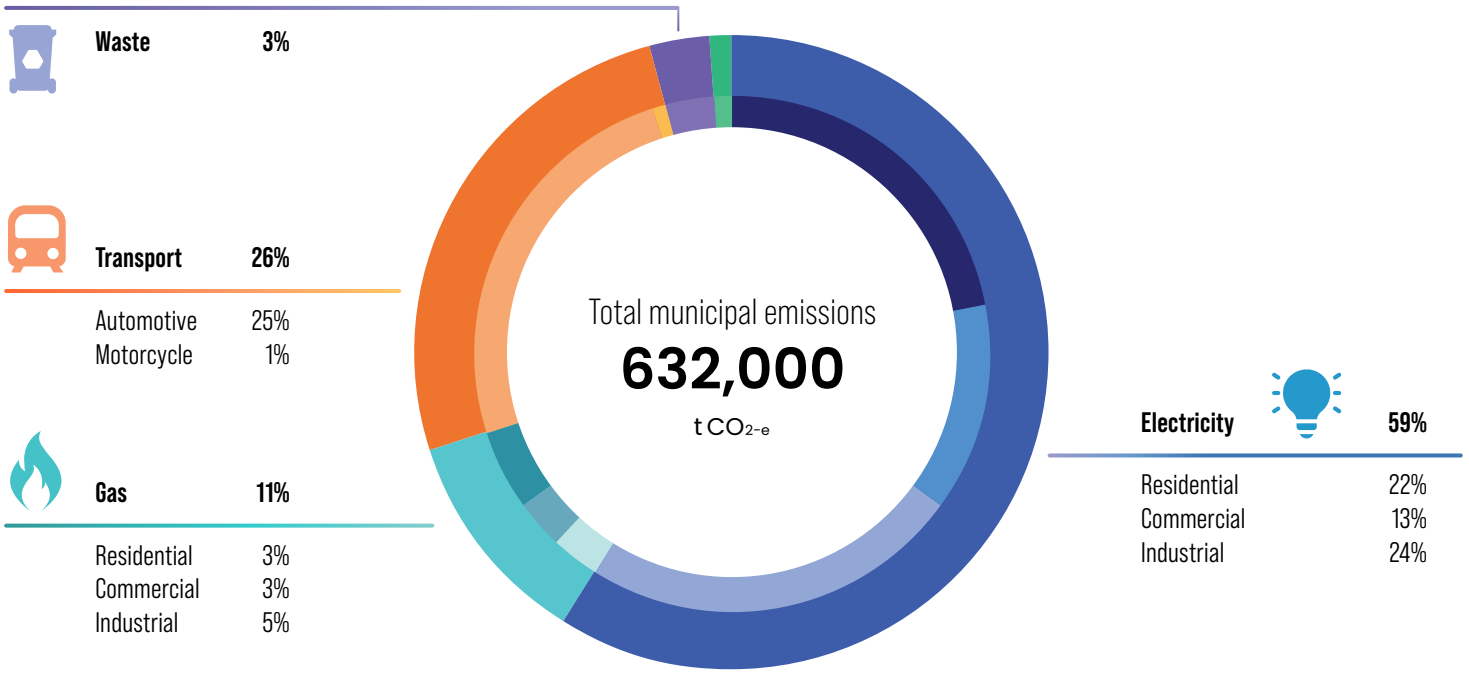



Figure 6.1 **Greenhouse gas emissions profile for Cessnock Local Government Area (2019).**

Almost 60% of total greenhouse gas emissions within the LGA are from electricity use or production. Electricity use within the LGA can be further divided into sectors with industrial operations accounting for 24% of overall greenhouse gas emissions and residential use 22%. Combustion of fuel for transport accounts for over a quarter of greenhouse gas emissions within Cessnock LGA.

Ausgrid monitors electrical usage data within Cessnock LGA. Industrial and commercial operations have reduced total electricity consumption within Cessnock LGA since 2012/13 with smaller/medium operations (0-160 MWh/year) showing a 6.32% reduction and larger operations (>160MwH/yr) a 5% decrease (**Figure 6.2**) (Ausgrid 2022)

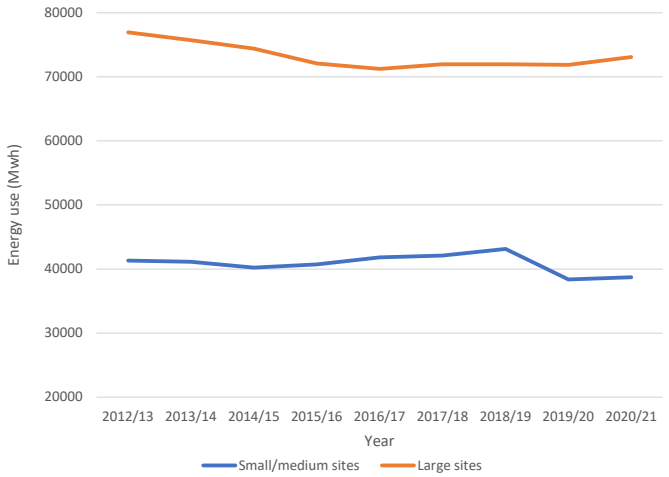



**Figure 6.2 Annual electricity use by commercial/industrial operations within Cessnock Local Government Area 2012/13 - 2020/21**

Note: Small/medium sites (0-160MWh/yr), Large sites (>160MWh/yr).



The number of residential electricity customers has increased by 17% since 2012/13 within Cessnock LGA. With an increasing number of consumers total annual electricity consumption is projected to rise and since 2012/13 total electricity consumption within Cessnock LGA from residential customers has risen by 10% (**Figure 6.3**).

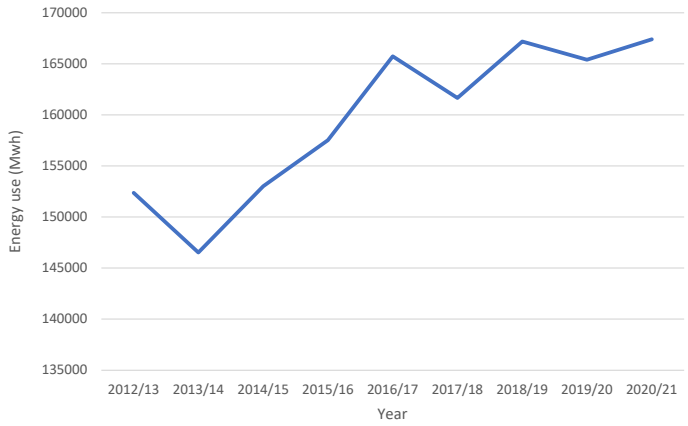



**Figure 6.3 Annual electricity consumption by residential customers within Cessnock Local Government Area 2012/13 - 2020/21.**

Greenhouse gas emissions generated as a result of community activity has the potential to grow significantly due to projected population growth and economic development within Cessnock LGA. This is highlighted by the projected rapid population growth of 43% within Cessnock LGA in the next twenty years (DPE 2022). However, a transition in energy generation has commenced with the uptake of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems increasing. Within Cessnock LGA solar PV systems installation on residential properties have increased by 105% from 2016/17 to 2020/21 and by 87% on commercial/industrial properties over the same time period. This has resulted in a 257% increase in solar generation capacity within the LGA since 2016/17 (**Figure 6.4**) and a 356% increase in energy exported to the grid annually from renewable energy systems within the LGA (**Figure 6.5**).

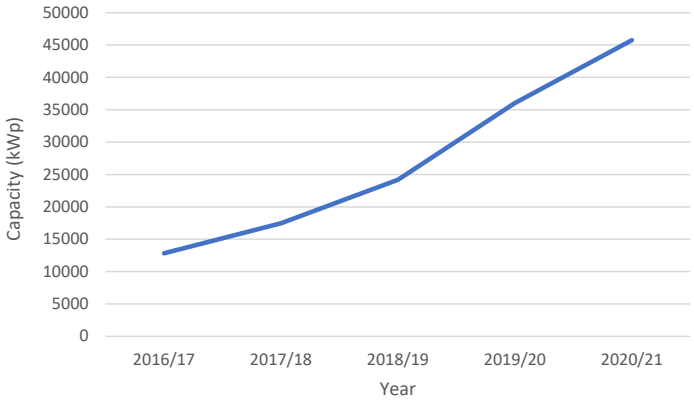



Figure 6.4 **Installed solar energy generation capacity within Cessnock Local Government Area 2016/17 – 2020/21.**

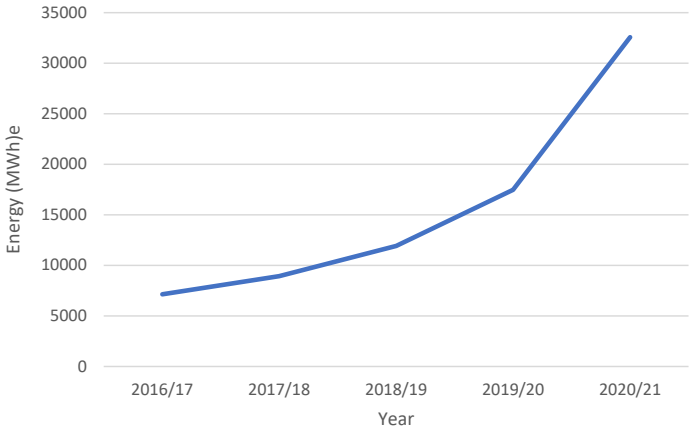



Figure 6.5 **Annual energy exported to the grid from Cessnock Local Government Area 2016/17 – 2020/21.**



# 6.2 **Community climate change actions**

The community of Cessnock LGA are concerned about the impacts of climate change on the environment, their family and the economy. The community has expressed they want Council to take a leadership role and strong action on climate change. Council's commitment to the community is to deliver local initiatives and quality information regarding climate change science and programs to progress towards a sustainable future. Table 6.1 outlines the management actions to be undertaken by Council to assist the community in building climate change resilience.



## Table 6.1 Climate change resilience community management actions

| Action number | Management action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CR1 | Develop an on-going emissions profile for the Cessnock Local Government Area and establish a community information platform to illustrate community emission reduction progress. | • Leader<br>• Provider | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning<br>• Business Support | | • Operational funding<br>• Staff time | $25,000 | | Short-medium |
| CR2 | Establish a range of community sustainability and environmental awards to incentivise community-driven change | • Provider | • Waste and Environment | | • Operational funding<br>• Staff time | Award amount to be determined | | Medium |
| CR3 | Investigate potential environmental upgrade finance programs for local businesses.<br>Partner with appropriate funders to support local businesses to uptake sustainable building upgrades including solar photovoltaic systems and batteries and water efficiency installations. | • Provider<br>• Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | • Identified environmental upgrade funders | • Staff time | | | Medium |

| Action number | Management action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CR4** | Investigate and promote collaborative bulk-buy programs for solar panels or other cost-effective programs that increase adoption of renewable energy across the community | • Leader<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | Short-medium |
| **CR5** | Undertake a promotion program for the 'share and repair' economy within the community to reduce waste to landfill | • Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment | • Identified businesses | • Staff time | $10,000 | | Medium |
| **CR6** | Investigate opportunities for community renewable energy projects such as neighbourhood batteries | • Leader<br>• Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment<br>• Strategic Planning | • Ausgrid | • Staff time | | | Short |
| **CR7** | Implement programs and activities designed to increase householder preparedness for natural disasters and climate change | • Provider<br>• Capacity Builder<br>• Educator | • Infrastructure<br>• Strategic Planning | • Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils<br>• Local Emergency Management Committee | • Staff time<br>• Grant funding | To be determined | Commenced | Medium |

| Action number | Management action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CR8** | Pursue funding for installation of public electric vehicle charging stations at a number of accessible locations across the LGA. Charging stations should be powered by on-site renewables where possible. Charging stations may be considered in association with supporting partners. | • Provider<br>• Collaborator | • Waste and Environment<br>• Infrastructure<br>• Strategic Planning | • Industry<br>• NSW State Government | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding<br>• Grant funding | To be determined | Commenced | Short-medium |
| **CR9** | Advocate for improved public transport infrastructure in proximity to urban areas/towns. | • Advocate | • Infrastructure | | • Staff time | | | On-going |
| **CR10** | Design and deliver a sustainability and environmental education plan to expand existing programs and focus on community capacity to take sustainable practical actions. | • Provider<br>• Capacity Builder<br>• Educator | • Waste and Environment | | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding | $20,000 | | On-going |
| **CR11** | Promote NSW State Government energy efficiency programs to local businesses and manufacturers to increase uptake of efficiency practices. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder | • Waste and Environment | • NSW State Government | • Staff time | | | On-going |

| Action number | Management action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CR12** | Pursue partnerships with local business representatives or associations to educate and adopt sustainable practices such as circular economy, energy and waste reduction while promoting environmental and financial outcomes. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder<br>• Educator | • Waste and Environment<br>• Economic Development | • NSW State Government | • Staff time | To be determined | | On-going |
| **CR13** | Implement a series of initiatives which assist with community connection before, during and after natural disasters (including bushfires) and facilitate greater community resilience. | • Collaborator<br>• Capacity Builder<br>• Educator | • Infrastructure<br>• Strategic Planning | • Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils<br>• NSW State Government<br>• Rural Fire Service | • Staff time<br>• Operational funding | To be determined | Commenced | Short - medium<br>On-going |
| **CR14** | Advocate to the NSW State Government for improvement to legislated sustainability performance requirements eg. BASIX. | • Advocate | • Strategic Planning<br>• Development Services | | • Staff time | | Commenced | On-going |
| **CR15** | Advocate for State and Federal Government support for businesses and the community to accelerate the transition to a net zero emissions economy. | • Advocate | • Strategic Planning<br>• Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | On-going |

| Action number | Management action | Council role | Primary responsibility | Supporting partners | Resource type | Cost estimate | Status | Timeframe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CR16 | Provide opportunities to support local food production and consumption through farmers markets, community gardens and community supported agriculture programs to ensure food security in a changing climate. | • Provider<br>• Capacity builder | • Waste and Environment | | • Staff time | | | On-going |
| CR17 | Promote circular economy, energy efficiency and waste reduction initiatives that benefit the business community. | • Provider | • Economic Development | | • Staff time | | | On-going |



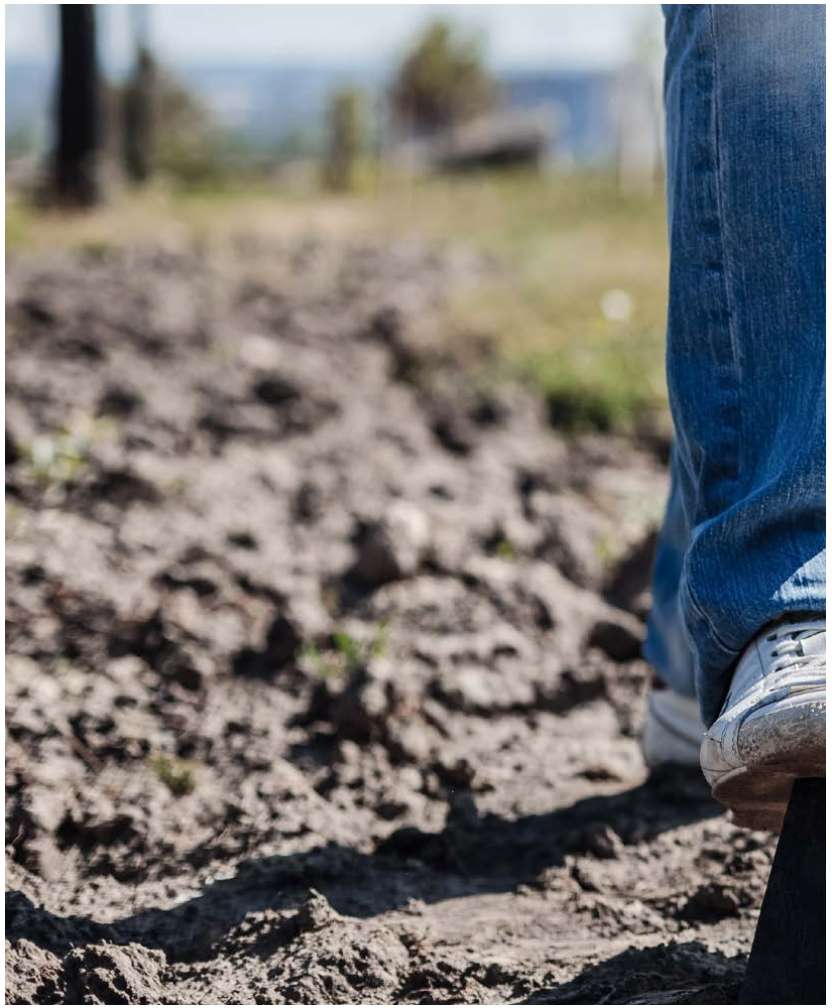
# IMPLEMENTATION



# 7 Implementation

**Achieving progress in both mitigation and adaptation to form a strong base for climate change resilience will require strong commitment from both Council and the wider community. Implementation of the Climate Change Resilience Plan will place Council in a strengthened position to confidently continue greenhouse gas emission reduction within its own operations and better influence and advocate for wider climate change action. Implementation of the plan will also assist in the local community in approaching the climate change challenge in a sustainable manner and facilitate a wider transition to a net zero emissions way of life.**

Actions from this plan have been allocated a resource type in **Tables 5.2** and **6.1**. Actions will be prioritised and will inform both Council's delivery program and annual operational plans as illustrated in **Figure 4.1**. Consideration of actions will undertaken through Council's annual budgeting process and allocated operational or capital funding. Some actions may require additional assessment, or attract external funding, particularly where community benefits or partnerships can be established. Developments in national and state policy may also allow Council to take advantage of new initiatives or respond with further advocacy and collaboration when change is not fast or strong enough.





# MONITORING AND REPORTING



# 8 Monitoring and reporting

**Meaningful and robust monitoring of climate change mitigation and adaptation performance is required to effectively inform future planning and projects for climate change resilience. Where there is minimal or limited data around key actions of this plan Council will collect and advocate for relevant data to establish suitable baselines for performance. This will ensure appropriate and innovative reporting platforms can be established where Council can both review its own climate change resilience progress and provide a transparent reporting mechanism for the community. Council will initially report to the community as part of the IP&R annual report, but as data and technology solutions emerge Council will establish innovative community-based reporting formats.**

The Climate Change Resilience Plan will be reviewed every four years to assess its implementation and maintain agility in response to technology and policy change. Where appropriate indicators may be updated prior to review as further information becomes available.




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| WI78/2020 | Ordinary Council 21/10/2020 | Harris, Kate | Works and Infrastructure | Multipurpose Half Courts and Outdoor Exercise Equipment in Council Open Space | 30/06/2023 | |

1469 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Doherty ***Seconded:*** Councillor Dagg

1469

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council notes the outcome of the investigation into a multipurpose half court or outdoor exercise equipment in Ellalong Park.**

**2. That the General Manager writes to the organiser of the petition regarding Ellalong Park to advise the outcome of the investigation.**

**3. That Council lists construction of a pathway connecting the existing multipurpose half court at Ellalong Park for consideration in the Recreation Facilities Renewal Program of the 2021-22 Operational Plan.**

**4. That Council lists preparation of an Open Space Guideline for Multipurpose Courts and Outdoor Exercise Equipment as an action for inclusion in the 2021-22 Operational Plan.**

**5. That the General Manager prepares a report to present the completed Open Space Guideline for Multipurpose Courts and Outdoor Exercise Equipment including proposed locations and costs.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**09 Nov 2020 11:20am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted, 2. A response has been drafted , 3. To be completed when the 2021-22 Recreation Facilities Renewal Program has been drafted, 4. To be completed when the 2021-2022 Operational Plan has been drafted, 5. To commence following the completion of item 4.

**10 Dec 2020 2:24pm Harris, Kate**
2. A response has been provided to the organiser of the petition (DOC2020/191234)

**19 Feb 2021 3:02pm Harris, Kate**
5. To commence following the completion of item 4.

**28 Apr 2021 11:48am Benson, Nicole**
5. To commence following the completion of item 4.

**28 Jun 2021 1:26pm Harris, Kate**
5. To commence following the completion of item 4.

**28 Jun 2021 1:29pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 June 2021 to 24 September 2021 - The action is unable to commence until the 2021/2022 financial year in line with the 2021/2022 operational plan.

**29 Jul 2021 8:43am Benson, Nicole**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. To be scheduled.

**16 Sep 2021 10:58am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 24 September 2021 to 01 December 2021 - Due to internal resourcing constraints, this project is not due to commence until December 2021.

**28 Oct 2021 10:39am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. The guideline is scheduled to commence early 2022.

**28 Oct 2021 10:40am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 01 December 2021 to 31 March 2022 - To reflect the scheduling of the project.

**31 Mar 2022 1:00pm Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. The guideline has commenced, engagment complete and document being drafted.

**31 Mar 2022 1:02pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2022 to 27 May 2022 - The draft document is being developed. The target has changed to align with project scheduling.

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**30 Jun 2022 8:59am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. A preliminary directions report is complete and a Councillor briefing is planned for 13 July 2022.

**30 Jun 2022 9:04am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 27 May 2022 to 30 September 2022 - Document progressing, Councillor briefing required.

**27 Oct 2022 4:23pm Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. Councillor briefing has been held. Currently finalising document with future maintenance implications prior to reporting to Council.

**27 Oct 2022 4:24pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 November 2022 to 16 December 2022 - Document is being finalised.

**25 Nov 2022 9:34am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. To be placed on public exhibition over December/January

**25 Nov 2022 9:39am Larsen, Robyn - Completion**
Uncompleted by Larsen, Robyn

**25 Nov 2022 9:40am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 16 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - The document is being placed on public exhibition

**27 Mar 2023 11:17am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted. , 2. Complete., 3. Complete. , 4. Complete. , 5. A Guideline is currently being developed (utilising Council's template within the Controlled Document Framework).

**27 Mar 2023 11:19am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Works are still underway in regards to completion of the Guideline

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| WI75/2022 | Ordinary Council 14/12/2022 | Eveleigh, Nathan | Works and Infrastructure | Cessnock LGA Hall Booking/Management | 30/06/2023 | |

383 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Watton ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke

383

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council notes the information contained within the report with regard to the implications and resourcing requirements required to overhaul the current practices has adopted relating to hall bookings, maintenance and potential promotions;**

**2. That Council completes a hall booking trial using the Bookeasy system at four community halls; and**

**3. That if the hall booking trial is successful, that Council implements the Bookeasy system at all community halls in consultation with the s355 volunteer management committees as resources allow.**

*Councillor Hawkins left the meeting, the time being 8.04 pm*

*Councillor Hawkins returned to the meeting, the time being 8.05 pm*

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**16 Jan 2023 4:28pm Eveleigh, Nathan - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Eveleigh, Nathan from 11 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Test webpage and platform complteed for Bellbird Hall. Officers liaising with BookEasy on some minor amendments required for regular bookings., Addiitonal halls will come online after testing is completed with Bellbird Community Hall as per the Council report.

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**02 Mar 2023 9:41am Eveleigh, Nathan**
BookEasy set-up in final testing phase for Bellbird Community Hall before going live.
**27 Mar 2023 11:56am Eveleigh, Nathan**
Bellbrid Community Hall Bookeasy portal went live on 20/3/2023. Will roll out 3 additional facilities following initial trials and feedback.

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| WI62/2021 | Ordinary Council 21/07/2021 | Townsend, Phillip | Works and Infrastructure | Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 2 June 2021 | 14/06/2023 | |
| 1772 | | Clark, Cameron | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Doherty ***Seconded:*** Councillor Gray
1772
***RESOLVED***

**1. That the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee of 2 June 2021 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

**2. FLOCLM11/2021**

**(i) That the General Manager writes on behalf of Council to the Hunter Joint Organisation seeking support for a pricing review of the NSW Stormwater Levy.**

**(ii) That the General Manager writes on behalf of Council to the Floodplain Management Association seeking advocacy on a pricing review for the NSW Stormwater Levy.**

**(iii) That Council submits a motion to the Local Government NSW Conference seeking an increase in the NSW Stormwater Levy.**

**3. FLOCLM13/2021**

**(i) That Council adopts the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study.**

**(ii) That the General Manager updates relevant flood mapping and associated property notifications for flood related development controls, planning certificates and flood certificates.**

**(iii) That Council applies for a Floodplain Management grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban catchments.**

**4. FLOCLM15/2021**

**(i) That Council investigates flood marker signage requirements for bridges and culverts.**

**(ii) That Council allocates $50,000 (from the Strategic Asset Planning budget) in 2021-2022 to identify and prioritise the location of new flood marker signs.**

**(iii) That the Committee receives a report on the outcomes of the consultancy.**

**5. FLOCLM16/2021**

**(i) That Council starts the recruitment process for a new Floodplain Management Committee following the September 2021 Council Elections.**

**(ii) That Council notes the Floodplain Management Committee meetings of 1 September and 1 December 2021 be rescheduled to a single meeting on 3 November 2021.**

**(iii) That Council recognise the community members of the Floodplain Management Committee for commitment, knowledge and skills brought to the Committee.**

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Item 1 - Noted, Item 2 - FLOCLM11/2021, (i) Drafted letter. , (ii) Drafted letter., (iii) Prepared memo., Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021, (i) Adopted Study. , (ii) Updated flood mapping., (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban catchments., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021, (i) Investigating flood marker signage requirements for bridges and culverts., (ii) Allocated funding., (iii) Drafted a report., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021, (i) Consulted Governance., (ii) Rescheduled meeting to 3 November 2021., (iii) Noted

**10 Sep 2021 2:44pm O'Hara, Rachael**
Item 2 - FLOCLM11/2021, (i) Progressed letter. , (ii) Pregressed letter., (iii) Internal memo sent. , Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021, (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban catchments., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021, (i) Investigating flood marker signage requirements for bridges and culverts., (iii) Drafted a report.

**28 Sep 2021 11:59am Conner, Martin**
Item 2 - FLOCLM11/2021 (i) Sent letter 28.09.21 (DOC2021/138456); (ii) Drafted letter (DOC2021/034613); (iii) Prepared motion and obtained approval to submit (DOC2021/139099), Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management Grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021 (i) Preparing RFQ to investigate flood marker signage requirements, (ii) Added to log of proposed changes for Q1 budget review; (iii) Undertake action following completion of consultancy (i)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) Deferred action until after December 2021 council elections; (ii) Extraordinary FMC meeting scheduled for 20.10.21 to align with Council ordinary meeting schedule.

**27 Oct 2021 3:31pm Conner, Martin**
Item 2 - FLOCLM11/2021 (ii) Drafted letter (DOC2021/034613); (iii) Motion submitted 29.09.21 (DOC2021/139099), Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management Grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021 (i) Preparing documentation to investigate flood marker signage requirements, (ii) Added to log of proposed changes for Q1 budget review; (iii) Undertake action following completion of investigation (i)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) Deferred action until after December 2021 council elections; (ii) Deferred November 2021 meeting to 2022 due to December 2021 elections.

**01 Feb 2022 9:34am O'Hara, Rachael**
Item 2 - FLOCLM11/2021 (ii) Letter sent; (iii) Motion submitted, Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management Grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021 (i) Undertaking field investigation of road creek crossings in LGA. (ii) Funding no longer required. (iii) Undertake action following completion of investigation (i)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) Preparing recruitment process for new Committee.

**22 Feb 2022 11:13am O'Hara, Rachael**
Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) Preparing for a Floodplain Management Grant in 2022 for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations., Item 4 - FLOCLM15/2021 (i) Undertaking field investigation of road creek crossings in LGA. (ii) Funding no longer required. (iii) Undertake action following completion of investigation (i)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) Prepared media release and advertisement for publication.

**22 Nov 2022 2:50pm Townsend, Phillip - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Townsend, Phillip from 14 December 2022 to 15 February 2023 - New Principal Engineer started Oct 2022 - Needs to be briefed on committee structure & purpose.

**15 Feb 2023 10:37am Townsend, Phillip**
Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) - A floodplain management grant submission was not submitted as part of the 2022-23 Floodplain Management Program as it was not supported by the Department of Planning & Environment due to Council's resourcing levels in the Stormwater & Flood Mitigation team during 2022. Resourcing constraints within the Stormwater & Flood Mitigation team have since been resolved, meaning a floodplain management grant application for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations is to be prepared & submitted as part of the 2023-24 Floodplain Management Program., Item 4 – FLOCLM15/2021 (i), (ii) & (iii) A $100,000 grant was received during 2022 under the Australian Government's Preparing Australian Communities grant program. This project is currently underway; a separate report is to be prepared and submitted at a forthcoming (March/April 2023) Ordinary Meeting of Council to inform Council of the current program status. The grant will allow for flood markers to be installed at approximately 30 prioritised sites within the LGA. Flood marker installations are considered an ongoing continuous improvement requirement of Council. Further budget is likely to be sourced from existing budget provisions to continue with flood marker installations beyond the current grant process., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) – Three applications have been received from members of the community seeking to become Community Representative. Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee is yet to be re-established following December 2021 Council Elections. This is due to constraints with resourcing levels in the Stormwater & Flood Mitigation team during 2022. Ongoing contact with the applicants to advise them of this delay occurred during 2022. A review of the suitability of these applicants is to be undertaken, & response letters drafted thereafter (prior to the first scheduled meeting of the new Floodplain Risk Management Committee)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (ii) –Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee is yet to be re-established following the December 2021 Local Government Elections due to resourcing levels in the Stormwater & Flood Mitigation team during 2022. It is proposed to re-establish this committee during the first half of calendar year 2023., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (iii) – Letters are to be drafted to the outgoing/previous community representatives - Messer's Craig Schultz & Adam Davies - to thank them for their commitment, knowledge & skills brought to the previous Committee.

**29 Mar 2023 10:14am Townsend, Phillip**

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Item 3 - FLOCLM13/2021 (iii) – Following discussions & advice from Department of Planning & Environment DPE, a floodplain management grant application for an overland flood study to replace the Cessnock City Wide Flood Study in urban locations was not supported by DPE meaning an application will not be submitted as part of the 2023-24 Floodplain Management Program. A strategy document has been prepared which describes the current status of flood studies within the Cessnock LGA. It has been agreed to focus on reviewing existing flood study data during 2023 with a view of applying for future grants during 2024., Item 4 – FLOCLM15/2021 (i), (ii) & (iii) Resolved - Report prepared for 15 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (i) – Applications from members of the community seeking to become Community Representative on Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee are still being assessed. A review of the suitability of these applicants is to be undertaken, & response letters drafted thereafter (prior to the first scheduled meeting of the new Floodplain Risk Management Committee)., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (ii) –It is proposed to re-establish Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee during the first half of calendar year 2023., Item 5 - FLOCLM16/2021 (iii) – Letters have been drafted to the outgoing/previous community representatives - Messer's Craig Schultz DOC2023/048993 & Adam Davies DOC2023/048995 – these are in the process of being reviewed and finalised.

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| WI6/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Newman, Alex | Works and Infrastructure | Engineering Guidelines for Design & Construction - Approval for Public Exhibition | 25/06/2023 | |
| 441 | | Clark, Cameron | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

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***RESOLVED***

**1. That the draft Engineering Guidelines for Design and Construction be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and a report be returned to Council for determination.**

**2. That Councillors be offered a briefing on the engineering guidelines.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**28 Mar 2023 3:32pm Newman, Alex**
Waiting on Comments from Public exhibition regarding Guidelines of exhibition. In addition an Internal Panel Review of Engineering Guidelines is to be performed.
**26 Apr 2023 8:27am Newman, Alex**
Engineering Guidelines still on Public Exhibition. Subsequent Internal CCC review by relevant departments to follow.

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| WI5/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Niravath, Arun | Works and Infrastructure | Tender T2022-10 Watagan Creek Bridge and Wescott Bridge Replacement | 17/05/2023 | |

440 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

440

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council reject Tender T2022-10 – Watagan Creek Bridge #1 and Westcott Bridge replacement in accordance with Part 7, Division 4, Clause 178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Acceptance of tenders) 3e.**

**2. That Council enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.**

**3. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to award the project with a suitable outcome.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 5:28pm Niravath, Arun**
Request for intrest sent to suppliers. Once idenfied, procurement process will be initated to invite formal proposals.

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| WI3/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/02/2023 | Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully - Land Acquisition | 30/11/2023 | |

416 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill

416

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council authorises purchase of (part) 1519 Old Maitland Road Sawyers Gully and (part) 1601 Old Maitland Road Sawyers Gully for public road infrastructure purposes;**

**2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to extend a Letter of Offer to the landowners and negotiate agreement to purchase the land in accordance with independent valuations; and**

**3. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to execute all relevant documentation to affect the transactions.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Feb 2023 1:33pm Bosco, Jules**
Valuation of land parcels being progressed, Awaiting negeotiation with land owners.
**24 Apr 2023 10:40am Anderson, India - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Clark, Cameron by Anderson, India - resumed Infrastructure Manager position
**03 May 2023 7:56pm Clark, Cameron**
Mandatory 6 month negotiation period expires in May 2023, cumpulsory acquistion commences following negotiation period expiration via the Valuer General process. No mandated timeframe for the compulsory acquisition process but officers will proactively follow up and provide updates. Works to re-commence as soon as acquistion process is completed.

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| WI29/2022 | Ordinary Council 18/05/2022 | Harris, Kate | Works and Infrastructure | Kitchener Poppethead Park Draft Plan of Management | 30/06/2023 | |

133 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Dunn ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke

133

***RESOLVED***

**1. That in accordance with Section 36D(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council declares a portion of Kitchener Poppethead Park, as outlined within Enclosure 1, as an Area of Cultural Significance as it represents an important stage in the development of the mining industry in the Cessnock area.**

**2. That the draft Plan of Management for Kitchener Poppethead Park be referred to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands:**

**I. As the landowner, as required by Section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993***
**II. For Ministerial consent to exhibit the draft Plan of Management, as required by section 3.23(7)(d) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016.***

**3. That following the receipt of Ministers consent and approval by the department as the landowner, the draft Plan of Management for Kitchener Poppethead Park be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days and invite public submissions.**

**4. That a report on the outcomes of the exhibition be provided to Council prior to adopting the final document.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

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**30 Jun 2022 11:56am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted., 2. Complete, 3. Awaiting approval from the Minister, 4. To be undertaken following the completion of item 3.

**30 Jun 2022 11:58am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 15 June 2022 to 30 September 2022 - Anticipated timeframe to receive Ministers Consent to publically exhibit the document.

**02 Sep 2022 8:16am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 September 2022 to 01 December 2022 - Awaiting advice from the Minister seeking approval to publically exhibit the draft Plan of Management. Council has been advised this will be a number of months based on the number of POM currently being reviewed by Crown Lands.

**13 Sep 2022 10:20am Moloney, David**
Still awaiting Minister approval.

**25 Nov 2022 9:43am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted., 2. Complete, 3. Awaiting approval from the Minister, 4. To be undertaken following the completion of item 3.

**25 Nov 2022 9:43am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 01 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - Awaiting advice from Minister

**27 Mar 2023 11:21am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted., 2. Complete, 3. Awaiting approval from the Minister, 4. To be undertaken following the completion of item 3.

**27 Mar 2023 11:21am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Awaiting approval from the Minister

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| WI2/2021 | Ordinary Council 17/02/2021 | Waghorn, Peter | Works and Infrastructure | Sale of Land to Bellbird Bowling Club | 30/06/2023 | |

1571 Maginnity, Robert

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Dunn ***Seconded:*** Councillor Fitzgibbon

1571

***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council authorises the General Manager to undertake the process to reclassify the seven metre strip of land along the southern boundary of the Bellbird Park Bowling Club from Community to Operational.**
2. **That Council agrees to sell the subject parcel of land once reclassified to Bellbird Park Bowling Club at the nominal cost of one dollar ($1.00) provided the Bellbird Park Bowling Club fund associated costs for the land transfer.**
3. **That Council authorises the General Manager to execute documents related to the reclassification and transfer of land between Cessnock City Council and the Bellbird Park Bowling Club.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**04 Mar 2021 11:58am Benson, Nicole - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Rathborne, Michael by Benson, Nicole - Michael please commence the actions as per the resolution. Liaise with my team if required. Thanks

**24 Mar 2021 4:49pm Keegan, Robyn - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Keegan, Robyn from 17 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 - Information sent to surveyor for the club to prepare and lodge forms,

**29 Mar 2021 4:04pm Rathborne, Michael - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Rathborne, Michael from 30 June 2021 to 30 August 2021 - Surveyor preparing documents for registration.

**28 Apr 2021 10:33am Rathborne, Michael - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Rathborne, Michael from 30 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 - Pending survey and documentation being prepared by surveyor.

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**25 Jun 2021 12:30pm Keegan, Robyn - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Keegan, Robyn from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021 - Bellbird Park Bowling Club has taken responsibility for survey registration. Further work by Council Property Services to effect the transfer of land is deferred pending Strategic Property obtaining Council approval for a site-specific planning proposal to reclassify the land.

**02 Sep 2021 3:11pm Keegan, Robyn - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Keegan, Robyn from 31 December 2021 to 31 December 2021 - Peter Waghorn advised that there is no further update.

**26 Oct 2021 2:19pm Keegan, Robyn - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Keegan, Robyn from 31 December 2021 to 21 January 2022 - Advised by Chief Financial & Administration Officer no update was available but will investigate.

**25 Jan 2022 10:12am Waghorn, Peter**
In accordance with the resolution, Bellbird Park Bowling Club management are responsible for organising and registering the survey of land to be acquired but are yet to do so. A registered plan and reclassification of the land are required before the land transfer can be transacted.

**29 Mar 2022 7:55am Boughton-Ingham, Petra**
28 Mar 2022 Peter Waghorn, [Confidential]: BPBC's Secretary Manager was contacted with an offer of assistance and advised that the club had not sought quotes for land survey work to date due to their financial situation. As the cost of a partial survey is not anticipated to be high, Council Officers contacted a local surveyor on the club's behalf and was told that the previous Board had engaged Marshall Scott Surveyors to prepare a plan and the draft was sent to the club last year. MSS is following up directly with club management.

**12 Apr 2022 10:21am Keegan, Robyn - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Keegan, Robyn from 21 January 2022 to 15 June 2022 - The Bellbird Park Bowling Club Secretary Manager was contacted with an offer of assistance and advised that the club had not sought quotes for land survey work due to a recent change of voluntary board membership. Council Officers contacted a local surveyor on the club's behalf and were advised that the previous Board had engaged Marshall Scott Surveyors to prepare a plan and the draft was sent to the club last year. Principal of Marshall Scott Surveyors is following up with the new club management directly.

**28 Apr 2022 3:32pm Waghorn, Peter**
Mark Scott of Marshall Scott Surveyors is still following up with the new club Secretary Manager regarding a survey plan previously prepared and sent to the Club in draft for their review.

**26 May 2022 9:22am Waghorn, Peter**
Bellbird Park Bowling Club officials have confirmed that Marshall Scott Surveyors were engaged by the previous Board to prepare a plan of acquisition. Once the draft plan is provided to Council for review and verification, the process to reclassify the identified portion of Bellbird Park can be commenced. Transfer of the land to the Club can only be effected on gazettal of the reclassification.

**26 May 2022 9:50am Waghorn, Peter - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Waghorn, Peter from 15 June 2022 to 30 December 2022 - The planning proposal to amend the LEP and reclassify a portion of Bellbird Park is a lengthy process and yet be commenced. Transferring ownership to the Club is deferred pending gazettal of the land reclassification for Community to Operational land.

**30 Jun 2022 3:12pm Waghorn, Peter**
An LEP amendment request to reclassify the portion of Bellbird Park the Club requires has been sceheduled with Strategic Planning.

**28 Jul 2022 2:49pm Waghorn, Peter**
A survey plan prepared by Marshall Scott Surveyors on behalf of Bellbird Park Bowling Club has been provided to Strategic Planning. A planning proposal requesting amendment of the Cessnock LEP land classificaion of the nominated porion of Bellbird Park is in progress.

**31 Aug 2022 4:46pm Keegan, Robyn**
Further updates are subject to progression of a planning proposal to amend the Cessnock LEP and change the community land classification of the nominated portion of Bellbird Park.

**25 Nov 2022 3:47pm Waghorn, Peter**
Internal Property staff followed up with Marshall Scott Surveyors 24/11/2022 and were advised that the survey plan detailing the area to be acquired by the club and prepared by their firm on behalf of Bellbird Park Bowling Club is yet to be lodged with Land Registry Services for assessment. Council staff actions are deferred pending plan registration and gazettal of the proposed land reclassification.

**16 Jan 2023 12:12pm Waghorn, Peter**
Property staff visited BPBC on 4/1/2023 to enquire with management as to the status of survey plan approval and were advised that they will follow up with Marshall Scott Surveyors. As at 16/1/2023, Mark Scott of MSS has not been contacted by BPBC.

**16 Jan 2023 12:21pm Waghorn, Peter - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Waghorn, Peter from 30 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - Delayed pending Bellbird Park Bowling Club approval of draft survey plan of acquisition and the outcome of a Council request to reclassify the relevant of portion of Carmichael Park to be acquired

**03 Apr 2023 10:44am Waghorn, Peter**
The Strategic Planning unit has scheduled a report seeking approval to submit the LEP amendment required to reclassify the portion of Bellbird Park the Club requires. Reclassification to operational land is required to facilitate any transfer of council community land. The report will be considered at the April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting. .

**03 Apr 2023 11:11am Waghorn, Peter - Target Date Revision**

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Target date changed by Waghorn, Peter from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - The report seeking approval to submit an LEP amendment to reclassify the required portion of Bellbird Park is scheduled for the April 2023 OCM. Reclassifications necessarily involve state planning departments and completion of that process cannot be accurately determined at this time.

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| WI15/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Harris, Kate<br>Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Naming of BMX Facility at Carmichael Park | 31/10/2023 | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Moores ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hawkins
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***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council supports the proposal to name the upgraded BMX Facility within Carmichael Park the "Neville Tomlinson BMX Facility".**
2. **That Council place the naming proposal "Neville Tomlinson BMX Facility" on public exhibition for 28 days.**
3. **If no submissions are received, that suitable signage be installed following the completion of the planned upgrade to the BMX Facility.**
4. **In line with the Geographic Names Board Place Naming Policy, the Board be notified of the BMX Facility name to ensure the name, position and origin is recorded in the Spatial Services' Digital Topographic Database and the name shown on maps, where relevant.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Apr 2023 8:18am Harris, Kate**
1. Noted, 2. The naming proposal "Neville Tomlinson BMX Facility" commenced public exhibition on 26 April 2023., 3. To occur following the completion of item 2 , 4. To occur following the completeion of item 2

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| WI15/2022 | Ordinary Council 20/04/2022 | Harris, Kate<br>Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Richmond Vale Rail Trail | 30/06/2023 | |

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***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Grine ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill
93
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council place the Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri Review of Environmental Factors on Public Exhibition for a 6 week period and invite public submissions.**
2. **That a report on the outcomes of the exhibition period be provided to Council prior to Council endorsing the Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri Review of Environmental Factors.**

*Councillor Jurd returned to the meeting, the time being 7.36pm*

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**02 Sep 2022 8:12am Harris, Kate**
1. The public exhibition period is complete, 2. A report will be prepared for the October Council meeting

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**02 Sep 2022 8:13am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 July 2022 to 28 October 2022 - Submissions from the exhibition period are being evaluated.

**27 Oct 2022 4:22pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 28 October 2022 to 16 December 2022 - The consultant (GHD) is currently making required changes to the REF following the exhibition period and subsequent submissions received.

**25 Nov 2022 9:41am Harris, Kate**
1. Complete, 2. Due to the technical nature of submissions received the evaluation of submissions has been delayed. To be reported back to Council in the New Year.

**25 Nov 2022 9:43am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 16 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - Currently evaluating submissions received for the REF

**27 Mar 2023 11:19am Harris, Kate**
1. Complete, 2. Due to the technical nature of submissions received the evaluation of submissions has been delayed. To be reported back to Council by June 2023

**27 Mar 2023 11:20am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Submissions continue to be evalauated and concept designs amended based on feedback provided.

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| WI13/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Chadwick, Tony | Works and Infrastructure | Tender T2023-06 Cessnock Airport Rural Fire Service Works | 17/05/2023 | |
| 471 | | Mickleson, Peter | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill

471

***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council reject the tender T2023-06 – Cessnock Airport Rural Fire Service in accordance with Part 7, Division 4, Clause 178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Acceptance of tenders) 3e, and**

2. **That Council enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender, and.**

3. **That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to award the project if a suitable outcome is achieved.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**03 May 2023 3:32pm Meyers, Kristy - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Chadwick, Tony by Meyers, Kristy - For action of resolution.

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| WI12/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Tender Q2022-177 Mount View Road Rehabilitation | 17/05/2023 | |

470 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hawkins

470

***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council accepts the full scope tender/quote from Woodbury Civil Pty Ltd in the lump sum amount of $3,823,119.90 (including GST)**

2. **That Council allocates $2,665,452.88 excluding GST budget shortfall to the 2023/24 capital works program.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 10:39am Anderson, India - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Clark, Cameron by Anderson, India - resumed Infrastructure Manager position

**03 May 2023 8:11pm Clark, Cameron**
In accordance with resolution contractor will be engaged in coming weeks and then Council PM will commence communicating delivey plan to community.

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| WI11/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 20 March 2023 | 17/05/2023 | |

469 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

469

***RESOLVED***

**That the Minutes of the Cessnock Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 20 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

- **TC7/2023 - That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic on Lovedale Road, Wilderness Road and Talga Road, Lovedale for the Lovedale Long Lunch, in accordance with Various Roads Lovedale _ Lovedale Long Lunch Traffic Control Plans**
- **TC8/2023 - That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic on Wine Country Drive, Broke Road, Lovedale Road, De Beyers Road, Col Turnbull Parade and Grady Road, Pokolbin, Lomas Lane Nulkaba, Averys Lane Heddon Greta, and Mount View Road Cessnock for the Hunter Valley Airshow from 7am to 7pm, Saturday 25 March 2023 & Sunday 26 March 2023, in accordance with the Various Roads Pokolbin _ Hunter Valley Airshow Traffic Guidance Schemes.**
- **TC9/2023 - That Council authorises the removal of Bus Zone signage on Minmi Street, Stanford Merthyr, in accordance with the Minmi Street Stanford Merthyr _ Signage Removal Diagram.**
- **TC10/2023 - That Council authorises the installation of regulatory parking controls on Wickham Street, Stanford Merthyr, in accordance with the Wickham Street Stanford Merthyr _ Signage Diagram.**
- **TC11/2023 – That Council authorises the installation of regulatory parking signage on Yango Street, Cessnock in accordance with the Yango Street Cessnock _ Signage & Line Marking Diagram.**
- **TC12/2023 - That Council authorises the installation of regulatory parking signage on Drinan Street, Branxton, in accordance with the Drinan Street Branxton _ Signage Diagram.**
- **TC13/2023 - That Council authorises the installation of a pedestrian refuge and associated signage and line marking on Millfield Road, Millfield in accordance with the Millfield Road Millfield _ Signage & Line Marking Diagram.**
- **TC14/2023 - That Council authorises the installation of regulatory signage and line marking on Bouquet Drive and Mountain Ridge, Bellbird, in accordance with the Bouquet Drive Bellbird _ Signage & Line Marking Diagram.**
- **TC15/2023 - That Council authorises installation line marking on Camp Road, Greta, in accordance with the Camp Road Greta _ Line Marking Diagram.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 10:40am Anderson, India - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Clark, Cameron by Anderson, India - resumed Infrastructure Manager position
**03 May 2023 8:13pm Clark, Cameron**
Action has been allocated to a resource and confirmation of timing to be confirmed.

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| WI10/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Clark, Cameron | Works and Infrastructure | Minutes of the Roads Review Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2023 | 17/05/2023 | |

468 Clark, Cameron
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
468
***RESOLVED***

**That the Minutes of the Roads Review Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**03 May 2023 8:14pm Clark, Cameron**
Action has been allocated to a resource and timing of completion is to be confirmed.

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| PE9/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Lewis-Curnoe, Olivia | Planning and Environment | Australian Noise Exposure Forecast Map Update for LEP | 30/11/2023 | |

430 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Burke ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
430
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council request a Gateway Determination for the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast Planning Proposal from the Department of the Planning and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979;***

**2. That Council request authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan;**

**3. That Council undertake consultation with public authorities and the community as conditioned by the Department of Planning and Environment's Gateway determination; and**

**4. That Council receive a further report following community consultation of the Planning Proposal.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Mar 2023 4:28pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 12 April 2023 to 30 November 2023 - As resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 March 2023, a gateway determination is to be requested; authorisation under Section 3.31 of the EP&A Act 1979 to act as the local plan authority; consultation with public authorities and the community is to be undertaken; and a further report to be submitted following community consultation of the PP.

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| PE7/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Mewing, Jenny | Planning and Environment | Planning Proposal - 259 & 261 Averys Lane, Buchanan (Lot 10 DP 1085485) - Outcomes of Community Consultation | 17/05/2023 | |

428 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill
428
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal as an amendment to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011.**

**2. That Council seek the Secretary's agreement that the Planning Proposal is consistent with Section 9.1 Ministerial Directions 3.1 Conservation Zones, 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection and 4.4 Remediation of Land, or where inconsistent, is of minor significance and justified by a study prepared in support of the Planning Proposal.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 11:29am Mewing, Jenny**
Ministerial Directions advice received from DPE 28/3 confirming inconsistencies are justified or of minor signifcance. , Mapping amendments requested

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| PE57/2022 | Ordinary Council 21/09/2022 | Corken, Robert | Planning and Environment | Planning Propsoal to Rezone Land at 532 Main Road, Cliftleigh from RU2 Rural Landscape to R2 Low Density Residential. | 23/10/2023 | |

256 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
256
***RESOLVED***

**That the report be deferred to allow for structure plan to be submitted to Council prior to its consideration.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Sep 2022 4:47pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 19 October 2022 to 31 October 2022 - Deferred at ordinary Council meeting held 21 September 2022 to allow for structure plan to be submitted to Council prior to its consideration.
**05 Oct 2022 11:45am Corken, Robert - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Corken, Robert from 31 October 2022 to 16 February 2023 - Council deferred proposal until a structure plan was prepared for the 'whole of the investigation area.
**21 Nov 2022 10:44am Corken, Robert - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Corken, Robert from 16 February 2023 to 23 October 2023 - The proposal is currently with the applicants to resolved access arrangements.

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| PE53/2021 | Ordinary Council 17/11/2021 | Worthing, Alex | Deferred Business | Environmental Zoning Framework - Public exhibition outcomes and Planning Proposal 18/2021/6/1 - Environmental Zone Land Uses and Objectives | 30/04/2023 | |

1884 Mickleson, Peter

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Doherty ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

1884

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council adopts the Environmental Zoning Framework as amended.**

**2. That Council notifies in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the draft framework, of Council's decision.**

**3. That Council requests a Gateway determination for the Planning Proposal – Environmental Zone Land Uses and Local Objectives (18/2021/6/1) from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979.**

**4. That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental* Planning *and Assessment Act* 1979 to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

**5. That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway determination.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**30 Nov 2021 1:31pm Larsen, Robyn - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Gambotto, Daniela by Larsen, Robyn - Reallocated
**25 Jan 2022 3:32pm Gambotto, Daniela**
Planning Proposal sent to Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment lodged through the planning portal 14/12/2021. Request for further information received from DPIE 20/01/2022.
**27 Jan 2022 9:20am Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 17 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 - Planning Proposal sent to Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment lodged through the planning portal 14/12/2021. Request for further information received from DPIE 20/01/2022.
**22 Feb 2022 10:40am Gambotto, Daniela**
Dicsussions with DPE ongoing. Submitting further information by mid March
**22 Feb 2022 10:43am Gambotto, Daniela - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Gambotto, Daniela from 28 February 2022 to 28 March 2022 - Collecting more data to submit to DPE in support of this PP.
**24 Feb 2022 10:13am Brown, Keren - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Brown, Keren from 28 March 2022 to 28 August 2022 - Waiting Gateway determination from DPE
**26 Apr 2022 11:42am Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 28 August 2022 to 30 April 2023 - Awaiting Gateway determination to be issued.
**26 Apr 2022 11:43am Blake, Yvonne - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Worthing, Alex by Blake, Yvonne - Daniela Gambotto has transferred to another department.
**28 Sep 2022 1:12pm Worthing, Alex - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Worthing, Alex from 30 April 2023 to 30 April 2023 - Currently on public exhibition until mid-October
**28 Sep 2022 1:14pm Worthing, Alex**
Currently on public exhibition through the Planning Portal

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| PE5/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/02/2023 | Corken, Robert | Planning and Environment | Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan Review - Temporary Uses (including Temporary Events) | 30/11/2023 | |

399 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Dunn
399
***RESOLVED***

**That Council**

1. **Request a gateway determination for the Planning Proposal "Temporary Uses" from the Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.**

2. **Request authorisation under s3.31 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to act as the local plan-making authority.**

3. **Place the draft Planning Proposal on exhibition as determined by the Department of Planning and Environment Gateway determination.**

4. **Place the draft Cessnock Development Control Plan Chapter "Temporary Uses" on exhibition concurrently with the planning proposal.**

5. **Receive a report back on the Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan amendment.**

***CARRIED***

**27 Mar 2023 4:34pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 15 March 2023 to 30 November 2023 - As per Council resolution at the Ordinary Council meeting jeld 15 February 2023, gateway determination to be requested from DPE; request authorisation to act as local plan making authority; PP to be placed on exhibition as well as draft DCP; report back to Council on amendment.

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| PE4/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/02/2023 | Corken, Robert | Planning and Environment | Planning Proposal - Lovedale Integrated Tourist Development | 15/07/2023 | |

Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Dunn ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke
393
***RESOLVED***

**That Council endorse the Planning Proposal in relation to Lots 2-4 DP 869651, Lot 11 DP 1187663 and Lot 1 DP 1233030 as an amendment to Clause 7.11 of Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 as follows:**

**(i)** ***This clause applies to land at Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin, being Lots 2–4, DP 869651, Lot 11, DP1187663 and Lot 1 DP1233030.***
**(ii)** **Development consent must not be granted to any development on land to which this clause applies unless—**
- **a) The consent authority is satisfied that the development is integrated tourist development, and**
- **b) the total number of permanent residential dwellings on that land does not exceed 640, and**
- **c) the total number of tourist and visitor accommodation units on that land does not exceed 300.**

**(iii)** **Registration of the plan of subdivision for the first 200 residential lots shall not occur until a Compliance Certificate under section 6.4(e)(iv) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 has been issued for the golf course and club house confirming that it is completed in accordance with the concept approval and relevant development consent.**
**(iv)** **In this clause—**

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**integrated tourist development means a development that contains a mix of both permanent residential dwellings and one or more of the following uses: tourist and visitor accommodation; tourist-oriented land uses such as outdoor recreation facilities (e.g., golf courses); food and drink premises; function centres; any development that is ordinarily incidental or ancillary to such uses.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**28 Mar 2023 8:18am Corken, Robert - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Corken, Robert from 15 March 2023 to 15 July 2023 - Council resolution may require an additional report to Council and delayed the drafting of the clause.

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| PE4/2022 | Ordinary Council 16/02/2022 | Corken, Robert | Planning and Environment | 18 2020 5 - Planning Proposal to Grant a Dwelling Entitlement for Lot 686 DP 619758, Known as 0 Black Hill Road, Black Hill | 30/06/2023 | |
| 25 | | Mickleson, Peter | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Dunn ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke
25
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council requests a Gateway determination for the Planning Proposal – Dwelling Entitlement for Lot 686 DP619758 from the Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

2. **That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental* Planning *and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

3. **That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway determination.**

4. **That Council be provided with a report back on the Planning Proposal if unresolved written objections are received during consultation with the community; otherwise forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment requesting that the Plan be made.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**23 Feb 2022 4:18pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2022 - Resolved at Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 February 2022 to adopt the recommendation.
**24 Feb 2022 10:03am Brown, Keren**
Gateway determintion requested from DPE on 23/2/22
**27 Apr 2022 10:43am Brown, Keren - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Brown, Keren from 30 June 2022 to 30 June 2023 - Waiting on Gateway determination
**18 Oct 2022 1:40pm Corken, Robert - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Corken, Robert from 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 - The Department of Primary Industries has strongly objected to the proposal. Local delegation cannot be exercised where there is an outstanding Agency objection. Therefore, unless DPI withdraw their objection, the Department of Planning is now the determining authority and the timeframe for that is unknown.

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| PE3/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/02/2023 | Manning, Mark | Planning and Environment | Draft Climate Change Resilience Plan - Public Exhibition | 30/06/2023 | |

398
Mickleson, Peter

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
398
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council place the draft Climate Change Resilience Plan on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.**

**2. That Council receive a further report following public exhibition of the draft Climate Change Resilience Plan.**

***CARRIED***

**27 Mar 2023 4:18pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 15 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - As per Council resolution at the meeting held 15 March 2023, plan is currently on public exhibition.

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| PE26/2022 | Ordinary Council 20/04/2022 | Corken, Robert | Planning and Environment | Planning Proposal 18/2020/3/1 - Comprehensive LEP Review - Special Purpose Zones | 18/05/2023 | |

77
Mickleson, Peter

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Burke ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
77
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council requests a gateway determination for the Special Purposes Planning Proposal from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.***

**2. That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental* Planning *and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

**3. That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway determination.**

**4. That Council receives a report back on the Planning Proposal and draft local planning framework, following public exhibition.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Apr 2022 10:18am Brown, Keren - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Brown, Keren from 18 May 2022 to 18 May 2023 - Gateway determination requested from Department of Planning on 22 April 2022
**24 Jun 2022 11:07am Corken, Robert**
Waiting for gateway determination.

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| PE25/2022 | Ordinary Council 20/04/2022 | Worthing, Alex | Planning and Environment | Planning Proposal 18/2022/2 - Comprehensive LEP Review - Rural Zones | 30/04/2023 | |

76 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Burke ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
76
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council requests a Gateway determination for the RU2 Rural Landscape Zone, RU3 Forestry Zone and RU5 Village Zones Planning Proposal from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.***

2. **That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental* Planning *and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

3. **That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway determination.**

4. **That Council receives a report back on the Planning Proposal and draft local planning framework, following public exhibition.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**04 May 2022 10:54am Worthing, Alex - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Worthing, Alex from 18 May 2022 to 30 November 2022 - With DPIE awaiting Gateway
**28 Sep 2022 1:13pm Worthing, Alex - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Worthing, Alex from 30 November 2022 to 30 April 2023 - Currently on public exhibition until late October
**28 Sep 2022 1:14pm Worthing, Alex**
Currently on public exhibition through the Planning Portal

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| PE24/2022 | Ordinary Council 20/04/2022 | Rush, Iain | Planning and Environment | Draft Local Planning Framework for the Cessnock LGA Vineyards District | 31/12/2023 | |

75 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Burke ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
75
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council requests a Gateway determination in respect of the Cessnock Vineyards District Planning Proposal from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

2. **That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental* Planning *and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

3. **That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway determination.**

4. **That Council exhibits the Draft Cessnock Vineyards District Local Character Statement and Development Control Plan with the Planning Proposal.**

5. **That Council receives a report back on the Planning Proposal and draft local planning framework, following public exhibition.**

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***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

*Councillor Hawkins returned to the meeting, the time being 7.29m*

**27 Apr 2022 12:10pm Rush, Iain - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Rush, Iain from 18 May 2022 to 30 December 2022 - Preparing documentation for submission to DPE for Gateway determination.
**21 Jun 2022 3:52pm Rush, Iain**
Planning Proposal submitted for Gateway determination on 10 May 2022. Currently reviewing quotations for 'Tourism Centre' Economic Feasibility Assessment.
**01 Sep 2022 4:24pm Rush, Iain**
Planning Proposal submitted for Gateway determination on 10 May 2022. Hill PDA engaged to prepare 'Tourism Centre' Economic Feasibility Assessment. Work on the Economic Assessment is progressing steadily.
**31 Oct 2022 10:23am Rush, Iain**
Planning Proposal submitted for Gateway determination on 10 May 2022. Hill PDA have provided Draft 'Tourism Centre' Economic Feasibility Assessment to Council for review.
**22 Nov 2022 2:17pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 31 January 2023 to 28 February 2023 - Target date revised to allow sufficient time for exhibition and consideration of public submissions. Preparation of materials for public exhibition commenced.
**20 Feb 2023 9:08am Cocking, Tracey**
HRP 2041 requires preparation of Place Strategy. Existing PP and Place Strategy requirements being discussed with DP&E.
**20 Feb 2023 9:09am Cocking, Tracey - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Cocking, Tracey from 28 February 2023 to 31 December 2023 - HRP 2041 requires preparation of Place Strategy. Existing PP and Place Strategy requirements being discussed with DP&E

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| PE15/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Chohan, Arif | Planning and Environment | DCP 2010 - Draft Chapter E20 Hydro Kurri Kurri | 31/07/2023 | |
| 455, 456 | | Mickleson, Peter | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Paynter
455
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council resolves to reclassify Lots 9, 10 and 11 Section B DP 4748 (94 Harle Street, Abermain) from Operational Land to Community Land pursuant to Section 33 of the *Local Government Act, 1993.***

2. **That Council requests a Gateway determination for a Planning Proposal from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to:**

   a. **rezone part of Lot 3 DP 624793 (Carmichael Park, Bellbird) from RE1 Public Recreation to RE2 Private Recreation;**
   b. **reclassify part of Lot 3 DP 624793 (Carmichael Park, Bellbird) from Community Land to Operational land; and**
   c. **rezone Lot 11 Section B DP 4748 (94 Harle Street, Abermain) from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation.**

3. **That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

4. **That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway Determination.**

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**5. That Council undertake the necessary Public Hearing and public notification requirements for the proposed reclassifications of Council owned land, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 29 and 34 of the *Local Government Act, 1993.***

**6. That Council receives a report back on the outcomes of the community consultation and findings of the Public Hearing and any submissions received in response to the notification of the reclassifications.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
456
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council place draft Chapter E20 - Hydro Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.**

**2. That Council receive a further report following public exhibition of the draft Chapter E20 - Hydro Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**05 May 2023 4:01pm Johnson, Martin - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Chohan, Arif by Johnson, Martin - project officer

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| PE14/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Johnson, Martin | Planning and Environment | Planning Proposal - Reclassify and rezone various lots in Bellbird and Abermain | 17/05/2023 | |
| 455, 456 | | Mickleson, Peter | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Paynter
455
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council resolves to reclassify Lots 9, 10 and 11 Section B DP 4748 (94 Harle Street, Abermain) from Operational Land to Community Land pursuant to Section 33 of the *Local Government Act, 1993.***

**2. That Council requests a Gateway determination for a Planning Proposal from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to:**

**a. rezone part of Lot 3 DP 624793 (Carmichael Park, Bellbird) from RE1 Public Recreation to RE2 Private Recreation;**
**b. reclassify part of Lot 3 DP 624793 (Carmichael Park, Bellbird) from Community Land to Operational land; and**
**c. rezone Lot 11 Section B DP 4748 (94 Harle Street, Abermain) from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation.**

**3. That Council requests authorisation under Section 3.31 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to act as the local plan-making authority to make the Local Environmental Plan.**

**4. That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Gateway Determination.**

**5. That Council undertake the necessary Public Hearing and public notification requirements for the proposed reclassifications of Council owned land, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 29 and 34 of the *Local Government Act, 1993.***

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**6. That Council receives a report back on the outcomes of the community consultation and findings of the Public Hearing and any submissions received in response to the notification of the reclassifications.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

456

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council place draft Chapter E20 - Hydro Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.**

**2. That Council receive a further report following public exhibition of the draft Chapter E20 - Hydro Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**28 Apr 2023 12:08pm Anderson, India - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Chelli, Emily by Anderson, India - L Murphy on leave
**08 May 2023 7:31am Chelli, Emily - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Mewing, Jenny by Chelli, Emily - Incorrectly allocated to Business Support

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| PE13/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Corken, Robert<br>Mickleson, Peter | Planning and Environment | 18 2020 5 - Planning Proposal to Grant a Dwelling Entitlement for Lot 686 DP 619758, Known as 0 Black Hill Road, Black Hill | 17/05/2023 | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

**1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal to grant a dwelling entitlement on Lot 686 DP619758 with the following change:**
**a. To add an additional permitted use under schedule 1 of the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 to grant a dwelling entitlement for lot 686 619758**

**2. That Council request the Department of Planning and Environment make the amendment to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011.**

**ROCEDURAL MOTION** ***Moved:*** Councillor Olsen
***Seconded:*** Councillor Jurd

That the report be deferred.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jackson |
| Councillor Watton | Councillor Grine |
| Councillor Olsen | Councillor Sander |
| Councillor Jurd | Councillor Hill |
| | Councillor Hawkins |
| | Councillor Paynter |
| | Councillor Suvaal |
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***The procedural motion was PUT and LOST***

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***The MOTION was then PUT***

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
454
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council endorse the Planning Proposal to grant a dwelling entitlement on Lot 686 DP619758 with the following change:**
   a. **To add an additional permitted use under schedule 1 of the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 to grant a dwelling entitlement for lot 686 619758**

2. **That Council request the Department of Planning and Environment make the amendment to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011.**

| **FOR** | **AGAINST** |
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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Moores |
| Councillor Grine | Councillor Watton |
| Councillor Sander | Councillor Olsen |
| Councillor Hill | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Hawkins | |
| Councillor Paynter | |
| Councillor Suvaal | |
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***CARRIED***

**05 May 2023 4:00pm Johnson, Martin - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Corken, Robert by Johnson, Martin - project officer

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| GMU10/2022 | Ordinary Council 20/04/2022 | Chadwick, Tony | General Manager's Unit | Expression of Interest T2022-03 Branxton RV Park | 29/03/2024 | |

71 Mickleson, Peter

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke

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***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council endorses Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia LTD as the preferred applicant to manage Branxton RV Park subject to community consultation;**

2. **That Council gives public notice of the Branxton RV Park Management proposal for a period of 28 days;**

3. **That Council provides public notice of the intention to engage Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia LTD as the Branxton RV Park Manager subject to consideration of submissions received; and**

4. **That the General Manager negotiate a licence agreement for Branxton RV Park Management after considering the public submissions received.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**03 May 2022 3:28pm Chadwick, Tony - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Chadwick, Tony from 18 May 2022 to 29 July 2022 - This allows time for community consultation and agreement negotiation.

**03 May 2022 3:29pm Chadwick, Tony**
Actions taken as follows:, 1. That Council endorses Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia LTD as the preferred applicant to manage Branxton RV Park subject to community consultation - Noted., 2. That Council gives public notice of the Branxton RV Park Management proposal for a period of 28 days - The public consultation period was completed from 18 May to 15 June 2022. 21 submissions were received., 3. That Council provides public notice of the intention to engage Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia LTD as the Branxton RV Park Manager subject to consideration of submissions received - Achieved via website and paid advertisement., 4. That the General Manager negotiate a licence agreement for Branxton RV Park Management after considering the public submissions received - The Executive Leadership Team has endorsed licence agreement negotiations following a review of public submissions. , To gain RFS approval under Development Application No. 8/2022/884/1 a Bushfire Consultant identified restrictions that would be required for operating the RV Park. These restrictions limit the financial viability of the RV Park. An internal working group has been estblished to identify way to reduce these restrictions.

**28 Jul 2022 11:37am Chadwick, Tony - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Chadwick, Tony from 29 July 2022 to 09 September 2022 - Contract negotiations have started and are predicted to be completed in September.

**04 Oct 2022 3:43pm Chadwick, Tony - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Chadwick, Tony from 09 September 2022 to 09 December 2022 - Additional tim is required for Council to review DA PAN-262936 submitted by CMCA.

**25 Nov 2022 9:54am Chadwick, Tony - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Chadwick, Tony from 09 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 - Refer Councillor Memo DOC2022/184231.

**24 Feb 2023 2:02pm Lorenzen, Cherie - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Lorenzen, Cherie from 28 February 2023 to 29 March 2024 - Target date revised to allow time for an internal working group to be formed to determine the best future use for Branxton Oval and Branxton RV Park after reviewing site constraints and restrictions. See Councillor Memo DOC2023/030494.

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| BN8/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Harris, Kate<br>Clark, Cameron | Business With Notice | Permanent Security CCTV Cameras - Peace Park Weston - Miller Park | 30/06/2023 | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Watton ***Seconded:*** Councillor Jurd

**1.** **That the General Manager research appropriate, relevant grants that may be able to assist in further protecting these community assets with appropriate surveillance technology (similar to Bridges Hill Park)**

**2.** **That the General Manager prepare a report which will include all associated installation + maintenance costs of said surveillance technology, in comparison to estimated cost trajectories relating to ongoing vandalism / damage repairs (should no interventions be taken).**

***AMENDMENT*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

**That Council direct the General Manager to:**

- **Identify funding opportunities for crime prevention solutions or monitoring (installation of CCTV) where a cost benefit analysis confirms it will provide an operational cost saving.**
- **Consult with NSW Police (Cessnock Local Area Command) in relation to the effectiveness of CCTV and the identification of priority locations across the LGA for potential implementation following grant funding applications.**
- **Consider the development of a CCTV Policy to protect community assets.**

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
| Councillor Hill | |
| Councillor Hawkins | |
| Councillor Paynter | |
| Councillor Watton | |
| Councillor Suvaal | |
| **Total (10)** | **Total (1)** |

**CARRIED**

**20 Mar 2023 2:11pm Lorenzen, Cherie - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Harris, Kate by Lorenzen, Cherie - Referred to Open Space & Community Facilities Manager for action on behalf of GM per the amended resolution.
**27 Mar 2023 11:23am Harris, Kate**
1. Funding opportunities continue to be investigated, 2. Initial engagement has been held with NSW Police (Cessnock Local Area Command), currently awaiting further resources/information to be provided., 3. This to be considered.

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| BN7/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Clark, Cameron | Business With Notice | Remembering our Coal Miners Walk | 17/05/2023 | |

474 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Olsen ***Seconded:*** Councillor Jurd

474

***RESOLVED***

- **That the General Manager investigate the possibility of creating a Coal Miners Memorial Walk between Cessnock and Abermain. The walk should include:**
  - **1) A large sign similar to the Aluminium Smelter on Hart Road to show the start of the memorial when entering Cessnock from Neath.**
  - **2) Plaques and stories of those that have lost their lives in the industry**
  - **3) History of our heritage in the coal mining industry**
  - **4) Council will consider consultation with the Sir Edgeworth David Memorial Museum and the Mining and Energy Union.**
- **The report be returned to Council.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 3:22pm Meyers, Kristy - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Clark, Cameron by Meyers, Kristy - For action.
**03 May 2023 8:06pm Clark, Cameron**
Internal consultation has occurred and a proposal to commence the coal mining heritage investigation of the LGA, that includes a significant community consultation piece, report will be prepared and propose to bring back to the July 2023 ordinary council meeting.

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| BN33/2022 | Ordinary Council 16/11/2022 | Harris, Kate | Business With Notice | Permanent Security CCTV Cameras - Huntlee District Park | 30/06/2023 | |

351 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Jurd ***Seconded:*** Councillor Olsen

351

***RESOLVED***

**That the General Manager:**

**1. Liaise, support and work alongside LWP (Huntlee), to install a fully operational, CCTV Security Camera System within the new Huntlee District Park (similar to Bridges Hill Park);**
**2. Research appropriate, relevant grants that may be able to assist in further protecting this community asset with said surveillance technology**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

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**22 Nov 2022 1:20pm Meyers, Kristy - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Harris, Kate by Meyers, Kristy

**25 Nov 2022 9:44am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 14 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - Meeting to be held with LWP.

**25 Nov 2022 9:45am Harris, Kate**
1. Meeting to be organised with LWP before the end of the year, 2. Upon completion of item 1

**27 Mar 2023 11:22am Harris, Kate**
1. Meeting to be organised with LWP , 2. Upon completion of item 1

**27 Mar 2023 11:22am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Competing priorities and limited resources

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| BN33/2020 | Ordinary Council 18/11/2020 | Clark, Cameron | Business With Notice | Laneway Access to Units/Granny Flats etc | 1/11/2023 | |

1514 Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Olsen ***Seconded:*** Councillor Dunn

1514

***RESOLVED***

**That the General Manager provide a report to Council regarding options that council could change as it relates to development applications for the approval of units, granny flats or houses that will only have access off laneways to have the following conditions included,**

**1. The laneway, if it has no name, be named with all costs to the developer**
**2. The laneway be sealed by the developer so as not to create dust issues for existing residents**
**3. All costs to be borne by the developer**
**4. The Council's preference is for access off existing roads, not laneways**

***CARRIED***

**23 Nov 2020 11:38am Blake, Yvonne - Reallocation**
Action reassigned to Kerr, Katrina by: Blake, Yvonne for the reason: This report relates to Council Policy D5.3 - Development Applications Adjacent to Rear Lanes, which is the responsibility of the Roads, Bridges & Drainage Manager in W&I.

**30 Nov 2020 11:50am Kerr, Katrina**
Commenced drafting report to Council.

**13 Apr 2021 9:28am Bates, Kelly**
Item 1 - Commenced drafting report to Council.

**10 Aug 2021 9:30am Bates, Kelly - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed as a result of current resources and competing priorities.

**31 Jan 2022 1:38pm Benson, Nicole**
Resources now allow for this task to be completed. Work on the matter is scheduled to recommence in March 2022.

**02 May 2022 12:59pm Awal, Rabiul - Target Date Revision**
Will be updated as per the consultation with the Development team.

**15 Nov 2022 4:37pm Awal, Rabiul - Target Date Revision**
Due to resourcing issues the target date has changed to November 2023.

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| GMU26/2022 | Ordinary Council 19/10/2022 | Chadwick, Tony | General Manager's Unit | Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan 2022 - 2030 | 31/03/2023 | 11/04/2023 |

301 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Dunn ***Seconded:*** Councillor Burke
303
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council places draft Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan 2022 - 2030 and draft Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan Situational Analysis 2022 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**

2. **That a further report outlining any public submissions received be prepared for Council's consideration following the exhibition.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**01 Nov 2022 9:27am Chadwick, Tony**
The Draft Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan has been placed on public exhibition from 25 October to 23 Nov 2022. The following Council Report will detail submissions received and any changes made.
**23 Nov 2022 2:39pm Chadwick, Tony - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Chadwick, Tony from 28 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - The DMP is required to be updated following public exhibition. The new document is likely to be ready for adoption in March 2023.
**11 Apr 2023 8:24am Chadwick, Tony - Completion**
Completed by Chadwick, Tony (action officer) on 11 April 2023 at 8:24:13 AM - The Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan was adopted by Council on 15 March 2023 and has been placed on Councils website.

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| PE17/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Chadwick, Tony | Planning and Environment | Visitor Economy Grants and Sponsorship Program 2022/2023 Round 2 Applications | 30/06/2023 | 24/04/2023 |

458 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
458
***RESOLVED***

**That Council endorses the following funding bids to attract events under Round 2 of the Council Visitor Economy Grants and Sponsorship Program:**

a. **2023 Bushland Festival Sponsorship of $10,000,**
b. **2024 Webex Golf Players Series Hunter Valley Sponsorship of $10,000,**
c. **Monthly Cessnock Markets Sponsorship of $8,000 to fund family friendly entertainment,**
d. **$1,000 to fund a Cessnock CBD Busking trial,**
e. **Marketing support of $5,000 to promote live music venues located in Abermain, Neath and Weston, and**
f. **$5,000 for 2023 Industrial Relations Society Annual Conference sponsorship.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 2:51pm Chadwick, Tony - Completion**

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Completed by Chadwick, Tony (action officer) on 24 April 2023 at 2:51:43 PM - Notification letters have been sent to all applicants advising of the grants and sponsorship program outcomes. Refer TRIM Folder 22/192 for details.

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| NI3/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Anderson, India | Notice of Intention | Notice of Intention to Deal with matters in Confidential Session - Report GMU3/2023 – Code of Conduct Breach by Councillor Olsen - Consideration of Final investigation Report and Recommendation of Formal Censure | 17/05/2023 | 24/04/2023 |
| 451 | | Clark, Cameron | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

451

***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council considers in Confidential Session the following matters in accordance with Sections 10A (2) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:**

- **Report GMU3/2023 – Code of Conduct Breach by Councillor Olsen - Consideration of Final investigation Report and Recommendation of Formal Censure as the report contains alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.**

**2. That Council requests the Mayor in accordance with Clause 14.21 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice to report on these matters to the meeting in Open Session following completion of the Confidential Session.**

***CARRIED***

**24 Apr 2023 10:30am Anderson, India - Completion**
Completed by Anderson, India (action officer) on 24 April 2023 at 10:30:47 AM - noted

| Type | Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject | Est. Compl. | Completed |
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| MOU3/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Anderson, India | Motions of Urgency | Motions of Urgency | 17/05/2023 | 24/04/2023 |
| | | Clark, Cameron | | | | |

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That Councillors now indicate if there are any matters of urgency which they believe should be conducted at this meeting of Council.**

A Motion of Urgency relating to DA8/2022/045/1 was put forward and was ruled as unlawful as the consent had already been issued.

**24 Apr 2023 10:30am Anderson, India - Completion**
Completed by Anderson, India (action officer) on 24 April 2023 at 10:30:43 AM - noted

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| CC20/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Drage, Natalie | Corporate and Community | Minutes of the Community Engagement, Awards and Grants Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2023 | 17/05/2023 | 24/04/2023 |

464 Maginnity, Robert

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Paynter

464

***RESOLVED***

1. **That the Minutes of the Community Engagement, Awards and Grants Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

2. **That Council provides funds through the Schools Environment Dollar for Dollar Grants Program to:**

   - **Mount View High School in the amount of $1,000**
   - **Stanford Merthyr Infants School in the amount of $500**
   - **Holy Spirit Primary School, Kurri Kurri in the amount of $462.16**
   - **Kurri Kurri Public School in the amount of $500**
   - **St Patrick's Primary School in the amount of $500**
   - **Cessnock Public School in the amount of $500**
   - **Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre (Dudley Street) in the amount of $200**
   - **Nulkaba Educational Preschool in the amount of $200**
   - **Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre (Hall Street) in the amount of $200**
   - **Little Treasures Childcare in the amount of $200**
   - **Goodstart Early Learning Cessnock in the amount of $200**

3. **That Council provides funds through the Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Dollar for Dollar Program to:**

   - **Cessnock Tidy Towns in the amount of $2,071.66.**
   - **North Rothbury Tidy Towns Frederick Street Bushcare Sub Committee in the amount of $5,000.**

4. **That Council roll forward the remaining funds of $3,928.34 into the CECI program.**

5. **That Council provides funds through the Tidy Town Community Environmental Care Initiatives grant scheme to Weston Heritage and Tidy Town in the amount of $3,897.11.**

6. **That Council provides funds through the Community Facilities - Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme – Round 2 to:**

   - **Branxton Community Hall s355 Committee in the amount of $2,255.**
   - **Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre in the amount of $1,270.**
   - **Kurri Retired Mineworkers Association in the amount of $2,500.**
   - **Weston Civic Centre s355 Committee in the amount of $8,800.**
   - **Wollombi Community Hall s355 Committee in the amount of $227.**

7. **That Council absorbs the surplus funding of $3,341 into the general fund.**

8. **That Council provides funds through the Sporting Facilities - Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme – Round 2 to:**

   - **Abermain Weston Hawks Rugby League Football Club in the amount of $4,010.**
   - **Mulbring Tennis Club section 355 Committee in the amount of $431.**

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**9. That Council absorbs the surplus funding of $3,169 into the general fund.**

**10. That the General Manager writes to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their application and thanking them for their ongoing support and commitment to the enhancement of Council's community and sporting facilities.**

**11. That Council revokes the Dollar for Dollar Grant Guidelines.**

**12. That Council adopts the Community, Sporting and Environment Grant Guidelines with amendments discussed at the meeting.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**24 Apr 2023 10:50am Drage, Natalie - Completion**
Completed by Drage, Natalie (action officer) on 24 April 2023 at 10:50:22 AM - Resolutions noted.

| Type | Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject | Est. Compl. | Completed |
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| CC17/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Plumridge, Matthew | Corporate and Community | Appointment of Councillor members to Committees | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |
| 461 | | Maginnity, Robert | | | | |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
461
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council appoints Councillor Jurd as a Delegate to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee for the current Council term;**

**2. That Council appoints Councillor Sander as a Delegate and appoints Councillor Grine as an Alternate Delegate to the Community Engagement, Awards and Grants Committee for the current Council term.**

**3. That Council notes the resignation of Councillor Watton from the Roads Review Committee and appoints Councillor Moores as a Delegate and Councillor Hill as an Alternate Delegate.**

**4. That Council notes the resignation of Councillor Jurd from the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Alliance and appoints Councillor Jackson as a Delegate for the remainder of the Council term.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**26 Apr 2023 3:00pm Plumridge, Matthew - Completion**
Completed by Plumridge, Matthew (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 3:00:11 PM - Coordinators and admin staff notified of changes to committees.

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| CC16/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Plumridge, Matthew | Corporate and Community | Revised Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |

460 Maginnity, Robert
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill
460
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council places the revised Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 calendar days.**
2. **That Council adopts the revised Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy the day after the public exhibition period concludes, if no unresolved submissions are received.**
3. **That Council rescinds the Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy 2019 from the date the revised Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy is adopted.**

***CARRIED***

**26 Apr 2023 12:01pm Plumridge, Matthew - Completion**
Completed by Plumridge, Matthew (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 12:01:32 PM - Placed on exhibition.

| Type | Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject | Est. Compl. | Completed |
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| CC18/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Plumridge, Matthew | Corporate and Community | Councillor training and development | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |

462 Maginnity, Robert
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Paynter
462
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council adopts the revised Councillor Training and Development Policy.**
2. **That Council notes the Councillor professional development plan template.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**26 Apr 2023 3:05pm Plumridge, Matthew - Completion**
Completed by Plumridge, Matthew (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 3:05:00 PM - Policy updated

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| CC23/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Plumridge, Matthew<br>Maginnity, Robert | Corporate and Community | Placement of Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents on Public Exhibition | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander

**That Council places the draft 2023-24 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, and Statement of Fees and Charges on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**That a briefing be held for Councillors at the next available briefing date.**

***PROCEDURAL MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Paynter
***Seconded:*** Councillor Moores

That the report be deferred for 7 days.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jackson |
| Councillor Paynter | Councillor Grine |
| Councillor Watton | Councillor Sander |
| Councillor Olsen | Councillor Hill |
| Councillor Jurd | Councillor Hawkins |
| | Councillor Suvaal |
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***The motion was PUT and LOST***

**The MOTION was then *PUT* and *CARRIED***

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
467
***RESOLVED***

1. **That Council places the draft 2023-24 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, and Statement of Fees and Charges on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

2. **That a briefing be held for Councillors at the next available briefing date.**

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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Olsen |
| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Grine | |
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Councillor Suvaal
**Total (9)** **Total (2)**

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**26 Apr 2023 11:45am Plumridge, Matthew - Completion**
Completed by Plumridge, Matthew (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 11:45:38 AM - Commenced exhibition 26/4/2023

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| CC15/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Plumridge, Matthew | Corporate and Community | Donations under Section 356 - Rates Subsidy Policy | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |

459 Maginnity, Robert
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Sander ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hawkins
459
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council applies a 50% Rates Subsidy for the following Assessments in accordance with the Rates Subsidy Policy effective for the 2023-24 rating year.**

| Assessment | Organisation | Location |
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| 5173 | Cessnock Masonic Hall | Cessnock |
| 17178 | Country Womens Association NSW | Cessnock |
| 59204 | Cessnock Homing Pigeon Club | Cessnock |
| 123596 | Trustees Masonic Hall | Paxton |
| 139378 | Weston Pre-School | Weston |
| 139907 | Masonic Holdings Limited | Weston |
| 158337 | Cessnock Clay Target Gun Club | Cessnock |
| 198655 | Aberdare Pre-School | Aberdare |
| 252916 | Richmond Vale Preservation Co-op Society | Kurri Kurri |
| 275529 | Cessnock Pistol Club | Cessnock |
| 286674 | Branxton Preschool | Branxton |
| 176263 | Greta Pre-School Kindergarten | Greta |
| 197467 | Cessnock Rifle Club Inc | Cessnock |

**2. That Council does not apply a rates subsidy for the 2023-24 rating year for the following assessments given the activities of gambling and liquor sales that occur on these premises, and the applications do not meet requirements under the Rates Subsidy Policy, in particular Section 4.1.4 requiring the applicant to demonstrate that its values are compatible with Council's values and Section 3.2.2 that the key objectives of the organisation need to be in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan.**

| Assessment | Organisation | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 156810 | Bellbird Park Bowling Club Ltd | Bellbird |
| 238824 | Branxton Golf Club Ltd | Branxton |

**3. That the General Manager write to each applicant advising of Council's decision according to the Rates Subsidy Policy.**
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**26 Apr 2023 2:59pm Plumridge, Matthew - Completion**
Completed by Plumridge, Matthew (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 2:59:34 PM - Successful applicants notified.

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| RM1/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Mickleson , Peter | Rescission Motions | PE6/2023 - Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) Lot Strata Title subdivision at 22 Sixth Street, Cessnock. | 17/05/2023 | 26/04/2023 |

452 Mickleson, Peter

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
452

***RESOLVED***

That Resolution (421) to Report PE6/2023 for refusal of Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) Lot Strata Title subdivision at 22 Sixth Street, Cessnock.

be rescinded.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Moores |
| Councillor Grine | Councillor Paynter |
| Councillor Sander | Councillor Watton |
| Councillor Hill | Councillor Olsen |
| Councillor Hawkins | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Suvaal | |
| **Total (6)** | **Total (5)** |

***CARRIED***

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine
453
***RESOLVED***

**1. That:**

**(i) Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi- dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) lot strata title subdivision at 22 Sixth Street Cessnock, be approved pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* subject to the conditions contained in this report.**

**(ii) The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), are as follows:**
- **The proposal is a permitted land use in the R3 Medium Density zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**

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- **The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the R3 Medium Density zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**
- **The proposal satisfies the provisions of Clause 5.3 of the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**
- **The proposal is consistent with the relevant provisions contained within the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies,**
- **The proposal is generally compliant with the provisions of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010, and any variations are considered minor and justified,**
- **The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the natural and built environments,**
- **The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the social and economic locality,**
- **The proposal is suited to the site, having regard to the prevailing character of development in the area, and**
- **The proposal is considered to be consistent with the public interest.**

**(iii) In considering community views, the following is relevant:**

- **The development proposed will have an acceptable impact on the amenity of the area,**
- **The proposed development will provide additional housing stock within the locality, and**
- **Some of the concerns in respect to the proposed development can be addressed via the imposition of conditions of consent.**

**(iv) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979***

**2. Council notify in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.**

***CARRIED***

**26 Apr 2023 8:51am Blake, Yvonne - Completion**
Completed by Blake, Yvonne on behalf of Mickleson, Peter (action officer) on 26 April 2023 at 8:51:52 AM - Recission motion reversed at Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2023. NoD to be issued as per Council Report PE6/2023

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| PE2/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/02/2023 | Lewis-Curnoe, Olivia | Planning and Environment | Post Exhibition Community Participation Plan | 28/04/2023 | 27/04/2023 |

397 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
397
***RESOLVED***

**That the adoption of the revised Community Participation Plan be deferred until a Councillor briefing/workshop has taken place.**

***CARRIED***

**27 Mar 2023 4:14pm Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 15 March 2023 to 28 April 2023 - As per resolution at Council Meeting held 15 February 2023, the adoption of the revised Community Participation Plan is to be deferred until a Councillor briefing/workshop has taken place.
**27 Apr 2023 8:57am Blake, Yvonne - Completion**
Completed by Blake, Yvonne on behalf of Lewis-Curnoe, Olivia (action officer) on 27 April 2023 at 8:57:55 AM - Community Participation Plan adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2023.

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| WI14/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Harris, Kate | Works and Infrastructure | Tender T2023-10 Millfield Rural Fire Service Station Construction | 17/05/2023 | 27/04/2023 |

472 Clark, Cameron
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Paynter
472
***RESOLVED***

**That Council accepts the tender (T2023-10) from Precise Build for the lump sum of $1,018,263.94 (including GST) for the Millfield Rural Fire Service New Station Build.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**27 Apr 2023 8:16am Harris, Kate**
Resolution noted. Successful tenderer to be engaged.
**27 Apr 2023 8:17am Harris, Kate - Completion**
Completed by Harris, Kate (action officer) on 27 April 2023 at 8:17:35 AM - Preferred tenderer to be engaged.

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| PE16/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Johnson, Martin | Planning and Environment | Post Exhibition Community Participation Plan | 17/05/2023 | 27/04/2023 |

457 Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hawkins
457

***RESOLVED***

**That Council adopt the revised Community Participation Plan.**

***CARRIED***

**27 Apr 2023 8:58am Blake, Yvonne - Completion**
Completed by Blake, Yvonne on behalf of Johnson, Martin (action officer) on 27 April 2023 at 8:58:07 AM - Community Participation Plan adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2023.

| Type | Meeting | Officer/Director | Section | Subject | Est. Compl. | Completed |
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| PE6/2023 | Ordinary Council 15/03/2023 | Porter, Kerry | Planning and Environment | Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) Lot Strata Title subdivision<br><br>22 Sixth Street, Cessnock | 1/05/2023 | 1/05/2023 |

Mickleson, Peter
***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Jurd ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill

**1. That:**

**(i) Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) lot strata title subdivision at 22 Sixth Street Cessnock, be approved pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* subject to the conditions contained in this report.**

**(ii) The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), are as follows:**

- **The proposal is a permitted land use in the R3 Medium Density zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**
- **The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the R3 Medium Density zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**
- **The proposal satisfies the provisions of Clause 5.3 of the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,**
- **The proposal is consistent with the relevant provisions contained within the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies,**

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- **The proposal is generally compliant with the provisions of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010, and any variations are considered minor and justified,**
- **The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the natural and built environments,**
- **The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the social and economic locality,**
- **The proposal is suited to the site, having regard to the prevailing character of development in the area, and**
- **The proposal is considered to be consistent with the public interest.**

**(iii)** **In considering community views, the following is relevant:**

- **The development proposed will have an acceptable impact on the amenity of the area,**
- **The proposed development will provide additional housing stock within the locality, and**
- **Some of the concerns in respect to the proposed development can be addressed via the imposition of conditions of consent.**

**(iv)** **The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979***

**2.** **That Council notify in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.**

| **FOR** | **AGAINST** |
|---|---|
| Councillor Burke | Councillor Jackson |
| Councillor Grine | Councillor Moores |
| Councillor Sander | Councillor Hill |
| Councillor Hawkins | Councillor Paynter |
| Councillor Suvaal | Councillor Watton |
| | Councillor Jurd |
| **Total (5)** | **Total (6)** |

The motion was PUT and LOST.

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Paynter ***Seconded:*** Councillor Hill
420
**RESOLVED**

**That the item be recommitted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Jurd

421

**RESOLVED**

**That:**

**(i) Development Application No. 8/2022/103/1 proposing construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) new dwellings at the rear of the existing dwelling, followed by a three (3) lot strata title subdivision at 22 Sixth Street Cessnock, be refused pursuant to Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* for the following reasons:**

- **The proposed development is not consistent with the character of the locality;**
- **The proposal does not comply with respect to the provision of private open space, as required in accordance with the Cessnock DCP 2020;**
- **The proposal does not make provision for a visitor parking space, as required in accordance with the Cessnock DCP 2020;**
- **The site is not considered suitable for the proposed development; and**
- **The proposal is not in the public interest.**

**(iii) In considering community views, the following is relevant:**

**The issues raised in the objections lodged with Council are considered justified, including:**

- **the proposal is an overdevelopment of the site and not compatible with the character and scale of development in the locality;**
- **the proposal does not comply with the provisions of the Cessnock DCP 2010 in respect of private open space;**
- **the two-storey nature of the proposed development will result in overlooking of the adjoining property; and**
- **the height of the proposed development will exceed the height of surrounding development and dominate the skyline).**

**(iv) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.***

**2. That Council notify in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.**

| **FOR** | **AGAINST** |
|---|---|
| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Burke |
| Councillor Moores | Councillor Grine |
| Councillor Hill | Councillor Sander |
| Councillor Paynter | Councillor Hawkins |
| Councillor Watton | Councillor Suvaal |
| Councillor Jurd | |
| **Total (6)** | **Total (5)** |

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**28 Mar 2023 10:27am Blake, Yvonne - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Blake, Yvonne from 12 April 2023 to 01 May 2023 - Recission motion made against report at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 March 2023. Report to be considered at the April meeting
**01 May 2023 10:41am Blake, Yvonne - Completion**
Completed by Blake, Yvonne on behalf of Porter, Kerry (action officer) on 01 May 2023 at 10:41:23 AM - NoD signed by DP&E and forwarded to Business Support to issue.

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| WI18/2018 | Ordinary Council 7/03/2018 | Harris, Kate | Works and Infrastructure | Options for Cessnock Pool | 30/06/2023 | 3/05/2023 |

441
Clark, Cameron

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Gray ***Seconded:*** Councillor Sander
441
***RESOLVED***

**1. That Council notes the Report and endorses Option C (relocate to Turner Park) as the long term strategic direction for Cessnock Pool.**

**2. That Council undertakes further work to determine the scope, design and cost of Option C (relocate to Turner Park), incorporating indoor and outdoor water and play features, with an estimated capital cost of up to $20M to be partly funded through development contributions.**

**3. That Council endorses Option B (upgrade at current location) as an interim strategic direction for Cessnock Pool.**

**4. That Council undertakes further work to develop the scope, design and cost of upgrades identified in Option B (upgrade at current location).**

**5. That Council receives a further report on how Options B (upgrade at current location) and C (relocate to Turner Park) will be staged and funded with consideration to the outcomes and recommendations of the Review of Plant at the existing Cessnock Pool.**

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Doherty | Councillor Olsen |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Fagg | |
| Councillor Stapleford | |
| Councillor Suvaal | |
| Councillor Fitzgibbon | |
| Councillor Gray | |
| Councillor Dagg | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Sander | |
| Councillor Lyons | |
| Councillor Pynsent | |
| **Total (12)** | **Total (1)** |

***CARRIED***

*The Director Works & Infrastructure returned to the meeting, the time being 7.26pm.*

**19 Mar 2018 3:19pm Bailey, Rebecca**
Work on upgrade to current location has commenced. Work on scope design, and cost for relocation to Turner Park is presently unfunded. Report to Council on these matters scheduled for late 2018., Item 1: Complete, Item 2: Pending budget allocation, Item 3: Noted, Item 4: Cessnock Pool Masterplan has been adopted. Detailed designs for the splashpad currently being prepared , Item 5: Reliant on resolution 4 to be finalised
**14 Jun 2018 9:52am Meyers, Kristy**
Ongoing.
**31 Oct 2018 10:48am McCloy, Natalie - Target Date Revision**

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Revised Target Date changed by: McCloy, Natalie From: 1 Nov 2018 To: 06 Mar 2019, Reason: Design Brief currently being developed with a view to finalise in November 2019

**05 Mar 2019 11:44am Stovell, Vickie - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Stovell, Vickie From: 6 Mar 2019 To: 29 Mar 2019, Reason: Design brief advertised and closes on 22 March 2019. Once a consultant has been engaged the timeframes will be added.

**17 Apr 2019 12:43pm McCloy, Natalie - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: McCloy, Natalie From: 29 Mar 2019 To: 19 Apr 2019, Reason: Design brief closed. Consultant to be engaged.

**07 Jun 2019 8:40am McCloy, Natalie - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: McCloy, Natalie From: 19 Jun 2019 To: 19 Jun 2019, Reason: Facility Design Group has been engaged. Community engagement has commenced.

**10 Jul 2019 9:17am Benson, Nicole**
Item 3: Complete, Item 4: Works underway and report to Council due September

**03 Sep 2019 12:20pm Benson, Nicole**
Item 4: Council briefed on 28 August and report to be considered on 18 September

**15 Oct 2019 7:22am Harris, Kate**
Item 4: Draft Cessnock Pool Masterplan placed on Public Exhibition. Exhibition period closes on 22 October 2019.

**03 Nov 2019 10:25am Harris, Kate**
Item 4: Draft Cessnock Pool Masterplan placed on Public Exhibition. Submissions currently being collated with a view to report to Council before the end of the year.

**03 Nov 2019 10:26am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Harris, Kate From: 31 Oct 2019 To: 06 Dec 2019, Reason: Masterplan has not yet been adopted by Council

**21 Jan 2020 2:40pm Stovell, Vickie - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Stovell, Vickie From: 31 Mar 2020 To: 31 Mar 2020, Item 4: Cessnock Pool Masterplan has been adopted. Detailed designs for the splashpad currently being prepared.

**02 Apr 2020 10:58am Harris, Kate**
Item 4: Cessnock Pool Masterplan has been adopted. Construction plans and estimate delayed by consultant until April 2020. Report continues to be drafted inclusive of funding options.

**02 Apr 2020 11:00am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Harris, Kate From: 31 Mar 2020 To: 04 May 2020, Reason: Detailed designs are currently being finalised.

**02 Apr 2020 11:11am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Harris, Kate From: 4 May 2020 To: 30 Jun 2020, Reason: Awaiting consultants to complete detailed designs

**28 May 2020 3:13pm Benson, Nicole**
Item 4: Cessnock Pool Masterplan has been adopted. Construction plans and estimate reviewed by staff and back with consultants for final changes. Report continues to be drafted inclusive of funding options for July meeting.

**03 Aug 2020 6:54am Harris, Kate**
Item 4: Cessnock Pool Masterplan has been adopted. Construction plans and estimate are complete. A report was provided to Council outlining funding options in July 2020 and was deferred pending a Councillor briefing. A further report will be provided to Council in September following the briefing.

**03 Aug 2020 6:57am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Harris, Kate From: 31 Jul 2020 To: 30 Sep 2020, Reason: A councillor briefing is required.

**09 Oct 2020 11:56am Benson, Nicole - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: Benson, Nicole From: 30 Sep 2020 To: 30 Oct 2020, Reason: Councillor briefing scheduled for 14 October and report included in 21 October Ordinary Council meeting agenda to address Item 4.

**29 Oct 2020 12:14pm McCloy, Natalie - Target Date Revision**
Revised Target Date changed by: McCloy, Natalie From: 30 Oct 2020 To: 31 Dec 2020, Item 4: Complete, Item 2: Reliance on resourcing and workloads, Item 5: Reliance on resourcing and workloads

**06 Nov 2020 1:48pm Benson, Nicole**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**18 Jan 2021 11:15am Benson, Nicole**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**09 Mar 2021 7:31am Harris, Kate**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

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**09 Mar 2021 7:34am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 26 February 2021 to 30 April 2021 - Completion of outstanding items is reliant upon additional budget and resourcing.

**28 Apr 2021 11:36am Benson, Nicole**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**28 Jun 2021 1:30pm Harris, Kate**
Item 2: Reliance on resourcing and workloads, Item 5: Reliance on resourcing and workloads

**28 Jun 2021 1:32pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 June 2021 to 26 November 2021 - Completion of outstanding items is reliant upon additional budget and resourcing.

**28 Oct 2021 10:41am Harris, Kate**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**28 Oct 2021 10:42am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 26 November 2021 to 31 March 2022 - Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**31 Mar 2022 1:06pm Harris, Kate**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**31 Mar 2022 1:07pm Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2022 to 30 June 2022 - The completion of the remaining tasks are reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources.

**30 Jun 2022 8:59am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 June 2022 to 30 December 2022 - Compeleting items 2 and 5 are reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**25 Nov 2022 9:33am Harris, Kate**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**25 Nov 2022 9:34am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 30 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 - Completion of this action is reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**27 Mar 2023 11:15am Harris, Kate**
2 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources, 5 Reliant on a dedicated budget and additional resources

**27 Mar 2023 11:17am Harris, Kate - Target Date Revision**
Target date changed by Harris, Kate from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - The completion of this task requires a dedicated budget and resources

**03 May 2023 3:26pm Meyers, Kristy - Completion**
Completed by Meyers, Kristy on behalf of Harris, Kate (action officer) on 03 May 2023 at 3:26:12 PM - The completion of this task requires a dedicated budget and resources. With OS&CF to track.

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| GMU3/2023 | Ordinary Council 19/04/2023 | Allan, Darrylen | General Manager's Unit | Code of Conduct Breach by Councillor Olsen - Consideration of Final Investigation Report and recommendation of formal Censure | 17/05/2023 | 8/05/2023 |

477 Liddell, Ken

***MOTION*** ***Moved:*** Councillor Hill ***Seconded:*** Councillor Grine

477

***RESOLVED***

1. **That the investigation report into the Code of Conduct matter concerning Councillor Olsen provided by separate confidential enclosure be received and noted.**
2. **That the oral submission from Councillor Olsen addressing the investigators recommendation be received and noted.**
3. **That Council adopt the recommendation made by the investigator in the investigation report.**
4. **That Councillor Olsen be formally censured in accordance with clause 440G of the Local Government Act for breaching clauses 3.1 (a), (e) and (g) of the Cessnock City Council Code of Conduct and that the matter be referred to the Office of Local Government for further action under the misconduct provisions of the Local Government Act.**

***CARRIED***

**08 May 2023 3:30pm Lorenzen, Cherie - Completion**
Completed by Lorenzen, Cherie on behalf of Allan, Darrylen (action officer) on 08 May 2023 at 3:30:32 PM - 1. Noted. 2. Noted. 3. Noted. 4. Noted and OLG emailed on 27.4.23.

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# CESSNOCK 2036

Planning for our people, our place, our future

## Operational Plan 2022-23





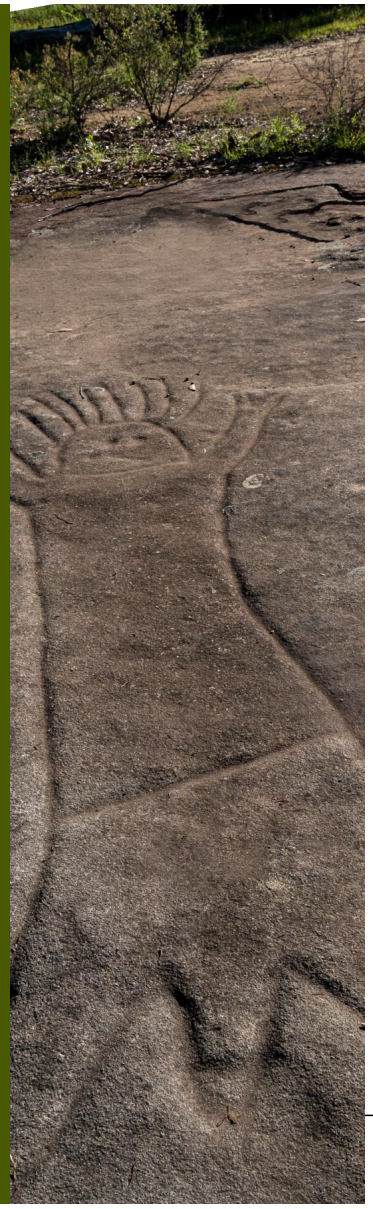
## Quarter 3 (March) 2023 Report

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Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its local government area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua People, the Awabakal People, and the Darkinjung People.

We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.



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# Community Strategic Plan, Cessnock 2036

## 5 Desired Outcomes

1 A connected, safe and creative community

2 A sustainable and prosperous economy

A sustainable and healthy environment

3 Accessible infrastructure, services and facilities

4 Civic leadership and effective governance



# Section 2
# Operational Plan performance

## 1: A connected, safe and creative community

### *1.1: Promoting social connections and wellbeing*

#### 1.1.1: Engage with the community in reconciliation activities

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1.1.a | Organise an event to recognise National Reconciliation Week | In Progress | | Reconciliation Week 2023 will be held 27 May to 3 June. Event planning has commenced. Being planned is an Elder's Morning Tea event and will see invitations extended to schools, community groups and community members. This year's theme is Be a Voice for Generations. The event will be held at the Bridges Hill Park yarning circle | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.1.b | Coordinate and promote a community program of activities and events for NAIDOC Week | In Progress | | NAIDOC Week 2022, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! was held 3 July to 10 July. The Cessnock Local Government Area program included 13 diverse activities. Events were held at Cessnock City Library, Council's Youth Service Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service and Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock. Activities for NAIDOC Week 2023 will be consulted with the Cessnock City Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.1.c | Engage with the community in reconciliation initiatives and in developing a next action plan | In Progress | | The new term of Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee held its first meeting July 2022. The Committee was consulted in the development of the next action plan at its December meeting | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.1.2: Develop and deliver programs to engage young people**

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| 1.1.2.a | Deliver inclusive programming for Council's Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service (CYCOS) that engages and encourages young people to participate in a diverse range of social, recreational and educational activities and aligns with the Cessnock City Council Youth Engagement Strategy | In Progress | | The July School Holiday Program was delivered with relative success and at a time of a major flood event. Activities included the distribution of 20 NAIDOC themed take home art packs, NAIDOC celebration jewellery making workshop and High Tea at Council's youth centre, at home baking competition and movie excursion. A Flower Crown workshop for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was held at the youth centre and was facilitated by TAFE NSW. The LGBTQIA+ friendship group recommenced in Term 3 in partnership with Kurri Kurri Community Centre. The September School Holiday Program commenced with a Dungeons and Dragons Day delivered in collaboration with Cessnock City Library and a Gaming Day at the Centre was well attended. The December and January School Holiday Program included diverse activities and the excursions were popular. Recruitment of the 2023 Youth Ambassador Group occurred, and the group is being consulted on opportunities for advocating youth issues | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.2.b | Deliver an inclusive programming strategy for Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service (CYCOS) that engages Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people, their families and community groups to participate in a diverse range of social, recreational and educational activities | In Progress | | The NAIDOC Week 2022 program included engagement with young people and activities such as take home art packs and jewellery making workshop. Representatives from Council's youth service attended the previously postponed (due to inclement weather) NAIDOC Barkuma Family Fun Day on 27 September and included hosting a craft stall in partnership with Kurri Kurri Community Services. The YES Program was held with Kurri Kurri High students in partnership with Hunter New England Health. Young Brothers and Sisters Unite Rock Climbing in collaboration with PCYC Cessnock was held Term 3 and engagement in the | Community and Cultural Development |

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| | | | | activity was strong. Council was provided with a further 3 years in funding for the Aboriginal Community Youth Work Service, delivered from Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service | |
| 1.1.2.c | Continue working in partnership with external organisations to implement youth based community programs that promote and encourage well-being, address alcohol consumption and illicit drug use | In Progress | | Council's youth service participated in a Police Community Engagement event with other local stakeholders and co-facilitated the LoveBites program with students from Mouth View High School in July. The Exercise Your Mind program was delivered during Term 3 at West Cessnock Public School and the Transition to High School in partnership with Kurri Kurri Community Centre was held with Bellbird and Weston Public Schools. The Young Parents Group in partnership with Hunter New England Health and Brave included visits by speech pathologists and health students | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.2.d | Develop a 2023 Youth Week program that is inclusive, engaging and celebrates young people | In Progress | | Youth Week 2023 will be held 20 to 30 April. The dates of delivery for the extended local youth week program range from 05 April 2023 to 05 May 2023 to fit in with local schools and Youth Week falling within the gazetted school holiday period. Council's youth service has scoped activities for the event to consider new and diverse programming. 24 activities have been planned by local services and with input from young people within our region. Youth Week activities align with the 5 ways to wellbeing | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.2.e | Promote and deliver diverse and inclusive activities during school holidays engaging with children, young people and families across the Cessnock LGA | In Progress | | Cessnock City Library programming included Sensory Storytime, Bedtime Storytime, Lego Competition, Imaginaturalists Art Workshop and Dungeons & Dragons in partnership with Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service and Tiny Art Creations. A diverse range of programs were promoted for the December and January school holidays. Activities included films at | Community and Cultural Development |

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| | | | | Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock; take home art packs, excursions, art workshops, and coding and robotics workshop | |

**1.1.3: Continue implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

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| 1.1.3.a | Actively pursue continuous improvement opportunities in line with Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2021-2025, building an organisation which has a focus on inclusion and accessibility | In Progress | | Cessnock City Library promoted its height adjustable self issue kiosk on its Facebook site. On 27 September and 17 January a Sensory Storytime session was held at Cessnock Library and 18th January at Kurri Kurri Library. Regular pop-up sessions were held by NDIS providers and Seniors Rights Advocacy, as well as How to connect with My Aged Care and Seniors Rights Service talks. A highlight of the Christmas holiday program was an Intergenerational Drumming Workshop. The Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock refurbishment (former name known as Cessnock Performing Arts Centre) was awarded a creative capital grant and the funds will be used to install a lift connecting the ground floor with the first floor creative spaces. Think Project Services have been appointed to prepare a design for an accessible toilet at Kurri Kurri Library | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.1.4: Develop and deliver a program of community and civic events**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.1.4.a | Coordinate and promote a community program of activities and events for the Cessnock City Seniors Festival | In Progress | | A Seniors Festival Reference Group was established to develop the 2023 program and the program was made available and promoted in January. Seniors Festival was held February 2023. The program includes activities that relate to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Over 38 events were listed in the program. Event holders, members of the | Community and Cultural Development |

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| | | | | Seniors Reference Group and general event attendees responded to an online survey produced by Council to measure elements of the festival. The majority of survey respondents rated their overall satisfaction with the festival to be satisfied | |
| 1.1.4.b | Increase awareness of the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame and inductees | In Progress | | The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame celebrates local individuals and families who have attained significant prominence at a national or international level in their chosen field. Nominations to the Hall of Fame opened 1 September 2022 and closed 11 November 2022. Received nominations were considered by Council at its February 2023 meeting and the Induction Ceremony will be held June 2023 | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.4.c | Organise and deliver throughout December a diverse program of Christmas events engaging children, young people and families | Complete | | Carols in the Park was held 2 December and was well attended by the community. Also programmed was a diverse range of activities throughout the month of December and January School Holidays. Activities included Christmas films, take home art packs, excursions, art workshops, and coding and robotics workshop. Activities were held at various locations including Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock; Cessnock City Library and Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.1.4.d | Organise ceremonies (and associated activities) for civic events such as Australia Day, Mayoral Scholarships and Citizenship presentations | In Progress | | Citizenship ceremony planned for Australia Day at the PACC. 32 Conferees registered to take the pledge to become Australian Citizens.<br><br>Awards ceremony to take place following the Citizenship Ceremony, with 13 awards to be given out | Executive Assistant to Mayor |
| 1.1.4.e | Develop program to ensure Banner Poles use is maximised to advertise Council and community events | In Progress | | Council Officers have commenced an internal review of the Banner Pole booking process and fee structure to ensure they are not barriers to usage. A generic banner design is | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| | | | | being developed for the banner poles in Branxton, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Greta | |

***1.2: Strengthening community culture***

**1.2.1: Continue to promote the range of community services across the local government area**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.2.1.a | Implement and provide ongoing community awareness for the Cessnock LGA Community Directory and Community Events Calendar | In Progress | | Ongoing review of the Community Directory and Event Calendar will continue to occur as will promotions with local organisations and services. The Community Directory and Events Calendar are promoted through social media and directly to local organisations, services and groups | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.2.2: Collaborate with the community to develop and deliver services**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.2.2.a | Be an active member of collaborative network groups that strive for inclusive, safer and healthier communities. This includes domestic violence, crime prevention and healthy lifestyles | In Progress | | Local agencies have been made aware of funding opportunities for wellbeing and safety programs including Council's 2022 Dollar for Dollar funding round. Cessnock City Council participated with other network agencies in Cessnock Walks Kawuma held December 2022, saying no to Domestic and Family Violence. Network meetings participated in include Cessnock Family and Domestic Violence Network, Cessnock Healthy Lifestyles Network and General Interagency | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.2.2.b | Promote and administer Council's Community and Cultural Development Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme | Complete | ✔ | The 2022/23 Community and Cultural Development Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme was advertised throughout August 2022 and the round closed Friday 2 September 2022. 9 community groups were awarded funds totalling $18,514 | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.2.3: Continue implementation of the Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.2.3.a | Liaise with community groups who operate from Council owned cultural facilities, to provide a welcoming, engaging, inclusive, safe and accessible environment | In Progress | | Engagement has occurred with the new Section 355 Committee of Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre including supporting the Committee with the required new processes | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.2.4: Provide and manage a range of community, sporting and aquatic facilities**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.2.4.a | Complete stage 1 refurbishment works for the creation of a cultural hub at Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock (PACC) and continue to pursue funding opportunities ensuring the facility remains a high-quality cultural venue | In Progress | | Development Consent was issued 23 February 2021 and the Construction Certificate was issued 10 March 2022. Public Works Advisory have been engaged to project manage the tender process and to oversee the construction works. Public Works Advisory invited five contractors to submit a tender via NSW Government E-Tendering portal from 29 June 2022 and closed 11 August 2022. The successful tenderer was North Construction and Building. A $1.25 million Creative Capital - Medium to Large Projects grant was awarded to enable the ground floor refurbishment. Construction works commenced November 2022 | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.2.4.b | Investigate and pursue funding opportunities for renewal works at Cessnock City Library Branch further creating a facility that is modern and revitalised | In Progress | | Planning for an accessible toilet at Kurri Kurri Library is well underway. A quote process has been facilitated for the design of an accessible toilet and to reconfigure the existing public amenities at Kurri Kurri Library. Think Project Services have been appointed and a concept design has been prepared. Project building feasibility and costings are currently being investigated and will assist with grant funding opportunities | Community and Cultural Development |

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| 1.2.4.c | Deliver road safety education and awareness programs on identified road safety priorities under the joint Local Government Road Safety Program and CCC Road Safety Strategic Pan 2020-2024 | In Progress | | Motorcycle Safety - Preparing reprint of Motorcycling the Hunter brochure. Research and update crash stats. Prepare edits for graphic designer.<br>Seniors - Caravan Safety Workshop. Mainly seniors in attendance.<br>Pedestrian Safety - Active transport community of practice.<br>Caravan Safety - Conduct Caravan Safety workshop 64 in attendance over two sessions. Manage regional bookings platform and liaise with othe council RSO's on project. Collaborate with Transport for NSW for regional weigh in day 25/26 March for randomly selected attendees of workshop.<br>Drink Drive - work with Licensed Premises & neighbouring Councils re Transport App, seek update of quotations for supporting resources.<br>Fatigue - Book VMS for Easter holiday period.<br>Speed - Nil this month | Infrastructure |
| 1.2.4.d | Promote and deliver Council's Dollar for Dollar programs to community groups including the eligibility criteria for infrastructure projects that seek to improve Council owned and/or managed community facilities to be welcoming, engaging, inclusive, safe and accessible | Complete | | The second and final round of Council's Dollar for Dollar Community and Sport grant programs closed in February 2023. All funds have been distributed | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 1.2.4.e | Prepare and submit applications for funding to improve and/or construct community, sporting and aquatic facilities | In Progress | | A number of grant applications have been successful this quarter. Grant funded projects include Improvements to Access and Spectator Seating at East Cessnock Oval ($377,797), Floodlighting at Greta Central Oval ($320,000), Cliftleigh Public Amenities ($330,000), Miller Park Multipurpose courts ($530,000), Upgrade to floodlighting at Carmichael Park | Open Space and Community Facilities |

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| | | | | ($138,000), Bridges Hill Local Skatepark Upgrade ($592,000), Greta Central Oval Fenced Off Leash Area ($290,000), Chinaman's Hollow Outdoor Fitness Equipment Loop ($164,123), Upgrade to Jeffery Park Tennis Courts ($337,000), Margaret Johns Park Field Improvements ($259,875), Branxton Hall Air Conditioning ($20,000) and Flood Repairs at Wollombi Recreation Ground ($42,000).<br><br>An application was submitted in March 2023 via the Community Asset Program to replace the surface on Baddeley Park Hockey Field due to flood damage ($750,000) | |
| 1.2.4.f | Support community groups to manage facilities in conjunction with Council by providing assistance and advice within resources where appropriate | In Progress | | Ongoing support being provided to groups to manage facilities as required | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**1.2.5: Develop and implement adopted masterplans for community facilities**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.2.5.a | Continue to develop masterplan for community, sporting and aquatic facilities | In Progress | | Community engagement was held in January 2023 via an online survey to inform the development of Masterplans for Drain Oval and Kurri Kurri Central Sports Precinct. Feedback from the community surveys has directly informed design principles and design ideas that have been developed for each site. These design ideas are anticipated to be publicly exhibited in May 2023 | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**1.2.6: Provide a variety of interment options to the community**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.2.6.a | Implement the Cessnock City Council Cemeteries Masterplan | In Progress | | The columbarium wall has been installed at Branxton Cemetery in line with the adopted Masterplan | Open Space and Community Facilities |

***1.3: Promoting safe communities***

**1.3.1: Participate in collaborative partnerships to prevent crime**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.3.1.a | Collaborate through participation on the Cessnock City Liquor Accord and Community Safety Precinct Committee | In Progress | | - Continued to work with premises on Plan B drink drive messaging and courtesy bus app.<br>- Seek update for quotation for supporting materials.<br>- No Liquor Accord meeting this month | Infrastructure |

**1.3.2: Carry out regulatory and education programs to protect residential amenity and community health and safety**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.3.2.a | Assess requests for additional, changes to existing, and special event alcohol-free zones | In Progress | | Nil this month | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.2.b | Implement internal Road Safety in the Workplace training to improve health and safety through awareness and compliance with road rules | In Progress | | Support GM's outdoor staff BBQ with Plan B messaging - water bottles | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.2.c | Conduct two Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for supervisors and learners drivers | In Progress | | Commence planning for next GLS in May | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.2.d | Engage with Schools within the Cessnock LGA regarding road safety around schools | In Progress | | Further engagement regarding delivery of school zone infrastructure projects and specific engagement with Rover Motors regarding use of newly installed bus stop | Infrastructure |

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| | | | | adjacent Standford Merthyr Infants School | |

**1.3.3: Continue to comprehensively and professional process construction certificates and complying development certificates**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.3.3.a | Upon receipt of all required information, assess and determine Complying Development Certificate applications within 10 days and Construction Certificate applications within 25 days from the date of lodgement | In Progress | | YTD, Council has determined 32 CDC's with an average processing time of 10 days and 261 CC's with a median processing time of 25 days | Compliance Services |

**1.3.4: Continue development and delivery of road safety projects under the local government program in line with Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan 2020-2024**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.3.4.a | Implement next steps of local government road safety project from the Road Safety Strategic Plan | In Progress | | Council Rangers continue with a program of enforcement targeting illegal and unsafe parking in School Zones. During the month of March 89 School Zone patrols were conducted | Compliance Services |

**1.3.5: Improve the safety of the road network**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.3.5.a | Provide designs and documentation for traffic facilities and road works listed in the adopted Capital Works Program to improve the safety of the road environment | Complete | ✔ | Designs are prepared in accordance with the required standards (ie Austroads Guidelines and Australian Standards) to increase the safety of the roads and traffic facilities. In case of being unable to stay 100% compliant with ideal designs due to constraints, our focus has been on the best practice to meet regulations while complying with the relevant standards | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.b | On-going assessment of applications for | In Progress | | Ongoing | Infrastructure |

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| | Restricted Access Vehicle movements within the LGA | | | | |
| 1.3.5.c | Research and respond to road safety and road engineering enquiries | Complete | ✔ | This action has been completed for this quarter. | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.d | Prepare reports for, and facilitate the Local Development Committee (Traffic) | In Progress | ▶ | Ongoing | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.e | Collaborate with partners to develop and maintain a public street lighting network to improve the safety of the road network | In Progress | ▶ | Liaised with SSROC regarding main road LED program | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.f | Oversee the accelerated replacement of existing eligible street lights with energy efficient LEDs | In Progress | ▶ | Liaised with SSROC regarding main road LED program. Ongoing | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.g | Fullfill legislative obligations as per the National Rail Safety Regulator in relation to road/rail interface within the Cessnock LGA | In Progress | ▶ | Legislative requirements are followed for road and rail interface | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.h | Review Transport for NSW detailed crash/fatality reports and attend crash sites to access potential associated road condition factors | In Progress | ▶ | Reviewed most recent fatality report, obtained site photographs and forwarded relevant information to TfNSW | Infrastructure |
| 1.3.5.i | Investigate and process invoices in relation to Public Lighting maintenance and electricity usage for public lighting within the road reserve | In Progress | ▶ | Ongoing | Infrastructure |

***1.4: Fostering an articulate and creative community***

**1.4.1: Develop and deliver the Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock season program**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.4.1.a | Deliver an engaging Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock (PACC) season with programming strategy that considers Councils community plans, diversity and inclusion | In Progress | | With the 2022 Season now complete, programmed was drama, musicals, dance, light opera, comedy and all with ticketing success and reaching many new clientele. Act 1 of the 2023 performance program was launched in February and has proved to be popular with patrons. A positive of the Season Launch was the number of membership renewals and new members and is currently sitting at 90 members. The matinee concert presented by Mark Vincent was a brilliant way to start the year. Matinee performances are proving to attract good audience numbers and we have a range of promoters considering daytime performances. As always, the performances aimed at young people and families are attracting a lot of interest | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.4.1.b | Deliver programs at Performance, Arts, Culture, Cessnock (PACC) that engage children and young people in cultural expression | In Progress | | The venue hosted the Abermain Eisteddfod which brought a number of young dance participants to the venue from areas outside of the Local Government Area. Performances engaging children was held during the October and December school holidays. Our 2023 performances for young people and families include Mr Stink adapted from the David Walliams children's book, Beauty and the Beast by Melbourne City Ballet and a performance by Hunter Drama. We are also hosting Bishop Tyrell College, in the centre for a week during which they will be rehearsing and performing a family specific production | Community and Cultural Development |

**1.4.2: Continue implementation of the priority projects from the Cessnock City Library Review, Report and Strategy (2014-2024)**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 1.4.2.a | Develop and promote Cessnock City Library digital services including 24/7 eBranch | In Progress | | The Digital Library 24/7 Library has been promoted throughout the year in the monthly Cessnock City Library newsletters, Facebook, radio interviews. The Library App as at March 2023 has 1165 registered library users. The July newsletter included a Welcome to Cessnock City Library video clip, online platforms such as Mango and the Library App. E-Resources were also promoted during July, August and September 2CHR (radio) interviews. Education sessions including Tech Help and In the Loop was promoted during September. Use of the e-platform, 'Hoopla' has seen a steady increase by library users. The Cessnock City Library Facebook site throughout July to January has been used to promote the 24/7 eBranch | Community and Cultural Development |
| 1.4.2.b | Develop and deliver diverse and inclusive lifelong learning programs, arts and local history exhibitions at Cessnock Library and Kurri Kurri Library Branches | In Progress | | Local history events held in August included Walking History: Exploring Weston and What's in the State Archives Collection facilitated by NSW State Archives. September events included Walking History: Bridges Hill; What's in the State of NSW Library Collection facilitated by State Library NSW. Hotel Cessnock: a history chat was held February and Celebrating Cessnock's hidden herstories (International Women's Day) was held March. Local Exhibitions held at the Library included July's Let's get Cooking (kitchen nostalgia) and held September was Strike a pose - highlights from the Cessnock Eagle photograph collection. October included a history walk of Bridges Hill. A Cessnock City Library photography exhibition was held November and a community photography exhibition was held December and January. February included the display, Teens Tiny Art Show and was | Community and Cultural Development |

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| | | | | produced as part of a holiday workshop program | |
| 1.4.2.c | Commence the evaluation of the Cessnock City Library Review, Report and Strategy 2014-2024 | In Progress | | With the 10 year Cessnock City Library Review, Report and Strategy ending in 2024, an evaluation has commenced including identifying actions that require completion and/or updating. The Library Strategic Plan aligns with Council's long term vision for creating a thriving, attractive and welcoming environment. The Library's goals and strategic actions support many of the objectives identified in Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan, particularly those that incorporate social, educational and recreational elements | Community and Cultural Development |

## Capital works - A Connected, Safe & Creative Community

### *Community Buildings Construction Program (CBC)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CBC-2022-004 | new rural fire station - Rothbury | Not Due To Start | | Scope of works is currently being finalised |
| CBC-2022-005 | Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre Park | Not Due To Start | | The contract has been awarded for both RFQ Q2023-81 Awning Construction and Q2023-128 Amphitheatre Construction. The Awning construction work started on 11 April 2023 with the foundations and concrete floor poured on 17 April 2023. Awning and Retaining Wall construction is scheduled to be completed by 31 July 2023 with landscaping and tree planning to occur from 1 Aug to 30 Sep 2023 |
| WDC-2023-001 | extend administration building - Council Works Depot | On Track | | Extension works ready to commence |

### Cemeteries Facilities Construction Program (CFC)

| Project ID | Project Name | Action Status Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFC-2022-002 | cemetery signage renewal | On Track | ▶ | Procurement has commenced for new signage at Branxton Cemetery |
| CFC-2023-001 | signage renewal - various cemeteries | On Track | ▶ | Branxton Cemetery sign has been ordered, a preferred contractor has been engaged |
| CFC-2023-002 | fencing renewal - various cemeteries | On Track | ▶ | A request for quotation is currently being drafted for fencing at Branxton Cemetery |
| CFC-2023-003 | Branxton Cemetery Columbarium Wall - Branxton Cemetery | Complete | ✔ | The new columbarium wall is complete |

### Pools Facilities Construction Program (CFP)

NIL this quarter

### Library Books

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
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| CL-2023-001 | library books - Cessnock Library | On Track | ▶ | Book purchases have been made throughout the reporting quarter |

### Cultural & Community Buildings Renewal Program (RBC)

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
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| RBC-2021-009 | roof anchor - Cessnock Library | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| RBC-2022-003 | external painting - Marthaville | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| RBC-2022-005 | refurbishment - Performance Art Culture Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Development Consent was issued 23 February 2021 and the Construction Certificate was issued 10 March |

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| | | | | 2022. Public Works Advisory were engaged March 2022 to project manage the tender process and to oversee construction works. Public Works Advisory invited five contractors to submit a tender via NSW Government E-Tendering portal. Tenders were invited on 29 June 2022 and closed 11 August 2022. The received tenders have been assessed and reported to Council 19 October. 2022 North Construction and Building were the successful tenderer and works commenced November 2022 |
| RBC-2022-006 | Interim Works Remediation Action Plan - Richmond Main Colliery | Complete | ✔ | Interim remediation works completed in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan. An Asbestos Management Plan has been prepared for the locations that were subject to remediation works |
| RBC-2022-007 | Rural Fire Service facility upgrades and extensions - various building | Carry Forward | ⏭ | A contractor has been engaged for upgrades and extensions to Bucketty & Laguna RFS Sheds. Contract program to be confirmed |
| RBC-2022-008 | LED lighting - Performance Art Culture Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Funding Deed finalised and quote process completed. A significant portion of the LED lights have been received and installed within the theatre. Stage 2 lighting install expected May 2023 |
| RBC-2022-009 | toilet refurbishment - Kurri Kurri Library | On Track | ▶ | Think Project Services have been engaged to prepare a concept design for the inclusion of an accessible toilet at Kurri Kurri Library. With the concept design now finalised the works are being costed to inform grant funding applications to further progress the project. Funds have not been secured for detailed design or construction works |
| RBC-2023-004 | air conditioning - Branxton Community Hall | Carry Forward | ⏭ | This is a new project resulting from a successful Community Building Partnership Grant. The scope is currently being investigated and the works will be |

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| | | | | completed in the new financial year |
| RBC-2023-005 | painting - various community buildings | Complete | ✔ | Abermain School of Arts external painting completed |
| RBC-2023-014 | pier repair / rising damp and floor cover replacement - Greta Preschool | Carry Forward | ⏭ | A specialist contractor has been engaged. Works are due to commence in April 2023 however due to the number of steps involved in addressing the rising damp this will be a carry forward project |
| RBC-2023-015 | upgrade bathrooms - Kearsley Community Hall | On Track | ▶ | Works have commenced and due to be completed in April 2023 |
| RBC-2023-016 | roof replacement - Activity and Training Centre | Complete | ✔ | A new roof has been installed |
| RBC-2023-018 | deck replacement - Richmond main administration building | Carry Forward | ⏭ | An engineering report is currently being completed to support procurement documentation that will be distributed to approved heritage contractors for quotation |
| RBC-2023-019 | renewal program - various community and cultural buildings | On Track | ▶ | Branxton Hall awning complete.<br>Awaiting fabrication of bin cage for Cessnock Netball Courts (Q4) |
| RFC-2019-005 | dock loading bay - Cessnock Performing Arts Centre | On Track | ▶ | Construction works complete and the lift platform will be inserted into the Loading Dock during the next reporting quarter |

***Recreation Buildings Renewal Program (RBR)***

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
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| RBR-2021-004 | rotunda roof replacement - High Street Park Greta | On Track | ▶ | Project completed |

### *Pools Facilities Renewal Program (RFP)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RFP-2020-004 | splash pad - Cessnock Pool | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| RFP-2022-001 | aquatic facilities renewal program - various swimming centres | On Track | ▶ | New fencing and a shade sail have been installed at Branxton Pool this quarter. Works have commenced on the Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre roof replacement with these works due to be completed in April 2023 |



## 2: A sustainable and prosperous economy

### *2.1: Diversifying and growing our economy*

#### 2.1.1: Identify opportunities and advocate for economic development and infrastructure funding

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| 2.1.1.a | Undertake research for economic analysis and reporting, prepare publications, submissions, and discussion papers and collate economic development information pertaining to major funding attraction | In Progress | ▶ | Council has been successful in receiving two grants under the NSW Government Resources for Regions Program for the Visitor Information Centre Park ($602,421) and Jobs Shuttle to Wine Country Program ($150,000). Council has been successful in advocating for inclusion in the Royalties for Rejuvenation Grant Program legislation and has developed a project proposal for future grant applications. A business case has been developed to advocate for a more efficient and effective event approval process within the Cessnock LGA and made a submission to the Senate Standing Committee regarding Bank Closures in Regional Australia | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.1.1.b | Complete a minimum of one grant application for the implementation of the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Park and Landscaping Plan. Complete the detailed design for the new shelter at the rear exit of the VIC to enable construction when funds are obtained | Complete | ✔ | A Resources for Regions Grant application was submitted for the Visitor Information Centre Park Project on 30 September 2022 for $602,421. Council has been successful in receiving $602,421 in grant funding for this project. Construction of the park is expected to start in 2024 | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.1.1.c | Create a communications toolkit and impact statement that will assist Council and Cessnock local government area business to access funds from the NSW Government Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund | Complete | ✔ | Following advocacy the Cessnock LGA has been included as an eligible location under the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund. Council has created a Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund impact statement that includes proposed projects that will assist Council and Cessnock local government area businesses to access funds from the NSW Government Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund (DOC2022/151543) | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| 2.1.1.d | Review and update the Cessnock City Council Economic Growth Agenda with current economic and social priorities for the community | Complete | ✔ | The 2023 Greater Cessnock Economic Growth Agenda has been updated and placed on Councils website. Councillors and the Department of Regional NSW have been notified of the updated priorities | Economic Development & Tourism |

**2.1.2: Continue to implement the Business Investment Attraction Program**

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| 2.1.2.a | Collaborate with Advance Greater Cessnock partners and the NSW Investment Concierge Service to facilitate and accommodate investment leads | In Progress | ▶ | Council staff have facilitated business attraction meetings with potential investors and engaged multiple times with Regional Investment NSW regarding grant funding. Advance Greater Cessnock Partners have agreed to work on the following four focus areas of:<br>1. business advocacy<br>2. investment attraction<br>3. promote education/training and<br>4. business growth<br>8 Advance Greater Cessnock Partners projects have been funded by Council to the value of $115,500 under the Economic Development Grants and Sponsorship Program. Council has obtained grant funding to support the Around Hermitage Business Showcase networking event held on 6 July 2022, the Business Breakfast at Hunter Valley Wildlife Park on 14 Oct 2022, the Business Leaders Lunch on 22 Nov 2022, Cessnock Customer Service Awards held on 3 Dec 2022 and 'Telling your story' workshop at Wollombi on 20 Feb 2023 | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.1.2.b | Review the Investment Attraction Suite and Economic Advocacy Agenda to ensure the content, design and format align with the latest investment attraction methods. Following the | Complete | ✔ | The Greater Cessnock Investment Attraction Suite and Economic Advocacy Agenda have been updated and placed on Councils website. Councillors and the Department of Regional NSW have been notified of the | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| | review, update the documents as required | | | changes | |
| 2.1.2.c | Provide an investment attraction concierge service as detailed in the Greater Cessnock Investment Prospectus to facilitate and accommodate investment leads and to assist businesses in establishing a new business | In Progress | | Council provides business support information and investment attraction documents on the Advance Greater Cessnock website, provides free economic and social demographic data to the community via the idcommunity website and REMPLAN website and works with the Department of Regional NSW to progress investment leads. A personnalised investment attraction services has been provided to business owners seeking investment at Cessnock Airport and within the accomodation and food service industries | Economic Development & Tourism |

**2.1.3: Provide support for activation of commercial centres, business engagement, promotion and support of business growth**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.1.3.a | Support Advance Cessnock City partnership through providing economic development grants and sponsorship for projects which improve the business environment, build capacity and capabilities amongst businesses, stimulate investment, enterprise and job creation as well as enhance the city's image | Complete | ✔ | 8 Advance Greater Cessnock Partners projects have been funded by Council to the value of $115,500 under the Economic Development Grants and Sponsorship Program. These projects include event sponsorship, Town Coordinator funding, Kurri Kurri Visitor information Centre financial support, business support training and business awards sponsorship. An additional $287,582 in grant funding was obtained under the NSW Government Community Events Program to support 11 community events run by Advance Greater Cessnock Partners and other community groups | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.1.3.b | Support and nurture existing economic activity in the Cessnock local government area by running 10 Support Local campaigns to boost local spending and increase engagement with local businesses | In Progress | | Council have received $150,000 in Bushfire Recovery funding to boost the Cessnock LGA Support Local program and spent $100,000 on the campaign to 31 Mar 2023. Council is running monthly 'Support Local' competitions, ads campaigns and business stories. Council has awarded $4500 in prizes from 1 July 2022 | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| | | | | to 31 Mar 2023 for the best #supportlocalcessnock photo and comments. Council delivers fortnightly business eNews letters containing information for local businesses that will assist them in accessing training, grant funding, economic data and the latest disaster information. Council uses the Advance Cessnock City website to promote training programs and business support resources | |
| 2.1.3.c | Using bushfire recovery funding collaborate with the business community to deliver four business events that promote networking and increase business knowledge | Complete | ✔ | Five business networking events have been held on 6 July 2022, 14 Oct 2022, 22 Nov 2022, 3 Dec 2022 and 20 Feb 2023, with 700 local business representatives attending these events. The events have been focusing on networking, knowledge sharing, recognition and education | Economic Development & Tourism |

***2.2: Achieving more sustainable employment opportunities***

**2.2.1: Develop and communicate employment related information to businesses**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.2.1.a | Provide monthly Advance Greater Cessnock business news updates, provide critical and relevant information to businesses via the Advance Greater Cessnock website | In Progress | ▶ | Advance Cessnock City eNews is sent out to 6000 business related recipients fortnightly. Critical business alerts and updates have been sent out to our business database when appropriate. Some examples of business alerts include but not limited to bushfire recovery correspondence, COVID-19 regular updates, flood recovery grants, multiple tourism campaigns. Other information provided in the eNews included promotion of the Hunter Valley business events, grants and funding opportunities, local business profiles and business development opportunities | Economic Development & Tourism |

**2.2.2: Create a skilled and employment ready workforce**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.2.2.a | Use the Greater Cessnock Jobs Strategy 2036, employment data and collaboration to support local Job Active Service Providers to improve employment and training outcomes | In Progress | | The following actions are being progressed from the Greater Cessnock Jobs Strategy 2036:<br>- 750 hours of youth driver training program are being funded in partnership with Youth Express<br>- Cessnock Airport Western Apron is being upgraded under the $1.6M RFS Aviation Fire Base Project<br>- a $150,000 grant has been received to transport job seekers to Wine Country from Cessnock<br>- Council provides the Advance Cessnock City Website Jobs Portal to promote local employment opportunities<br>- the monthly Support Local campaign has been expanded with a $150,000 grant<br>- two rounds of the Visitor Economy Grants and Sponsorship Program has been run<br>- four Business Networking events have been held for 700 local business contacts<br>- nine of the $287,582 Community Event Program events have been delivered<br>- a Job Active Workshop was held at Mai-Wel on 6 Oct 22<br>- a proposed amendment to the Cessnock LEP has been draft to make event approvals more efficient | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.2.2.b | Deliver the Youth Driver Training Program utilising Resources for Regions Grant Funding | In Progress | | 622 Youth Driver Training Program hours have been delivered from 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023 utilising Resources for Regions Grant Funding. The driver training program provides assistance to disadvantaged youth seeking their provisional drivers licence. So far the program has provided financial and driver training support to 153 applicants | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.2.2.c | Communicate training and skill development opportunities to the community via the Advance | In Progress | | Advance Cessnock City eNews is sent out to 6000 business related recipients fortnightly. Critical business | Economic Development & |

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| | Greater Cessnock website, Advance Greater Cessnock Business eNews Letter and other available media channels | | | alerts and updates have been sent out to our business database when appropriate. Some examples of business alerts include but not limited to bushfire recovery correspondence, COVID-19 regular updates, flood recovery grants, multiple tourism campaigns. Other information provided in the eNews included promotion of the Hunter Valley business events, grants and funding opportunities, local business profiles, training opportunities and business development opportunities | Tourism |

**2.2.3: Provide and promote graduate, apprenticeship and traineeship programs with Council**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.2.3.a | Continue to implement the a graduate, trainee and apprenticeship framework | In Progress | | Apprentice, graduate and trainee recruitment for 2023 is complete with most candidates having started or starting on 9 January 2023. A three day induction program for the 2023 cohort took place in January 2023. A breakfast with the Mayor and Council's Apprentice, Graduates and Trainees took place on 29 March 2023 and was well attended and appreciated by our Apprentices, Graduates and Trainees.<br>An Engineering Graduate program is being developed with consultation and input from Managers in the engineering sections of Council and the existing Graduate Engineers. The program will be presented to the Executive Team for endorsement in the June ELT meeting | People and Culture |

***2.3: Increasing tourism opportunities and visitation in the area***

**2.3.1: Collaboratively identify markets and promote the local government area's tourism industry**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.3.1.a | Deliver the Cessnock City Council related actions generated from the Hunter Valley Wine Tourism Alliance | In Progress | | Three Alliance meetings have been held on 22 Aug 2022, 21 Nov 2022 and 13 Feb 2023. Projects progressed by the Alliance include:<br>- The updated Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan (adopted 15 Mar 2023)<br>- Regional Marketing campaigns<br>- Jobs Shuttle to Wine Country proposal<br>- Advocating for improved mobile and internet connectivity<br>Successful grant funding application by Cessnock City Council relating to tourism include $602,421 for the Visitor Centre Park, $341,249 for an All Abilities Hot Air Balloon and $150,000 for the Cessnock to Wine County Jobs Shuttle | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.3.1.b | Provide a joint tourism service with Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association that provides destination marketing and in destination tourism services for the benefit of regional tourism | In Progress | | The Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre and Hunter Valley Wine and Tourist Association provide tourism services to 300 members. These services include destination marketing, winecountry.com website updates, product bookings and reservations, in destination visitor services, Hunter Valley Magazine and Map Production | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.3.1.c | Deliver the priority actions from the Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan using budgeted resources | In Progress | | The following Hunter Valley Destination Management Plan projects are being progressed:<br>- Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Park Project grant application has been successful in receiving $602,421 with work planned to start in 2024<br>- Apex Park Masterplan has been adoption following community consultation<br>- VIC bookable product expansion project has started | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| | | | | with 80 contracts in place<br>- Hunter Valley Monopoly has been developed with a launch date of 23 Sep 2023<br>- Round 1 and 2 of the Visitor Economic Grants and Sponsorship Program have been delivered<br>- The Werakata National Park Cycling Map has been created<br>- The $341,249 Accessible Hotair Balloon project is underway | |
| 2.3.1.d | Maintain and grow Council's tourism and business image library to allow for effective promotion of tourism products and business offerings | In Progress | | A project to capture video and photography of Sculpture in the Vineyards has been completed. Business and employment related images have been taken by a professional photographer and added to the image library. A professional tourism photoshoot was completed in partnership with Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association in December 2022 and one additional tourism photography project is planned for 2023 | Economic Development & Tourism |

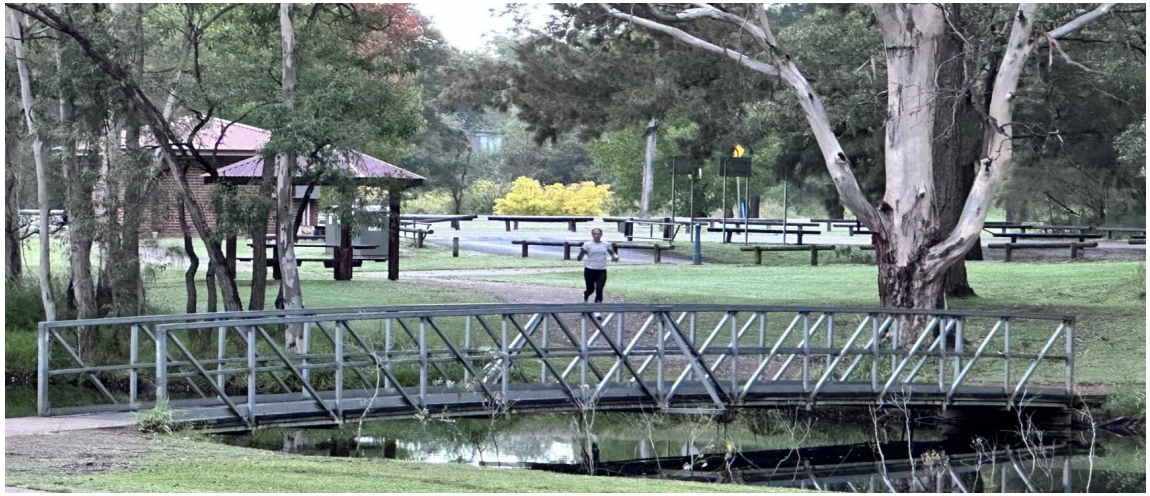
**2.3.2: Promote and grow the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.3.2.a | Provide quality visitor services to Level 1 Accreditation standards for 264 days a year | In Progress | | Council has been notified by the program manager NSW Accredited Visitor Information Centres, on 8 Sep 2022 that the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre has received a successful accreditation review and maintains accreditation. Council is providing visitor services to Level 1 Accreditation standards for 364 days a year | Economic Development & Tourism |
| 2.3.2.b | Promote and sell Hunter Valley products through the Visitor Information Centre Gift Shop | In Progress | | From 1 July 2022 to 31 Mar 2023, $131,279 in sales have been made via the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre Shop | Economic Development & Tourism |

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| 2.3.2.c | Promote and sell Hunter Valley experiences through the Visitor Information Centre booking system | In Progress | ▶ | From 1 July 2022 to 31 Mar 2023, 473 bookings have been made to the value of $193,119 via the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre and winecountry.com.au website | Economic Development & Tourism |

**2.3.4: Continue implementation of the Hunter Valley Vineyard Signage Strategy**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 2.3.4.a | Continue implementation of the Hunter Valley Wine Country Signage Strategy subject to grant funding being received | In Progress | ▶ | Worked with maintenance coordinator re sourcing of additional street name blades | Infrastructure |
| 2.3.4.b | Prepare a methodology to repeal the existing Vineyard Mapping System and engage the community | Complete | ✔ | Removed existing mapping system. Completed consultation with the community | Infrastructure |



## CAPITAL WORKS - A Sustainable & Prosperous Economy

### *Signage / Vineyard Roads Program (CRV)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
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| CRV-2023-001 | town entry signs - Heddon Greta / Cliftleigh | Complete | ✔ | Completed works |

### *Branxton Town Centre Program (CTB)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CTB-2021-001 | Branxton Town Centre - upgrade stage 2 | Not Progressing | ✖ | Additional funds required to complete project |

### *Kurri Kurri Town Centre Program (CTK)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CTK-2020-001 | upgrade commercial centre: associated roadworks<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construction<br>Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre | On Track | ▶ | Tenders awarded, construction commencement late April 2023 |
| CTK-2023-001 | park beautification:<br>- phase 2<br>Col Brown Rotary Park Kurri Kurri | On Track | ▶ | Works to the northern end of the park will commence following the Nostaligia Festival and Anzac Day services |

### *Cessnock Civic Precinct Revitalisation Program (RCC)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
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| RCC-2022-001 | civic precinct upgrade:<br>- stage 2 library shared zone<br>Cessnock CBD | On Track | ▶ | Contract awarded for laneway works, construction early May |

## 3: A sustainable and healthy environment

### *3.1: Protecting and enhancing the natural environment and the rural character of the area*

#### 3.1.1: Finalise Cessnock City Planning Strategy and commence implementation

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.1.a | Environmental Lands Study Stage 2- Implementation of land zoning mapping changes | In Progress | ▶ | Additional mapping support requested to run queries for layer interrogation. Some amendment to criteria may be required | Infrastructure |
| 3.1.1.b | Continue review of Cessnock LEP 2011 | In Progress | ▶ | 1. Planning Proposal for recreation theme with DPE for finalisation<br>2. Planning Proposal for environment theme 1 with DPE for finalisation<br>3. Planning Proposal for special Purpose Theme to commence exhibition<br>4. Planning Proposal for Rural Theme mapping being undertaken<br>5. Residential Theme project plan being prepared. Consultant engaged to undertake feasibility and capacity analysis<br>6. Employment zone conversion being managed by DPE. Changes to be implmented in April 2022 | Strategic Planning |
| 3.1.1.c | Continue review of the Cessnock DCP 2010 chapters | In Progress | ▶ | Amendments being progressed along themes and aligned to CLEP review.<br>Miscellaneous chapter relating to temporary events being reported to Council in February 2023 | Strategic Planning |

#### 3.1.2: Undertake a strategic land use review of the urban villages in the local government area

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.2.a | Great North Road Conservation Management Plan | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete | Strategic Planning |

**3.1.3: Progress the review of land use planning controls within the vineyard district**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.3.a | Finalise Vineyards District Local Character Statement and Concurrent LEP Amendment | In Progress | ▶ | Planning proposal for RU4 Vineyards Theme received resubmit gateway determination. A place strategy is to be prepared and progressed concurrently with a revised/updated planning proposal for the vineyards | Strategic Planning |

**3.1.4: Continue implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy and manage Council's environmental assets**

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| 3.1.4.a | Implement biodiversity education programs | In Progress | ▶ | A series of bushwalks and a spotlighting event were held as part of the successful Bushland Festival held on the weekend of 11 September 2022. It is estimated that the event attracted between 500-800 people. Completed and lodged applications for funding with both the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, as well as the Economic Development Team in hope of securing funding for the 2023 Bushland Festival. Received approval to use Poppethead Park for the event. Completed a draft budget, Event Management Plan and an event Risk Assessment | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.1.4.b | Implement the Cessnock City Council Tree Strategy | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Funding opportunities will be investigated following the completion of the Tree Strategy (anticipated to be in May 2023 following the public exhibition period in April 2032) | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 3.1.4.c | Update standard conditions of development consent and roadside drainage elements in Engineering Requirements for Development | In Progress | ▶ | Engineering guidelines have been compiled for review with expected council approval for adoption in 2023 | Infrastructure |

**3.1.5: Continue the implementation of the Carbon Management & Energy Reduction Strategy**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.5.a | Continue to work on energy efficiency of Council facilities under the Revolving Energy Fund | In Progress | ▶ | Assessing PACC and KKAC for solar in 23-24 and repayment options for site operators | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.1.5.b | Facilitate Council's Floodplain Management Committee | In Progress | ▶ | Council's Floodplain Management Committee is to be re-established early 2023. The number of meetings held per annum is recommended to be based on need (historically this committee met infrequently to review & endorse critical decision points) | Infrastructure |
| 3.1.5.c | Implement high priority projects from the Greta/Anvil Creek Flood Study including investigation of flood mitigation works | Complete | ✔ | Grant funding successfully obtained. Greta Floodplain Risk Management Study and plan project underway | Infrastructure |
| 3.1.5.d | Continue the review of the Infrastructure Plan to suit planned expansion of new infrastructure for future development in collaboration with Strategic Planning | In Progress | ▶ | The flood prone areas are already mapped with the modelled flood extents on our intraMaps. This is an ongoing process to refine Council's hydraulic models as per needs. Incorporate Australian Rainfall and Runoff 2019 into Council's engineering design is work in-progress | Infrastructure |
| 3.1.5.e | Seek funding for delivery of Floodplain Management Program | Complete | ✔ | Grant funding successfully obtained for:<br>- South Cessnock Flood Mitigation Scheme phase 3 construction<br>- Black Creek Stage 2 Flood Risk Management Study and plan<br>- Greta Flood Risk Management Study and plan<br>Grant application for Clift Street Flood Mitigation Phase 2 detail design not supported by Department of Planning and to be the subject of a future grant | Infrastructure |
| 3.1.5.f | Investigate and design high priority works identified in the Stormwater, Waterway and Floodplain Strategy | Complete | ✔ | The prioritisation process used to rank relevant stormwater related issues is described in the Stormwater, Waterway and Floodplain Strategy with | Infrastructure |

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| | | | | high priority projects added to capital works program via quarterly budget review process | |
| 3.1.5.g | Manage declared dams in accordance with NSW Dams Safety legislation | In Progress | | Dam Safety Management System developed for Mount View Detention Basin with full compliance achieved for this declared dam. Design is still underway for the South Cessnock Detention Basin. Operational & Maintenance Plan to be developed as part of final design & construction, processes & activities | Infrastructure |

**3.1.6: Manage the risk and improve resilience to extreme weather events, flooding, bushfires, mine subsidence and land contamination**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.6.a | Continue former waste sites contaminated land program to determine Councils remediation strategy with key stakeholders including risk and financial impacts | In Progress | | Progress in former landfill sites includes:<br>- Cessnock: groundwater well installed, and surface water sampling program completed in July 2022. S60 notification to the NSW EPA for gas works refuse area. New monitoring wells installed across both Cessnock former landfill and gas works refuse area. Monitoring completed and required reporting sent to NSW EPA in relation to gas works notification. Ongoing environmental management required at former Cessnock Dam (Quarry St) with a request currently sitting with Hunter Water seeking permission for a trade waste agreement.<br>- Greta: surface water sampling completed at neighboring dams.<br>- Abermain: National Parks have renewed consent to continue sampling program | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.1.6.b | Contribute to assessing the flood impacts of development | Complete | ✔ | Ongoing task in response to development services referrals and applications for flood information certificates | Infrastructure |

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| 3.1.6.c | Raise community awareness about the implications of developing flood impacted land through the availability of information on Council's website and Planning Certificates | Complete | ✔ | All adopted flood studies are updated in Council GIS systems. Most of the projects are consulted with the community during design and investigation phase and construction phase if required. We have also posted our major projects on webpage | Infrastructure |

**3.1.7: Protect and enhance the natural environment and environmental health**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.1.7.a | Inspect commercial and residential on-site sewerage management systems in accordance with risk based priority routine inspection program | In Progress | ▶ | Council's Environmental Health Unit implements an environmental and public health focused program involving the monitoring and regulating of properties that have an onsite sewage management system (e.g. Septic tank). Systems are categorized and inspected based on their risk to environment and/or public health. Council has completed 89% of the scheduled routine inspections for February with 96% of inspections scheduled YTD completed meeting the base target rate of >80% | Compliance Services |
| 3.1.7.b | Conduct routine inspection of all food and regulated premises, including public pools and skin penetration premises in accordance with the NSW Food Authority Partnership and relevant legislative requirements | In Progress | ▶ | 70% of the annual programmed routine regulatory premises inspections have been completed YTD ( 320 of 456). 63 routine inspections were conducted in March | Compliance Services |
| 3.1.7.c | Implementation of of Council's invasive weed species management program including the Regional Weeds Action Plan | In Progress | ▶ | Weed Action Plan roll out continues to be progressed. | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.1.7.d | Continue community engagement and education relating to environmental initiatives | In Progress | ▶ | - Less is More community education program commenced focusing on reducing food and clothing waste. Clothing swap and repairs plus movie night well attended. | Environment and Waste Services |

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| | | | | - HJO completed videos on correct usage of CRC with filming undertaken at Cessnock facility in March.<br>- Tree Day completed with Queens Jubilee planting on 13 August. One mature Angophora Costa, 350 native grasses and 200 shrubs planted by 180 community volunteers over 2 hours. Formal opening with Mayor, 4 Councillors and Federal MP attending. 12 months ongoing support of the new plants is being undertaken by Coolah. Working with Cessnock Tidy Towns to form an ongoing bushcare group for long-term care | |
| 3.1.7.e | Support environment and sustainability community groups within the LGA to implement awareness and on-ground projects | Not Due To Start | | Grants closed and Committee meeting held on15 March. Minutes of Committe going to April Council meeting for approval to distribute funds | Environment and Waste Services |

***3.2: Better utilisation of existing open space***

**3.2.1: Continue to implement the Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2019**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.2.1.a | continue implementation of the recommendations from the Recreation & Open Space Strategic Plan 2019 | In Progress | | An Open Space Guideline for the provision of outdoor fitness equipment and multipurpose courts has been developed to a draft format. The Guideline incorporates guiding principles, provision standards, performance criteria and suitable locations within the Cessnock LGA for outdoor fitness equipment and multipurpose courts | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 3.2.1.b | Implement Off Leash Dog Exercise Area Strategy | In Progress | | Following the completion of Manning Park Off Leash Dog Exercise Area in Cessnock, Council has been successful with grant funding (via the Stronger Country Communities Fund - Rd 5) for the establishment of an off leash area at Greta Central Oval. Procurements works have commenced for fencing, irrigation and park furniture (including agility equipment) with construction | Open Space and Community Facilities |

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| | | | | works due to commence in the fourth quarter | |
| 3.2.1.c | Progress Civic Park project to consolidate Council land and create a large development for adaptive reuse | Carry Forward | ⏭ | Council confirmed its intentions around use of Civic Park, and approved demolition and removal of buildings in September 2022. The demolition was planned to commence in early 2023 however site inspections have delayed the demolition as investigation on possible remediation of the site is undertaken | Finance and Administration |
| 3.2.1.d | implement actions from the Public Amenities Review and Open Space Guideline | In Progress | ▶ | The public exhibition period for the draft Public Amenities Strategy closed on 29 January 2023. With minimal submissions received and no suggested changes to the document the Strategy has been finalised.<br>An Open Space Guideline for the provision of outdoor fitness equipment and multipurpose courts has been developed to a draft format. The Guideline incorporates guiding principles, provision standards, performance criteria and suitable locations within the Cessnock LGA for outdoor fitness equipment and multipurpose courts | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**3.2.2: Develop and update Plans of Management**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.2.2.a | Develop and update Plans of Management | In Progress | ▶ | A response has been received from Crown Lands where additional information was requested for the draft Kitchener Poppethead Plan of Management. This information has been provided and Council is awaiting further advice from Crown Lands.<br>Generic PoM for Community Facilities continues to be drafted | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**3.2.3: Continue to implement the adopted masterplans for Council's recreation and community facilities and spaces**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.2.3.a | Continue to implement the adopted masterplans for Council's recreation and community facilities spaces | In Progress | | A number of works have been completed this quarter progressively implementing Council's adopted Masterplans. These works include the installation of new floodlights at Baddeley Park (Cessnock), continued construction of new tennis and netball courts at Miller Park (Branxton), completion of design drawings to DA level for upgrades to the playing fields and facilities at Weston Bears Park plan and commencing the construction of a new cricket practice net facility at Carmichael Park (Bellbird) | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 3.2.3.b | To benefit local sporting associations and community service groups, develop and establish a procedural framework for granting long-term tenure of land and facilities designated for community use | Not Due To Start | | Delayed due to other priorities | Finance and Administration |

**3.2.4: Provide and maintain recreation facilities, streetscapes and public open space**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
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| 3.2.4.a | Undertake routine maintenance in accordance with available resources and schedules | In Progress | | The maintenance schedule has recently been reviewed and updated. The Maintenance schedule is on track | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 3.2.4.b | Building assets to be revalued to inform the Building Asset Management Plan | In Progress | | Condition assessments and market valuations have been completed for all of Council's building assets. The Building Revaluation is complete pending interim audit review | Open Space and Community Facilities |

***3.3: Better resource recovery and waste management***

**3.3.1: Continue to develop and maintain Council's Waste Management Centre**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.1.a | Design a permanent Administration and Education Centre, including staff amenities, for the waste transfer station and landfill operation | In Progress | | Initial user group meeting held. Approached 2 architectural firms who have indicated they are keen to be involved. Currently awaiting geotechnical report required for works brief. These dates are to be confirmed | Environment and Waste Services |

**3.3.2: Continue landfill extension project**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.2.a | Continue management of Biodiversity Offset area for the landfill extension project | In Progress | | Bush regeneration/weeds control services have been awarded to Tooijooa Environmental. Council and Toolijooa have commenced project kick-off meetings to set expectations, evaluate the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan and implement a schedule to deliver the works. DA has been lodged to enable the demolition of the abandoned home. An asbestos/hazardous materials survey would be undertaken following on from DA approval | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.2.b | Continue preparation of landfill extension area to access operational cover material for landfill | In Progress | | Following inspection and follow up correspondence from EPA, works are progressing in Quarter 3 2022-23 to commence work on new/external cell to meet deadline of 2025. Stage 1 to focus on road and dams. Project manager appointed with expected commencement in April | Environment and Waste Services |

**3.3.3: Continue implementation of projects from the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-25**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.3.a | Continue to appropriately manage problem wastes to reduce potential pollution to the environment | In Progress | | 800 mattresses collection in February drop-off event. 1 New pharmacy added to the sharps disposal program | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.3.b | Develop policies and procedures to increase the efficiency of waste services | In Progress | | Received draft DCP and Waste Guidelines from consultants. Completed a review of the Draft DCP and collated feedback for consultants | Environment and Waste Services |

**3.3.4: Continue to provide an efficient and effective Waste Management Service**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.4.a | Continue to implement a waste avoidance and reuse community engagement program targeting attitudes to consumption | In Progress | | Two community events held under the Less is More program. Clothes Swap event on 17 March and a Food & Film night on 30 March attracted approx. 100 participants. Upcoming events include Raid my Wardrobe in April, a preserving workshop, and children's toy & book swap in May | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.4.b | Develop a reuse program at the waste management centre to divert waste from landfill | In Progress | | Less is More program commenced. Clothes Swap event on 17 March and a Food & Film night on 30 March attracted approx. 100 participants. Upcoming events include Raid my Wardrobe in April, and preserving workshop and children's toy & book swap in May | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.4.c | Upgrade or rehabilitate Greta Transfer Station based on the results of the cost benefit analysis | In Progress | | Part of overall program that will develop RAP's for six sites across the LGA | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.4.d | Manage the organics contract and work with Solo and regional partners to deliver kerbside organics collection | In Progress | | Meeting regularly with partners, collection and processing contractors to develop tools for the changeover in March 2024. Provided briefing to Council on 7 September with updates | Environment and Waste Services |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.4.e | Work with HRR to deliver the kerbside recycling collection | In Progress | | Drafting of tender documents for processing contract commenced | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.4.f | Operate the Cessnock Waste Management Centre in accordance with the Environment Protection Licence and relevant legislation and to encourage resource recovery | In Progress | | The Landfill Environmental Management Plan has been updated. All EPA monitoring and reporting has been undertaken as required. Submitted key Pollution Reduction Programs/Studies to the regulator by the due date. Ongoing site management works include New Admin building geotech investigation, leachate dam works, landfill extension progression, LMS gas extraction extension, ongoing environmental compliance and collaboration with the regulator | Environment and Waste Services |

**3.3.5: Continue to implement programs that reduce littering and illegal dumping**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.3.5.a | Implement Regional Illegal Dumping operation in conjunction with Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils | In Progress | | Negotiations between the EPA and the HJO are ongoing. Council's RID officer continues to work on outstanding investigations relating to illegal dumping, continued community engagement activities as well as consultation with major land holders in the LGA | Compliance Services |
| 3.3.5.b | Undertake litter programs such as Adopt-a-Road and Clean Up Australia Day. Participate in the EPA's Litter Prevention Initiative, subject to grant funding | In Progress | | Renewals of Adopt-a-Road agreements has commenced. New signage is being installed. Clean up Australia Day completed with 13 sites registered across the LGA | Environment and Waste Services |
| 3.3.5.c | Undertake illegal dumping cleanups and prevention programs, subject to grant funding | In Progress | | Liaising with Council's Illegal Dumping Officer and provided information to assist in the drafting of an application for funding under the EPA's Illegal Dumping grants. Continue to provide information to the Illegal Dumping Officer on potential sites and relevant behaviour change research | Environment and Waste Services |

## CAPITAL WORKS - A Sustainable & Healthy Environment

### *Recreation Buildings Construction Program (CBR)*

NIL this month

### *Drainage Construction Program (CDR)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CDR-2019-008 | drainage upgrade:<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>Kearsley Street Aberdare | Complete | ✔ | This action is complete |
| CDR-2020-000 | Mount View Detention Basin | On Track | ▶ | Investigation as required |
| CDR-2020-006 | upgrade drainage:<br>- stage 1 phase 3 construction<br>Thomas Street North Rothbury | Not Progressing | ✘ | Construction encountered hard rock, currently looking at a redesign of outstanding section |
| CDR-2020-007 | upgrade drainage: construction - Cruickshank Street Bellbird | On Track | ▶ | Design options being refined |
| CDR-2021-002 | upgrade trunk drainage:<br>- stage 3 & stage 4 - phase 3 construct<br>Whitburn Estate Greta | Complete | ✔ | Works and operations completed |
| CDR-2021-003 | upgrade drainage: design - Booth Street Kurri Kurri | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| CDR-2021-004 | upgrade drainage:<br>- stage 2 phase 1 investigate & design<br>Coronation Street Kurri Kurri | Complete | ✔ | Project inception phase |
| CDR-2021-005 | upgrade drainage: design - Portland Street Millfield | On Track | ▶ | Phase 1 completed, cost benefit analysis of options in progress |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CDR-2022-008 | upgrade minor drainage works:<br>- phase 1 investigate & design<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>various locations | On Track | ▶ | Minor works completed as required |
| CDR-2022-009 | roadside drainage program - various locations | On Track | ▶ | Minor works completed as required |
| CDR-2022-010 | drainage asset renewal - various locations | On Track | ▶ | Minor works completed as required. |
| CDR-2023-001 | drainage: minor investigation and works - various locations | On Track | ▶ | Minor works completed as required. |
| CDR-2023-010 | upgrade drainage: investigation and design - Hospital Road Weston | On Track | ▶ | Flood Investigation completed, concept options progressing |
| CDR-2023-011 | drainage: renewal - various locations | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CDR-2023-012 | roadside drainage program - various locations | On Track | ▶ | Minor works as required |

***Recreation Facilities Construction Program (CFR)***

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFR-2021-001 | construction of retaining wall:<br>- stage 2<br>East End Oval | Carry Forward | ⏭ | The tender has closed, submissions have been evaluated, preferred contractor to be engaged in April 2023 |
| CFR-2021-004 | Masterplan - Carmichael Park Bellbird | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Awaiting finalisation of the boundary adjustment, once this is finalised fencing works can be completed in line with the Masterplan |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFR-2021-009 | skate park:<br>- stage 2 construction<br>Crawfordville Community Hall Millfield | Complete | ✔ | Stage 2 of the skate park is completed, and official opening held 4 December |
| CFR-2022-002 | environmental works - Greta Central | Complete | ✔ | In line with the Environmental Management Plan for Greta Central Oval, stage 2 works at the eastern end of the park have been completed. Works included pine tree removal, weed control and new signage. The works aim to preserve, protect and restore the vegetation currently on site |
| CFR-2022-003 | pathway connection - Ellalong Park | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| CFR-2022-007 | detailed design (Subject to s7.11 funding approval) - Cessnock Regional Skate Park | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| CFR-2022-009 | netball and tennis courts - Miller Park | On Track | ▶ | Good progress has been made on this project this quarter including stabilisation works, completion of the subbase and footings, new grandstands for the netball courts and the concrete slab and asphalt for both tennis and netball courts have been installed. Fencing, floodlights and surfacing of the tennis courts is to be completed by May 2023 |
| CFR-2022-010 | redevelopment (business case) - Weston Bears Park | On Track | ▶ | Following internal and external engagement, detailed designs to DA level are complete. Council Officers are currently awaiting the completion of Quantity Surveyor estimate for the project and work is continuing on the business case |
| CFR-2022-011 | Stage 1 (BMX pump track) - Carmichael Park (Bellbird) | Carry Forward | ⏭ | Preferred contractor has been engaged. Works are due to commence in April |
| CFR-2022-012 | new sporting facilities - Carmichael Park (Bellbird) | On Track | ▶ | Site works have commenced, new cricket practice nets are underway, currently resolving on site |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | drainage issues prior to commencing construction of multipurpose court and hit up wall |
| CFR-2022-013 | play space upgrade - Maybury Peace Park (Weston) | Complete | ✔ | The inclusive play space upgrade is complete |
| CFR-2022-014 | leash-free dog area - Manning Park (Cessnock) | Complete | ✔ | Off Leash Area is complete with formal opening completed in December 2022 |
| CFR-2022-015 | floodlighting - Varty Park Weston | Complete | ✔ | New floodlights have been installed |
| CFR-2022-016 | shade sail installation - Hedleigh Park | Complete | ✔ | Project is complete |
| CFR-2023-001 | lighting upgrade: Strong Country Communities Fund (Round 4) - Baddeley Park (Cessnock) | On Track | ▶ | Floodlighting works are complete. Additional works to be completed with grant funding including a shade shelter, concrete pathways and lighting in the car park |
| CFR-2023-002 | skate park extension - Millfield Skate Park | Complete | ✔ | Project is complete |
| CFR2023-003 | carpark and access road upgrade: staged - Carmichael Park (Cessnock) | Carry Forward | ⏭ | Designs for the car park are completed. Works to be completed in conjunction with the upgrade to the BMX facility |
| CFR-2023-004 | playground replacement program - Macquarie Avenue / O'Neil Street / Harle Street / O'Brien Street | Carry Forward | ⏭ | Council's grant application was unsuccessful for Harle Street playspace upgrade. Project to be carried over due to additional funds being required to complete the upgrade |
| CFR-2023-005 | playground shade program - Hedleigh Park (Heddon Greta) / Mulbring / Cliftleigh | On Track | ▶ | A new shade sail has been installed at Hedleigh Park. Procurement works have commenced for a new shade sail at North End Park, Cessnock to compliment the recent surface upgrade to the playground |
| CFR-2023-006 | business case for netball facility - Booth Park (Kurri Kurri) | On Track | ▶ | Following internal and external engagement, detailed designs to DA level are complete. Council Officers are currently awaiting the completion of Quantity Surveyor |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | estimate for the project and work is continuing on the business case |

### *Waste Facilities Construction Program*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFW-2021-002 | storage shed construction - Cessnock Waste Management Centre | On Track | | Shed constructed; awaiting handrail for mezannie floor to be fabricated and installed to finalise project expected to be completed by end Quarter 2 2022-23 |
| CFW-2021-004 | biodiversity offset: signage and stage 2 fencing - Cessnock Waste Management Centre | On Track | | Site approved; fencing installed and then vandalised/stolen.<br>Re-think of feasibility required to prevent further theft |
| CFW-2021-005 | stage 1 remediation - former sanitary depot Kurri Kurri | Not Due To Start | | Work continues to complete RAP's for contaminated sites. Report will be prepared for Council consideration and funding. No physical works undertaken at this stage |
| CFW-2023-001 | recycling pad pavement rehabilitation - Cessnock Waste facility | On Track | | A site meeting was scheduled for 5 December. A brief is expected to be release by 31 December with works commencing early Quarter 3 2022-23 |

### *Floodplain Management Program (PMF)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PMF-2018-002 | investigation bund wall - Cessnock FRMSP | On Track | | Phase 1 complete, testing alternate design |
| PMF-2021-003 | detention basin improvement: Mount View | On Track | | Ongoing works |
| PMF-2022-002 | Flood mitigation:<br>- phase 3 construction<br>Heddon Greta | Not progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PMF-2022-003 | restoration plan: investigation and design - Black Creek | On Track | ▶ | investigating maintenance options to determine scope |
| PMF-2022-004 | floodplain risk management: study and plan - Greta | On Track | ▶ | Investigating options |
| PMF-2022-005 | stage 2: flood risk management - Black Creek | On Track | ▶ | Investigating options |
| PMF-2022-006 | flood mitigation construction - South Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Phase 1 complete, testing alternate design |
| PMF-2022-007 | flash flood warning system - Abermain and Weston | On Track | ▶ | Pending project finalisation |
| PMF-2022-008 | flash flood warning system - Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Pending project finalisation |

***Recreation Facilities Renewal Program (RFR)***

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RFR-2022-002 | floodlight pole replacement - Greta Central Park | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| RFR-2022-005 | install concrete plinths / replace safety surfacing - various playgrounds | Complete | ✔ | McFarlane Street playspace upgrade is complete |
| RFR-2023-001 | multipurpose courts and associated hit-up walls: repurpose - Carmichael Park Bellbird/Greta Central Oval | Complete | ✔ | Disused tennis courts and old cricket nets have been removed at Carmichael Park |
| RFR-2023-002 | renew tennis courts - Kurri Kurri Central Oval | Complete | ✔ | Two tennis courts have been resurfaced |
| RFR-2023-003 | formalise access road - Mount View Park Cessnock | Complete | ✔ | Project complete |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RFR-2023-005 | playground edging and surface program - various playgrounds | On Track | | Resurfacing works have commenced at North End Park, Cessnock. Due to be complete in April 2023 |
| RFR-2023-006 | parks and reserves asset renewal - various locations | On Track | | Maybury Peace Park climbing net has been delivered and proposed to be installed in May 2023 |
| RFR-2023-007 | sporting facilities: light pole and/or LED replacement program - various sporting facilities | Complete | ✔ | The project is complete, lighting upgrades were completed at Varty Park and Greta Central Oval |
| RFR-2023-008 | fence replacement program | Complete | ✔ | Fencing is complete at Ayrfield Miners Memorial multipurpose court |

### *Recreation Pre-Construction Design*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RPC-2023-001 | pre-construction design of recreation facilities - various locations | On Track | | A number of preconstruction works have been undertaken this quarter including concept designs for a Men's Shed at Greta Central Oval, detailed designs for upgraded courts at Cessnock Netball Facility and structural assessments are near completion for a number of facilities including the poppethead at Kitchener. Consultants have been engaged to complete detailed designs and construction drawings for a new skatepark at cliftleigh with a concept plan due to be publicly exhibited in May 2023. A preferred consultant has also been engaged for the development of detailed design and construction drawings for Greta Central Oval amenities buildings with external stakeholder meetings to commence in April 2023 |

### *Recreation Services Administration*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RSA-2023-001 | office equipment - council works depot | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Quarter 4 project. Scope being investigated |

### *Waste Major Plant*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WMP-2023-001 | heavy plant - waste services collection | On Track | ▶ | Request for tender preparation forwarded to A/Workshop Coord week ending 2 December. Expect significant delay due to supply and demand. Will also look to placing multi delivery order over different budget cycles to combat shortages |
| WPM-2023-002 | heavy plant - waste services disposal | On Track | ▶ | Request for tender preparation forwarded to A/Workshop Coordinator week ending 2 December 2022. Expect significant delay due to supply and demand. Will also look to placing multi delivery order over different budget cycles to combat shortages |



## 4: Accessible infrastructure, services and facilities

### *4.1: Better transport links*

#### 4.1.1: Advocate for increased funding for road and community transport and associated infrastructure

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.1.a | Prepare applications for available grant funding to improve commuter, freight and tourism transport links. | In Progress | | Worked on applications for road safety project fundng under the LGRSP. | Infrastructure |
| 4.1.1.b | Continue upgrade of Public Transport stops to ensure DDA compliance and apply for available funding in accordance with grant funding guidelines and timeframes | In Progress | | Additional Heddon Greta site and 2 Weston sites visited to confirm scope of upcoming works. | Infrastructure |

#### 4.1.2: Continue implementation of the Traffic and Transport Strategy

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.2.a | Continue to investigate and design the prioritized upgrade of Wollombi Road, Bellbird to Cessnock as per the Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy and City Wide Contributions Plan | In Progress | | Working with Project Team for Wollombi Road Upgrade under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund #3 | Infrastructure |
| 4.1.2.b | Seek funding opportunities for the high priority upgrade of Wollombi Road, Cessnock as per the Cessnock LGA Traffic & Transport Strategy | In Progress | | Working with Project Team for Wollombi Road Upgrade under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund #3 | Infrastructure |

#### 4.1.3: Continue implementation of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.3.a | Implement the following prioritized pathway project from the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan | In Progress | | Ongoing. Reported to funding body on milestone activities for various active transport infrastructure projects | Infrastructure |

**4.1.4: Continue implementation of the Cycling Strategy**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.4.a | Investigate and design the following prioritized project from the Cycling Strategy | In Progress | ▶ | Awaiting outcome of submitted Get Active applications | Infrastructure |
| 4.1.4.b | Implement the Trails Strategy | In Progress | ▶ | The first Trails Reference Group meeting was held in March 2023. The establishment of this group and subsequent meetings is a key action within the Trails Strategy and provides a means for the community and Council staff to work together to promote and increase opportunities for trails within the Cessnock LGA | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**4.1.5: Contribute to investigations and planning for the Richmond Vale Rail Trail**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.5.a | Progress the trail development to detailed design for the Richmond Vale Trail where resources permit | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | A submissions report has been finalised following the public exhibition of the Richmond Vale Rail Trail Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and stakeholder engagement. The REF will be reported to Council in the fourth quarter seeking Council's endorsement of the document and associated concept designs.<br><br>The development of detailed designs for the project is currently unfunded. Grant opportunities will continue to be investigated | Open Space and Community Facilities |
| 4.1.5.b | Participate in the Richmond Vale Rail Trail working group | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Newcastle City Council is the chair for the Working Party and no future meetings have been planned at this stage, informal engagement continues to be held with Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Council's | Open Space and Community Facilities |

**4.1.7: Continue implementation of the Section 7.11 City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plans**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.1.7.a | Progress the review of the Huntlee Planning Agreement | Complete | ✔ | The Huntlee Planning Agreement (Deed of Variation 3) executed 18 January 2023 | Strategic Planning |

***4.2: Improving the road network***

**4.2.1: Develop prioritised capital works programs in line with adopted asset management plans**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.2.1.a | Develop and deliver prioritised Capital Works Programs in line with adopted Asset Management Plans | Complete | ✔ | While recognising that prioritising capital works and key projects in terms of Asset Management and other community-required factors fall under the purview of the Roads team, the Design &Project Management team supports the Roads team by providing relevant feedback | Infrastructure |
| 4.2.1.b | Progress procurement and contract management to deliver the Cessnock LGA Traffic & Transport Strategy | In Progress | ▶ | Ongoing. Reviewed modelling and development projections report with consultant | Infrastructure |
| 4.2.1.c | Development and Transfer of Crown Roads (Road Standards) | In Progress | ▶ | Crown roads are transferred as required under the Crown Road protocol. The development of road standards is adopted as per the engineering guidelines. An updated version of the guideline is under review with anticipated adoption of council | Infrastructure |
| 4.2.1.d | Develop guidelines for the opening of roads | In Progress | ▶ | Resourcing has prevented this item being progressed in a timely manner. Additional resources to commence in 2023 and the development of the asset management team will allow further monitoring of assets and process developments to occur | Infrastructure |

**4.2.2: Deliver prioritised on ground capital works and maintenance programs**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.2.2.a | Contribute to delivery of the annual Capital Works Program | Complete | ✔ | The delivery of the relevant capital works program is facilitated by the provision of project management services, and the project management framework covers and implements the resource planning for the delivery of the capital works | Infrastructure |

**4.2.3: Continue to improve support services and facilities to assist works delivery and service provision**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.2.3.a | Complete the priority projects from the heavy plant and equipment service improvement project. | In Progress | ▶ | All initial requirements completed however ongoing review based on forecast increased capital works funding levels | Works and Operations |

***4.3: Improved access to health services locally***

**4.3.1: Advocate for maintenance of existing health services on behalf of the community**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.3.1.a | Healthy eating programs with young people are delivered from the new kitchen facility at Cessnock Youth Centre & Outreach Service (CYCOS) | In Progress | ▶ | The refurbished kitchen was officially opened at the Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service. The Samaritans Coalfields Healthy Heartbeat Service delivered a four week healthy eating program at the youth centre and included utilising the kitchen facility | Community and Cultural Development |

**4.3.2: Advocate for improved health services on behalf of the community where a shortfall has been identified**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.3.2.a | Monitor health services in the community to identify any shortfalls | In Progress | ▶ | At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 September 2022, a report for the provision of laundry and shower facilities for people experiencing homelessness outlined contributing factors to homelessness and may include | Community and Cultural Development |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, relationship breakdowns, mental health, alcohol and drug abuse and a lack of affordable or accessible housing. Attended was a consultation session with Hunter New England Health Service for the refurbishment of Cessnock Hospital | |

## CAPITAL WORKS - Accessible Infrastructure, Services & Facilities

### *Bridge Construction Program (CBS)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CBS-2017-005 | replace Anvil Creek bridge:<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>Nelson Street Greta | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| CBS-2018-006 | bridge replacement (grant funding dependent) - Watagan Creek #3 Laguna | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CBS-2023-002 | bridge defects- Paynes Crossing Bridge | On Track | ▶ | Remediation options being considered |

### *Traffic Facilities Program (CFT)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CBS-2022-001 | upgrades to bus stops and shelters:<br>- phase 1 investigate and design<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>various bus stop locations | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CFT-2016-006 | LATM traffic facility improvements:<br>- stage 1 investigation and design<br>Gallagher Street Cessnock | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFT-2019-003 | high pedestrian activity area - intersection Wollombi Road and Great North Road Wollombi Village | On Track | | Quotes being considered |
| CFT-2021-006 | upgrade bus stops for Disability Discrimination Act Compliance:<br>- phase 1 investigate and design<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>various bus stops | On Track | | Defect inspections and additional works continuing |
| CFT-2022-001 | pedestrian refuge - Mount View and McGrane Street Cessnock | Not progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CFT-2022-002 | intersection works - Kerlew Street and Occident Street Nulkaba | On Track | | LTC recommendation endorsed at Ordinary Council meeting 15 March 2023. Design Engineer consulted for preliminary design |
| CFT-2022-003 | Holy Spirit Primary School Barton Street | On Track | | Defect inspection pending |
| CFT-2022-004 | Kurri Kurri High School Stanford | Complete | | Works completed |
| CFT-2022-005 | Kurri Kurri Public School Lang Street | On Track | | Tenders awarded, construction commencement late April 2023 |
| CFT-2022-006 | Paxton Public School Anderson Avenue | On Track | | Anticipate works during April School Holidays |
| CFT-2022-007 | improvements - Stanford Merthyr Infants School Maitland Street Kurri Kurri | On Track | | Bus shelter refurbished and installed at new location. Regulatory parking changes requested by School, processed through LTC 20 March 2023, recommendation reported to Ordinary Counil 19th April. Activation of bus stop pending TfNSW approval |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CFT-2022-008 | Weston Public School Fifth Street | On Track | | Works complete, pending installation of line marking and wheel stops |
| CFT-2023-006 | bus stop upgrades to DDA compliance - various locations | On Track | | Defect inspections and additional works continuing |
| CFT-2023-007 | traffic control signals - Wollombi Road and Darwin Street Cessnock | On Track | | Preliminary discussions underway to determine timing of works along with Stage 1 Wollombi road project |
| CFT-2023-008 | traffic control signals - Wollombi Road and Westcott Street Cessnock | On Track | | Preliminary discussions underway to determine timing of works along with stage 1 of Wollombi Road project |
| CFT-2023-009 | traffic control signals - Wollombi Road and Abbottsford Street Bellbird | On Track | | Preliminary investigations underway |
| CFT-2023-010 | traffic signals - Wollombi Road Bellbird Heights (HK Development) | On Track | | Preliminary investigations underway |
| CFT-2024-007 | extension to Wollombi Road (grant funding dependent) - Wollombi Road Cessnock | On Track | | Preliminary investigations underway |

***Pathway Construction Program (CPW)***

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CPW-2021-015 | connecting pathway - Weston (First Street from Station Street to Government Road) | On Track | | Considering tender quotes |
| CPW-2021-017 | shared pathway - Cessnock (Cessnock CBD to Bridges Hill Park via Aberdare) | On Track | | Under construction, estimated completion End March 2023 (Stage 1). Stage 2 tender awarded, completion estimated End June 2023 |
| CPW-2022-001 | shared pathway - Millfield (Rose Hill Estate to Crawford Park Millfield) | On Track | | Under construction with an anticipated complete by the end of May 2023 |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CPW-2022-002 | shared pathway - Greta (High Street to Greta Railway Station via Nelson Street) | On Track | | Awaiting approval to award since early March 2023 |
| CPW-2022-003 | shared pathway - Pelaw Main (Stanford Street from Log of Knowledge Park to Neath Street) | On Track | | Request for quotations submitted for undertaking initial investigations |
| CPW-2022-004 | shared pathway - Nulkaba (Bridges Hill Park to Lomas Lane via Manning Park, Drain Oval and Wine Country Drive) | On Track | | Concept designs for footbridges received and being reviewed. Quotations for Stage 7 works closed and are currently being assessed. Awaiting final design from Consultant for Dowlan Lane (Stage 6). Works Authorisation Deed with TfNSW has been signed for installation of pedestrian refuges on Maitland Road and Allandale Road. Stage 2 Design underway |
| CPW-2022-005 | shared pathway - Cessnock (CBD to West Cessnock Public School) | On Track | | Tenders open late March |
| CPW-2023-001 | shared pathway (grant funding dependent) - East Branxton (Dalwood Road approximately 1235 metres between Wyndham Street and Spring Street) | Not progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CPW-2023-002 | pathway and bus shelters - Cessnock (Government Road Anzac Avenue to URA) | Not progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CPW-2024--001 | shared pathway - Weston (Weston Street from Fourth Street to Sixth Street) | On Track | | Works completed, pending installation of pavement marking and tactile |
| CPW-2024-003 | pathway - Bellbird (Bellbird Public School to Sparke Street) | Not progressing | | Grant funding dependent |

### *Local Road Construction Program (CRL)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CRL-2018-002 | power relocation - Frame Drive Weston | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CRL-2021-003 | road upgrade - Kerlew Street Nulkaba | On Track | ▶ | Design being finalised for construction |
| CRL-2022-001 | road rehabilitation - Cooper and Charlton Street Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Preparation of report to council for options |
| CRL-2023-002 | road upgrade - Orange Street Abermain | Not progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CRL-2023-003 | road street lighting upgrade - Gingers Lane Sawyers Gully | On Track | ▶ | Preparing tenders |

### *Safer Roads Program (CRR)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLS-2023-001 | road upgrade (grant funding dependent) - Sandy Creek Road Mount Vincent | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CLS-2023-002 | road upgrade (grant funding dependent) - Abernethy Street Kitchener | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| CLS-2023-003 | road upgrade (grant funding dependent) - Old Maitland Road Bishops Bridge | Not Progressing | ✖ | Negotiating land acquisition |
| CRR-2020-002 | road upgrade - George Downes Drive Bucketty | On Track | ▶ | Request for EOT submitted to TfNSW |
| CRR-2020-004 | road shoulder/W beam/CAMs/edge lines/RRPM's/warning sign - Sandy Creek Road Mount Vincent | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| CRR-2021-006 | road upgrade - Oakey Creek Road Cessnock | On Track | ▶ | Work is continuing in Stage 1, 2 and 3. Culvert works are well underway at chainage 1300, pipe |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | extension completed at chainage 1500 |

### *Pre-Construction Design Program*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DCP-2023-001 | pre-construction design: design and contracts - various locations | On Track | | Works as and when required |
| DCP-2023-002 | retaining wall geotechnical investigation - Clark Street Weston | Not Progressing | | Deferred project |

### *Natural Disaster Capital*

added at Quarter 2 2022-23

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NDC-2022-001 | landslip remediation | On Track | | Grant funding awarded, indvidual locations being investigated |
| NDC-2022-002 | flood gates and warning system | On Track | | Grant funded project- Underway completion anticipated June 24 |
| NDC-2022-003 | Yango Creek Road causeway | On Track | | Grant funded project- Design in tender phase with construction works anticipated for June 2024 |
| NDC-2022-004 | natural disaster rehabilitation: Rhino Corner – Glenloona Road, Laguna | On Track | | Grant funded project- Design in tender phase with construction works anticipated for June 2024 |

### *Airport Construction Program*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PCA-2019-003 | sewer and water connection to the western side of the airport (and storm water drainage) - Cessnock Airport | Complete | | Work complete |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PCA-2020-000 | project management - Cessnock Airport | Not progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| PCA-2020-006 | fencing end of runway 17 - Cessnock Airport | Complete | ✔ | This work is complete |
| PCA-2020-007 | install non-precision GPS (RNAV) approaches for RWY 17/35 - Cessnock Airport | Not progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| PCA-2020-010 | runway lighting - Cessnock Airport | On Track | ▶ | This work is complete |
| PCA-2020-010 | runway lighting - Cessnock Airport | Not progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| PCA-2021-011 | upgrade: contingency - Cessnock Airport | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| PCA-2023-002 | airport fencing - Cessnock Airport | On Track | ▶ | Programmed to start in February and expected finishing mid-March |
| PCA-2023-004 | airport additional RFS water tank and diesel pump - Cessnock Airport | On Track | ▶ | The detailed designs have been completed with tenders currently being sought to construct the new taxiway and apron. Tenders close on 19 December 2022 |
| PCA-2023-005 | airport RFS aviation fire base project - Cessnock Airport | On Track | ▶ | Design complete. went out for tender. prices received too high. need to retender |
| PCA-2023-006 | taxiway extension - airport | Complete | ✔ | Increased scope on airport project |

### *Plant and Fleet Acquisition*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PFA-2023-001 | fleet vehicles | On Track | ▶ | Updated Vehicle Leaseback Agreement for 2023 in place from 1/1/2023<br>New and replacement vehicles ordered but extended |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | delays in delivery |
| PFA-2023-002 | major plant - council works depot | On Track | | In line with 10 year replacement program but being reviewed to bring forward some plant replacements earlier to meet forecast capital works funding |

### *Airport Renewal Program*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PRA-2020-006 | aircraft parking areas/runway rehabilitation including repairs and asphalt overlay and runway extension/taxiway widening/surface upgrade and improved fuel area access - Cessnock Airport | Complete | | All these works are complete now |

### *Gravel Rehab & Resheeting Program*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RRG-2023-001 | gravel rehabilitation and resheeting program - various locations | On Track | | Gravel resheeting will happen in the last quarter (April-June 2023) |

### *Local Road Renewal Program (RRL)*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RRL-2019-011 | rehabilitation:<br>- phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct<br>Henderson Street Cessnock | Complete | | This project is complete |
| RRL-2020-005 | road rehabilitation - Aberdare Street Kitchener | Not Progressing | | Project deferred |
| RRL-2020-011 | - phase 2 detailed design<br>- phase 3 construct | On Track | | Under Construction, estimated completion by End June 2023 |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Quorrobolong Road Kitchener from Stanford Street north to CH2830 | | | |
| RRL-2020-013 | road rehabilitation - South Avenue Cessnock Darwin to Vincent | Complete | ✔ | This project is complete |
| RRL-2020-014 | road rehabilitation - Camp Road Greta Mansfield to CH1320 | On Track | ▶ | Works completed |
| RRL-2021-005 | road rehabilitation- Congewai Road Paxton | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Project added at Q2 2022-23 |
| RRL-2021-006 | road rehabilitation - Sandy Creek Road Quorrobolong | On Track | ▶ | Preliminary Designs being considered |
| RRL-2021-007 | road rehabilitation - Sheddon Street Cessnock | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Project deferred |
| RRL-2021-008 | road rehabilitation - Mansfield Street Greta | On Track | ▶ | Detailed design in progress |
| RRL-2021-011 | pavement rehabilitation - Cessnock Road Weston | On Track | ▶ | Final seal, signs and linemarking pending |
| RRL-2021-012 | road upgrade - Old Maitland Road Sawyers Gully | On Track | ▶ | Awaiting Land acquisition |
| RRL-2022-002 | renew car parks - various locations | Not Progressing | 🛠 | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| RRL-2023-001 | reseal local roads - various locations | On Track | ▶ | Works identified for 2022/23 have been completed. Road formation restricted to 7.0m min. pavement width |
| RRL-2023-002 | road rehabilitation - Murrays Run Road Murrays Run | Not Progressing | ✖ | Phase 1: developing concept design and expected to complete in May 2023 |
| RRL-2023-003 | road rehabilitation - Sanctuary Road Paxton | Not Progressing | ✖ | Phase 1: developing concept design and expected to complete in May 2023 |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RRL-2023-004 | road rehabilitation - Richmond Vale Road Richmond Vale | On Track | | Phase 1 : Preliminary investigation underway where RFQ for detail survey work has been published and to close by 5 April 2023. The survey work is expected to commence in early May 2023. The floodway crossings study is expected to commence in early April 2023 and to complete in mid of May 2023 |
| RRL-2023-005 | road rehabilitation (grant funding dependent for construction) - Sawyers Gully Road | Not Progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| RRL-2024-001 | road rehabilitation - Majors Lane Sawyers Gully | Not Due To Start | | Grant funding dependent |
| RRL-2024-006 | road rehabilitation - Averys Lane Heddon Greta | On Track | | Initial discussion on project requirements and extent of works. With design to be finalised by May 2022 |
| RRL-2024-009 | road rehabilitation - Dalwood Road East Branxton | Not progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| RRL-2024-010 | road rehabilitation - Heddon Street Heddon Greta | On Track | | Initial discussion on project requirements and extent of works. With design to be finalised by May 2022 |
| RRL-2024-015 | road rehabilitation - Deakin Street Kurri Kurri | Not progressnig | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |

***Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR)***

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RRR-2021-004 | slope rehabilitation - Paynes Crossing Road Paynes Crossing | Not Progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| RRR-2022-002 | slope stabilisation - Great North Road | Not Progressing | | Deferred to 2023-24 operational plan |
| RRR-2022-003 | stabilisation - Great North Road Ramsays Leap | Complete | | Project completed |

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RRR-2022-004 | road rehabilitation:<br>- stage 7.2<br>Wollombi Road Millfield | On Track | ▶ | REF, concept design, QS estimation & Survey completed, Design & Construction tender to be invited. |
| RRR-2023-001 | reseal regional roads - various regional roads | Complete | ✔ | Works identified have been completed |
| RRR-2023-002 | road rehabilitaton:<br>- stage 7.3<br>Wollombi Road Millfield to Hayes Road towards Cedar Creek | On Track | ▶ | Works Programmed for Jan-Mar |



## 5: Civic leadership and effective governance

### *5.1: Fostering and supporting community leadership*

#### 5.1.1: Provide professional development opportunities for Councillors

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.1.1.a | Develop and deliver a Councillor Professional Development and Training Program | In Progress | | Councillor development document has been developed and endorsed by the Executive Leadership Team. A report will be presented to Council in April. Recent finance training as requested by individual Councillors has been provided | Finance and Administration |

#### 5.1.3: Our Council is committed to implementing our Community's vision

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.1.3.a | Meet with groups on a regular basis and provide assistance where required | In Progress | | Engagement with s355 committee's is ongoing. Assisting committee's as per the NSW Audit Office recommendations | Open Space and Community Facilities |

### *5.2: Encouraging more community participation in decision making*

#### 5.2.1: Continue implementation of the projects from the Communications and Engagement Strategy

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.2.1.a | Increase opportunities for our Council to collaborate with community members | In Progress | | - Elevating opportunities for face to face engagement.<br>- Working with Director of works Infrastructure to incorporate Comms & Engagement into Staff PDP.<br>- Climate Change Resilience plan, development of guided submission to make constructive feedback easier, planning of face to face sessions to give feedback aligning with online options.<br>- FWS magnet and brochure mailout to close the loop.<br>- Designated section of Together Cessnock for Traffic Regulation engagements | Business Support and Customer Relations |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.2.1.b | Undertake engagement with stakeholders, residents, community members/groups and businesses regarding Council projects, programs, strategies and services | In Progress | | - Draft Engineering Guidelines for Design and Construction.<br>- Draft Cessnock Tree Strategy.<br>- 2023 Australian Liveability Census.<br>- Community Satisfaction Survey.<br>- Climate Change Resilience Plan<br>- Temporary regulation of Traffic Lovedale Long Lunch.<br>- Proposed Road Naming including Wedgetail Close and Kline Street Weston.<br>- Bridge replacement.<br>- Proposed shared pedestrian & vehicle zone.<br>- Dowlan Lane Sawyers Gully Urban Investigation Area.<br>- Kurri Kurri Town Centre Upgrades | Business Support and Customer Relations |
| 5.2.1.c | Develop and implement proactive face to face engagement options | In Progress | | - Climate Change Resilience Plan.<br>- Wollombi Road Upgrade.<br>- Maybury Peace Park Opening.<br>- Preparing face to face engagement, Drain Oval Masterplan, Kurri Kurri Sports Precinct Masterplan, Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, Greta and Black Creek stage 2, Conservation Lands Project | Business Support and Customer Relations |

**5.2.2: Actively participate in and collaborate with the Hunter Joint Organisation to promote the interests of the local government area**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.2.2.a | Actively participate in and collaborate with Hunter Joint Organisation to promote the interests of the LGA | In Progress | | The Mayor and General Manager attend and participate in the Hunter JO Board and respective subcommittee meetings to advocate for improvements, strategic priorities and funding opportunities for the Hunter region | General Manager |

**5.2.3: Continue to monitor and respond to the State Government's local government reform programs to improve the financial sustainability of councils**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.2.3.a | Monitor and respond to the State Government's | In Progress | | Ongoing. No significant changes announced by Office of | Finance and |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | local government reform program | | | Local Government. Attended and provided information at rate peg methodology workshops with IPART | Administration |

***5.3: Ensuring Council is accountable and responsive to the community***

Nil this quarter

**5.3.1: Continue implementation of the Customer Service Strategy**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.1.a | Build an organisation which has a focus on the customer by having well trained staff who are committed to providing a quality service | In Progress | | Continual development and coaching of Customer Relations team members in responding to IVR queues, call recording and face to face enquiries was undertaken | Business Support and Customer Relations |
| 5.3.1.b | Review Council's Customer Service Strategy, Action Plan and Charter | In Progress | | Council is reviewing and updating our current Customer Service Strategy into a more holistic Customer Experience Strategy. Proto Partners has been engaged to work with Council to deliver the new strategy | Business Support and Customer Relations |

**5.3.2: Conduct regular development consultation forums**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.2.a | Conduct regular development consultation forums | In Progress | | The first Development Consultation Forum of 2023 is scheduled to be held (virtually) on 3 May 2023. Topics include: Recent Developments from the Land and Environment Court (external speaker); Implementation of the Regional Plan (external speaker); Development Performance (internal speaker); Strategic Planning Update (internal speaker); and Building Services Update (internal speaker) | Development Services |

**5.3.3: Efficiently and effectively process development applications and respond to planning enquiries**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.3.a | Efficiently and effectively process development applications and respond to planning-related enquiries | In Progress | | DAs (and related Applications) are processed effectively as indicated by average turnaround times (refer to separate statistical evidence), and satisfaction surveys. Statistics in respect of average turnaround times have been impacted by high workloads associated with the increase in development activity, and staff vacancies. Planning related inquiries are responded to promptly and accurately through Council's Duty Planning Services, Development Assessment Officers and Pre-DA Meetings for prospective applicants | Development Services |
| 5.3.3.b | Investigate the expansion of the application programming interface (API) between the NSW Planning Portal (ePlanning) and Council's systems | In Progress | | Post consent certificate API is scheduled to go live on 3 April 2023 | Business Support and Customer Relations |
| 5.3.3.c | Assess mitigation of the impact of traffic generating development | In Progress | | Ongoing | Infrastructure |
| 5.3.3.d | Review and propose updated standards for road widths, kerb and gutter, pathways and bus shelters contained in Council's Engineering Requirements for Development | In Progress | | Attention to provision of updated internal drawings for introduction of new bus shelter | Infrastructure |
| 5.3.3.e | Continue to review and enhance our internal processes and workflows in line with the Department of Planning and Environment's Development Assessment Best Practice Guide | In Progress | | NSW Planning Portal can now accept evidence of written landowner's consent at any time before determination, following recent changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation 2021) - Review undertaken of Section 4.59 report in line with current legislation - NSW Planning Portal performance dashboard reporting Hunter Council benchmarking reported monthly - Review of internal processes associated with driveway | Business Support and Customer Relations |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | applications has been undertaken and actions implemented - 10.7 Planning Certificate training has commenced - Testing of API for certificates has been completed | |

**5.3.4: Continue to implement the strategic and operational internal audit plan**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.4.a | Develop and implement a strategic internal audit plan | In Progress | | The Annual Internal Audit Plan 2022-23 is currently in progress. The audit on Fraud Control Framework is being finalised. An audit on WHS has commenced | Internal Auditor |

**5.3.5: Continue to embed a culture of Enterprise Risk Management throughout the Council**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.5.a | Continue to ensure and improve the safety and wellbeing of Council's workforce | In Progress | | KPI results for this quarter continue to improve with the internal WHS audit program seeing a significant increase by 25% in audit results. Internal audit results have exceeded our target KPI rate of 80% and all project audits were conducted within the first 6 weeks of the project commencing.<br>Council's Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) for this period is down by 9% from the same time last year. Wait times for medical treatment is less than 24 hours which is providing early medical diagnosis and treatment plans for injured workers.<br>Council's RTW program and system was audited in February 2023 and the results compared against an audit undertaken in February 2021. A significant increase in the score was achieved a positive 47% increase to the 2021 result | People and Culture |
| 5.3.5.b | Ensure Council's Enterprise Risk Management | In Progress | | Several risk initiatives have been undertaken during this | People and Culture |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Management (ERM) framework is continued to be embedded in all operations of Council and develop Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to assess and report to the Executive Leadership Team on the ERM framework | | | period in particular further work on Council's Business Continuity planning and testing of these plans. BCP plans and Maximum acceptable outage (MAO) for Council services has been reviewed and further training and testing arranged. A review of Council's Risk matrix and risk registers continues. Council's project, volunteer and contractor framework is also under review | |

**5.3.6: Undertake Service Delivery reviews and implement recommendations to improve productivity throughout the council**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.6.a | Develop framework, methodologies and project plan for Service Delivery reviews to commence over the balance of the Delivery Program | In Progress | | Methodology to be endorsed by the Executive Leadership Team in May with identified Service Delivery Reviews to be incorporated into the 2023-24 Operational Plan | Finance and Administration |

**5.3.7: Continue to manage Council governance functions and statutory requirements**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.7.a | Provide staff with awareness, tools, and knowledge to assist them in meeting their governance and statutory compliance obligations | In Progress | | Governance circulars and training/support continuing | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.7.b | Carry out governance functions, provide advice and conduct education programs to comply with legislation and best practice including in relation to delegations, legislative interpretation, compliance, complaints, UCCs, GIPA, PPIP, Copyright, PID, Fraud and Corruption Prevention, Policy, etc. (Governance) | In Progress | | Advice provided as required. Ongoing training and review of documents and procedures. New employee induction training completed | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.7.c | Create or review and update all policies that have been identified as required or are due for | In Progress | | All policy reviews are being completed in appropriate | Finance and |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | review. Place all policies where there are material changes on public exhibition | | | timeframes | Administration |
| 5.3.7.d | Undertake the annual review (and update) of the Investment Policy | In Progress | | Investment policy currently being reviewed by Council's investment advisors. Report incorporating updates required will be provided for the consideration of the Audit and Risk Committee in May and the Council in June for adoption | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.7.e | Develop the Operational Plan | In Progress | | Draft Operational Plan reviewed by Executive and is to be presented to the Council at the April meeting to go on exhibition | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.7.f | Prepare the Cessnock City Annual Report | Complete | ✔ | The Annual report endorsed by Council in November 2022. The Minister was provided with copy and the report published on council's website | Finance and Administration |

**5.3.8: Continue to identify and implement Financial Sustainability Initiatives**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.8.a | Continue to enhance Council's Contractor Management to ensure value for money principles can be achieved | Complete | ✔ | Council has continued to implement the surveys. This is now part of an ongoing business process. This process will continue to ensure that Council continues to seek value for money | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.8.b | Continue to apply the principle of balanced operating budget and ensure programs are fully funded | Complete | ✔ | This is considered complete. The budget has been drafted but with a focus on Capital Works delivery. Programs are fully funded however there has been an adjustment to financial strategy to operate with deficit budgets to build more internal capacity to meet the requirements of the capital works program | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.8.c | Continue implementation of the Plant and Fleet Management review to ensure efficient and effective use of resources | Not Due To Start | ‖ | Monthly reviews undertaken of internal and external plant utilisations to identify plant replacements and additional acquisitions | Works and Operations |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.8.d | Review all non-rate related revenue as part of the Operational Plan to identify options which can reduce reliance on ratepayers | In Progress | | All non-statutory fees are to be increased by a minimum of 3.5% for the next budget with further analysis to be undertaken on the level of cost recovery provided by these fees | Finance and Administration |

**5.3.9: Ensure Council develops and improves Information Technology and Communication systems to meet organisation requirements**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.9.a | Collaborate on integration opportunities between project managements tools/systems with Authority and PULSE | In Progress | | Training has provided by PULSE. Improvements in the system are now being developed to improve the reporting including procedures to update PULSE actions are each quarterly budget review | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.9.b | Share information regarding the status of current Capital Works particularly with respect to traffic disruptions and construction works | Complete | | The capital works project updates are being recorded in the master spreadsheet and in the Pulse portal on a monthly basis | Infrastructure |

**5.3.10: Implement the Workforce Management Strategy**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.10.a | Develop and implement strategies to assist in reducing Council's unplanned leave usage | In Progress | | Reports being prepared on the unplanned leave usage for each Directorate. This data will then be analysed and discussed with each Director | People and Culture |
| 5.3.10.b | Commence undertaking relevant actions within Council's Leadership Framework for 2022-23 | In Progress | | Annual Leadership Days for Level 1 and Level 2 Leaders (Supervisors and Emerging Leaders) has been confirmed for October 19, 20 and 26 2023 and Annual Executive and Senior Leadership Day has been confirmed for October 27 2023. The draft programs are being preparing for both the Level 1 & 2 and the Level 3 & 4. Blue Bus organisational wide training has been locked in for June and July 2023 | People and Culture |

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.10.c | Review and if required update the Council's 2020-2024 EEO Management Plan | In Progress | | The plan will be reviewed and updated to incorporate the diversity strategy. Research into best practice currently being undertaken. Work has been undertaken to introduce a new Veterans Employment section on Council's website, a question in the application process re whether an applicant has formally served in an australian defence force and ensuring feedback on applications are provided for veterans where requested | People and Culture |
| 5.3.10.d | Continue to implement the succession planning and talent management framework | In Progress | | Newly appointed Senior People and Culture Adviser will commence in her role in early May and one of the key priorities is to revisit the succession planning actions as per the Framework. This will involve reviewing the identified critical areas and positions (Phase 1) and undertaking the talent identification process (Phase 2) | People and Culture |
| 5.3.10.e | Develop and deliver a Diversity Plan to strengthen the representation at all levels of the organisation of identifiable groups within the community including those with disability, youth, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and people from non-english speaking background | In Progress | | The delivery of the Diversity Plan will come in the form of a review and update to the EEO Management Plan. Research being undertaken at the moment to understand what best practice looks. Minor changes have been made to our 2023 ads include a diversity statement and refer people to our recruitment team that require assistance in applying for positions at Council. Also Council has introduced the Veterans Employment Program. Council's website has been updated to include a Diversity Statement and information on the Veterans Employment Program | People and Culture |
| 5.3.10.f | Review Council Policy and Protocols to ensure Council adhere and implementation of relevant Child Safe Standards | In Progress | | Child Safe Policy is being developed with a view to presenting the draft Policy to Executive in June ELT meeting | People and Culture |

**5.3.11: Review the need to apply for a Special Rate Variation to manage the burden of increasing cost of Council to maintain assets and meet community requirements**

| Action ID | Operational Plan 2022-23 Action | Status | | Comments | Responsible Service |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5.3.11.a | Undertake a project to assess the need for a possible Special Rate Variation application | In Progress | ▶ | Will be considered in conjunction with the budget process for 2023-24. Reports to be provided to the Executive in the final quarter of the year outlining financial forecasts | Finance and Administration |
| 5.3.11.b | Enhance Council Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) to ensure that the LTFP becomes part of the IP&R documents to facilitate scenario analysis for Special Rate Variation | In Progress | ▶ | Review of initially methodologies undertaken. To confirm progress with ELT in May | Finance and Administration |

## CAPITAL WORKS - Civic Leadership & Effective Governance

### *Other Fixed Assets*

| Project ID | Project Name | Status | | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| OFA-2022-006 | fuel spill remediation | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Awaiting necessary funding for works to proceed |
| OFA-2023-001 | IT equipment: system administration - Cessnock Administration Building | Not Due To Start | ⏸ | Work is not scheduled to start. Changes to the equipment is expected to commence in Quarter 4 |
| OFA-2023-002 | lunch room redesign | On Track | ▶ | To be reviewed in Quarter 4 |

Section 3

# Charts

*Figure 1.Operational Plan performance - Objectives*

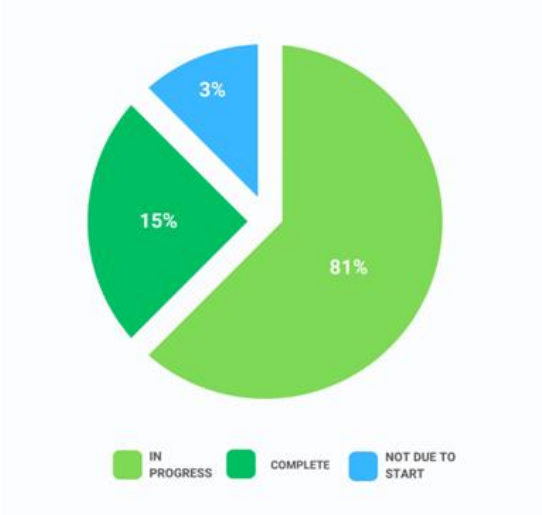



*Figure 2. Operational Plan performance – Capital Works*




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# Cessnock City Council
# Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary
# April 2023

**Global issues:**

- In the US, inflation has fallen to 5% with a sharp slowing in annual energy and goods price inflation leaving it well down from its high of 9.1% in mid-2022.
- However, the market remains sceptical that the US Federal Reserve will be able to avoid a recession as the US yield curve remains inverted (short term rates higher than long term rates). Like here in Australia, the market expects the central bank's next rate move will eventually be a cut.
- The International Monetary Fund also believes the world economy is at an increased risk of a hard landing and warns of "a significant risk that the recent banking system turbulence will result in a sharper and more persistent tightening of global financial conditions."
- On a positive note, US quarterly corporate earnings are mostly better than expected so far in the current reporting period. With more than half of the S&P 500 companies reporting, 80% have surprised on the upside, well above the December quarter and above the long term average.
- Global share markets had another good month in April as the threat of further rate hikes from the central banks appeared to be nearing an end. Japanese and European shares were up over 2.7% while the US and Australian markets gained 1.6% and 1.8%, respectively.
- Commercial real estate trusts recovered some of their losses from March with a gain of over 5% in April. The Industrials and IT sectors also recorded solid results, both up over 4% for the month.

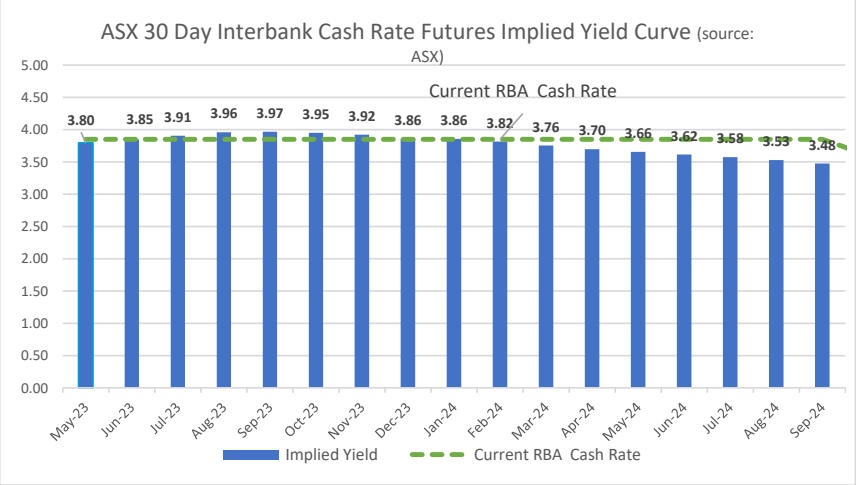
**Domestic issues:**

- There has been only a small effect on Australian banks' funding costs from the higher risk premiums in global markets due to the lingering bank issues in the US and Europe. Spreads on domestic banks' bonds have risen slightly, and by much less than had been seen during the pandemic or the global financial crisis, suggesting a high level of confidence in markets about the creditworthiness of Australian banks.
- The Australian jobs market remains surprisingly strong. Latest data showed employment rose by another 53,000, participation rose to a near record high, and unemployment was unchanged at 3.5%.
- The latest monthly consumer price index release fell again, now at 6.3% versus its high of 8.4% in December. The more widely referenced quarterly inflation data is expected to largely follow suit despite services prices remaining stubbornly high.
- Some economists, as well as the financial markets, are anticipating a steady fall in inflation by the end of the year due to the slowdown in goods prices, early signs of weakening job openings and high recession/downturn risks due to the surge in interest rates over the year.

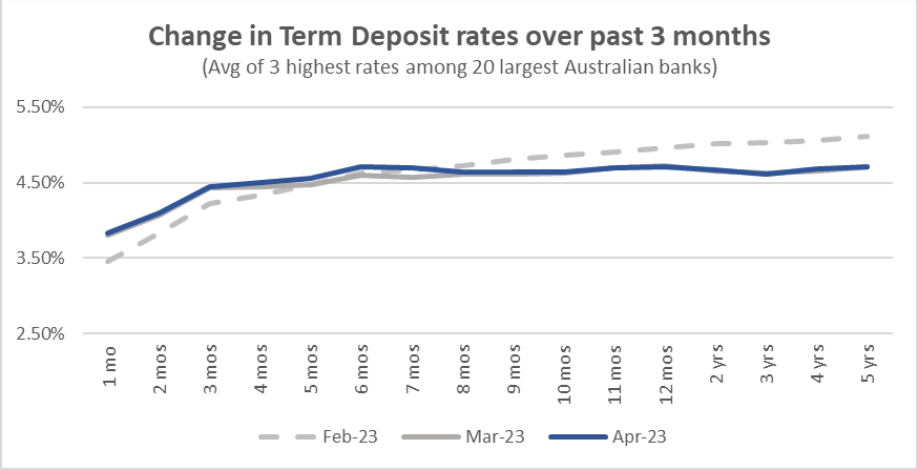
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**Interest rates**

- At its April meeting the RBA kept the cash target unchanged at 3.60%, but made it clear that monetary policy may need to be tightened at subsequent meetings and that the purpose of pausing was to allow time to gather more information, from both home and abroad.
- At the end of April, the market was still pricing in 3.60% as the peak cash rate in this cycle with the next move being a rate cut, possibly in early 2024. At the start of May, the RBA surprised the market and most economists, with a hike of 0.25% to take the cash rate to 3.85%. The market is now pricing in a peak of 4%:




- In April, average term deposit rates were largely unchanged from March with rates between 4.50% - 4.70% for terms of 4 months out to 5 years:



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**Investment Portfolio Commentary**

Council's investment portfolio posted a return of 3.92%pa for the month versus the bank bill index benchmark return of 3.77%pa.

Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 3.48%pa for the month, up from 3.23% in March. This is based on the actual interest rates being received on existing investments and excludes the underlying changes to the market value of the TCorp growth fund.

Share and bond markets performed well again in April as long term market rates fell due to ongoing expectations that central banks are closer to pausing or at least decelerating further rate hikes.

The NSW TCorpIM Medium Term Growth Fund recorded a gain of 0.86% (actual), reflecting the positive movements in the share and bond markets over the month.

Council has a well-diversified portfolio invested predominantly among a range of term deposits and senior ranked floating rate notes from highly rated government and Australian bank issuers. Council also has exposure to a wide range of asset classes, including international and domestic shares via the NSW TCorp Medium Term Growth Fund. It is expected that Council's portfolio will achieve above benchmark returns over the medium/long term with prudent investment selection.

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## QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

Quarter 3 March 2023

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## Welcome
### Acknowledgement of Country

Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its local government area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people, and the Darkinjung people.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government area





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## Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021:

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Cessnock City Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2023 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure. It is noted that this deficit is primarily by timing differences of expenditure incurred in the current financial year as opposed to the income being recognised prior to 30 June 2022 in addition to increasing depreciation costs.

Council's cash position remains strong at this point in time though further investigation will be needed as part of the upcoming budget process to determine future requirements around ongoing financial sustainability. This includes consideration of future income needed and/or cuts to council services.

Council continues to focus on applying balanced budget principles and actively seek to identify opportunities to improve the financial position. Council needs to maintain financial responsibility in decisions relating to both current and future obligations and commitments.

Signed:

**Matthew Plumridge – Responsible Accounting Officer**

Date: 9/5/2023

## Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement

| Operating Statement | Original Budget 2022-23 | Approved Changes | | | | Current Budget 2022-23 | Variations for this Mar Qtr | Notes | Projected Year End Result | Budget YTD Figures | Actual YTD Figures |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Carry Forwards | Other than by QBRS Sep | Sep QBRS | Dec QBRS | | | | | | |
| **Income** | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | | $ | $ | $ |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 61,216,230 | - | - | 200,000 | 400,000 | 61,816,230 | | | 61,816,230 | 62,000,330 | 61,690,432 |
| User Charges and Fees | 9,782,190 | - | - | - | 1,427,071 | 11,209,261 | | | 11,209,261 | 9,126,695 | 9,312,070 |
| Interest and Investment Revenues | 475,500 | - | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | 875,500 | 900,000 | 1 | 1,775,500 | 775,962 | 1,492,733 |
| Other Revenues | 2,132,718 | - | - | 150,000 | (116,826) | 2,165,892 | | | 2,165,892 | 1,661,928 | 1,743,667 |
| Grants and Contributions - Operating | 11,750,730 | - | - | 1,527,214 | 79,785 | 13,357,729 | 2,718,709 | 2 | 16,076,438 | 10,206,757 | 8,531,471 |
| Grants and Contributions - Capital | 38,870,699 | - | - | 858,568 | (6,075,701) | 33,653,566 | 487,997 | 3 | 34,141,563 | 24,507,237 | 27,779,436 |
| Net gain from disposal of assets | 570,000 | - | - | - | (329,235) | 240,765 | | | 240,765 | - | - |
| **Total Income from Continuing Operations** | **124,798,067** | **-** | **-** | **2,935,782** | **(4,414,906)** | **123,318,943** | **4,106,706** | | **127,425,649** | **108,278,909** | **110,549,810** |
| **Expenses** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 34,557,415 | - | - | 702,248 | 3,000 | 35,262,663 | | | 35,262,663 | 26,423,413 | 26,123,344 |
| Borrowing Costs | 176,327 | - | - | - | - | 176,327 | | | 176,327 | 118,863 | 61,914 |
| Materials and Contracts | 20,557,577 | 1,136,636 | 137,900 | 62,223 | 4,873,813 | 26,768,149 | | | 26,768,149 | 22,092,028 | 24,117,129 |
| Depreciation | 15,599,112 | - | - | - | 1,967,387 | 17,566,499 | 26,010 | 4 | 17,592,509 | 13,174,821 | 13,174,877 |
| Legal Costs | 642,000 | - | - | - | - | 642,000 | 120,000 | 5 | 762,000 | 476,256 | 747,047 |
| Consultants | 613,953 | - | - | - | - | 613,953 | | | 613,953 | 440,366 | 298,234 |
| Other Expenses | 11,254,798 | - | - | 50,000 | - | 11,304,798 | | | 11,304,798 | 8,684,240 | 7,893,174 |
| Net Loss from disposal of assets | 2,500,000 | - | - | - | - | 2,500,000 | - | | 2,500,000 | - | - |
| **Total Expenses from Continuing Operations** | **85,901,182** | **1,136,636** | **137,900** | **814,471** | **6,844,200** | **94,834,389** | **146,010** | | **94,980,399** | **71,409,987** | **72,415,718** |
| **Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | **38,896,885** | **(1,136,636)** | **(137,900)** | **2,121,311** | **(11,259,106)** | **28,484,554** | **3,960,696** | | **32,445,250** | **36,868,922** | **38,134,092** |
| **Net Operating Result before Capital Items** | **26,186** | **(1,136,636)** | **(137,900)** | **1,262,743** | **(5,183,405)** | **(5,169,012)** | **3,472,699** | | **(1,696,313)** | **12,361,685** | **10,354,655** |



## Operating Performance

Comments related to Year to Date (YTD) operating performance

The YTD net operating result before capital income is a surplus of $10.4m (16.2% unfavourable to YTD budget of $12.4m).

### Rates and Annual Charges (YTD variance unfavourable -$309,898 or -0.5%)

Council levies rates and annual charges for the whole year in July, however ratepayers are provided the option to make payments in quarterly instalments throughout the year due in August, November, February and May.

Income is recognised up front in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines), therefore the Actual YTD figures represent the full year of levied income despite timing differences in payment receipts. This is the main reason for the large net operating surplus with one more quarterly instalment still to be received of up to $15m.

### User Charges and Fees (YTD variance favourable $185,375 or 2.0%)

Income YTD is favourable compared to budgets due to additional income for garbage tipping fees.

### Interest and investment revenues (YTD variance favourable $716,771 or 92.4%)

Due to the Reserve Bank of Australia increasing the cash rate regularly since May 2022, yields on new investments have also increased and interest income is exceeding budget expectations. More information is available in Council's monthly investment reports.

### Other revenues (YTD variance favourable $81,739 or 4.9%)

Closely aligned to budget YTD

### Grants and contributions (combined operating and capital YTD variance favourable $1,596,914 or 4.6%)

Budgets for grants (both operating and capital) are only included in the delivery program for known successful approved grants and variation is expected.

According to the Australian Accounting Standards, income for operating grants and contributions is recognised in the accounts when received (or invoiced, often in arrears), whereas income for capital grants is recognised when those capital works are being completed.

Changes to income for both operating and capital grants and contributions have been proposed in this quarterly budget review.

The primary unfavourable variance of $1.7m between the YTD actual operating grant income and the budget relates to the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) which was prepaid at 75% into the 2021-22 financial year. It is not known whether the FAG will be prepaid again this year, nor the quantum of the payment. This variance of $4m is partially offset by the receipt of two new operating grants totalling $2.4m for Local and Regional Road Repairs and Pothole repairs.

### Employee costs (YTD variance favourable $300,069 or 1%)

Employee costs include salaries and wages; leave entitlements; superannuation; workers compensation; travel (including costs associated with vehicles); training; and fringe benefits tax. The key accounts relating to the YTD variance are as follows:

- Salaries and wages $2.8m favourable generally attributable to vacancies
- Capitalised costs ($1.9m) unfavourable as a result of vacancies and lower labour costs transferring to capital works projects
- Leave entitlements ($0.8m) unfavourable mostly due to unbudgeted long service leave taken
- Superannuation $0.2m favourable generally attributed to vacancies

### Borrowing costs (YTD variance favourable $56,949 or 48%)

The low actual costs compared to budget relate to a timing differences associated with new loans yet to be drawn down this financial year. Original planned borrowings may be far less than expected due to deferral of some loan funded capital works projects.

### Materials and contracts (YTD variance unfavourable -$2,153,760 or -9%)

The large YTD unfavourable variance relates to the following:

- $0.5m Transport for NSW works on state roads
- $0.7m regional road maintenance
- Phasing and permanent differences across other operating projects.

### Depreciation (YTD variance Nil or -0%)

Depreciation is higher than original budgets as a result of the prior year revaluation which increased values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

### Other expenses (YTD variance favourable $791,066 or 9%)

The favourable underspend in other expenses relates to timing differences between budget phasing and actual expenses incurred. The largest variance within this category is the EPA levy for waste (YTD favourable $0.4m).



## Income and Expense Budget Changes

### Variations to income and expenses for this March review (Notes 1 to 5)

Council has conducted a review of its operating income and expenses for this March quarterly budget review for major items and proposes a net increase to the projected year end result of $3.5m. Forecasts for estimated full year budgets have been based on trends and currently available information. The following notes provide commentary related to the proposed changes to operational results.

| Note | Description | | $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Increased income related to improved term deposit yields on new investments | | 900,000 |
| 2 | Increased income for operating grants and contributions related to: | | |
| | Local and Regional Repair Grant | $1,989,181 | 2,718,709 |
| | Local Pot Hole Repair Grant | 374,650 | |
| | Regional Maintenance Block Grant (align budget to actual received) | 184,209 | |
| | Block Grant – Supplementary Amount | 117,000 | |
| | Disaster Risk Reduction fund – community Resilience Officer (Expense in 2024) | 40,000 | |
| | Low Cost Initiative Interest Rate Subsidy | 7,109 | |
| | Bushlands Festival Grant (offset by expense) | 5,000 | |
| | Anzac Community Grant (offset by expense) | 1,560 | |
| 3 | Increased income for capital grants and contributions related to new grants or capital grants brought in to match capital project expenses (not previously recognised due to accounting standard requirements) for the following project spend : | | 487,997 |
| | Yango Creek Road, Wollombi | $ 557,596 | |
| | Miller Park Multipurpose Courts | 530,000 | |
| | Qurrobolong Road, Kitchener Rehabilitation | 456,883 | |
| | Greta Central Oval Fenced Off Leash Dog Exercise Area | 261,000 | |
| | Cessnock Performing Arts Entrance | 200,000 | |
| | Create NSW CPAC LED Lighting | 152,280 | |
| | Chinaman's Hollow Outdoor Fitness Equipment & Fitness Loop | 142,000 | |
| | Wollombi Road, Cessnock Accelerated Infrastructure Fund | 122,500 | |
| | Mount View Road, Cessnock Rehabilitation | 64,393 | |

| Note | Description | | $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Variety Park Floodlight Upgrade | 60,000 | |
| | McFarlane Street Inclusive Play Space | 60,000 | |
| | Pathway Cessnock CBD to West Cessnock Public School | 50,000 | |
| | Branxton Town Centre – Church Street to Anvil Creek Bridge | 50,000 | |
| | Bus Shelter Grant 21-23 | 30,000 | |
| | Subtotal | 2,736,652 | |
| | Offset by decreased income for capital grants due to the deferral of the following capital works projects: | | |
| | Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre Upgrade | ($680,723) | |
| | Kurri Kurri CBD Upgrade – Pavement Rehabilitation | (573,027) | |
| | Branxton Greta Cycleway | (419,244) | |
| | Kline Street Bridge | (376.376) | |
| | Cessnock Road Weston Pavement Rehabilitation (Funds applied 2022) | (198,930) | |
| | Cessnock Flood Mitigation Construction | ( 74,069) | |
| | Watagan Creek, Laguna Bridge | ( 9,876) | |
| | Subtotal | (2,248,655) | |
| 4 | Increased materials and contracts related to the following: | | 26,010 |
| | Cessnock Performing Arts – COVID Relaunch (Grant Income in 2022) | $17,695 | |
| | Bushland Festival ( Offset by Grant Income ) | 5,000 | |
| | Saluting their Service Commemorations ( Grant Income in 2022) | 1,755 | |
| | Anzac Community (Offset by Grant Income) | 1,560 | |
| | Reallocation of budgets across Waste Projects | - | |
| | Reallocation of budgets across Works and Operations Projects | - | |
| 5 | Increased legal fees | | 120,000 |

In summary, the proposed changes in this March review, forecast a revised surplus of $32.4m, or a net deficit of $1.7m excluding income from capital grants and contributions.



## Capital Expenditure Budget Review Statement

| Capital Expenditure | Original Budget 2022-23 | Carry Forwards | Approved Changes | | | Revised Budget 2022-23 | Variations for this Mar Qtr | Projected Year End Result | Actual YTD Figures |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Revotes | Sep QBRS | Dec QBRS | | | | |
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Airport Construction Program (PCA) | 1,292,881 | - | 2,944,186 | - | 299,698 | 4,536,765 | - | 4,536,765 | 538,212 |
| Airport Renewal Program (PRA) | 684,538 | - | 457,567 | - | - | 1,142,105 | - | 1,142,105 | 5,552,959 |
| Branxton Town Centre Program (CTB) | | - | - | - | 55,000 | 55,000 | 50,000 | 105,000 | 55,218 |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | 7,243,172 | 623,787 | 66,011 | - | (4,266,305) | 3,666,665 | (637,575) | 3,029,090 | 1,237,679 |
| Cemetery Facilities Construction Program (CFC) | 59,315 | 29,354 | - | - | - | 88,669 | - | 88,669 | 32,816 |
| Cessnock Civic Precinct Revitalisation Program (RCC) | 712,123 | - | - | - | - | 712,123 | (640,000) | 72,123 | 47,344 |
| Community Buildings Construction Program (CBC) | 160,000 | - | 10,450 | 50,000 | 100,000 | 320,450 | - | 320,450 | 57,338 |
| Community Buildings Renewal Program (RBC) | 1,877,859 | 107,233 | 713,737 | 850,222 | 1,349,252 | 4,898,303 | 43,662 | 4,941,965 | 2,219,183 |
| Design & Contracts Pre-Construction Design (DCP) | 317,322 | - | - | - | (45,000) | 272,322 | (2,374) | 269,948 | 33,411 |
| Drainage Construction Program (CDR) | 870,964 | 315,638 | 217,626 | - | (749,645) | 654,583 | (144,112) | 510,471 | 392,727 |
| Floodplain Management Program (PMF) | 3,202,187 | 76,879 | 288,002 | - | (2,596,000) | 971,068 | (124,069) | 846,999 | 673,870 |
| Gravel Rehab & Resheeting Program (RRG) | 330,000 | - | - | - | 43,966 | 373,966 | - | 373,966 | 17,330 |
| Kurri Town Centre Program (CTK) | 4,139,694 | 959,656 | 29,712 | - | - | 5,129,062 | (2,700,000) | 2,429,062 | 1,940,902 |
| Library Books | 222,950 | 10,631 | - | (50,000) | - | 183,581 | - | 183,581 | 113,382 |
| Local Road Construction Program (CRL) | 1,384,279 | 4,984 | - | (10,000) | (1,060,000) | 319,263 | (180,000) | 139,263 | 100,225 |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | 11,461,513 | 762,049 | 755,217 | - | (5,162,899) | 7,815,880 | 1,522,674 | 9,338,554 | 7,711,725 |
| Natural Disaster Remediation | - | - | - | - | 911,532 | 911,532 | (210,000) | 701,532 | 531,808 |
| Other Fixed Assets (OFA) | 60,000 | - | - | 71,000 | 335,000 | 466,000 | - | 466,000 | 487,913 |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | 9,341,201 | 107,298 | 511,675 | - | (3,158,328) | 6,801,846 | (1,536,976) | 5,264,870 | 3,297,668 |
| Plant and Fleet Acquisitions (PFA) | 3,001,702 | - | - | 341,249 | 300,000 | 3,642,951 | - | 3,642,951 | 2,396,032 |
| Pool Facilities Renewal Program (RFP) | 256,417 | 391,468 | 37,956 | - | - | 685,841 | - | 685,841 | 429,649 |
| Recreation Buildings Renewal Program (RBR) | 494,487 | - | - | - | - | 494,487 | (143,471) | 351,016 | 190,775 |
| Recreation Facilities Construction Program (CFR) | 2,705,717 | 205,586 | 315,328 | 77,000 | 515,915 | 3,819,546 | 407,809 | 4,227,355 | 1,759,772 |
| Recreation Facilities Renewal Program (RFR) | 272,031 | 187,674 | - | 30,000 | - | 489,705 | 20,000 | 509,705 | 515,810 |
| Recreation Pre-Construction Design (RPC) | 230,000 | 17,930 | - | (7,000) | - | 240,930 | (4,000) | 236,930 | 75,897 |
| Recreation Services Administration | 20,000 | - | - | - | - | 20,000 | - | 20,000 | - |
| Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR) | 2,577,367 | - | 233,930 | (300,000) | 596,733 | 3,108,030 | 1,280,708 | 4,388,738 | 2,298,941 |
| Safer Roads / Blackspot Program (CRR / CLS) | 3,896,993 | 782,608 | - | 300,000 | (2,643,460) | 2,336,141 | 600,000 | 2,936,141 | 1,451,310 |
| Signage Program (CRV) | 40,000 | - | - | - | - | 40,000 | 23,096 | 63,096 | 63,096 |
| Traffic Facilities Program (CFT) | 1,778,295 | 271,037 | 31,737 | - | (1,609,000) | 472,069 | - | 472,069 | 636,239 |
| Waste Facility Construction Program (CFW) | 352,386 | - | 172,089 | - | 20,000 | 544,475 | - | 544,475 | 112,630 |
| Waste Facility Remediation Program (CFW) | 83,059 | - | 477,308 | - | - | 560,367 | - | 560,367 | 4,362 |
| Waste Major Plant | 725,000 | - | - | 233,279 | - | 958,279 | - | 958,279 | 319,286 |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** | **59,793,452** | **4,853,812** | **7,262,531** | **1,585,750** | **(16,763,541)** | **56,732,004** | **(2,374,628)** | **54,357,376** | **35,295,509** |

## Capital Expenditure Budget Changes

Actual Capital Expenditure for the year to 31 March 2023 was $35.3m which equates to 59% spent from the Original Budget of $59.8m, and 48% spent from the Q1 Approved Budget of $73.5m.

### Variations to capital expenditure for this March review

All projects within the capital works program were reviewed as part of the Q3 Quarterly Budget Review Statement process and a decrease to the overall capital works program of $2.4m is proposed due to project completions or deferrals to 2024.

| Program | Project | Amount $ |
|---|---|---|
| Branxton Town Centre Program (CTB) | CTB-2023-001 Church St to Anvil Ck Bridge Nth Side | 50,000 |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | CBS-2017-005 Anvil Creek Bridge Greta | (1,608) |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | CBS-2018-005 Kline St Weston | (414,738) |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | CBS-2018-006 Refurb #3 Watagan Ck Laguna | (17,257) |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | CBS-2022-001 Cuneens Bridge Wollombi Demolition | (198,972) |
| Bridge Construction Program (CBS) | Paynes Crossing Bridge Defects | (5,000) |
| Cessnock Civic Precinct Revitalisation Prog. (RCC) | RCC-2022-001 Cessnock CBD Civic Stg 2 Lib Shared Z | (640,000) |
| Design & Contracts Pre-Construction Design (DCP) | DCP-2023-002 Clark St Weston retaining wall geotec | (2,374) |
| Drainage Construction Program (CDR) | CDR-2020-006 Thomas St North Rothbury | (47,862) |
| Drainage Construction Program (CDR) | CDR-2021-005 Portland St Millfield Trunk Drainage | (77,000) |
| Drainage Construction Program (CDR) | CDR-2021-006 Rawson St Aberdare I&D | (19,250) |
| Floodplain Management Program (PMF) Capital | PMF-2021-003 Mount View Detention Basin Improvemen | (50,000) |
| Floodplain Management Program (PMF) Capital | PMF-2022-006 South Cessnock Flood Mitigation Const | (74,069) |
| Kurri Town Centre Program (CTK) | CTK-2020-001 Town Centre Upgrade | (1,700,000) |
| Kurri Town Centre Program (CTK) | CTK-2021-001 Lang St Kurri Roadworks | (1,000,000) |
| Local Road Construction Program (CRL) | CRL-2020-001 Murrays Run Road Embankment Stabilisa | (180,000) |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2018-010 Mount View Rd, Cessnock | 88,004 |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2020-005 Aberdare St Kitchener | (8,916) |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2020-011 Quorrobolong Rd Kitchener | 1,000,000 |

| Program | Project | Amount $ |
|---|---|---|
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2020-014 Camp Road Greta Mansfield to CH1320 | 150,000 |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2021-007 Sheddon St, Cessnock | (15,614) |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2021-011 Cessnock Rd Weston Pavement Rehabilit | 274,632 |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2022-004 Deasys Rd Pokolbin Renew Stage 2 | (25,432) |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2023-002 Murrays Run Rd Rehab-Ph1 Inv & Design | 50,000 |
| Local Road Renewal Program (RRL) | RRL-2023-005 Sawyers Gully Rd-Ph1 Invest & Design | 10,000 |
| Natural Disaster - Capital | March 2022 Flood - $1m OLG - Yango Ck Rd causeway | (450,000) |
| Natural Disaster - Capital | March 2022 Flood - $1m OLG Grant - Rhino Corner | 240,000 |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2018-005 Branxton to Greta Cycleway | (59,690) |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2022-001 Millfield - Rose Hill Est to Wollombi | 40,000 |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2022-003 Pelaw Main Log of Know Park to Neath | 20,000 |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2022-004 Bridges Hill to Wine Country Drive | (1,471,493) |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2022-004 O'Connors Rd, Nulkaba Cycleway | (115,793) |
| Pathways Construction Program (CPW) | CPW-2022-005 West Cessnock Public School Link | 50,000 |
| Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR) | RRR-2022-003 GreatNthRd Ramsays Leap Stabilisation | 30,699 |
| Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR) | RRR-2022-004 Wollombi Road Millfield Stage 7.2 | 140,009 |
| Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR) | RRR-2024-004 Wollombi Rd, Allandale Rd to Abbotsford St (Traffic & Transport Strategy) | 250,000 |
| Regional Road Renewal Program (RRR) | RRR-2024-xxx Wollombi Road Millfield Stage 7.4, Hayes Road toward Cedar Creek Road Millfield | 860,000 |
| Safer Roads Program (RMS Blackspot) (CRR) | CRR-2021-006 Oakey Creek Road, Cessnock | 600,000 |
| Signage Program (CRV) | CRV-2023-001 Town Entry Signs Heddon Greta & Clift | 23,096 |
| Recreation Facilities Construction Program (CFR) | CFR-2022-014 Manning Park Leash Free Dog Area | (75,000) |
| Recreation Facilities Construction Program (CFR) | CFR-2024-007 Greta Central Oval Fenced Off Leash Dog Exercise Area | 261,000 |
| Recreation Facilities Construction Program (CFR) | CFR-2024-008 Chinamans Hollow Fitness Equip & Loop | 142,000 |
| Recreation Pre-Construction Design | Pre-Construction Design - Open Space | (4,000) |
| **Total changes proposed for the Q3 March QBRS** | | **(2,374,628)** |



## Cash and Investments

Council's cash and investment balance as at 31 March 2023 was $75,805,095. All investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and the Ministerial Investment Order and further details are available in Council's monthly Investment Reports.

The cash at bank amount has been reconciled to the bank statements as at 31 March 2023 as per below:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash at bank (as per bank statement) | $9,418,346 |
| Less : Unpresented bank file transactions | (278,927) |
| Add : Unpresented Authority cashbook transactions | 10,740 |
| **Reconciled General Fund Cash as per General Ledger** | **$9,150,159** |

## Cash Reserves

The below table shows closing cash restrictions as at 30 June 2022 included in Council's audited financial statements as well as the original budget adopted as part of the Delivery Program 2022-26, and the year to date actual balances as at 31 March 2023, as per Council's Investment Report.

| | Actual June 2022 $000's | Original Budget June 2023 $000's | Actual March 2023 $000's |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Externally Restricted** (Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose) | | | |
| Developer contributions | 26,432 | 30,138 | 31,687 |
| Transport NSW Hunter Expressway | 624 | 990 | 182 |
| Specific purpose unexpended grants | 7,332 | 2,049 | 8,359 |
| Stormwater management | 825 | - | 923 |
| Domestic waste management | 430 | 430 | 430 |
| **Total externally restricted** | **25,643** | **33,607** | **41,581** |
| **Internally restricted** (Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose) | | | |
| Plant and vehicle replacement | 3,714 | 3,293 | 3,016 |
| Employees leave entitlement | 2,446 | 3,745 | 2,446 |
| Carry over works (General Fund) | 2,267 | - | 934 |
| Bridge replacement | 455 | - | 372 |
| Insurance provisions | 1,282 | 1,362 | 896 |
| Miscellaneous projects | 805 | 361 | 857 |
| Grant fund leverage | 115 | - | 90 |
| Financial Assistance Grant in advance | 6,115 | 3,978 | - |
| Operations and programs reserve | 318 | 497 | 431 |
| Property investment fund | 3,199 | 2,713 | 3,056 |
| Civil works | 1,515 | 1,348 | 716 |
| Waste depot and rehabilitation | 9,454 | 10,125 | 9,454 |
| Unexpended loan funds | - | - | - |
| Committed projects (Special Rate Variation) | 1,345 | - | 889 |
| Security deposits / bonds | 3,551 | 3,585 | 4,085 |
| **Total internally restricted** | **36,581** | **31,007** | **27,331** |
| **Unrestricted** (i.e. available after the above restrictions) | 1,227 | 4,534 | 6,893 |
| **Total cash and investments** | **73,451** | **69,148** | **75,805** |

## Key Performance Indicators

Based on the proposed changes to budgets contained in this quarterly budget review, all core Local Government key performance indicators are estimated to meet or exceed benchmarks.

| Performance Measure | Actual 2021-22 | Result 2021-22 | Benchmark | Original Budget 2022-23 | Projection 2022-23 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Performance Ratio | 3.42% | ✓ | >0.00% | ✓ | X |
| Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio | 55.60% | X | >60.00% | ✓ | ✓ |
| Unrestricted Current Ratio | 3.74x | ✓ | >1.50x | ✓ | ✓ |
| Debt Service Cover Ratio | 10.93x | ✓ | >2.00x | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage | 6.86% | ✓ | <10.00% | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cash Expense Cover Ratio | 10.23 mths | ✓ | >3.00 mths | ✓ | ✓ |





## Contracts

Major contracts equal to or greater than $50,000 entered into during reporting period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 are summarised below:

| Tendor Number | Name | Purpose | Amount | Commencement Date | Completion Date | Duration Months | Included in Budget? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q2023-113 | Supply Paver Cleaning and Sealing Cessnock CBD | Paver Cleaning and Sealing in Cessnock CBD | $141,680.00 | 20/03/2023 | 31/06/2025 | 27 | Yes |
| Q2023-120 | Greta Centre Floodlighting | Supply and Install Floodlights | $258,500.00 | 20/03/2023 | 31/10/2023 | 7 | Yes |
| Q2023-128 | Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre Amphitheatre | Construction of an Amphitheatre at the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre | $249,999.00 | 15/03/2023 | 30/09/2023 | 6 | Yes |
| Q2023-136 | Replacement Core Switch for Council Data Centre | Replacement Core Switch for Council Data Centre | $149,514.78 | 28/02/2023 | 31/03/2024 | 13 | Yes |
| Q2023-81 | Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre Awning Construction | Construction of Awning | $240,964.46 | 22/02/2023 | 30/06/2023 | 4 | Yes |
| T2022-12 | Cessnock Sportsground Seating Renewal | Replacement of the existing grandstand seating at Cessnock Sportsground | $285,372.67 | 1/02/2023 | 31/03/2023 | 2 | Yes |
| T2023-14 | Landscaping for Cessnock Library Laneway Landscape | Landscaping for Cessnock Library Laneway | $432,381.77 | 9/03/2023 | 30/07/2023 | 5 | Yes |




## Other Expenses

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

| | Actual YTD | Budgeted Y / N |
|---|---|---|
| Consultancies | $298,234 | Y |
| Legal Fees | $747,047 | Y* |

* Due to the nature of emergent and unforeseen matters, legal fee budgets are reviewed at least quarterly and adjustments are proposed if required.

## Employee Numbers

The following table shows approved employee numbers as at 31 March 2023 based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) measurement which is where 1.0 FTE equals a position where the hours are contracted for the full week (either a 35 or 38 hour week). The below figure includes all positions both occupied and vacant however excludes casuals.

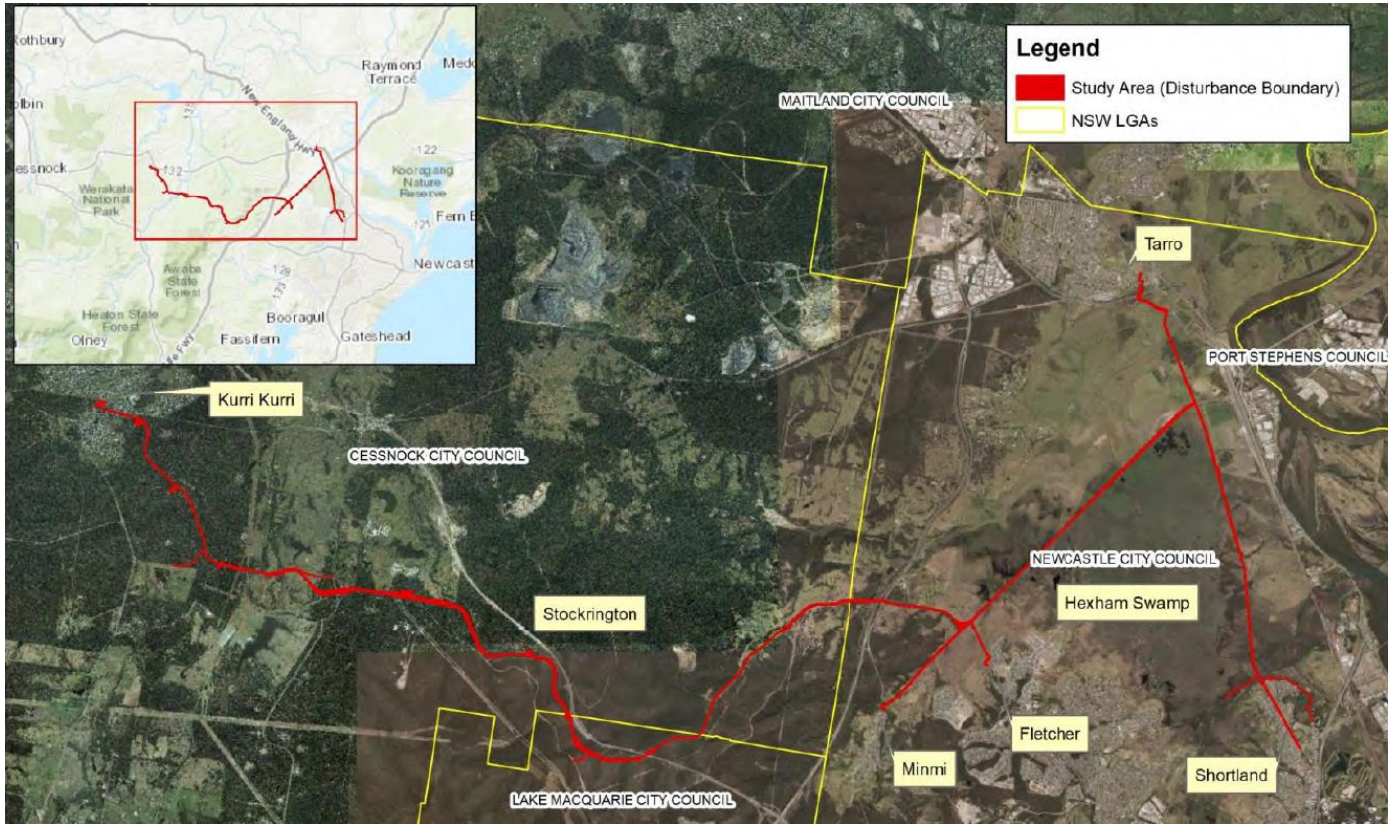
| Employee Type | Approved FTE 2022-23* | Actual FTE 31 March 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Permanent | 382.84 | 338.47 |
| Apprentice/Trainee | 18.60 | 27.81 |
| Temporary | 13.81 | 18.40 |
| **Total Approved Full Time Equivalents** | **415.25** | **384.68** |

* Approved FTE for 2022-23 as per Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026



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Booragul
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Fassifern
Olney
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Awaba State Forest
Werakata National Park
Kooragang Nature Reserve
New England Hwy

# Richmond Vale Rail Trail

## Response to Submissions Report

Cessnock City Council

5 April 2023



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 The proposal

The proposal involves the establishment of approximately 17 kilometres of recreational pathway, constructed for the most part within existing cleared road corridors or the former Richmond Vale railway alignment. The proposal would enable active transport between the suburbs of Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Buchanan, Richmond Vale, Seahampton and Stockrington.

The proposal would generally comprise the following construction activities:

– Removal of unsuitable subgrades and construction of pavements using imported gravel, asphalt and concrete.
– Restoration and repair, as required, of three existing railway tunnels.
– Installation of at-grade crossings of the following roads:
  - Dog Hole Road, Stockrington
  - Quarry access road, Richmond Vale
  - Hunter Expressway construction yard off George Booth Drive, Richmond Vale
  - Pokolbin Street, Kurri Kurri
– Construction of a 15 metre two-span concrete bridge at Surveyors Creek and demolition of the existing timber bridge at this location.
– Construction of a new 70 metre single span bridge at Wallis Creek, and demolition of the existing timber bridge at this location.
– Construction of a new, short bridge at Werekata Creek, with removal of the existing bridge abutments as the bridge structure having been removed previously.
– Construction of new parking facilities at various access points along the proposal route.

The key features of the proposal are shown in Figure 1.1.

A more detailed description of the proposal is found in the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) prepared for Cessnock City Council (Council) by GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) in March 2022.

## 1.2 Purpose of the report

This Response to Submissions Report relates to the REF prepared for the proposal and should be read in conjunction with that document.

The REF was placed on public display and submissions relating to the proposal and the REF were received by Council. This report summarises the issues raised and provides responses to each issue (Chapter 3).

Council has also undertaken additional engagement activities with key stakeholders. These activities are described in Section 2.2, with response raised during discussion and Council's response summarised in Table 2.1.

Where required, additional safeguards and management measures to address issues raised are provided in Chapter 4.

## 1.3 Scope and limitations

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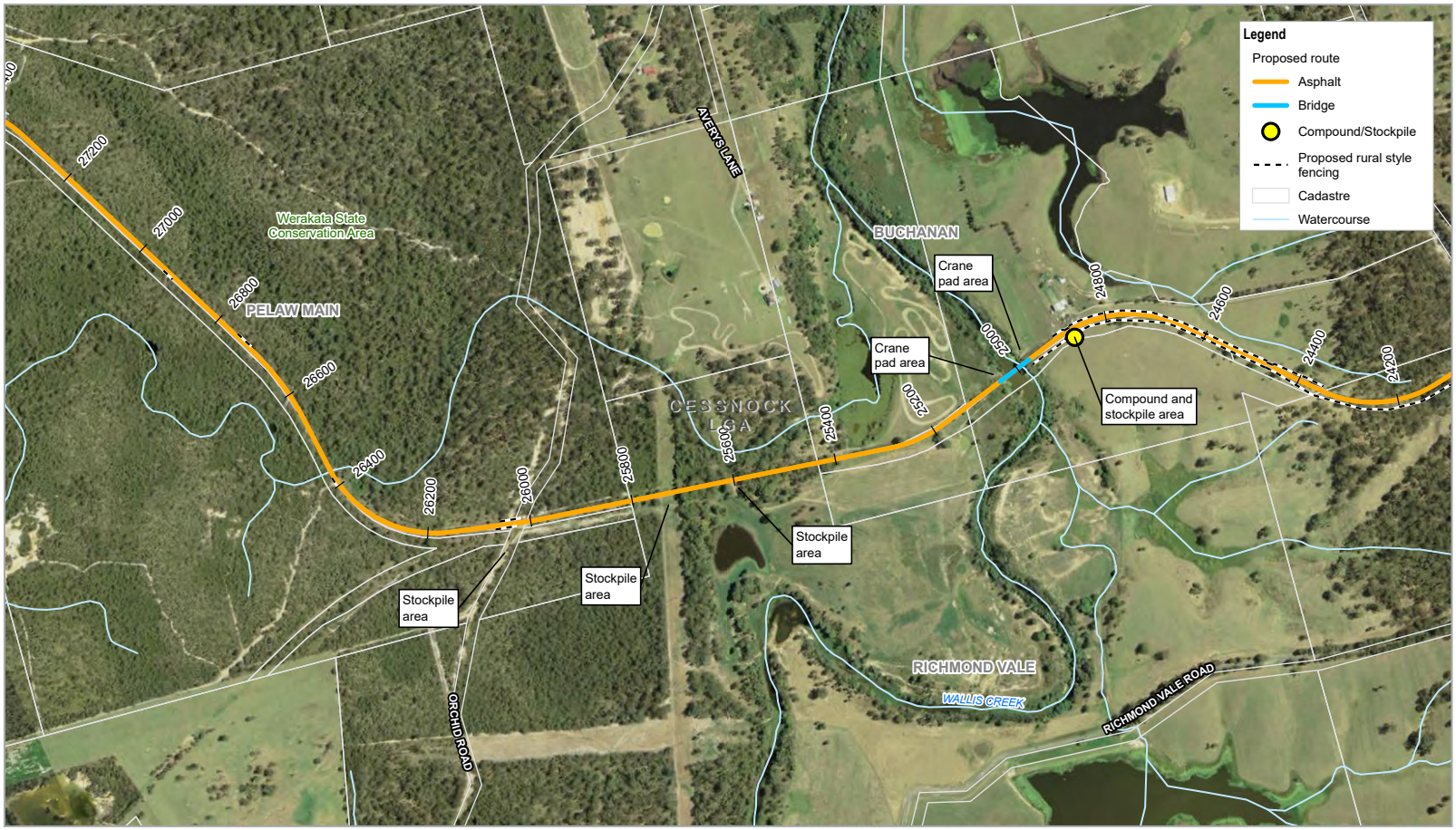
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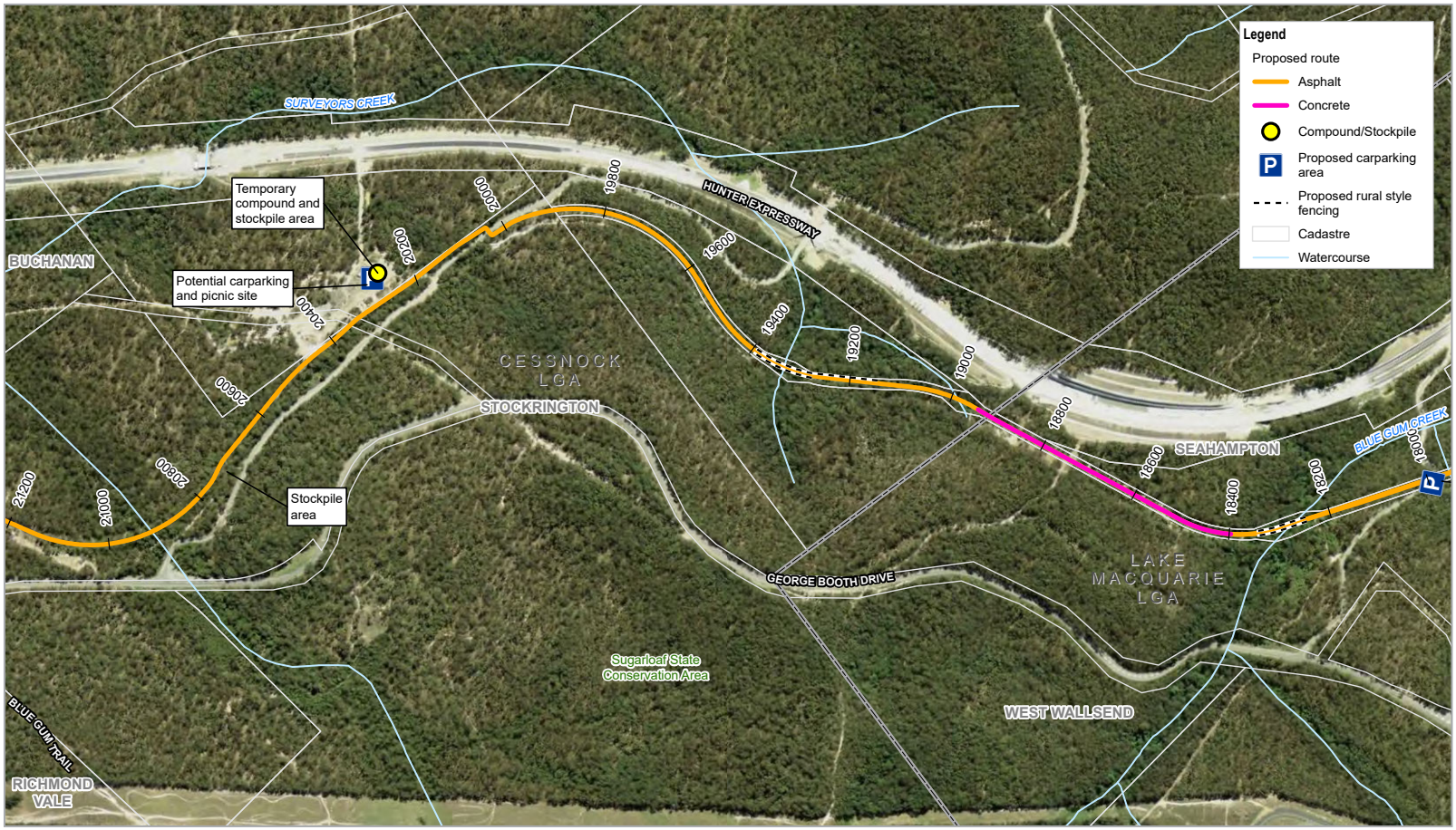
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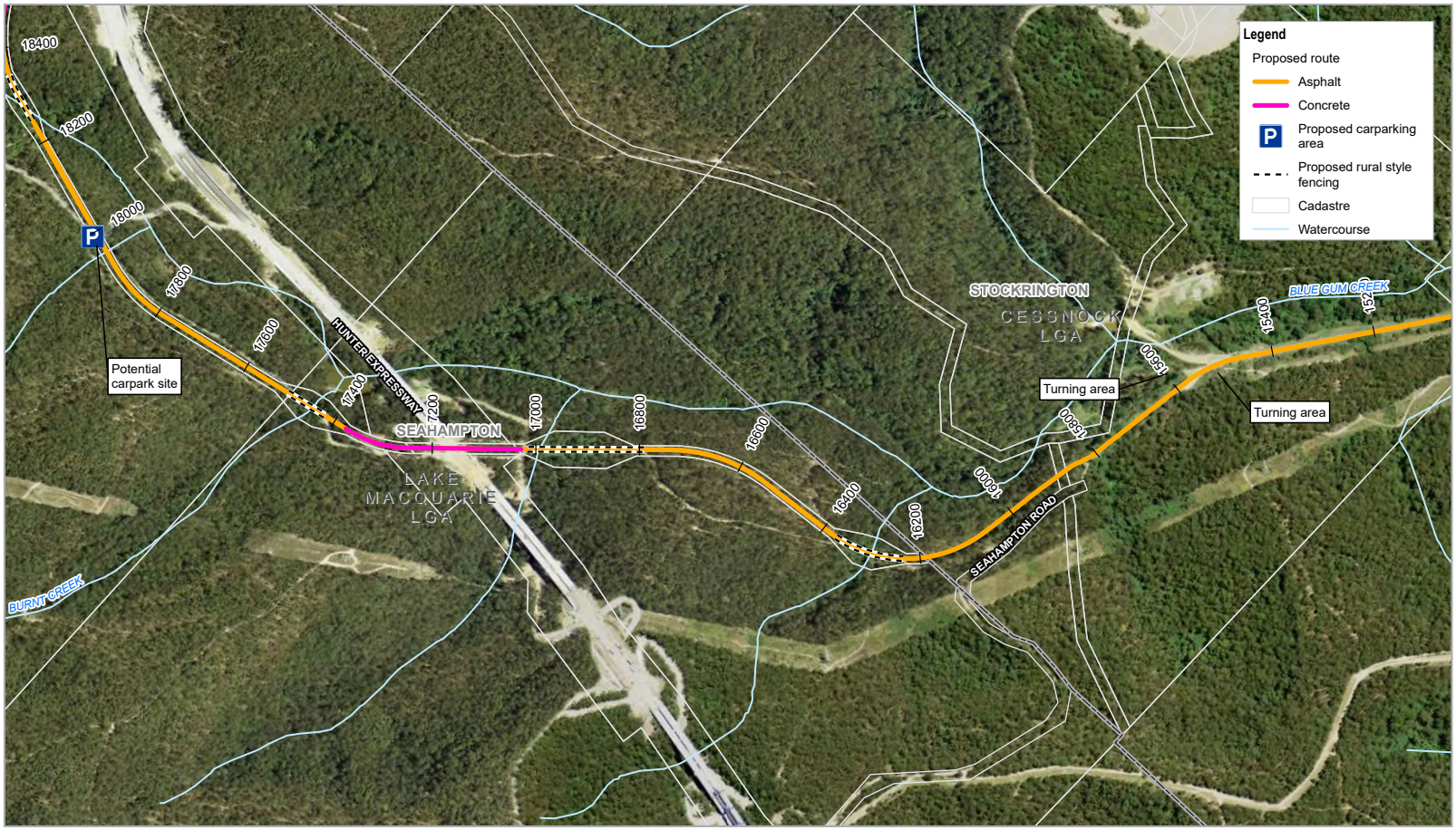
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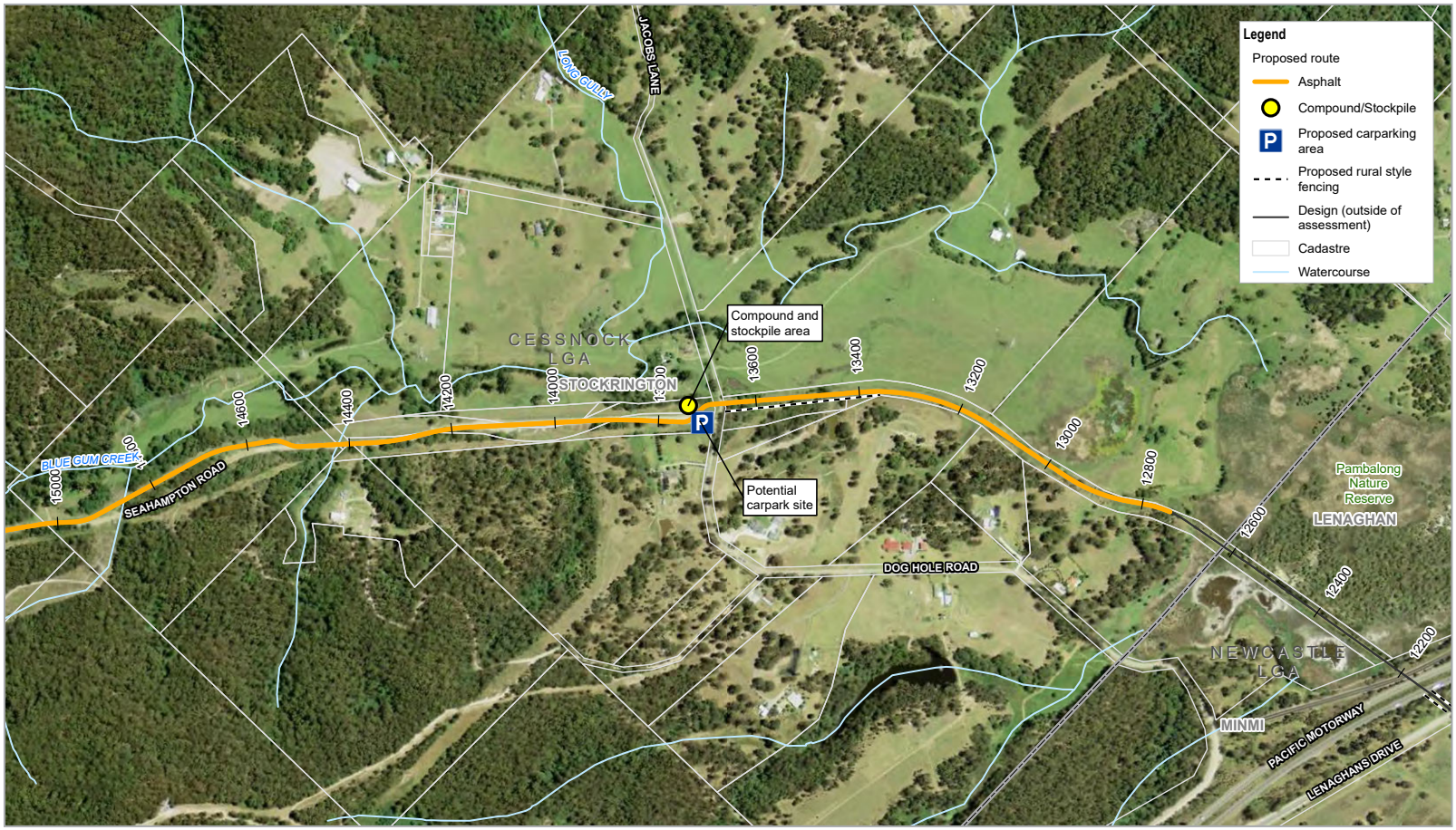

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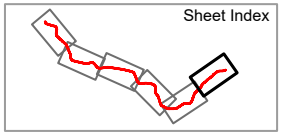

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# 2. Stakeholder engagement since preparation of the REF

## 2.1 REF display

The REF prepared for the proposal was placed on public display for eight weeks between 12 May 2022 and 3 July 2022 at three locations, as follows:

– Cessnock City Council administration building
– Cessnock and Kurri Kurri libraries

The REF was also placed on the Council website and made available for download.

The public display period was advertised in the following publications:

– Cessnock Advertiser – 25 May, 15 June, 29 June
– Greta Branxton News – 26 May, 9 June, 23 June
– Newcastle Herald – 21 May, 25 June

A copy of the REF was sent to the following key stakeholders in March 2021 prior to the public display:

– Landowners - Lot 32 DP1085798, Lot 103 DP810221, Lot 4 DP1000943, Lot 18 & 19 DP1061633
– Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
– Yancoal
– Crown Lands
– National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
– Richmond Vale Rail Trail Inc. (RVRT Inc.)

A reminder email was also sent to above stakeholders just prior to the public display.

## 2.2 Other engagement activities

Council has undertaken a range of engagement activities following preparation of the REF. This has included:

– A presentation and meeting of affected landowners on 31 March 2021. A copy of the information material tabled at the meeting and the meeting minutes is provided in Appendix A.
– Individual site meetings with a number of landowners.
– Regular liaison with RVRT Inc.
– Briefing to the Buttai Quarry Consultative Committee.

A number of issues were raised during these discussions. These, and Council's responses, are summarised in Table 2.1. Where relevant, additional management measures are provided in Section 4.3.

***Table 2.1 Issues raised during stakeholder meetings***

| Property | Issue | Response |
|---|---|---|
| Lot 4 DP1000943 | Rural fencing is not adequate and there is a preference for this to be replaced with 1.8m high man proof fencing (as indicated in other sections of the concept designs). | The exact fencing types and gating arrangements would be confirmed with adjacent landowners during the detailed design process. However Council is committed to including a 1.8m fence in the design. It would consider, as relevant, requirements for security, visual screening and fauna movement. |
| Lot 4 DP1000943 | Access to water must be provided for stock on the southern side of the trail – discussions were held at the meeting regarding potential design solutions including bridges and cattle tunnels. | An additional management measure to address this issue during detailed design is provided in Table 4.2. |

| Property | Issue | Response |
|---|---|---|
| Lot 4 DP1000943 | There are significant concerns regarding the proximity of the trail to the boundary of the property and privacy implications associated with this. | Privacy and security issues will be further investigated during detailed design. |
| Lot 18 & 19 DP1061633 | The intersection of the trail at the northern end of the lot essentially makes this portion of land redundant. | Property impacts will be further defined and addressed during detailed design. |
| Lot 18 & 19 DP1061633 | The trail has significant implications on a current development approval provided for a 10 lot subdivision – particularly in regards to ensuring lot sizes are maintained. 'Land swaps' were discussed at the meeting, however further options need to be discussed. | Property impacts will be further defined and addressed during detailed design. |
| Lot 501 DP1200716, Lot7016 DP1021277, Lot 33 DP1085798 | It was noted that more discussions and time was needed to discuss the impacted lots and the proposed infrastructure, e.g. fencing. | Council will continue to engage with stakeholders during detailed design. |
| Lot 501 DP1200716, Lot7016 DP1021277, Lot 33 DP1085798 | It was confirmed that 1.8m high man proof fencing was preferred across impacted lots, similarly to other sections of the concept design drawings. | The exact fencing types and gating arrangements would be confirmed with adjacent landowners during the detailed design process. However Council is committed to including a 1.8m fence in the design. It would consider, as relevant, requirements for security, visual screening and fauna movement. |
| Lot 501 DP1200716, Lot7016 DP1021277, Lot 33 DP1085798 | Dog Hole Road carpark contains a number of significant Aboriginal sites, and a carpark in this location would not be supported. Council staff are aware of significant sites located at the carpark between tunnels 1 & 2 (within the Lake Macquarie LGA) however reports have not identified sites at the Dog Hole Road carpark. | Council will seek clarification from the Local Aboriginal Land Council on the sites discussed and further investigation will be undertaken during detailed design. This could include relocation of the car park. An additional management measure to address this issue during detailed design is provided in Table 4.2. |
| Lot 501 DP1200716, Lot7016 DP1021277, Lot 33 DP1085798 | Discussions were held around potential rezoning of land to allow for additional opportunities (aside from E2). | Outside the scope of the REF. |
| General | It was discussed whether the trail could be diverted at George Booth Drive as opposed to continuing through private land. | The intent of the trail is to follow the rail corridor and keep cyclists/walkers off busy roads. The trail is also mapped and identified within regional and local planning documents. There are no plans at this stage to divert the trail at George Booth Drive however Council staff will continue to engage with landowners to ensure impacts are minimised. |
| General | Maintenance of the track including fencing – as well as a public liability. | Council will be responsible for public liability within the track as well as the ongoing management of the track including the infrastructure. An agreement will be entered into with Council and landowners to ensure the onus of fencing repairs etc. is borne by Council. An additional management measure to address this issue is provided in Table 4.2. |
| General | Illegal dumping was raised as an issue with all landowners. | Passive surveillance opportunities offered by the proposal could counteract the increased accessibility that it may bring. An additional management measure to address this issue is provided in Table 4.2. |

| Property | Issue | Response |
|---|---|---|
| General | Landowners agreed the next step from here would be for Council staff to visit impacted properties so issues can be discussed further. | Site visits where appropriate were completed in March 2021. |
| Lot 1 DP1140694, Lot 9 DP1241636, Lot 1 DP438379 | Property interactions | Property impacts will be further defined and addressed during detailed design. |
| Lot 103 DP810221 | There is currently an issue with people accessing the trail from the other side, off George Booth Drive, to the rear of this property (1332 George Booth Drive). Access has been fenced off previously however fencing continues to be removed with four wheel drives and passing tourists being the main offenders. | Accessing (or viewing) the rail trail via this informal access was not supported by Council and the concept designs will note that adequate measures be included to prevent vehicular and pedestrian access. An additional management measure to address this issue is provided in Table 4.2. |
| Lot 103 DP81022 | A visual barrier is preferred at the property boundary, at the southern end, so privacy is protected. | The exact fencing types and gating arrangements would be confirmed with adjacent landowners during the detailed design process. It would consider, as relevant, requirements for security, visual screening and fauna movement. |
| Lot 103 DP81022 | Following the roadworks completed on George Booth Drive (near the intersection of Richmond Vale Road and George Booth Drive) there is now a substantial about of water running through your property after rain events. | Outside the scope of the REF. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | Security and illegal dumping are ongoing issues at the site. | Privacy and security issues, and issues such as illegal dumping, will be further investigated during detailed design. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | Currently traffic in and out of the site is approximately 12 trucks per day. | Interaction with cyclists/pedestrians at this location will be considered at the detailed design stage. An additional management measure to address this issue is provided in Table 4.2. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | The location of the carpark adjacent to the property is not ideally located within the concept drawings. | The final location, layout and inclusions at each car parking area would be determined during detailed design. Council will engage further with landowners and stakeholders to identify relevant issues. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | What is the process for property acquisition? | Council's Senior Property Officer confirmed there are a number of avenues that could be taken in regards to progressing the Richmond Vale Rail Trail. A lease would not be suitable based on the need to have tenure over the land, however an easement or acquisition are methods to be further discussed. Further details around this process will be investigated and discussed at the detailed design stage, following the completion of surveys and additional detailed documents. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | It was noted there needs to be recognition of existing approvals in place for existing compound areas. | The final location, layout and inclusions at each compound would be determined during detailed design. Council will engage further with landowners and stakeholders to identify relevant issues. |
| Lot 32 DP1085798 | Battery Hen Farm within the Richmond Vale Rail Trail documentation to be replaced with Pace Farm facility. | Noted. |

# 3. Response to issues

## 3.1 Submissions received following public display

Council received 127 submissions, accepted up until 9 August 2022, including one submission each from the NPWS, RVRT Inc., and the Donaldson Conservation Trust and 124 from the community.

Of the 124 community responses:

– 121 were in support of the proposal
– Three were in opposition

The three submissions from an organisation are all in support, albeit raising several issues for further investigation and consideration. Council will continue to engage with these stakeholder organisations to identify issues and provide appropriate solutions.

Each submission has been examined individually to understand the issues being raised. Submissions were numbered and entered into a register. The issues raised in each submission were extracted and collated, and corresponding responses to the issues formulated by the Council team. Where similar issues have been raised in different submissions, only one response has been provided. The issues raised and the Council response to these issues are provided in Section 3.2.

Submission numbers are also provided so respondents can check the response to their submissions. Submission numbers and respondent details are provided in Appendix B. Most submissions simply expressed support for the proposal in various forms and are therefore not addressed further in Section 3.2.

Where required, additional safeguards and management measures to address issues raised are provided in Chapter 4.

## 3.2 Overview of issues raised

### 3.2.1 Issue 1 – Amenities

**Submission number**

6, 15

**Issue description**

Three community submissions, two in support of the proposal and one opposed, provided suggestions for provision of toilets, bins, water stations etc. along the route. The RVRT Inc. provided feedback regarding the type and location of amenities.

**Response**

A detailed assessment of location and design options for amenities was undertaken during development of the concept design. The locations chosen for the concept design were considered best for project.

Nevertheless, as described in the REF, Council will revisit the type and location of amenities during detailed design in consultation with relevant stakeholders. The intent is to provide amenities at suitable locations.

### 3.2.2 Issue 2 – Trail width greater than three metres

**Submission number**

8, 119

### Issue description

Two community submissions that were in support of the proposal, requested that the width of the trail be greater than the proposed three metres.

### Response

The width of the trail meets design requirements and has been optimised to enable adequate access and use while reducing environmental and property impacts. A trail wider than the three metres proposed is not recommended.

## 3.2.3 Issue 3 – E-bikes and scooters

### Submission number

14, 120

### Issue description

Two community submissions that were in support of the proposal, requested that e-bike infrastructure be included along the trail.

### Response

Council will consider the inclusion of e-bike infrastructure during the development of the detailed design. An additional management measure is provided in Table 4.2.

## 3.2.4 Issue 4 – Dogs

### Submission number

120

### Issue description

One community submission in support of the proposal requested that dogs be permitted on leash on the trail.

### Response

Much of the proposal is located within and near conservation areas, within which dogs are prohibited due to their impact on native fauna. The NPWS has reiterated in their submission that dogs should be excluded from the trail. As such, dogs will not be permitted on the trail.

## 3.2.5 Issue 5 – Cost

### Submission number

30

### Issue description

One community submission, that opposed the proposal, raised the issue of the cost of the construction and operation of the trail being an impost on rate payers. The submission asserts that retaining the railway would cost the council much less.

### Response

The REF outlines the immense benefits of this project, including:

– Improved facilities linking local communities via a safe, accessible and amenable route.

– A commuter and recreational transport corridor for tourists and locals to make journeys without having to use existing road networks (in particular the M1 Pacific Motorway and New England Highway).
– Improved access for tourists and locals to enjoy heritage (such as passing through old railway tunnels) and environmental attractions, including the Pambalong Nature Reserve and Werakata State Conservation Area.
– Opportunities for healthier, active lifestyles for both residents and tourists allowing users to experience the amenity of the route as it travels through various landscapes and environments.
– Opportunities for development of the key economic growth areas of tourism and recreation, while providing social, health and conservation benefits for users and the region.

These benefits have been quantified in the REF and exceed the cost of the proposal by an estimated two and a half times.

### 3.2.6 Issue 6 – Loss of potential for working railway

#### Submission number

30

#### Issue description

One community submission, that opposed the proposal, did not support the loss of the potential of reinstating the railway.

#### Response

Due to the state of disrepair of large sections of the existing railway infrastructure, it is likely that the cost to reinstate the line would be far in excess of that for the proposal. In addition, the proposal provides a range of other community benefits that the rail line does not, including:

– Improved access for tourists and locals to enjoy heritage (such as passing through old railway tunnels) and environmental attractions, including the Pambalong Nature Reserve and Werakata State Conservation Area (SCA).
– Opportunities for healthier, active lifestyles for both residents and tourists allowing users to experience the amenity of the route as it travels through various landscapes and environments.

On balance, the proposal is considered the best use of the currently unused public asset.

### 3.2.7 Issue 7 – Retain railway infrastructure in the trail

#### Submission number

91

#### Issue description

One community submission in support of the proposal requested that the proposal enhance the trail and repair/rebuild any infrastructure such as bridges.

#### Response

Investigation into retaining and incorporating existing rail infrastructure into the proposal was undertaken during development of the concept design. Some features will be enhanced and retained while others are in such a state of decline that the cost to retain them and maintain safety for trail users is prohibitive.

This issue will be further revisited during detailed design, as described in the REF, with the intent to retain as much rail heritage as possible.

### 3.2.8 Issue 8 – Dedicated regional planning and management committee

#### Submission number

126

#### Issue description

One community submission in support of the proposal suggested a representative regional planning and management committee be established to oversee the next stages of the project.

#### Response

Council acknowledges the value of this suggestion and will discuss this with the other stakeholder agencies involved.

### 3.2.9 Issue 9 – Design features

#### Submission number

109, 111, 126

#### Issue description

One community submission, that opposed the proposal, did not support the location and design of the carpark at Stockrington due to the potential for noise and impacts on water quality in Blue Gum Creek. The respondent also did not support any lighting of the trail.

The RVRT Inc. made suggestions regarding the type and location of carparks and shelters.

The NPWS has requested that the Surveyors Creek bridge and the bridge near Dog Hole Road abutments be retained and interpretation of its heritage value be provided. They have also requested more detail of the proposed fencing.

#### Response

A detailed assessment of location and design options for carparks and shelters was undertaken during development of the concept design. The locations chosen for the concept design were considered best for project.

Nevertheless, as stated in the REF, Council will revisit the type and location of all design features during detailed design in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including, as stated in Section 3.2.7, consideration to retain as much rail heritage as possible.

Lighting is only proposed in the tunnels.

### 3.2.10 Issue 10 – Anti-social behaviour and security

#### Submission number

109, 126

#### Issue description

Two community submissions, that opposed the proposal, raised the issue of the potential for antisocial or illegal activities on the trail and security issues at night.

### Response

Safeguards and management measures to reduce the potential for antisocial/ illegal behaviour are provided in Section 6.8.3 of the REF and include:

– Vandal resistant materials and appropriate signage would be used to outline expectations of users and other safety information and prevent damage.
– Council would continue to engage with affected stakeholders during proposal operation to enable identification and management of any issues as they arise.

An additional management measure to further investigate possible solutions for addressing this issue during detailed design is provided in Table 4.2.

## 3.2.11 Issue 11 – Bush fire risk

### Submission number

126

### Issue description

One community submission, that opposed the proposal, raised the issue of the risk of bush fire.

### Response

The bush fire risk is assessed in Section 6.12 of the REF. The safeguards proposed to manage the bush fire risk include:

– The detailed design would address all relevant requirements of AS 3959 – 1999 Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire-prone Areas.
– Council would engage with NPWS to ensure requirements for operational access and restriction of access, including during bush fire and other emergencies, is incorporated into the detailed design.
– An emergency response plan would be prepared to include a procedure for managing bush fires. This would include an emergency procedure for ensuring the health and safety of construction workers.
– No hot works would be undertaken during periods of high fire danger.
– Operational procedures would include measures to restrict access to the trail (such as gates that can be closed) to ensure safety of users during proposal operation. Other measures would be development in accordance with the Werakata SCA Fire Management Strategy, where relevant.
– Instructional signage would include safety procedures for trail users to follow in the case of bush fire. This would include emergency contact details and assembly points.

It is submitted that these measures adequately manage the risk of bush fire.

## 3.2.12 Issue 12 – Property impacts

### Submission number

111, 126

### Issue description

One community submission, that opposed the proposal, identified that the proposal would have unacceptable property impacts and a negative impact on his property value.

The NPWS has raised the noted that identification of NPWS managed lands is not correct in the REF.

### Response

Confirmation of property impacts (and subsequent agreements) will be completed at the detailed design stage when impacts are fully understood, as described in the REF. This includes the updating of lots that have now been gazetted as NPWS managed lands but were not at the time of REF preparation.

Property acquisition or temporary use will be negotiated by Council with affected landowners in order to reach fair compensation and access arrangements as required under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

The respondent states that forced acquisition is suggested, however this is not referred to anywhere in the REF.

Negative impacts on property values are not considered likely.

## 3.2.13 Issue 13 – Noise

### Submission number

109, 126

### Issue description

Two of the opposing submissions raised noise generated by the proposal as a significant impact.

One respondent requested the inclusion of a landscaped mound to reduce visual impacts at Stockrington.

### Response

An assessment of potential noise impacts of the proposal was undertaken in Section 6.4 of the REF. The assessment found that properties within 1000 metres of the proposed works would be subject to exceedances of the noise affected noise management level during certain construction activities. A suite of safeguards and management measures are provided in Section 6.4.3 to reduce this impact.

The REF found the proposal is not expected to generate significant noise or vibration during operation. Proposed instructional signage would inform users of the need to consider noise impacts for residences when using the trail. Noise mounds or barriers are not proposed. However additional landscaping to provide a visual and noise barrier will be investigated during the detailed design. An additional management measures is provided in Table 4.2.

## 3.2.14 Issue 14 – Permissibility

### Submission number

111, 126

### Issue description

One community submission, opposing the proposal, raises several issues relating to the legislative assessment within the REF:

– The REF incorrectly refers to Clause 2.108 under SEPP Transport and Infrastructure, the correct reference for permissibility is Clause 2.109.
– The proposed development does not appear to meet the definition of road infrastructure facility (see under) as there is no reference to pedestrian and bike paths. In addition, the reference to road related area under the Road Transport Act (see below) requires that any footpath be adjacent a road, which is not the case.
– The EIS advises that the proposed development is in keeping with the relevant zones, yet no assessment of the zone objectives has been made.
– The REF concludes that no EIS is required on the grounds that the proposal does not represent a significant impact. This is not agreed with. The proposal is to introduce thousands of people a year into and across properties (including currently private property) that are zoned for rural and conservation use. It is considered that an EIS is required for this project and that SEARs should be obtained to inform this.

The NPWS also raised the issue of the definition of road infrastructure facility.

### Response

The reference to Clause 2.108 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 is incorrect and should be, as suggested, Clause 2.109. This does not affect the assessment within the REF in any way but is a drafting error.

The proposal meets the definition of a road infrastructure facility under Clause 2.108 which states:

*road infrastructure facilities includes—*

*(a) tunnels, ventilation shafts, emergency accessways, vehicle or pedestrian bridges, causeways, road-ferries, retaining walls, toll plazas, toll booths, security systems, bus lanes, transit lanes, transitways, transitway stations, rest areas and* ***road related areas (within the meaning of the Road Transport Act 2013****), and*

Road related areas under the *Road Transport Act 2013* are defined as:

*(a) an area that divides a road, or*

*(b) a footpath or nature strip adjacent to a road, or*

***(c) an area that is open to the public and is designated for use by cyclists or animals, or***

*(d) an area that is not a road and that is open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking vehicles, or*

*(e) a shoulder of a road, or*

*(f) any other area that is open to or used by the public and that has been declared under section 18 to be an area to which specified provisions of this Act or the statutory rules apply.*

As development permissible without consent, the development control provisions of the local environmental plan do not apply. Therefore assessment against the objectives of the land use zone is not required.

As required under Section 5.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* the REF has examined and taken into account, to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the proposal. The REF has found that the likely impact on the environment would not be significant and therefore an environmental impact statement is not required. The assessment takes into account all matters for the whole of the community. Individual property impacts are not considered in isolation.

## 3.2.15 Issue 15 – Ecology

### Submission number

111, 126

### Issue description

One community submission, opposing the proposal, states that the ecological surveys for the REF should be undertaken again due to the time elapsed.

The NPWS has raised the following ecological issues:

– The REF currently does not clearly identify where vegetation (including total vegetation and native vegetation) will be removed from NPWS managed land.
– Survey methodologies supporting the flora and possibly fauna assessment have not complied with standard guidelines.
– More detailed justification is required in the ‘5-part test of significance’ to support the conclusion that the proposal is not likely to significantly affect threatened species.

### Response

The Flora and Fauna Assessment for the REF (Appendix F) was completed in accordance with industry accepted practice for such assessments and in accordance with all relevant legislative considerations. Surveys were conducted by GHD ecologists in September, October and November 2016, January 2017 and May 2020 for a total of 13 days overall. This is considered an adequate survey effort for the area of impact and the findings remain current. Council will work with NPWS to provide additional information if required during the detailed design stage of the proposal.

Vegetation impacts will be confirmed at the detailed design stage when impacts are fully understood (i.e. final design footprint is determined). This has been included as an additional management measures in Table 4.2.

## 3.2.16 Issue 16 – Flooding

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

The NPWS has requested a detailed flood assessment.

### Response

As detailed in the REF, a flood assessment will be undertaken during development of the detailed design.

## 3.2.17 Issue 17 – Operational issues

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

The NPWS has raised a number of operational considerations in their submission:

– The potential impacts for the proposal to restrict NPWS access, management and operations during construction and operational phases.
– Suitable management plans and agreements that clarify how Council intend to operate and maintain the proposal on NPWS estate.

### Response

As stated in the REF, Council will prepare an operational management plan and/ or procedures for the proposal to manage ongoing maintenance and day-to-day management of the proposal following construction. This would be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders such as landowners and the NPWS.

## 3.2.18 Issue 18 – Ongoing consultation

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

Ongoing consultation with NPWS is requested.

### Response

As stated in the REF and in Section 3.1, Council will continue to engage with NPWS, as a major stakeholder, during all future stages of the proposal.

## 3.2.19 Issue 19 – Additional approvals and NPWS policies

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

NPWS have advised that Council must obtain the necessary licence(s) to authorise the development under Section 151 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act):

– Prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate, Council must obtain approval from the NPWS for any rest areas located within lands managed by the NPWS.
– Prior to the commencement of works, Council must obtain the necessary licence(s) to authorise the development under Section 151 of the NPW Act.

In addition, the final design and management of the proposal on NPWS managed lands is required to comply with the following NPWS policies, as relevant:

– Boundary fencing policy
– Cycling policy
– Events, functions and venues policy
– No smoking in parks policy
– Pets in parks policy
– Tree risk management policy
– Vehicle access policy
– Visitor safety policy

### Response

As stated in the REF, approval is required for the proposal under the NPW Act and Council will work with NPWS to provide the information required to seek that approval.

The detailed design will be prepared with consideration of all relevant NPWS policies.

## 3.2.20 Issue 20 – Slope stability

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

The NPWS has raised concerns about the stability of the slopes in the cuttings and embankments (e.g. from chainages 16800 to 17000) and some areas where there are erosion gullies through embankments with evident undermining (e.g. chainages 23000-23100).

### Response

As stated in the REF, Geotechnical issues will be further investigated during detailed design.

## 3.2.21 Issue 21 – Proposal objective and road networks reference

### Issue description

The NPWS states:

– The REF states: “The rail trail would provide a safe cycling and walking experience between Kurri Kurri and Newcastle that does not utilise existing road networks." Amend statement to consider Seahampton Road, Dog Hole Road and any other existing road networks the RVRT appears to traverse.
– The third objective of the proposal is to “Provide better recreational access to Pambalong NR and Werakata SCA”. Provision for visitor or tourist use is not a management principle of nature reserves unlike other types of reserve managed by NPWS (see Part 4 [Division 2] of the NPW Act). The promotion of public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the nature reserve’s natural and cultural values is however a management principle of nature reserves.

### Response

The reference to road networks in the REF refers to all roads including those mentioned in the NPWS submission.

The objective to improve access to the conservation areas of the region is retained as it is a key driver for the proposal, even though it is not a management principle for a nature reserve or SCA. Providing better access will promote public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the natural and cultural values of these areas.

## 3.2.22 Issue 21 – Cumulative impacts

### Submission number

111

### Issue description

The NPWS submission has requested assessment of the cumulative impacts of the proposal, when considered together with the section of the trail within the Newcastle local government area (LGA).

### Response

The potential cumulative impacts of the proposal are assessed as follows:

#### Construction

Potential cumulative impacts could occur during construction of the proposal if works are undertaken simultaneously with the construction of other projects in the locality (including other sections of the trail). Impacts would predominately be short term and include impacts to biodiversity, as well as amenity impacts due to increased traffic and activity, visual changes, noise and dust.

Cumulative impacts would be reduced through the application of individual proposal specific environmental safeguards and management measures. Consultation with relevant stakeholders, such as landowners, development proponents (if relevant), Transport for NSW, the City of Newcastle and other stakeholders, would be undertaken during construction planning to ensure that potential cumulative impacts are effectively managed. Any additional mitigation measures from that consultation would be included in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the proposal.

#### Operation

The long term cumulative impact of the proposal is anticipated to be predominately positive due to improved access to non-motorised travel, road safety and efficiency. The proposal would potentially reduce the number of non-motorised commuters (e.g. cyclists) on busy public roads such as the M1 Pacific Motorway and the New England Highway, improving safety for both cyclists and motorists. It would also contribute to the health and wellbeing of the residents of the Lower Hunter region by offering an additional recreational facility to encourage exercise through outdoor pursuits.

Potential cumulative impacts during operation could also include:

- Permanent removal of native vegetation comprising threatened or protected vegetation as well as foraging and roosting habitat for threatened and/or migratory fauna species.
- Potential for injury, mortality and disturbance of native fauna.
- Potential introduction and spread of weeds and pathogens.
- Impacts to fauna due to artificial lighting and increased use.
- Permanent visual changes and impacts due to increased visitation. Impacts could include noise, inappropriate use and loss of privacy.
- Potential impacts to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage values.
- Impacts to landowners due to temporary or long term use or acquisition of property for the proposal.

**Mitigation measures**

***Construction***

- Construction planning would consider avoiding known heavy tourism periods, such as school holidays.
- Ongoing coordination and consultation would be undertaken with stakeholders (including internally in Council) to ensure cumulative amenity impacts are appropriately assessed, avoided where possible and managed.
- The CEMP would be revised to consider potential cumulative impacts from surrounding development activities if and as they become known.
- Traffic management measures would consider other traffic generating developments and activities where relevant.
- Noise management measures would consider the cumulative noise impacts from other construction activities occurring in the vicinity of the proposal.

***Operation***

An operational management plan and/ or procedures would be developed for the proposal to manage ongoing maintenance and day-to-day management of the proposal following construction. This would be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders such as landowners and managers.

## 3.2.23 Issue 22 – Outside the scope of the REF

### Submission number

10, 85, 109, 111, 125, 126

### Issue description

Some issues were raised in submissions that are outside of the scope of the REF. These include:

- The need for road upgrades across the Cessnock LGA
- The establishment of a ‘mid-trail precinct’ at a suitable location along the proposal
- The establishment of additional destination points along the trail

### Response

The comment relating to road upgrades has been forwarded to the appropriate department within Council.

Council recognises the merits of the proposed 'mid-trail precinct' and destination points. However this is not part of the proposal to which the REF applies. It is acknowledged that the proposal does not capture all of the opportunities for the trail and that future projects will inevitably be developed. These will require additional assessment and approval.

The proposal does include a picnic site, carparks with reduced mobility spaces and drop off areas, rest areas, amenities including toilets, seating, water fountains and taps, bike facilities and shelter areas.

# 4. Environmental management

## 4.1 Environmental management plans

The REF for the proposal title identified the framework for environmental management, including safeguards and management measures that would be adopted to avoid or reduce environmental impacts (Chapter 7 of the REF).

A number of safeguards and management measures have been identified in order to minimise adverse environmental impacts, including social impacts, which could potentially arise as a result of the proposal. Should the proposal proceed, these management measures would be incorporated into the detailed design and applied during the construction and operation of the proposal.

A CEMP will be prepared to include the safeguards and management measures identified. The CEMP will provide a framework for establishing how these measures will be implemented and who would be responsible for their implementation.

The CEMP will be prepared prior to construction of the proposal and will be reviewed and approved by Council and other stakeholders, prior to the commencement of any on-site works. The CEMP will be a working document, subject to ongoing change and updated as necessary to respond to specific requirements.

## 4.2 Licensing and approvals

The REF identified additional approvals required for the proposal. These are provided in Table 4.1.

***Table 4.1 Summary of licensing and approvals required***

| Legislation | Approval required | Administering authority | When approval required |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Roads Act 1993* | Section 138 permit | Transport for NSW/ Council | Prior to any works on public roads |
| *Fisheries Management Act 1994* | Part 7 permit | Department of Primary Industries | Prior to any works in waterways |
| *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* | Section 151 Licence | NPWS | Prior to any works on NPWS managed land |
| *Water Management Act 2000*<br>*Water Act 1912* | Licence | WaterNSW | If significant dewatering required |
| *Crown Land Management Act 2016* | Acquisition, lease or licence | Crown Lands | Prior to any works commencing on Crown land |
| *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* | Approval/agreement | Crown Lands | Prior to any works commencing on land claim areas |
| *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017* | Approval | Subsidence Advisory NSW | Prior to any works commencing within the mine subsidence district |

## 4.3 Summary of safeguards and management measures

The REF for the proposal title identified a range of environmental outcomes and management measures that would be required to avoid or reduce the environmental impacts.

After consideration of the issues raised in the public submissions, the environmental management measures for the proposal (refer to Chapter 7 of the REF) have been revised. Should the proposal proceed, the environmental management measures in Table 4.2 will guide the subsequent phases of the proposal. Additional and/or modified environmental safeguards and management measures to those presented in the REF are provided in red.

*Table 4.2 Summary of safeguards and management measures*

| Impact | Environmental safeguards | Responsibility | Timing |
|---|---|---|---|
| Air quality | All plant and machinery would be fitted with emission control devices complying with relevant Australian Standards. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Machinery would be turned off when not in use and not left to idle for prolonged periods. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Construction plant and equipment would be maintained in good working condition. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Vehicle movements would be limited to designated entries and exits, haulage routes and parking areas. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Areas of clearing would be limited to only those that are required to reduce fugitive dust emissions. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Stockpiles would be stabilised to minimise wind erosion and the generation of dust (e.g. covered or watered). | Contractor | Construction |
| | Dust generation would be monitored visually, and where required, dust control measures such as water spraying would be implemented to control the generation of dust. If air quality monitoring is considered warranted, it would be undertaken in accordance with Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2005). | Contractor | Construction |
| | Materials transported to and from the site would be covered to reduce dust generation in transit. | Contractor | Construction |
| | No burning of any materials would be undertaken. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Access points would be inspected to determine whether sediment is being transferred to the surrounding road network. If required, sediment would be promptly removed from roads to minimise dust generation. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Shade cloth would be fastened to site fencing at construction compounds if required to minimise dust transported from the site during construction. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Daily inspections and regular surveillance would be undertaken to identify any vehicle, plant or equipment that is causing visible emissions. If any defective vehicles, plant or equipment are identified, operation of this machinery would cease and service/maintenance would be undertaken. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Any exposed surfaces would be stabilised, and final landscaping implemented, as soon as practicable following completion of construction. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Any dust complaints would be investigated as soon as possible and measures taken to manage any impacts identified. | Contractor | Construction |
| Hydrology, groundwater and water quality | The detailed design process should include hydraulic modelling of the proposal in order to design crossing structures (such as culverts, bridges, fences etc.) that, as far as reasonably practical, match the existing hydraulic response. This will minimise the potential indirect impacts on the hydrology. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Selection of materials would consider the potential for leaching of pollutants or other offsite impacts. Environmental sensitive materials would be chosen where available and cost effective. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | An erosion and sedimentation control plan would be prepared for the proposal in accordance with the requirements of The NSW Soils and Construction – Managing Urban Stormwater Volume 1 'the Blue Book' (Landcom, 2004) and Volume 2 (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2008). | Contractor | Construction |

| Impact | Environmental safeguards | Responsibility | Timing |
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| | If required, a dewatering procedure would be prepared to identify controls and management measures for dewatering including monitoring, testing, containment and disposal. If dewatering is required, the need for a water licence should be confirmed with WaterNSW. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Operational procedures would include measures to restrict access to the trail (such as gates that can be closed during inundated periods) and ensure safety of users during proposal operation. | Council | Operation |
| Geology and soils | Consultation would be undertaken with Subsidence Advisory NSW to determine the need for development approval or input for works within the mine subsidence district. | Council | Detailed Design |
| | Further geotechnical investigation will be undertaken prior to detailed design to confirm geotechnical requirements if required. The investigations would include further soil sampling and analysis to confirm the location of acid sulfate soils and soil contamination. | Contractor | Construction |
| | An acid sulfate soil management plan would be prepared for the proposal in accordance with the Acid Sulfate Soil Laboratory Methods and Manual (ASSMAC, 1998). | Contractor | Construction |
| | An unexpected finds protocol would be developed and implemented to manage potentially contaminated soils (if encountered), including landfill or anthropogenic waste and potential asbestos containing material. | Contractor | Construction |
| Noise and vibration | Additional measures to reduce the potential for noise impacts at key locations, such as landscaped barriers, would be investigated during detailed design. | Council | Detailed Design |
| | All employees, contractors and subcontractors are to receive an environmental induction, which would include:<br>– All relevant project specific and standard noise and vibration mitigation measures.<br>– Relevant licence and approval conditions.<br>– Permissible hours of work.<br>– Location of nearest sensitive receivers.<br>– Construction employee parking areas.<br>– Designated loading/unloading areas and procedures.<br>– Site opening/closing times (including deliveries).<br>– Environmental incident procedures. | Contractor | Construction |
| | No swearing or unnecessary shouting or loud stereos/radios would be allowed on site. Dropping of materials from height, throwing of metal items and slamming of doors would be avoided. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Contact would be established with local residents and the construction program and progress communicated on a regular basis, particularly when noisy or vibration-generating activities are planned. Affected receivers (i.e. those within 1000 metres, see Figure 1.1) would be notified of the intended work, its duration and times of occurrence. | Contractor | Construction |
| | A contact number would be provided for complaints. All complaints would be logged and responded to as soon as practicable. | Contractor | Construction |
| | On receipt of a noise complaint, construction activities would be reviewed to identify reasonable and feasible mitigation strategies to reduce noise. Noise monitoring would be considered if appropriate. | Contractor | Construction |

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| | All work would be undertaken within standard construction hours, unless out of hours work has been approved. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Work generating high noise and/or vibration levels should be scheduled during less sensitive time periods. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Broadband reverse warnings should be used in preference over 'beeper' style warnings. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Simultaneous operation of noisy plant within discernible range of a sensitive receiver would be avoided. | Contractor | Construction |
| | The offset distance between noisy or vibration generating plant and adjacent sensitive receivers is to be maximised. Noise-emitting plant to be directed away from sensitive. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Plant used intermittently would be throttled down or shut down in between uses. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Traffic flow, parking and loading and unloading areas would be planned to minimise reversing movements within the site. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Loading and unloading of materials/deliveries is to occur as far as possible from sensitive receivers. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Site access points and roads would be selected as far as possible away from sensitive receivers. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Loading and unloading of vehicles to consider noise generation for nearby residents i.e. no dropping of loads, consider straps instead of chains to secure loads etc. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Instructional signage would inform users of the need to consider noise impacts for residences when using the trail. | Contractor | Operation |
| Resource use and waste | The following resource management hierarchy principles would be followed:<br>– Avoid unnecessary resource consumption as a priority.<br>– Avoidance would be followed by resource recovery (including reuse of materials, reprocessing, recycling and energy recovery).<br>– Disposal would be undertaken as a last resort (in accordance with the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001). | Contractor | Construction |
| | A site waste minimisation and management plan would be prepared for the proposal in accordance with relevant EPA and Council guidelines. The plan would be prepared and approved by Council prior to construction commencing. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Procurement would endeavour to use materials and products with a recycled content where that material or product is cost and performance effective. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Excess excavated material would be reused appropriately for fill or disposed of at an appropriate facility. Excess material requiring waste disposal would first be assessed against the Waste Classification Guidelines (Environmental Protection Agency, 2014). | Contractor | Construction |
| | Additional fill material would be sourced from appropriate local sources. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Cleared weed-free vegetation would be chipped and reused on-site as part of the proposed landscaping and to stabilise disturbed soils where possible. Weed vegetation would be disposed of appropriately off-site in accordance with its classification status under the Biosecurity Act 2015, where relevant. | Contractor | Construction |

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| | Garbage receptacles would be provided at the site compound and recycling of materials encouraged. There would be no disposal or re-use of construction waste on to other land. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Waste would not be burnt on-site. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Waste material, other than vegetation and tree mulch, would be removed from site once the works have been completed. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Portable toilets would be provided for construction workers and would be managed by the service provider to ensure the appropriate disposal of sewage. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Site inductions would ensure staff are aware of waste disposal protocols and attendance would be recorded by the site supervisor. | Contractor | Construction |
| | All working areas would be maintained, kept free of rubbish and cleaned up at the end of each working day. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Any hazardous waste material stockpiles would be fenced and sign posted for public safety. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Dedicated concrete washout facilities would be provided during construction so that runoff from the washing of concrete machinery and equipment can be collected and disposed. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Waste would be disposed of appropriately with supporting waste classification documentation, if required. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Regular maintenance of the pathway, as part of Council's ongoing regime, would identify and control waste. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Waste management and resource use would be in accordance with Council's existing operational procedures. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Waste receptacles would be provided at car parks and signage would encourage all users to take waste with them from the trail. | Contractor | Operation |
| Traffic and access | Upgrades to intersections would be investigated during detailed design in particular at George Booth Drive. | Council | Detailed design |
| | The location of e-bike infrastructure would be investigated during development of the detailed design. | Council | Detailed design |
| | Construction traffic management plans (CTMPs) would be prepared and approved by the appropriate roads authority prior to works commencing. The CTMPs would include specific temporary traffic management measures to support construction activities at key locations including:<br>– Former Hunter Expressway construction access roads at Blue Gum Creek and Surveyors Creek.<br>– Quarry Access Road.<br>– Private access to Wallis Creek.<br>– Leggits Drive.<br>– Pokolbin Street. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Worker parking would be constrained to within the compound site as far as is practicable. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Carpooling and other methods would be investigated to limit the number of vehicles coming to site, as far as practicable. | Contractor | Construction |
| | The queuing and idling of construction vehicles in residential streets would be minimised to reduce nuisance. | Contractor | Construction |

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| | An emergency response plan would be developed for construction traffic incidents and/ or accidents. During site inductions, all heavy vehicle drivers would be provided with the emergency response plan for construction traffic incidents. | Contractor | Construction |
| | The community and local residents would be notified in advance of vehicle movements and anticipated effects on the local road network relating to site works. This would aim to reduce delays and access impacts for residents, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Access to all private properties adjacent to the works would be maintained during construction, unless otherwise agreed by relevant property owners. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Council would monitor the use of car parks over time to determine if parking provided is sufficient. | Council | Operation |
| | In order to manage the potential conflict between light and heavy vehicle traffic at the Quarry Access Road and the access to the Pace Farm, the following measures are recommended:<br>– Provision of truck warning signage on the access road.<br>– Management of roadside vegetation to maintain forward sight lines for traffic moving along the access road. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Signage would be installed at all locations where the proposal interacts at grade with a road or other road safety issues (such as a school zone), providing a clear delineation between the proposal and the road. Trail users would be warned of the approaching road, via 'Road Ahead' signage. Road and other users would be warned of the approaching trail using appropriate signage in accordance with Australian Standards (see Section 3.2.7). | Contractor | Operation |
| Biodiversity | Once the footprint and construction methodology are confirmed during detailed design, the need for additional ecological survey will be determined. Appropriate measures in response to the outcomes of additional investigations will be incorporated into the detailed design, and construction and operation of the proposal as relevant. | Council | Detailed design |
| | Artificial lighting sensitive to microbat habitat would be installed and would consider:<br>– Incorporating design features to minimise light spill onto the roof of the tunnels where there are substantial numbers of bat roosts, such as constructing 'shields' or false ceilings around roost sites to maintain darkness within roosts.<br>– Incorporating variable lighting regimes along the alignment and in the tunnels to reduce the potential for light spill impacting foraging habitat, and minimise the chance of roost abandonment. This could involve switching off or dimming lights for part of the night, or use of movement sensor lights along the alignment and in the tunnels that switch on upon approach and turn off after people pass.<br>– Incorporating design features to limit light spill into areas of adjoining sensitive habitat along the alignment, as far as practicable, to minimise the impacts of lighting to foraging habitat along the alignment. This could include the use of low intensity lamps to reduce the spread of illumination, directed lighting or light shields to create dark refuges between lamps.<br>– Use of certain light types such as long wavelength 'warm white' lights rather than short wavelength 'blue' lights. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Bridge design would reduce impacts to aquatic habitat by including:<br>– Design elements such as height, orientation, construction materials to minimise shading of marine vegetation such as mangroves and saltmarshes. | Contractor | Detailed design |

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| | – Instream structures to avoid impact to river flow and fish passage.<br>– Bat habitat boxes to the underside of new bridges. | | |
| | Aboricultural assessment would be completed of all trees in close proximity to final design to determine potential impacts to mature tree health and identify appropriate management measures. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Fence design would be of suitable height above ground level and material to enable fauna movement. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | General minimisation of clearing areas as far as practicable. Delineating a vegetation buffer with a high visibility barrier to prevent accidental clearing or disturbance of adjacent vegetation or aquatic habitat. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Demarcation of adjoining sensitive areas through temporary fencing to prevent impacts during construction and/or inclusion of a tree retention plan or similar to protect these biodiversity resources where possible. | Contractor | Construction |
| | No stockpiling of materials adjacent to native vegetation wherever possible and locating stockpiles within existing cleared areas. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Management of noxious and environmental weeds during construction, with weed material to be cleared and stockpiled separately to all other vegetation, removed from site and disposed of at an appropriately licenced disposal facility. When transporting weed waste from the site to the waste facility, trucks must be covered to avoid the spread of weed-contaminated material. | Contractor | Construction |
| | No parking of vehicles or machinery in areas of native vegetation. | Contractor | Construction |
| | All machinery brought to site will be washed down and inspected to be free of soils, seeds and other organic material. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Implementation of procedures for clearing habitat where required, including pre-clearing surveys and clearing supervision of hollow-bearing trees and logs, to minimise fauna injury or mortality. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Implementation of fauna handling and release protocols where required. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Implementation of remediation activities where native vegetation clearing is required including soil stabilisation and planting of native endemic species characteristic of the vegetation types identified within the study area. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Implementation of erosion and sediment control measures to minimise pollution and sediment impacts on waterways and downstream aquatic environments, including estuarine communities. This could include measures such as the use of silt curtains during substrate disturbance activities (e.g. pile driving) to minimise the potential for migration of turbid plumes outside of the immediate construction footprint. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Implementation of measures to manage fuels, chemicals, and liquids required for construction. | Contractor | Construction |
| | The proposal would increase the risk of injury or mortality of native fauna during the construction phase due to vehicle strike by increasing the rate of vehicle visitation to the site. This risk would be reduced by:<br>– Restricting vehicle movements to operational (daylight) hours.<br>– Implementing and enforcing appropriate speed limits for vehicles traversing the site.<br>– Establishment of 'no-go' areas, which are demarcated with high visibility barrier tape to prevent accidental impacts to vegetation and other biota adjacent to the disturbance footprint. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Appropriate signage would be installed which states that dogs should be kept on a lead or are prohibited. | Contractor | Operation |

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| | Appropriate signage would be installed which states that trail bikes (off-road motorcycles), which are known to disturb wildlife, are not permitted within the trail. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Interpretive signage educating users on the importance of the surrounding wetlands and the species and ecological communities that occur there, as well as the importance of habitat within the nearby tunnel for roosting bats. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Ongoing management of retained native vegetation to reduce impacts of human activities and weed infestation (noting that herbicides should be avoided near wetland areas). | Council | Operation |
| | Ongoing maintenance of fencing to ensure its effectiveness at restricting access to wetland habitat. | Council | Operation |
| Socio-economic | Rest areas and trail interpretation locations and content be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Detailed design would consider lighting of the route (particularly in tunnels and in heavily forested areas) to enhance safety. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Heritage considerations identified to date and in future investigations would be reflected in the detailed design. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Adequate waste facilities would be provided to avoid nuisance to other users in rest areas and at stopping points. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Property impacts would be confirmed and verified by survey where required. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Property acquisition or temporary use would be negotiated by Council with affected landowners where relevant in order to reach fair compensation and access arrangements. | Council | Detailed Design |
| | Measures to manage issues raised by impacted landowners during consultation would be incorporated into the detailed design where relevant. This could include security, fencing, lighting, signage, provision of water for stock, illegal dumping, illegal access (in particular Lot 103 DP810221) etc. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | The use of motorised cycles/scooter/chairs and hiring facilities for these at some access points would be considered. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Emergency access would be provided at suitable locations along the trail. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Vandal resistant materials and appropriate signage would be used to outline expectations of users and other safety information and prevent damage. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Safety requirements at road intersections and other crossings would be further investigated. | Contractor | Detailed Design |
| | Fencing and/ or screening near private properties close to the route would be implemented as required to minimise overlooking and privacy impacts. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Residents, businesses and organisations located close to the proposal would be consulted in advance of construction to ascertain any specific times/events that should be considered in construction programming (e.g. school or cultural events). | Contractor | Construction |
| | Construction scheduling would consider other major projects in the locality to avoid the potential for cumulative impacts. | Contractor | Construction |

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| | Residents living near the proposal and the local community would be provided with timely and relevant information to enable them to understand the likely nature, extent and duration of vibration, dust and noise impacts and access changes. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Communication methods would be chosen to ensure any vulnerable community members are appropriately engaged with during the consultation period. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Communications would include, as relevant, roadside signage, newsletters, newspaper advertisements, web based information, a complaints line, and advice to specific service providers, such as community transport and seniors organisations. | Contractor | Construction |
| | All works would be undertaken during standard construction hours. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Council would continue to engage with affected stakeholders during proposal operation to enable identification and management of any issues as they arise. | Council | Operation |
| | An agreement will be entered into between Council and affected landowners to ensure the onus of fencing repairs etc. is borne by Council. | Council | Operation |
| Visual amenity | All parking and site equipment associated with construction should be appropriately screened as required. | Contractor | Construction |
| | All construction sites are to be maintained daily and decommissioned after completion of the works. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Rehabilitation of the construction site should be undertaken upon completion of the works. | Contractor | Construction |
| Cultural heritage | The footprint of the proposal and the construction methodology would be developed so as to minimise impacts in the vicinity of RVRT PAD 1. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Further investigation of the sites located at the carpark between tunnels 1 & 2 (within the Lake Macquarie LGA) will be undertaken. This would include additional heritage survey and assessment as required and could include relocation of the car park. | Council | Detailed design |
| | The detailed design should include heritage interpretation and signage to be installed in conjunction with shared pathway amenities. Liaison with Aboriginal stakeholders is recommended for designing interpretation and signage content. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | If impacts cannot be avoided to RVRT PAD 1, an Aboriginal heritage impact permit (AHIP) under Section 90 of the NPW Act would be required prior to construction commencing. This AHIP application would be submitted with an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) completed in accordance with the Guide to Investigation, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (Office of Environment and Heritage, 2011). Full consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders, in accordance with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (OEH 2010), and archaeological test excavation would be required. Existing AHIPs that may overlap the site should also be confirmed at this time. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | All workers would complete a specific heritage induction providing information on the Aboriginal heritage of the study area and details of how aboriginal heritage sites and items should be protected from inadvertent and indirect impacts by construction crews during works. | Contractor | Construction |
| | An unexpected finds procedure would be developed and implemented in the event unknown heritage items are uncovered during works. | Contractor | Construction |

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| | Consideration should be given to preserve as much original heritage fabric as practical, including timber bridges and residual rail infrastructure, located along the route of the former Richmond Vale Railway (Item No. I214). In particular the following items should be retained, where considered feasible for safety, cost and environmental reasons:<br>– Tunnel No. 1<br>– Tunnel No. 2<br>– Tunnel No. 3 in particular the brick portals of the tunnel<br>– Surveyors Creek Bridge<br>– Wallis Creek Bridge<br>– The existing profile of the original railway cuttings<br>– Surveyor marked tree<br>– Brick platforms and retaining walls | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Shotcreting of cuttings should be avoided as it would have a major visual impact on the Richmond Vale Railway. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Stabilisation of Tunnel 3 would be undertaken in such a way as to reduce impacts to the eastern portal and retain, as far as practicable, the inherent heritage value. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | The selection of new materials and finishes should be as sympathetic as possible to the existing character of the railway, with the aim of minimising visual impacts. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Heritage interpretation and signage would be installed in conjunction with shared pathway amenities. Liaison with local historical societies, including the University of Newcastle's Coal River Working Party and the Richmond Vale Railway Society and Museum is recommended for designing interpretation and signage content. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Detailed assessment, including assessment of the significance and location of any potential remains (such as worker's camps), would be undertaken during detailed design. The detailed archaeological assessment would assess the impact of any proposed excavation works and provide recommendations for appropriate management of the archaeological resource. Dependant on the assessed level of impact, this may necessitate application for an excavation permit under Section 140 or exception notification under Section 139(4) of the Heritage Act. | Contractor | Detailed design |
| | Prior to construction commencing, all heritage significant elements of the former Richmond Vale Railway that would be impacted should be subject to archival recording. This would involve accurate surveying and planning, as per guidelines set out by the NSW Heritage Office (1998 and 2006). | Contractor | Construction |
| | All workers would complete a specific heritage induction providing information on the Aboriginal heritage of the study area and details of how aboriginal heritage sites and items should be protected from inadvertent and indirect impacts by construction crews during works. | Contractor | Construction |
| | An unexpected finds procedure would be developed and implemented to outline measures in the event that unknown heritage items are uncovered during works. | Contractor | Construction |
| Bush fire | The detailed design would address all relevant requirements of AS 3959 – 1999 Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire-prone Areas. | Contractor | Detailed design |

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| | Council would engage with NPWS to ensure requirements for operational access and restriction of access, including during bush fire and other emergencies, is incorporated into the detailed design. | Council | Detailed design |
| | An emergency response plan would be prepared to include a procedure for managing bush fires. This would include an emergency procedure for ensuring the health and safety of construction workers. | Contractor | Construction |
| | No hot works would be undertaken during periods of high fire danger. | Contractor | Construction |
| | Operational procedures would include measures to restrict access to the trail (such as gates that can be closed) to ensure safety of users during proposal operation. Other measures would be development in accordance with the Werakata SCA Fire Management Strategy, where relevant. | Contractor | Operation |
| | Instructional signage would include safety procedures for trail users to follow in the case of bush fire. This would include emergency contact details and assembly points. | Contractor | Operation |
| Cumulative impacts | – Construction planning would consider avoiding known heavy tourism periods, such as school holidays.<br>– Ongoing coordination and consultation would be undertaken with stakeholders (including internally in Council) to ensure cumulative amenity impacts are appropriately assessed, avoided where possible and managed.<br>– The CEMP would be revised to consider potential cumulative impacts from surrounding development activities if and as they become known.<br>– Traffic management measures would consider other traffic generating developments and activities where relevant.<br>– Noise management measures would consider the cumulative noise impacts from other construction activities occurring in the vicinity of the proposal. | Contractor/ Council | Construction |
| | An operational management plan and/ or procedures would be developed for the proposal to manage ongoing maintenance and day-to-day management of the proposal following construction. This would be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders such as landowners and managers. | Council | Operation |

# Appendix A

## Minutes and information material from landowner meeting

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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| **Meeting Purpose** | Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Meeting with Landowners | **Date** | 31-3-2021 |
| **Location** | Cessnock Performing Arts Centre – Conference Room | **Time** | 3.00pm |
| **Minuted By** | Kate Harris | | |

| Attendee | | Present/Apology |
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| Kate Harris | Cessnock City Council | Present |
| Michael Rathborne | Cessnock City Council | Present |
| Michael Ulph | GHD | Present |
| Kirk Rowe | GHD | Present |
| [redacted] | Private Landowner | Present |
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| **1.** | **Lot 4 DP1000943 ([redacted])** | | | | |
| 1.1 | Rural fencing is not adequate and there is a preference for this to be replaced with 1.8m high man proof fencing (as indicated in other sections of the concept designs). | Rural fencing to be replaced with man proof fencing within concept designs. | CCC | Prior to public exhibition of documents | In progress |
| 1.2 | Access to water must be provided for stock on the southern side of the trail – discussions were held at the meeting regarding potential design solutions including bridges and cattle tunnels. | Options will be discussed and confirmed following further site meetings with Council staff. | CCC | Prior to public exhibition of documents | Not yet commenced |
| 1.3 | There are significant concerns regarding the proximity of the trail to the boundary of the property and privacy implications associated with this. | Options to be discussed and confirmed following further site meetings with Council staff. | CCC | Prior to public exhibition of documents | Not yet commenced |
| **2.** | **Lot 18 & 19 DP1061633 ([redacted])** | | | | |
| 2.1 | The intersection of the trail at the northern end of the lot essentially makes this portion of land redundant. | Access to this portion of the trail needs to be considered. | CCC | Prior to public exhibition of documents | Not yet commenced |
| 2.2 | The trail has significant implications on a current development approval provided for a 10 lot subdivision – particularly in regards to ensuring lot sizes are maintained. 'Land swaps' were discussed at the | Council's Senior Property Officer to follow up current development approval and concerns discussed at the meeting. Further site meetings to be held | CCC | 07-05-21 | In Progress |

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| | meeting, however further options need to be discussed. | with Council Officers to discuss options. | | | |
| **3.** | **Lot 502 DP1200716, Lot7016 DP1021277, Lot 33 DP1085798 ([redacted])** | | | | |
| 3.1 | It was noted that more discussions and time was needed to discuss the impacted lots and the proposed infrastructure, e.g. fencing. | Noted, No Action. | | | |
| 3.2 | It was confirmed that 1.8m high man proof fencing was preferred across impacted lots, similarly to other sections of the concept design drawings. | Rural fencing to be replaced with 1.8m high man proof fencing. | CCC | Prior to public exhibition of documents | In progress |
| 3.3 | Dog Hole Road carpark contains a number of significant Aboriginal sites, and a carpark in this location would not be supported. Council Staff are aware of significant sites located at the carpark between tunnels 1 & 2 (within the Lake Macquarie LGA) however reports have not identified sites at the Dog Hole Road carpark. | Further discussions to be held with Mindaribba LALC and Council Staff to better understand the locations of any/all artefact and cultural heritage sites. | CCC | Carparks to be discussed prior to public exhibition of documents. Discussions to be ongoing. | Not yet commenced |
| 3.4 | Discussions were held around potential rezoning of land to allow for additional opportunities (aside from E2) | Further discussions with Council staff to be held in regards to the rezoning of land. | CCC | Discussions to commence prior to public exhibition of documents. | Not yet commenced |
| 3.5 | More consideration needs to be given as to what opportunities the proposed trail can provide for Aboriginal people such as employment, co-design of heritage interpretation/education, etc. | Further discussions are to be held with Council staff to identify options and opportunities that can be included within the proposal, such as employment, co-design of heritage interpretation/education, etc. | CCC | Discussions to commence prior to public exhibition of documents. | Not yet commenced |
| **4.** | **General Discussion Items** | | | | |
| 4.1 | Concerns were raised as to why Council is not required to lodge a Development Application, similarly to Newcastle City Council. It was confirmed that as the scope of the project falls within the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, it needs to be assessed via this approval pathway. Further context from that provided at the meeting:<br>(a) The proposal is defined as a 'road infrastructure facility' under clause 93 of the ISEPP. Clause 94(1) of the ISEPP permits development for the purpose of a road infrastructure facility to be carried out by or on behalf of a public authority without consent on any land except land reserved under the NPW Act unless the development:<br>- is authorised by or under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, or<br>- is, or is the subject of, an existing interest within the meaning of section 39 of that Act, or<br>- is on land to which that Act applies over which an easement has been granted and is not contrary to the terms or nature of the easement.<br><br>(b) As none of the above apply to the proposal, it can be undertaken without development consent.<br>- Assessment, in the form of this REF, is required under Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act. | | | | |

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| | (c ) It is important to note that a high level of transparency will be applied to the project including a report to Council, a public exhibition period, and a further report to Council following the assessment of submissions. | | | | |
| 4.2 | It was discussed whether the trail could be diverted at George Booth Drive as opposed to continuing through private land. It was confirmed that the intent of the trail is to follow the rail corridor and keep cyclists/walkers off busy roads. The trail is also mapped and identified within regional and local planning documents. There are no plans at this stage to divert the trail at George Booth Drive however Council staff will continue to engage with landowners to ensure impacts are minimised. | | | | |
| 4.3 | Maintenance of the track including fencing – as well as a public liability: It was confirmed that Council will be responsible for public liability within the track as well as the ongoing management of the track including the infrastructure. A 'contract' per say will be entered into with Council and landowners to ensure the onus of fencing repairs etc. is borne by Council. | | | | |
| 4.4 | Illegal dumping was raised as an issue with all landowners. It was discussed that passive surveillance opportunities offered by the RVRT could counteract the increased accessibility that it may bring. It was also discussed that measures will need to be consider during detailed design to mitigate illegal dumping. | | | | |
| 4.5 | Landowners agreed the next step from here would be for Council staff to visit impacted properties so issues can be discussed further. | | | | |

Meeting Closed: 4:45pm

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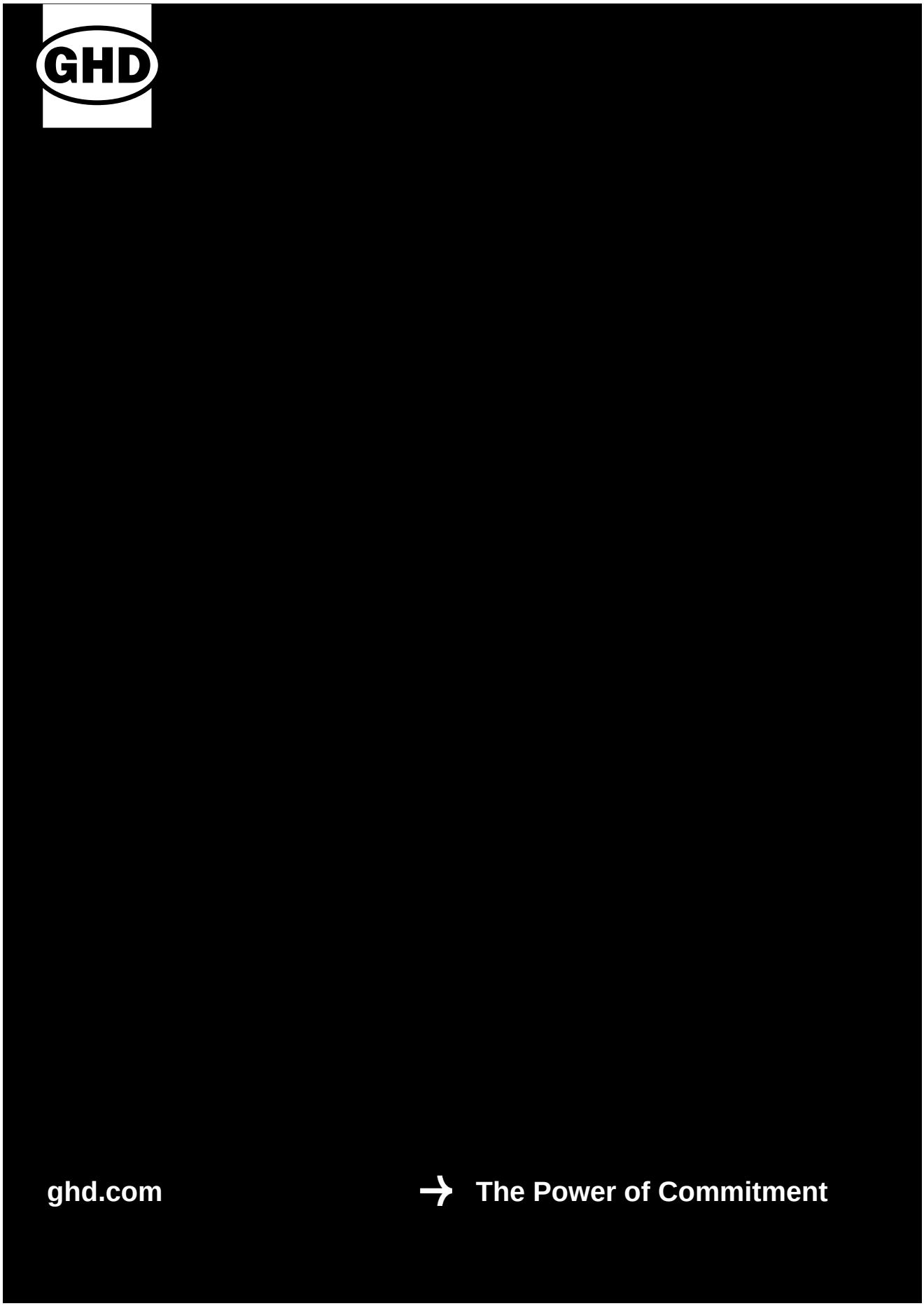
# Appendix B

## Submission numbers and respondent details

*Table B.1 Submission details*

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# Richmond Vale Rale Trail Stockrington to Kurri Kurri

# Determination Report

## Purpose of this report

The purpose of this Determination Report is for Cessnock City Council, as the Proponent of the Richmond Vale Rail Trail (Stockrington to Kurri Kurri), to determine whether or not to proceed with the Proposed Activity. Cessnock City Council must make a determination in accordance with the provisions of Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.*

## Background

The proposed Richmond Vale Rail Trail (RVRT) is a 32 kilometre cycling and walking track along the former Richmond Vale railway between Kurri Kurri and Hexham/Shortland.

The Richmond Vale railway is a former rail line that runs from Hexham to Pelaw Main in the Lower Hunter region of NSW. Industrial operation of the railway ceased in 1987 following the closure of the collieries in the region. An opportunity now exists to establish a multi-use recreational trail for active transport by utilising the disused sections of the former rail line. The trail would be located within the Newcastle, Cessnock and Lake Macquarie local government areas.

The rail trail would provide a safe cycling and walking experience between Kurri Kurri and Newcastle that does not utilise existing road networks and would attract both local and regional users to enjoy the environmental and heritage attractions along the route. The Richmond Vale Rail Trail provides an opportunity for the communities of the Lower Hunter region to develop the key economic growth areas of tourism and recreation while providing social, health and conservation benefits for users and the region.

To seek relevant development approvals, the Richmond Vale Rail has been divided into two sections, Shortland to Tarro and Pambalong, and Stockrington to Kurri Kurri. The Stockrington to Kurri Kurri section of the rail trail is addressed in this review of environmental factors (REF), apart from a small area adjacent to the Pambalong Nature Reserve where development consent has previously been provided.

The Shortland to Tarro, and the Pambalong section, are subject to assessment and approval under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). Environmental impact statements (EIS) have been prepared for both projects (GHD, 2019; GHD, 2020) to accompany a development application to the City of Newcastle. These areas are not addressed in the REF.

## Review of Environmental Factors

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared by GHD Pty Ltd on Behalf of Cessnock City Council in accordance with sections 5.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to ensure that Cessnock City Council takes into account to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the Proposed Activity.

The Richmond Vale Rail Trail Stockrington to Kurri Kurri REF provides information on the scope of works and environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Activity. The REF concluded that the Proposed Activity would not have a significant impact on the environment and that, should the Proposed Activity proceed, the likely impacts would be appropriately managed in accordance with the mitigation measures outlined in the REF.

The Richmond Vale Rail Trail Stockrinton to Kurri Kurri REF was placed on public display from 12 May 2022 to 3 July 2022, with 127 submissions received. Issues raised in these submissions are addressed in the Formal Submissions Report (Appendix A)

### Changes to Environmental Safeguards & Management Measures

Prior to Public Exhibition, the REF identified a range of environmental outcomes and management measures that would be required to avoid or reduce the environmental impacts. After consideration of the issues raised in the public submissions, the environmental management measures for the proposal (refer to Chapter 7 of the REF) have been revised. Should the proposal proceed, the environmental management measures will guide the subsequent phases of the proposal.

Additional and/or modified environmental safeguards and management measures to those presented in the REF are provided below.

| **Impact** | **Environmental Safeguard** |
|---|---|
| Noise and vibration | Additional measures to reduce the potential for noise impacts at key locations, such as landscaped barriers, would be investigated during detailed design. |
| Traffic and access | The location of e-bike infrastructure would be investigated during development of the detailed design. |
| | In order to manage the potential conflict between light and heavy vehicle traffic at the Quarry Access Road and the access to the Pace Farm, the following measures are recommended: – Provision of truck warning signage on the access road. – Management of roadside vegetation to maintain forward sight lines for traffic moving along the access road. |
| Biodiversity | Once the footprint and construction methodology are confirmed during detailed design, the need for additional ecological survey will be determined. Appropriate measures in response to the outcomes of additional will be incorporated into the detailed design and construction and operation of the proposal as relevant. |
| Socio-economic | Measures to manage issues raised by impacted landowners during consultation would be incorporated into the detailed design where relevant. This could include security, fencing, lighting, signage, provision of water for stock, illegal dumping, illegal access (in particular Lot 103 DP810221) etc. |
| | An agreement will be entered into between Council and affected landowners to ensure the onus of fencing repairs etc. is borne by Council. |
| Cultural Heritage | Further investigation of the sites located at the carpark between tunnels 1 & 2 (within the Lake Macquarie LGA) will be undertaken. This would include additional heritage survey and assessment as required and could include relocation of the car park. |

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| Cumulative impacts | • Construction planning would consider avoiding known heavy tourism periods, such as school holidays.<br>• Ongoing coordination and consultation would be undertaken with stakeholders (including internally in Council) to ensure cumulative amenity impacts are appropriately assessed, avoided where possible and managed.<br>• The Construction Environmental Management Plan would be revised to consider potential cumulative impacts from surrounding development activities if and as they become known.<br>• Traffic management measures would consider other traffic generating developments and activities where relevant.<br>• Noise management measures would consider the cumulative noise impacts from other construction activities occurring in the vicinity of the proposal. |
| | An operational management plan and/ or procedure would be developed for the proposal to manage ongoing maintenance and day-to-day management of the proposal following construction. This would be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders such as landowners and managers. |

### Description of Proposed Activity in the REF

The Proposal involves the establishment of approximately 17 kilometres of recreational pathway, constructed for the most part within existing cleared road corridors or the former Richmond Vale railway alignment. The proposal would enable active transport between the suburbs of Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Buchanan, Richmond Vale, Seahampton and Stockrington.

The proposal would generally comprise the following construction activities:

- Removal of unsuitable subgrades and construction of pavements using imported gravel, asphalt and concrete.
- Restoration and repair, as required, of three existing railway tunnels.
- Installation of at-grade crossings of the following roads:
  - Dog Hole Road, Stockrington,
  - Quarry access road, Richmond Vale,
  - Hunter Expressway construction yard off George Booth Drive, Richmond Vale, and
  - Pokolbin Street, Kurri Kurri.
- Construction of a 15 metre two-span concrete bridge at Surveyors Creek and demolition of the existing timber bridge at this location.
- Construction of a new 70 metre single span bridge at Wallis Creek, and demolition of the existing timber bridge at this location bicycle racks installed on both sides of the station.
- Construction of a new, short bridge at Werekata Creek, with removal of the existing bridge abutments as the bridge structure having been removed previously.
- Construction of new parking facilities at various access points along the proposal route.

A more detailed description of the proposal is found in the REF prepared for Cessnock City Council by GHD Pty Ltd in March 2022.

### Consultation Undertaken Prior and During the Display of the REF

Details of consultation undertaken with the community and stakeholders as a part of the public exhibition period can be found within the Formal Submissions Report in Appendix A.

### REF Submissions

A total of 127 submissions on the REF were received. Submissions included feedback on a range of issues in relation to the Proposed Activity. Feedback was reviewed and categorised into the following key issues:

- Amenities (supporting infrastructure)
- Trail width greater than three metres
- Design features
- Noise
- Operational Issues
- Proposal Objective and road networks reference
- E-bikes and scooters
- Dogs
- Anti-social behaviour and security
- Permissibility of the trail
- Ongoing consultation
- Cumulative impacts
- Cost of Construction
- Loss of potential for working railway
- Bush fire risk
- Ecology
- Additional approvals and NPWS Policies
- Outside the scope of the REF
- Retain railway infrastructure in the trail
- Dedicated regional planning and management committee
- Property impacts
- Flooding
- Slope Stability

The analysis and response to submissions can be found within the Formal Submissions Report (Appendix A).

### Future consultation

Should Cessnock City Council proceed with the Proposed Activity, consultation activities would continue, including consultation with impacted landowners and key stakeholders regarding design development. In addition, Cessnock City Council would notify residents, businesses and community members in the lead up to and during construction. The consultation activities would help to ensure that:

- Impacted landowners have an opportunity to provide feedback on the detailed design,
- the community and stakeholders are notified in advance of any upcoming works, including changes to pedestrian or traffic access arrangements,
- accurate and accessible information is made available,

- a timely response is given to issues and concerns raised by the community, and
- feedback from the community is encouraged, considered and responded to.

Targeted consultation methods, such as use of letters, notifications, signage and verbal communications, will occur. Council's website will also include updates on the progress of construction.

### Consideration of Environmental Impacts

The proposal is development permissible without consent in accordance with Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act. This REF fulfils the requirements of section 5.5 of the EP&A Act, which requires that Council examine and take into account to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of activity.

The REF and Determination Report have been prepared with regard to all relevant Commonwealth and NSW legislation. Statutory considerations for the Proposed Activity are discussed in more detail in Chapter 4 of the REF.

### Conditions of Approval for Richmond Vale Rail Trail - Stockrington to Kurri

If approved, the Proposed Activity will be allowed to proceed subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval provided in this report.

### Conclusion

Cessnock City Council is the Proponent for the Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri. Based on the assessments in the REF it is concluded that the Proposed Activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment (including critical habitat) or threatened species, populations of ecological communities, or their habitats. Additionally, the proposed Conditions of Approval within this Determination Report would further strengthen the mitigation and management of key impacts of the Proposed Activity.

Based on the assessments in the REF and a review of the submissions received from the community and stakeholders, it is recommended that the Proposed Activity be approved, subject to the mitigation measures included in the REF and the proposed Conditions of Approval. Cessnock City Council will continue to liaise with the community and other stakeholders as the Proposed Activity progresses through detailed design and into the construction phase.

# Conditions of Approval

### For Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri

Note: The Conditions of Approval must be read in conjunction with the final mitigation measures in the REF as well as the Formal Submissions Report.

## No. Type

## General

### 1. Terms of Approval

The Project shall be carried out generally in accordance with the:

**a)** Review of Environmental Factors (including all identified mitigation measures),

**b)** Formal Submissions Report, and

**c)** Conditions of Approval.

The approved plans and documents for this Project comprises the following:

| Document | Author | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri Review of Environmental Factors | GHD | March 2022 |
| Richmond Vale Rail Trail – Stockrington to Kurri Kurri Formal Submissions Report | GHD | April 2023 |
| Richmond Vale Rail Trail– Stockrington to Kurri– Determination Report | Cessnock City Council | May 2023 |

**CONDITIONS TO BE SATISIFED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION**

### 2. Project Modifications

Any modification to the Project as approved in the REF would be subject to further assessment. This assessment would need to demonstrate that any environmental impacts resulting from the modifications have been minimised. The assessment shall be subject to approval by a person with delegated authority in Council.

### 3. Statutory Requirements

These conditions do not relieve the Proponent of the obligation to obtain all other licences, permits, approvals and land owner consents from all relevant authorities and land owners as required under any other legislation for the Project. The Proponent shall comply with the terms and conditions of such licences, permits, approvals and permissions (as outlined within the REF).

Prior to the commencement of works, the Applicant must obtain the necessary licence(s) to authorise the development under section 151 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act)

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must obtain approval from the National Park and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for any rest areas located within lands managed by the National Park and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

### 4. Pre-Construction Environmental Compliance Matrix

A pre-construction environmental compliance matrix (PECM) for the Project shall be

prepared detailing compliance with all relevant conditions prior to commencement of construction. The PECM shall also include details of approvals, licences and permits required to be obtained under any other legislation for the Project.

**5. Operational Management Plan**

The proponent shall prepare an Operational Management Plan.

The Operational Management Plan for the cycleway is to be prepared in consultation with National Parks and Wildlife Service and other relevant stakeholders which identifies the key management and maintenance considerations (e.g. weed control, restriction on domestic animals including dogs and horses) for the cycleway and allocates responsibility for matters to ensure the cycleway is managed and maintained appropriately.

The Plan must be approved prior to construction and all requirements of the approved Operational Management Plan must be implemented during the operation of the proposed development.

**6. Photographic Archival Recording**

Prior to the commencement of any works, including the dismantling of fabric or demolition, a Photographic Archival Recording must be undertaken.

Written confirmation must also be obtained from Council's Heritage Advisor, attesting that the Photographic Archival Recording is of an acceptable quality and satisfies the requirements of this condition.

The Photographic Archival Recording shall be prepared in accordance with the guidelines "Archival Recording of Heritage Items Using Film or Digital Capture" published by Heritage NSW. A complete copy of the Photographic Archival Recording must be submitted to Council and contain (for digital projects):

**a)** A brief report or introduction which explains the purposes of the Photographic Archival Recording and gives a brief description of the subject site, as well as details of the sequence in which the images were taken. The report may also address the limitations of the photographic record and may make recommendations for future work,

**b)** Measured plans of the building at 1:100 scale,

**c)** A site plan of the building at min. 1:200 scale,

**d)** Plans of the building marked up to indicate where the photographs were taken and the direction of the photograph,

**e)** The report should include all technical details including camera and lenses, image file size and format, technical metadata associated with the images, and colour information,

**f)** Catalogue sheets, photographic plan, supplementary maps,

**g)** Colour thumbnail image sheets (eg. A4 page with six (6) images by six (6) images) showing images and reference numbers. The thumbnail sheets should be processed with archivally stable inks on archivally acceptable photographic paper and cross referenced to catalogue sheets,

**h)** A full set of 10.5x14.8cm (A6) colour prints OR, if a large project, a representative set of selected images processed with archivally stable inks on archivally acceptable photographic paper,

**i)** Photographic images are to include:

- View to and from the site (possible from four (4) compass points),
- Views showing relationships to other relevant structures, landscape features and moveable items,
- All external elevations,
- Views of all external and internal spaces (eg. courtyards, rooms, roof spaces etc.) and,
- External and internal detail (eg. joinery, construction joints, decorative features, paving types etc.)

**j)** A CD, DVD or USB containing Electronic image files saved as RAW files with associated metadata, and cross-referenced to catalogue sheets.

The report should be presented on archival quality paper in a suitable archival binder and slipcase, and all storage of individual components must be in archival quality packaging suitable for long term storage.

One (1) complete copy of the Photographic Archival Recording shall be submitted to Council for accession to the Local Studies library collection.

## 7. Archaeological Survey Required

An Archaeological Survey of the site must be conducted. This survey shall be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced heritage consultant, archaeologist or the like, and shall identify the likelihood of remains and/or artefacts, whether European or Aboriginal, being present on site.

Three (3) copies of the survey must be submitted to Council. A written acknowledgement from Council must be obtained (attesting to this condition being appropriately satisfied)

In the event that remnants or artefacts are found during the progression of works on the site, all works are to cease until the full requirements of this condition have been addressed. Remnants and artefacts discovered during demolition, earthworks or excavation shall be photographed, catalogued by location and description, and stored and preserved in a place agreed to by Council. Disposal of the remnants and artefacts shall only occur in consultation with, and subject to, the agreement of Council.

## 8. Waste Management Plan

A Waste Management Plan is to be prepared in accordance with the following: a) Estimated quantities of materials that are reused, recycled, removed from the site b) On site material storage areas during construction c) Materials and methods used during construction to minimise waste d) Nomination of end location of all waste generated. All requirements of the approved Waste Management Plan must be implemented during the construction of the development.

## 9. Interpretation & Signage Strategy

The Interpretation Strategy must detail how information on the history and significance of the site will be provided for the public, and make recommendations regarding public accessibility, signage and lighting. Public art, details of the heritage design, or the display of selected artefacts are some means that can be used. The Interpretation & Signage Strategy is to be completed by a suitably qualified consultant with experience in

undertaking these Strategies. Two copies of the strategies are to be submitted to Council.

Instructive signage is to be developed in consultation with NPWS regarding style and content.

**10. Fencing**

All boundary fencing, and fencing within National Parks & Wildlife Service's lands, is to be subject of a final fencing plan. The final fencing design within the plan is to be undertaken in consultation with the respective landowners (e.g. National Parks & Wildlife Service).

**11. Heritage Interpretation Plan**

A Heritage Interpretation Plan must be submitted to Council. The Heritage Interpretation Plan to nominate the interpretive measures to be implemented, to provide for the interpretation of the heritage item. The Heritage Interpretation Plan to include details/drawings/specifications on the proposed location, medium, format, content and ongoing maintenance/management of interpretive measures for the Richmond Vale Railway.

**12. Waste Receptacles**

waste receptacles are only located to trailheads of the cycleway and users are otherwise required to carry out any waste/items they take into the cycleway area covered these approval conditions.

**13. Acid Sulphate Soil Management Plan**

If the development is likely to result in:

**a)** the disturbance of more than 1 tonne of soil, or

**b)** the disturbance of soils that are situated lower than the water table.

An Acid Sulphate Soil Management Plan must to be provided prior to the commencement of works. The Acid Sulphate Soil Management Plan is to be prepared in accordance with the Acid Sulfate Soil Laboratory Methods and Manual (ASSMAC, 1998).

All requirements of the approved Acid Sulphate Soil Management Plan must be implemented during the construction of the development.

**14 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**

It is recommended that the following Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles be incorporated into the detailed design (but are not limited to):

a) The lighting and landscaping of carparks, rest areas, tunnels and crossing points along the trail.

b) Signage at key entry points to the trail that clearly indicates user expectations and safety information.

c) Ongoing maintenance and responses to damaged fencing, graffiti, illegal dumping and property damage.

d) Fencing to restrict access to private property and minimise unauthorised entry.

e) Directional signage that is clear and assist in way finding. In the event these recommendation/s are implemented, plans and details submitted in association with the CC application are to reflect this.

The plans and details must be approved as satisfying this requirement prior to construction.

## Communications

### 15. Community Liaison Plan

The Proponent shall develop and implement a community liaison plan (CLP) to engage with government agencies, relevant councils, landowners, community members and other relevant stakeholders (such as impacted landowners and utility/service providers etc). The CLP shall provide a single, consistent consultation framework for proactive communications management for the duration of the construction period. The CLP shall comply with the obligations of these conditions and should include, but not necessarily be limited to:

**a)** details of the protocols and procedures for disseminating information and liaising with the community and other key stakeholders about construction activities (including timing and staging) and any associated impacts during the construction period,

**b)** details of the community liaison team appointed to manage and implement the plan,

**c)** stakeholder and issues identification and analysis,

**d)** identification of opportunities where community feedback will be sought throughout the project (including sustainability initiatives),

**e)** procedures for dealing with complaints or disputes and response requirements, and

**f)** details (including a program) of training for all employees, contractors and sub-contractors on the requirements of the CLP.

Sub-plans to the CLP will be developed as required. These sub-plans will detail site-specific consultation and communication requirements for construction works that impact residents, other stakeholders and businesses. They will also identify further mitigation measures and processes to reduce construction impacts.

### 16. Community Notification and Liaison

The local community shall be advised of any activities related to the Project with the potential to impact upon them.

Prior to any site activities commencing and throughout the Project duration, the community is to be notified of works to be undertaken, the estimated hours of construction and details of how further information can be obtained (i.e. contact telephone number/email, website, newsletters etc)

### 17. Website

The Proponent shall provide electronic information (or details of where hard copies of this information may be accessed by members of the public) related to the Project, on dedicated pages within its existing website, including:

**a)** a copy of the documents referred to under condition 1 of this approval,

**b)** a list of environmental management reports that are publicly available, and

**c)** details of construction information

Detailed updates of work progress and construction activities shall be regularly provided on the website.

## Environmental Management

### 18. Environmental Induction

Prior to the commencement of construction, all contractors shall be inducted by the Proponent on the key Project interfaces and associated environmental risks and procedures.

### 19. Environmental Management System

Construction works shall be undertaken in accordance with the Proponent's environmental management system (EMS) which has been accredited as ISO14001 compliant.

### 20. Environmental Management Representative

Prior to the commencement of construction, the PM shall appoint an EMR who is independent of the design and construction personnel of the Project, for the duration of the construction period for the Project.

The EMR shall provide advice to the PM in relation to the environmental compliance and performance of the Project. The EMR shall have responsibility for:

- considering and advising the Proponent on matters specified in these conditions and compliance with such
- reviewing and where required by the PM, providing advice on the Project's induction and training program for all persons involved in the construction activities and monitoring implementation
- periodically auditing the Project's environmental activities to evaluate the implementation, effectiveness and level of compliance of on-site construction activities with authority approvals and licences, the CEMP and associated plans and procedures, including carrying out site inspections weekly, or as required by the PM;
- reporting weekly to the Proponent (unless otherwise requested by the PM)
- issuing a recommendation to the Proponent for work to stop immediately, if in the view of the EMR circumstances so require. The stop work recommendation may be limited to specific activities if the EMR can easily identify those activities
- requiring reasonable steps to be taken to avoid or minimise unintended or adverse environmental impacts reviewing corrective and preventative actions to ensure the implementation of recommendations made from the audits and site inspections
- providing reports to the Proponent on matters relevant to the carrying out of the

EMR role as necessary

- where required by the PM, providing advice on the content and implementation of the CEMP in accordance with the conditions.

The EMR shall be available during construction activities to inspect the site(s).

## 21. National Park and Wildlife Requirements

The use of the cycleway shall occur in accordance with the Operational Management Plan prepared to the satisfaction of National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), for the sections of the cycleway on NPWS managed lands.

The Proponent is required to manage and maintain that part of the cycleway on NPWS managed lands.

All events proposed to occur on the cycleway which traverse National Parks & Wildlife Service lands will require a consent under the NPW Regulation and are to be undertaken in accordance with the NPWS Events, functions and venues policy at all times.

Domestic animals (including, but not limited to horses and dogs) are to be excluded along the full extent of the cycleway at all times. The Operational Management Plan is to detail the methods of exclusion for these animals, including but not limited to signage at all trailheads to the cycleway.

## 22. Construction Environmental Management Plan

The Proponent shall prepare a CEMP prior to commencement of construction which addresses the following matters:

**a)** Traffic and pedestrian management (in consultation with the relevant roads authority),

**b)** noise and vibration management,

**c)** water and soil management,

**d)** air quality management (including dust suppression),

**e)** indigenous and non-indigenous heritage management,

**f)** flora and fauna management,

**g)** storage and use of hazardous materials,

**h)** contaminated land (including acid sulphate soils),

**i)** weed management,

**j)** waste management,

**k)** light spill,

**l)** sustainability initiatives,

**m)** environmental incident reporting and management procedures, and

**n)** non-compliance and corrective/preventative action procedures.

The CEMP shall:

**1.** Comply with the conditions of approval, conditions of any licences, permits or other approvals issued by government authorities for the Project, all relevant legislation and regulations, and accepted best practice management.

The Proponent shall:

1. Consult with government agencies and relevant service/utility providers, impacted landowners (NPWS etc) as part of the preparation of the CEMP,
2. submit a copy of the CEMP to the EMR for review. The EMR is to be given a minimum period of 7 days to review and provide any comments to the Proponent in relation to the CEMP,
3. submit a copy of the CEMP to the PM (or nominated delegate) for approval upon completion of the EMR review period, at least 14 days prior to commencement of construction (or such time as is otherwise agreed to by the PM),
4. review and update the CEMP at minimum 6-monthly intervals, and in response to any actions identified as part of the EMR's audit of the document, and
5. ensure updates to the CEMP are be made within 7 days of the completion of the review or receipt of actions identified by any EMR audit of the document, and be submitted to the EMR for approval.

The CEMP must be approved by the PM prior to the commencement of construction work associated with the Project.

## PC Signage and Contact Details

**23.** Prior to the commencement of works, a sign must be erected in a prominent position on the site on which the proposal is being carried out. The sign must state:

a) Unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

b) The name of the principal contractor (or person in charge of the site) and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted at any time for business purposes and including outside working hours.

c) The name, address and telephone number of the PC for the work. Any such sign must be maintained while the work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

## Traffic and Access

### 24. Traffic Management Plan

The Proponent shall prepare a construction traffic management plan (TMP) as part of the CEMP which addresses, as a minimum, the following:

**a)** A plan view of the entire site and frontage roadways indicating:

**i.** Dedicated construction site entrances and exits, controlled by a certified traffic controller, to safely manage pedestrians and construction related vehicles in the frontage roadways.

**ii.** Turning areas within the site for construction and spoil removal vehicles, allowing a forward egress for all construction vehicles on the site.

**iii.** The locations of proposed work zones in the frontage roadways.

**iv.** Location of any proposed crane, concrete pump, truck standing areas on and off the site.

**v.** A dedicated unloading and loading point within the site for all construction vehicles, plant and deliveries.

**vi.** Material, plant and spoil bin storage areas within the site, where all materials are to be dropped off and collected.

**vii.** An onsite parking area for employees, tradespersons and construction vehicles as far as possible.

**viii.** The proposed areas within the site to be used for the storage of excavated material, construction materials and waste and recycling containers during the construction period.

**ix.** How it is proposed to ensure that soil/excavated material is not transported onto surrounding footpaths and roadways.

**x.** The proposed method of support to any excavation adjacent to adjoining properties, or the road reserve. The proposed method of support is to be designed by a Chartered Civil Engineer.

**b)** During excavation, demolition and construction phases, noise generated from the site must be controlled.

**c)** All site works must comply with the work health and safety requirements of SafeWork NSW.

**d)** During excavation, demolition and construction phases, toilet facilities are to be provided on site, at the rate of one (1) toilet for every twenty (20) persons or part of twenty (20) persons employed at the site.

**e)** All traffic control plans must be in accordance with the TfNSW publication Traffic Control Worksite Manual and prepared by a suitably qualified person (minimum 'red card' qualification). The main stages of the development requiring specific construction management measures are to be identified and specific traffic control measures identified for each stage.

Approval is to be obtained from Council for any temporary road closures or crane use from public property. Applications to Council shall be made a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the proposed activity being undertaken.

The Proponent shall consult with the relevant road's authority during preparation of the TMP, as required. The performance of all Project traffic arrangements must be monitored during construction.

## Contaminated Soil Management Plan

**25.** The applicant must prepare a Contaminated Soil Management Plan incorporating the following matters. The plan must be prepared or reviewed and approved by an appropriately qualified and certified environmental consultant accredited under a scheme, and approved by the PC as satisfying these matters prior to the commencement of works.

a) Provision for further detailed assessment where appropriate to confirm the conclusions of any preliminary assessment and to determine whether any specific remediation or management of areas is required. The further assessment should be based on the following:

- potential areas and types of contamination identified in this assessment; and

- the potential for exposure to workers and to end-users based respectively on the nature of the proposed construction works and the final design of the RVRT.

b) Appropriate management controls to minimise the potential for exposure of contamination to workers and recreational users within the RVRT both during and post construction.

c) Description of appropriate excavation, validation, management and/or disposal requirements for potentially contaminated materials, if identified by further assessment or encountered during the construction of the RVRT.

d) Sampling and analysis requirements for assessment of potentially contaminated soils for re-use or for waste classification prior to offsite disposal. e) Contingency plans including unexpected finds protocols for potentially contaminated soils (if encountered) including landfill or anthropogenic waste and Potential Asbestos Containing Material (PACM)

### 26. Road Condition Reports

Prior to construction commencing, the Proponent shall prepare road condition surveys and reports on condition of roads and footpaths affected by Construction. Any damage resulting from the construction of the Project, aside from that resulting from normal wear and tear, shall be repaired at the Proponent's expense.

## Lighting

### 27. Outdoor Lighting

Must be satisfied that any outdoor lighting is designed and positioned to minimise any detrimental impact upon the amenity of other premises, adjacent dwellings and the road reserve, and that the outdoor lighting complies with the relevant provisions of AS 1158.3:2005 Pedestrian area (Category P) lighting – Performance and design requirements and AS 4282:1997 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.

## Erosion and Sediment Control

### 28. Erosion and Sediment Control

Soil and water management measures shall be prepared and implemented as part of the CEMP for the mitigation of water quality and hydrology impacts during construction of the Project. The management measures shall be prepared in accordance with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction 4th Edition (Landcom, 2004).

## Heritage

### 29. Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Heritage

If previously unidentified indigenous or non-indigenous heritage/archaeological items are uncovered during construction works, all works in the vicinity of the find shall cease and appropriate advice shall be sought from a suitably qualified heritage consultant (and in consultation with the OEH Heritage Branch where appropriate). Works in the vicinity of the find shall not re-commence until clearance has been received from the heritage consultant.

**30. Heritage Site Induction**

Prior to the commencement of any works, all contractors, tradesmen and the like, shall be given a heritage site induction ('toolbox talk'). The heritage site induction shall be delivered by a suitably qualified Heritage Consultant and shall ensure that all contractors, tradesmen and the like, are made aware that: a) The site contains an item of heritage significance; b) A summary overview of why the place is identified as an item of heritage significance; c) All works involving heritage fabric are to be undertaken by suitably qualified trades with demonstrated experience relevant to the field; d) There are statutory obligations under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and the *Heritage Act 1977* regarding Indigenous and built archaeology.

**CONDITIONS DURING WORKS**

## Hour of Work & Site Security

**31.** Excavation, building or subdivision work must be restricted to the hours of 7.00am and 5.00pm on Monday to Saturday inclusive. Work is not to be carried out on Sundays and public holidays.

The site must be appropriately secured at all times

A copy of the approved plans must be kept on site for the duration of site works and be made available upon request.

## Complaints Management

**32.** Details of all complaints received during construction are to be recorded on a complaints register.

A verbal response to phone enquiries on what action is proposed to be undertaken is to be provided to the complainant within 2 hours during all times construction is being undertaken and within 24 hours during non-construction times (unless the complainant agrees otherwise). A detailed written response is to be provided to the complainant within 7 calendar days. Responses to written complaints (email/letter) should be provided within 48 hours of receipt of the communication.

## Noise and Vibration

**33. High Noise Generating Activities**

Rock breaking or hammering, jack hammering, pile driving, vibratory rolling, cutting of pavement, concrete or steel and any other activities which result in impulsive or tonal noise generation shall only be scheduled between the following hours unless otherwise agreed to by the PM (or nominated delegate), or as approved by EPA (where relevant to the issuing of an EPL), unless inaudible at nearby residential properties and/or other noise sensitive receivers:

**a)** 8:00am to 12:00pm, Monday to Saturday, and

2:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

**34. Construction Noise and Vibration**

Construction noise and vibration mitigation measures shall be implemented through the CEMP, in accordance with the EPA's *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2009). The

mitigation measures shall include, but not be limited to:

**a)** Details of construction activities and an indicative schedule for construction works,

**b)** identification of construction activities that have the potential to generate noise and/or vibration impacts on surrounding land uses, particularly sensitive noise receivers. This includes further assessment of airborne noise impacts associated with tunnel construction,

**c)** detail what reasonable and feasible actions and measures shall be implemented to minimize noise impacts (including those identified in the REF),

**d)** procedures for notifying sensitive receivers of construction activities that are likely to affect their noise and vibration amenity, as well as procedures for dealing with and responding to noise complaints, and

a description of how the effectiveness of actions and measures shall be monitored during the proposed works, clearly indicating the frequency of monitoring, the locations at which monitoring shall take place, recording and reporting of monitoring results and if any exceedance is detected, the manner in which any non-compliance shall be rectified.

## Erosion & Sediment Controls

**35.** The control of erosion, and the prevention of silt discharge into drainage systems and waterways, will be necessary in accordance with Council's 'Engineering Requirements for Development', and Landcom's Soils and Construction Manual - April 2004. Erosion control measures are to be implemented prior to the commencement of any earthworks, and shall be maintained until satisfactory completion and restoration of site earthworks, including revegetation of all exposed areas

## Removal of Contaminated Soil

**36.** Any soil proposed to be disposed of off-site must be classified, removed and disposed of in accordance with the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority Waste Classification Guidelines 2014 and the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Any soil which fails to meet the criteria is not to be disposed of off-site unless agreed to in writing by the Environment Protection Authority. Results of testing are to be forwarded to Cessnock Council for acknowledgement before any off-site disposal, and before proceeding with any construction works.

## Acid Sulphate Soils

**37.** The excavation and treatment of all potential and actual acid sulfate soils must be carried out in strict accordance with the provisions of the approved Acid Sulfate Soils Management Plan prepared for the site (where a plan has been required).

## Waste Management

**38.** Rubbish generated from the development is to be suitably contained on site at all times. No rubbish shall be stockpiled in a manner which facilitates the rubbish to be blown off site

## Graffiti and Advertising

**39.** Hoardings, site sheds, fencing, acoustic walls around the perimeter of the site, and any structures built as part of the Project are to be maintained free of graffiti and advertising not authorised by the Proponent during the construction period. Graffiti and unauthorised advertising will be removed or covered within the following timeframes:

a) offensive graffiti will be removed or concealed within 24 hours,

b) highly visible (yet inoffensive) graffiti will be removed or concealed within a week,

c) graffiti that is neither offensive or highly visible will be removed or concealed within a month, and

any unauthorised advertising material will be removed or concealed within 24 hours.

## Conditions prior to first use

**40. Environmental Management Plan**

An Environmental Management Plan is to be provided to prior to the first use of the development. The Environmental Management Plan is to include, but not limited to, the mitigation and management measures as outlined within the REF – Prepared by GHD – Dated March 2022, and is to take into consideration the entire length of the proposed trail. The Environmental Management Plan may form part of the Operational Management Plan. All requirements of the Environmental Management Plan must be implemented during the operation of the proposed development.

**41. Implementation of Operational Management Plan**

Prior to the first use, the recommendations and initiatives of the approved Operational Management Plan are to be fully implemented and completed. Evidence of compliance with this condition shall be submitted to NPWS and Council.

**42. Fencing**

Prior to the first use, fencing shall be provided in accordance with the Operational Management Plan.

**43. Implementation of Heritage Interpretation Plan**

Prior to the first use, the recommendations and initiatives of the approved Heritage Interpretation Plan are to be fully implemented and completed. Evidence of compliance with this condition shall be submitted to the satisfaction of Council's Heritage Advisor.

**44. Retention of Railway Relics In-situ**

All extant railway relics and infrastructure, (including but not limited to, railway track (sleepers, rails), points, platforms, signals, embankments, culverts, bridges, sidings) shall be retained and conserved in-situ, unless the modification, removal, relocation or adaptive re-use of such relics and infrastructure has explicitly been consented to under the terms of this approval.

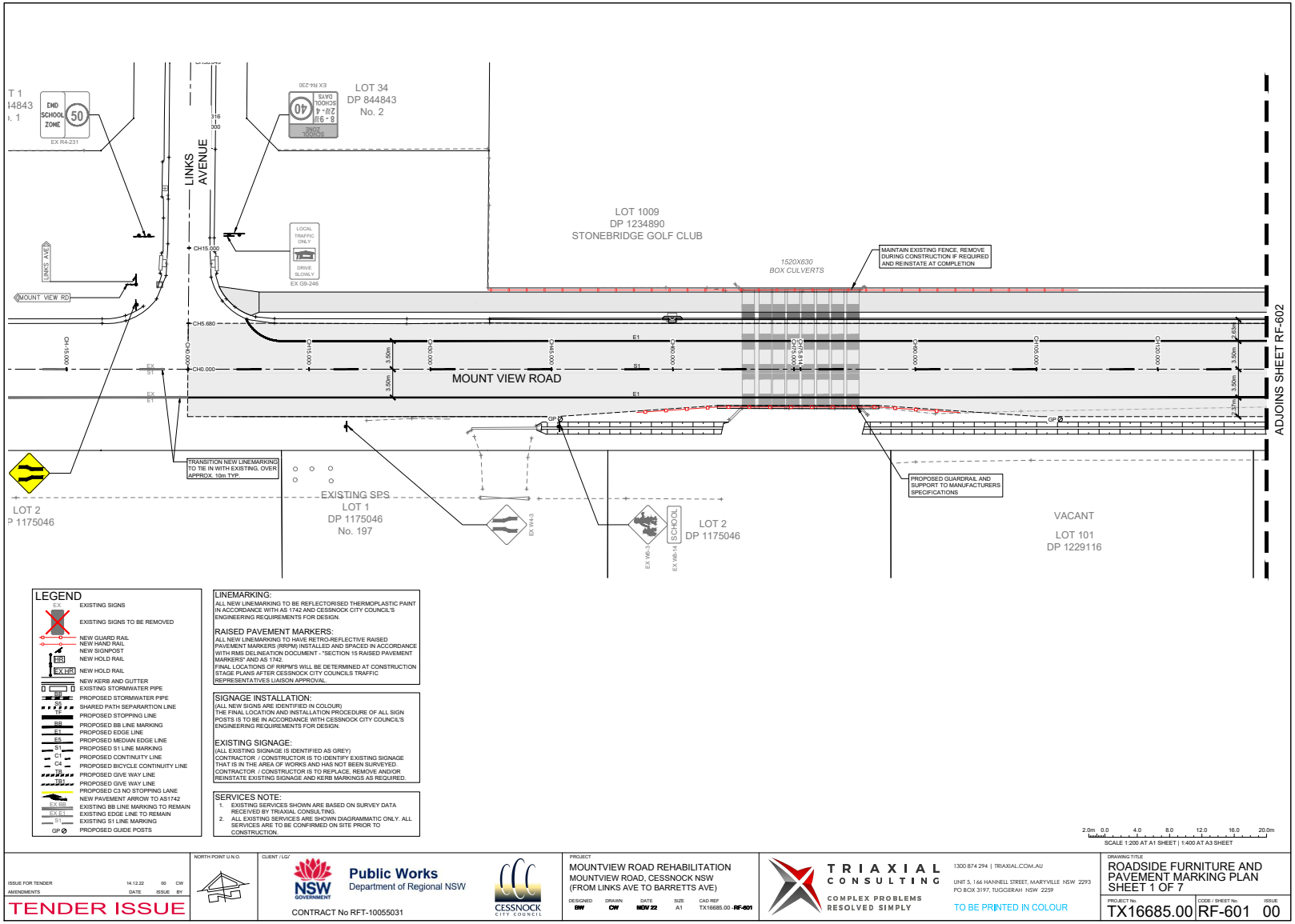

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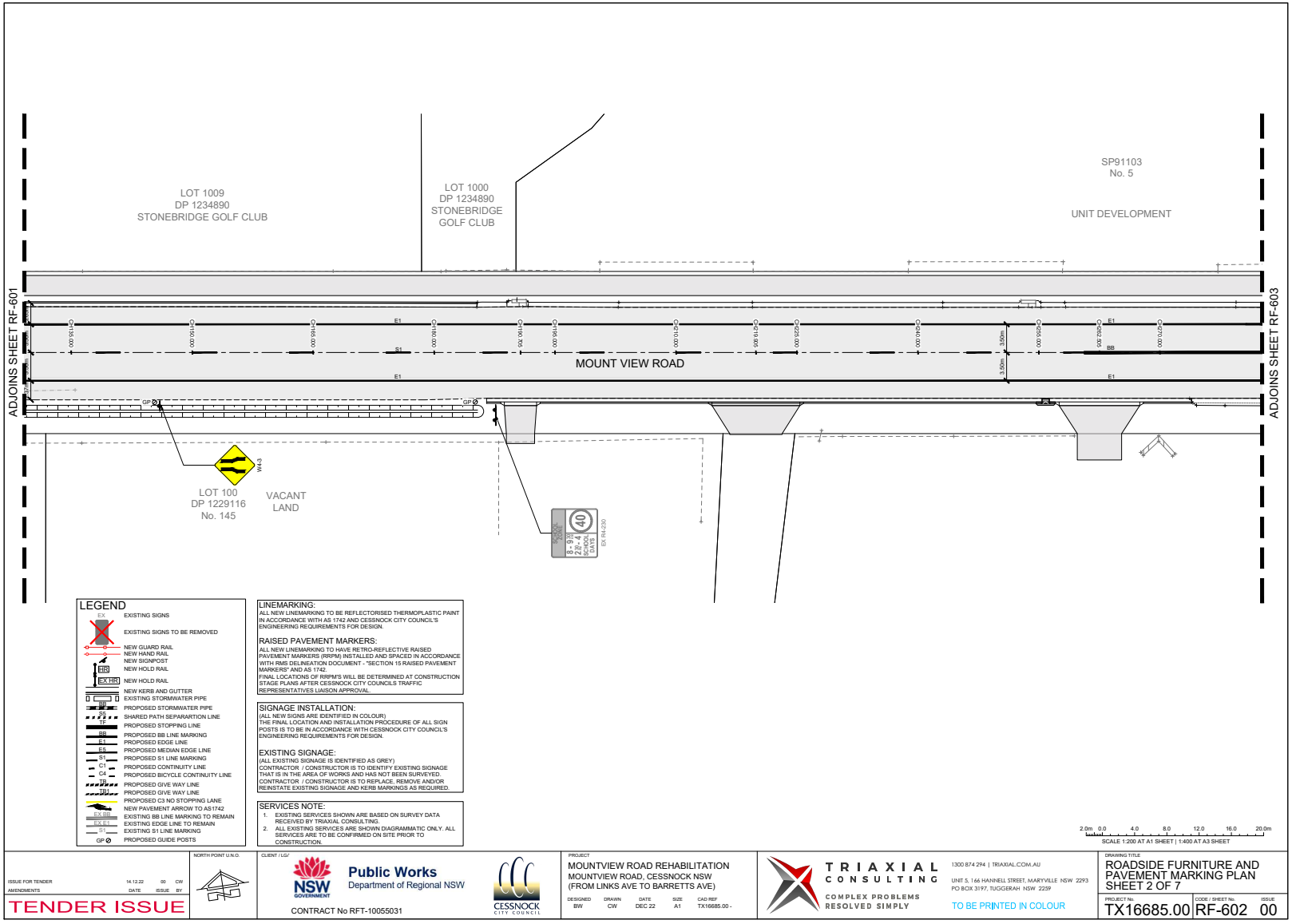
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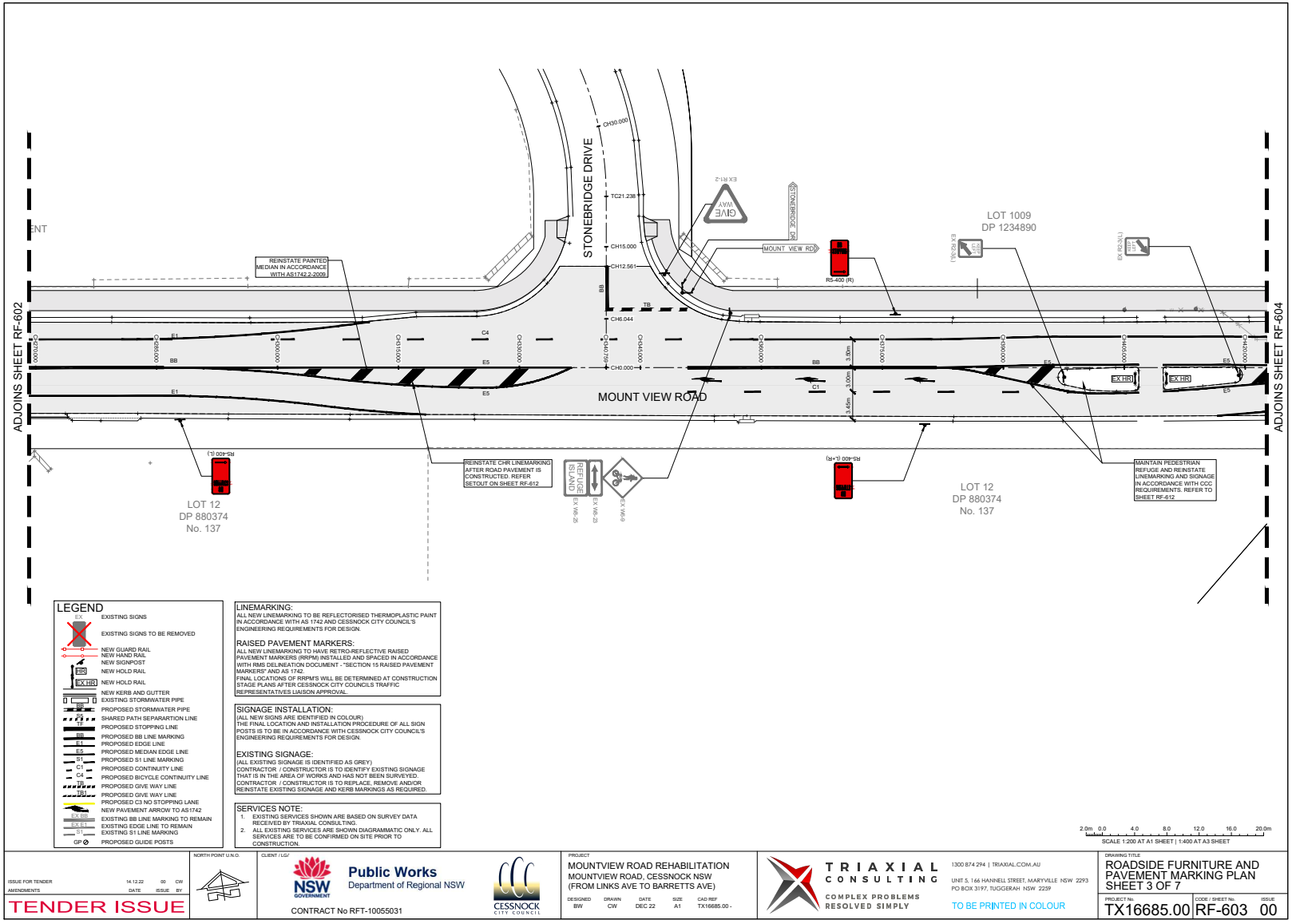
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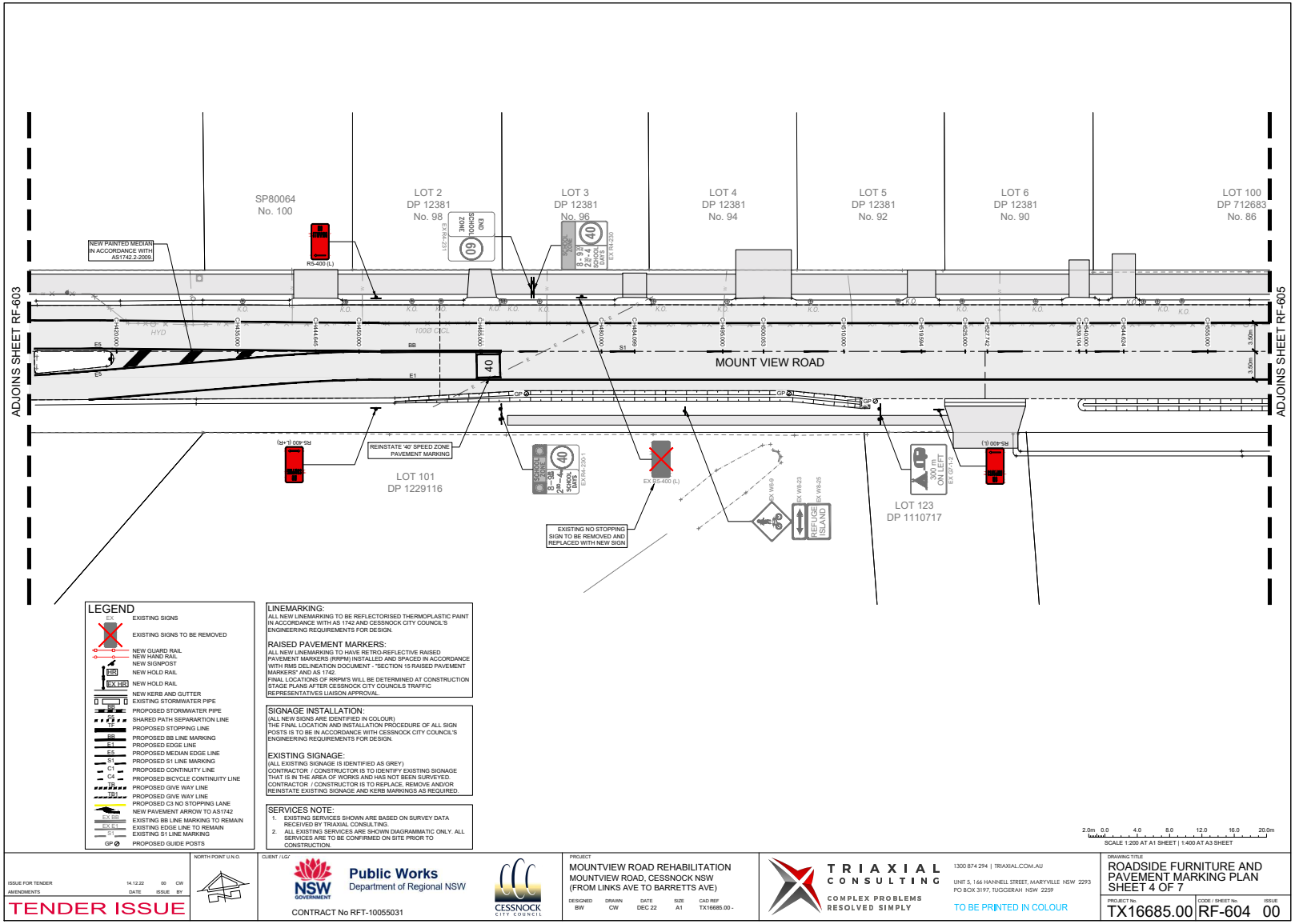
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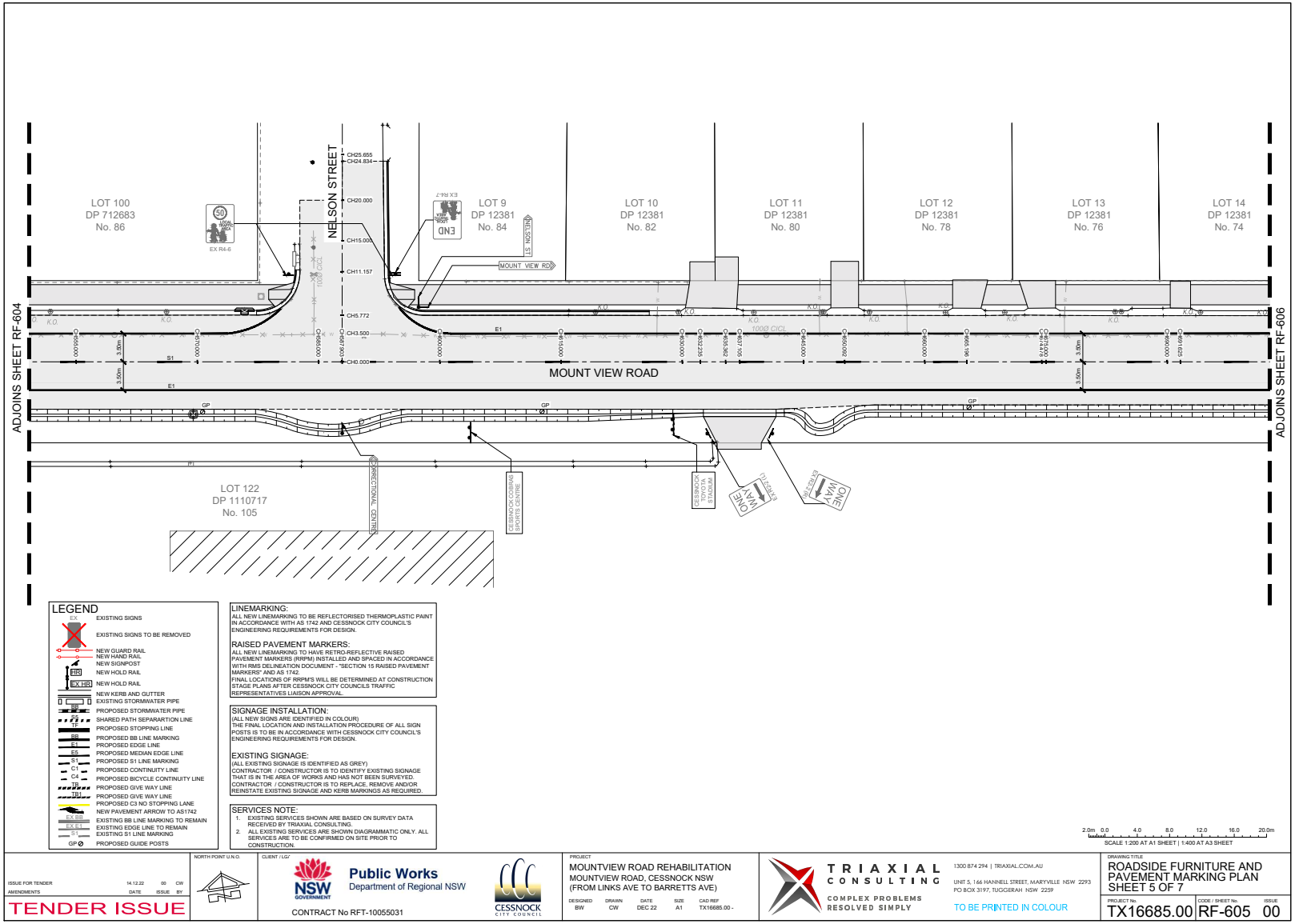
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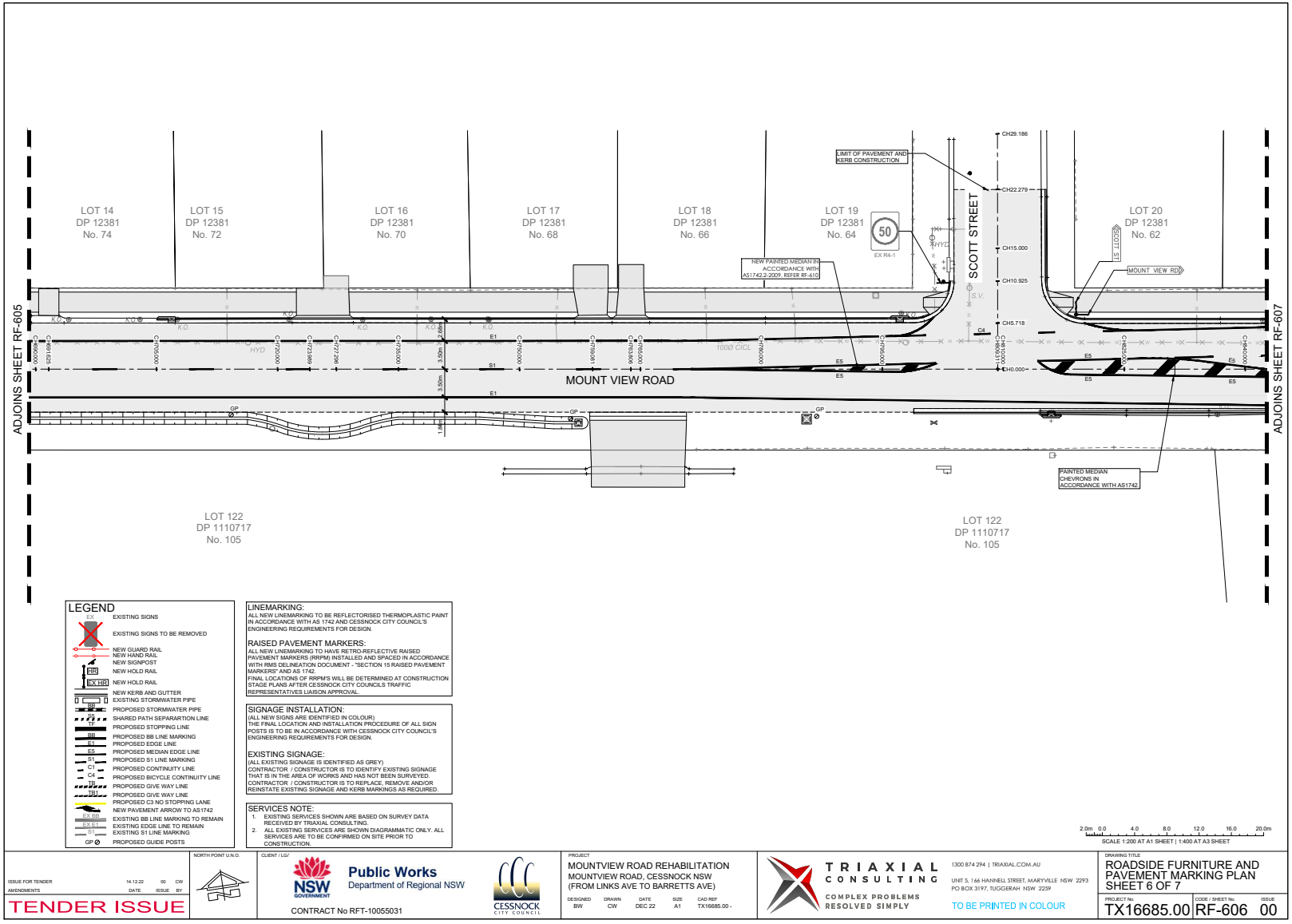

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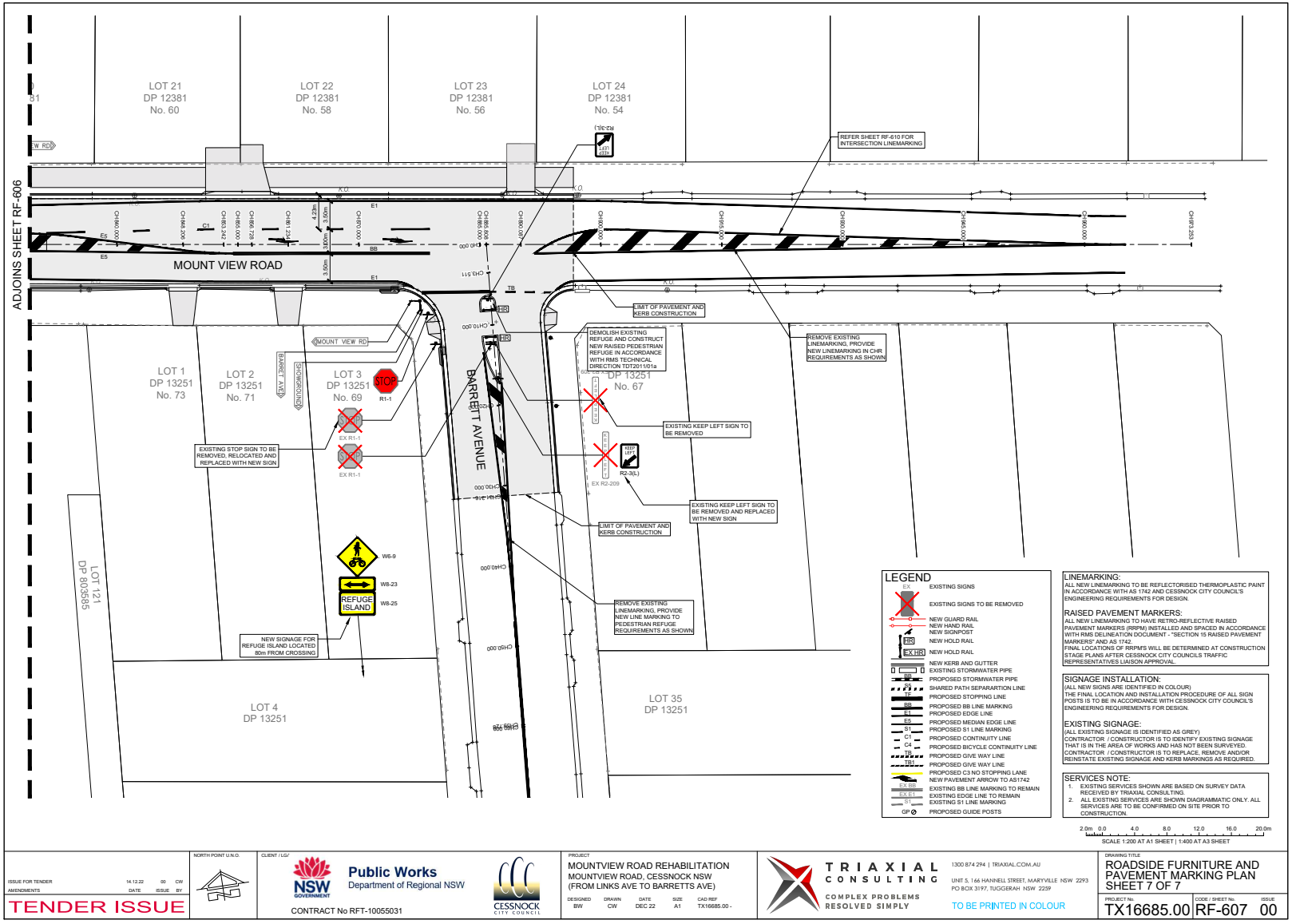

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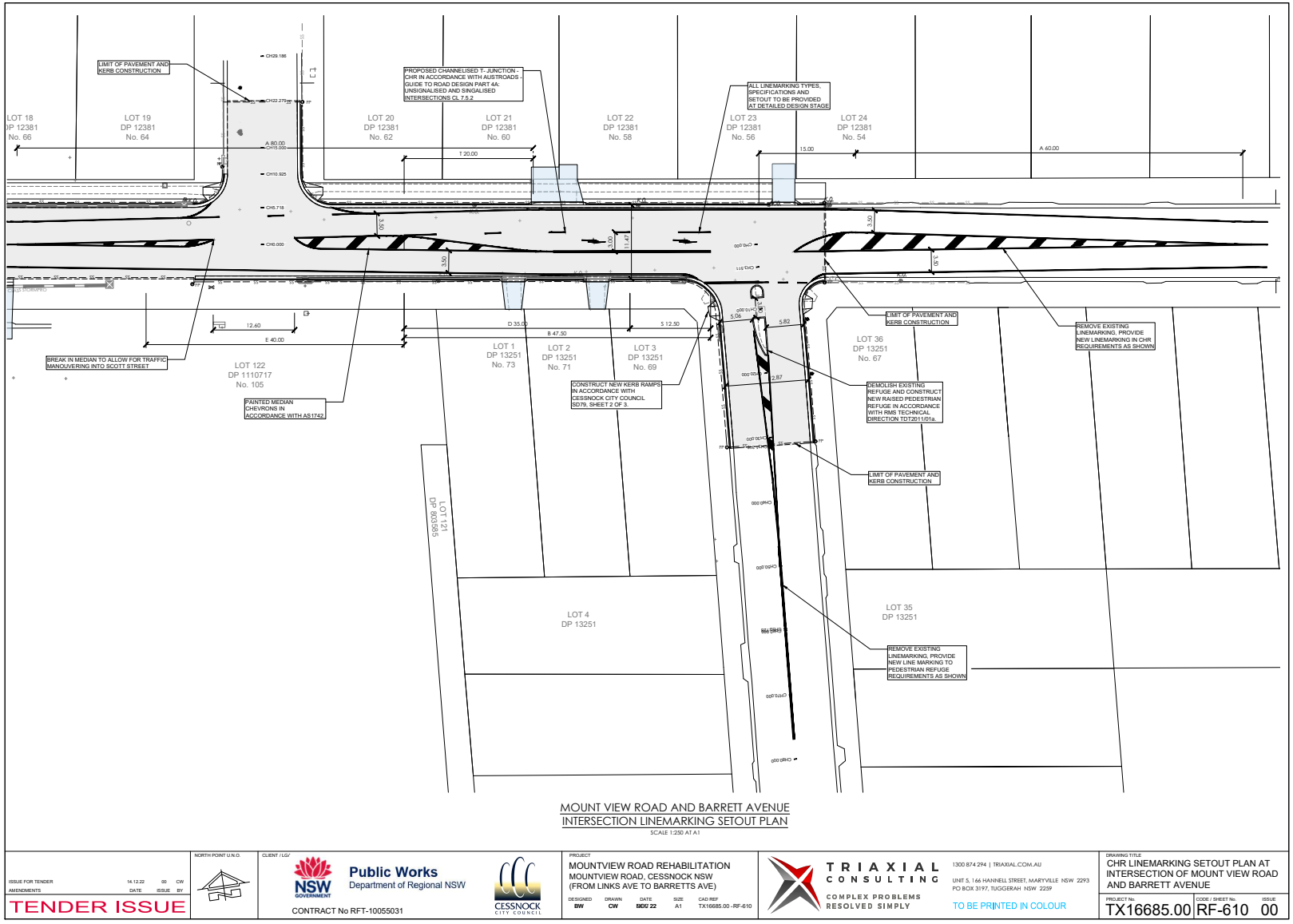

STONEBRIDGE DRIVE
MOUNT VIEW ROAD
MOUNT VIEW RD
ADJOINS SHEET RF-602
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REINSTATE PAINTED MEDIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1742.2-2009
LOT 1009 DP 1234890
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REINSTATE CHR LINEMARKING AFTER ROAD PAVEMENT IS CONSTRUCTED. REFER SETOUT ON SHEET RF-612
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MAINTAIN PEDESTRIAN REFUGE AND REINSTATE LINEMARKING AND SIGNAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CCC REQUIREMENTS. REFER TO SHEET RF-612
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SP80064 No. 100
LOT 2 DP 12381 No. 98
LOT 3 DP 12381 No. 96
LOT 4 DP 12381 No. 94
LOT 5 DP 12381 No. 92
LOT 6 DP 12381 No. 90
LOT 100 DP 712683 No. 86
MOUNT VIEW ROAD
NEW PAINTED MEDIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1742.2-2009
RS-400 (L)
REINSTATE '40' SPEED ZONE PAVEMENT MARKING
LOT 101 DP 1229116
EXISTING NO STOPPING SIGN TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SIGN
LOT 123 DP 1110717
REFUGE ISLAND
LEGEND
EXISTING SIGNS
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DP 712683
No. 86
LOT 9
DP 12381
No. 84
LOT 10
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LOT 11
DP 12381
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LOT 12
DP 12381
No. 78
LOT 13
DP 12381
No. 76
LOT 14
DP 12381
No. 74
NELSON STREET
MOUNT VIEW RD
MOUNT VIEW ROAD
ADJOINS SHEET RF-604
ADJOINS SHEET RF-606
LOT 122
DP 1110717
No. 105
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE
CESSNOCK COBRAS SPORTS CENTRE
CESSNOCK TOYOTA STADIUM
ONE WAY
EXISTING
LEGEND
EXISTING SIGNS
EXISTING SIGNS TO BE REMOVED
NEW GUARD RAIL
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NEW HOLD RAIL
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LOT 14 DP 12381 No. 74
LOT 15 DP 12381 No. 72
LOT 16 DP 12381 No. 70
LOT 17 DP 12381 No. 68
LOT 18 DP 12381 No. 66
LOT 19 DP 12381 No. 64
LOT 20 DP 12381 No. 62
LOT 122 DP 1110717 No. 105
LOT 122 DP 1110717 No. 105
SCOTT STREET
MOUNT VIEW ROAD
MOUNT VIEW RD
LIMIT OF PAVEMENT AND KERB CONSTRUCTION
NEW PAINTED MEDIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1742.2-2009. REFER RF-610
PAINTED MEDIAN CHEVRONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1742.
ADJOINS SHEET RF-605
ADJOINS SHEET RF-607
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EXISTING SIGNS TO BE REMOVED
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MOUNT VIEW ROAD
BARRETT AVENUE
LOT 21 DP 12381 No. 60
LOT 22 DP 12381 No. 58
LOT 23 DP 12381 No. 56
LOT 24 DP 12381 No. 54
LOT 1 DP 13251 No. 73
LOT 2 DP 13251 No. 71
LOT 3 DP 13251 No. 69
DP 13251 No. 67
LOT 121 DP 803585
LOT 4 DP 13251
LOT 35 DP 13251
REFER SHEET RF-610 FOR INTERSECTION LINEMARKING
LIMIT OF PAVEMENT AND KERB CONSTRUCTION
DEMOLISH EXISTING REFUGE AND CONSTRUCT NEW RAISED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RMS TECHNICAL DIRECTION TDT2011/01a
REMOVE EXISTING LINEMARKING, PROVIDE NEW LINEMARKING IN CHR REQUIREMENTS AS SHOWN
EXISTING KEEP LEFT SIGN TO BE REMOVED
EXISTING KEEP LEFT SIGN TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SIGN
EXISTING STOP SIGN TO BE REMOVED, RELOCATED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SIGN
REMOVE EXISTING LINEMARKING, PROVIDE NEW LINE MARKING TO PEDESTRIAN REFUGE REQUIREMENTS AS SHOWN
NEW SIGNAGE FOR REFUGE ISLAND LOCATED 80m FROM CROSSING
REFUGE ISLAND
W6-9
W8-23
W8-25
STOP
R1-1
R2-3(L)
LEGEND
EXISTING SIGNS
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PROPOSED CHANNELISED T- JUNCTION - CHR IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUSTROADS - GUIDE TO ROAD DESIGN PART 4A: UNSIGNALISED AND SINGALISED INTERSECTIONS CL 7.5.2
ALL LINEMARKING TYPES, SPECIFICATIONS AND SETOUT TO BE PROVIDED AT DETAILED DESIGN STAGE
LOT 18 DP 12381 No. 66
LOT 19 DP 12381 No. 64
LOT 20 DP 12381 No. 62
LOT 21 DP 12381 No. 60
LOT 22 DP 12381 No. 58
LOT 23 DP 12381 No. 56
LOT 24 DP 12381 No. 54
BREAK IN MEDIAN TO ALLOW FOR TRAFFIC MANOUVERING INTO SCOTT STREET
LOT 122 DP 1110717 No. 105
PAINTED MEDIAN CHEVRONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1742
CONSTRUCT NEW KERB RAMPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL SD79, SHEET 2 OF 3.
LOT 1 DP 13251 No. 73
LOT 2 DP 13251 No. 71
LOT 3 DP 13251 No. 69
LOT 36 DP 13251 No. 67
LIMIT OF PAVEMENT AND KERB CONSTRUCTION
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LOT 121 DP 863585
LOT 4 DP 13251
LOT 35 DP 13251
REMOVE EXISTING LINEMARKING, PROVIDE NEW LINE MARKING TO PEDESTRIAN REFUGE REQUIREMENTS AS SHOWN
MOUNT VIEW ROAD AND BARRETT AVENUE
INTERSECTION LINEMARKING SETOUT PLAN
SCALE 1:250 AT A1
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# PEDESTRIAN REFUGES

## (Supplement for narrowing or widening of roads at Pedestrian Refuges)

### BACKGROUND

The provision of safe and effective pedestrian facilities is an integral component of the RTA's commitment to facilitating and encouraging people to walk as a healthy alternative to using cars, especially for short trips.

This *Technical Direction* deals with pedestrian refuge design that incorporates options for road widening or road narrowing (kerb extension) at refuge islands as appropriate and can be applied consistently to a variety of road cross sections across NSW. Separate pedestrian refuge designs have been prepared for two lane two-way and four lane two-way roads.

*Details of pedestrian refuges not requiring road widening or road narrowing can be found in Australian Standard AS1742 and the relevant RTA Supplement.*

### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this *Technical Direction* are:

- To provide clear guidance for the design of pedestrian refuges with road widening or road narrowing (kerb extension) throughout NSW; and
- To improve consistency in the design and appearance of pedestrian refuges throughout NSW

### SCOPE

This *Technical Direction* applies to the design and construction of all new Pedestrian Refuges throughout NSW requiring road widening or road narrowing (kerb extension).

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## PRACTICE

All new pedestrian refuges should be designed and constructed in accordance with the following practice as stated

- Pedestrian Refuges with no road widening or road narrowing use RTA supplement for *Australia Standards 1742 – Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (Part 10), RTA supplement for Austroads *Guide to Traffic Management* (Part 6) and RTA supplement for Austroads *Guide to Road Design* (Part 4)
- Pedestrian Refuges with road widening or road narrowing (kerb extension). Figure 1, 2 3 & 4 illustrate options to accommodate the pedestrian refuge as appropriate and Figure 5 illustrates the Island Detail.
- It is recommended that kerb extensions be used to narrow the road at the pedestrian refuge island, whenever possible. The use of kerb extensions reduces the length of crossing for pedestrians, generating increased crossing opportunities and facilitates a reduction in the length of *No Stopping zone* required.
- Kerb ramps are to be constructed in accordance with the RTA's model drawing, MD.R173.B01.A.1 – Kerb Ramps.
- The length of No Stopping zone required to maintain adequate sight distance and swept path through the refuge island may be reduced if kerb extensions and incorporated in conjunction with the pedestrian refuge, see No Stopping Signs Table in Figure 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- To maintain consistency throughout NSW, all sign posting and line marking at pedestrian refuges with road widening or road narrowing (kerb extension) must be installed strictly in accordance with this *Technical Direction*.

## ACTION

This *Technical Direction* is to be adopted and applied as the standard design for pedestrian refuges with road widening or narrowing (kerb extension) across NSW.

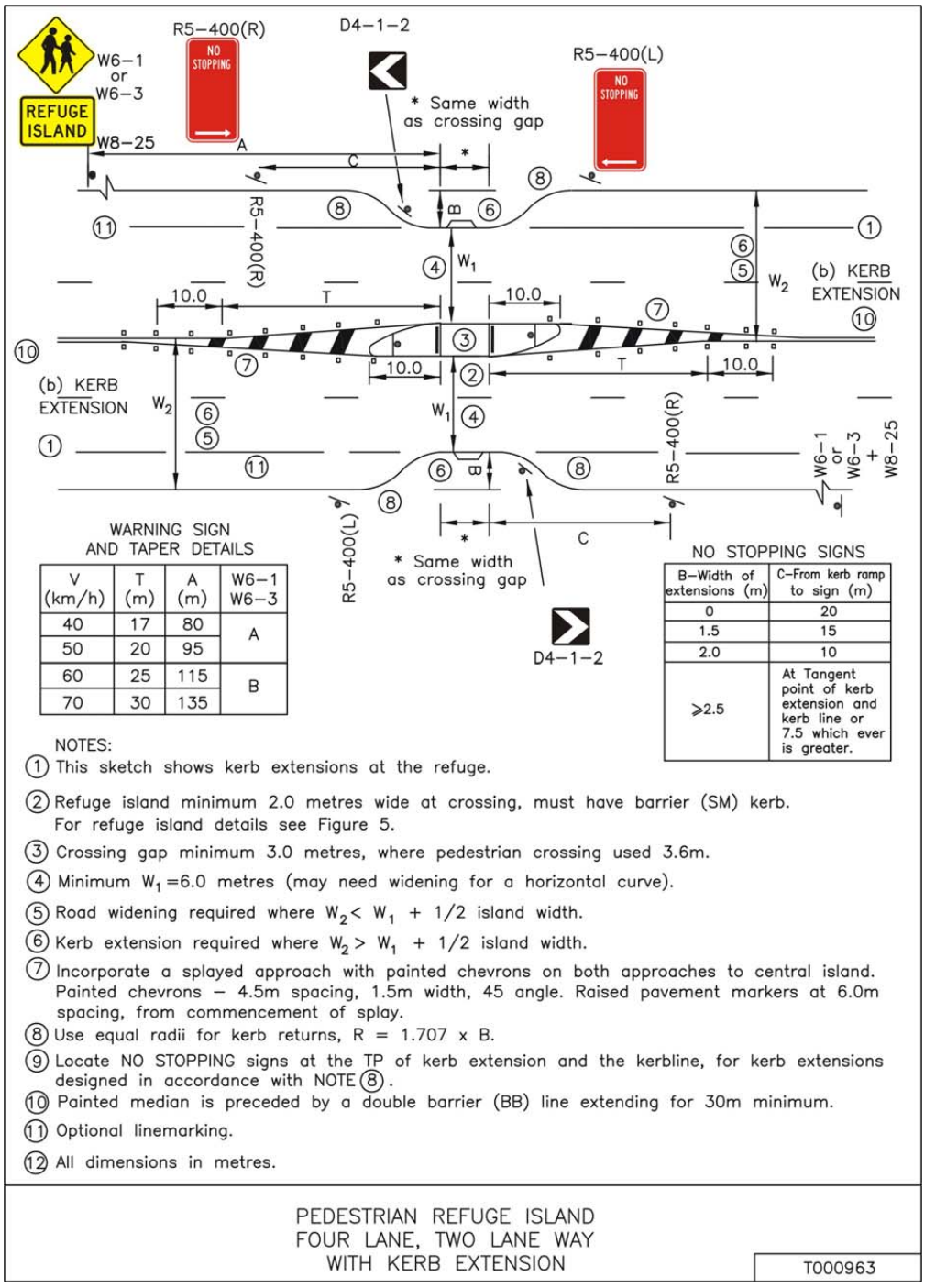
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| V (km/h) | T (m) | A (m) | W6–1 W6–3 |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 50 | 20 | 95 | |
| 60 | 25 | 115 | B |
| 70 | 30 | 135 | |

| B–Width of extensions (m) | C–From kerb ramp to sign (m) |
|---|---|
| 0 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 15 |
| 2.0 | 10 |
| ⩾2.5 | At Tangent point of kerb extension and kerb line or 7.5 which ever is greater. |

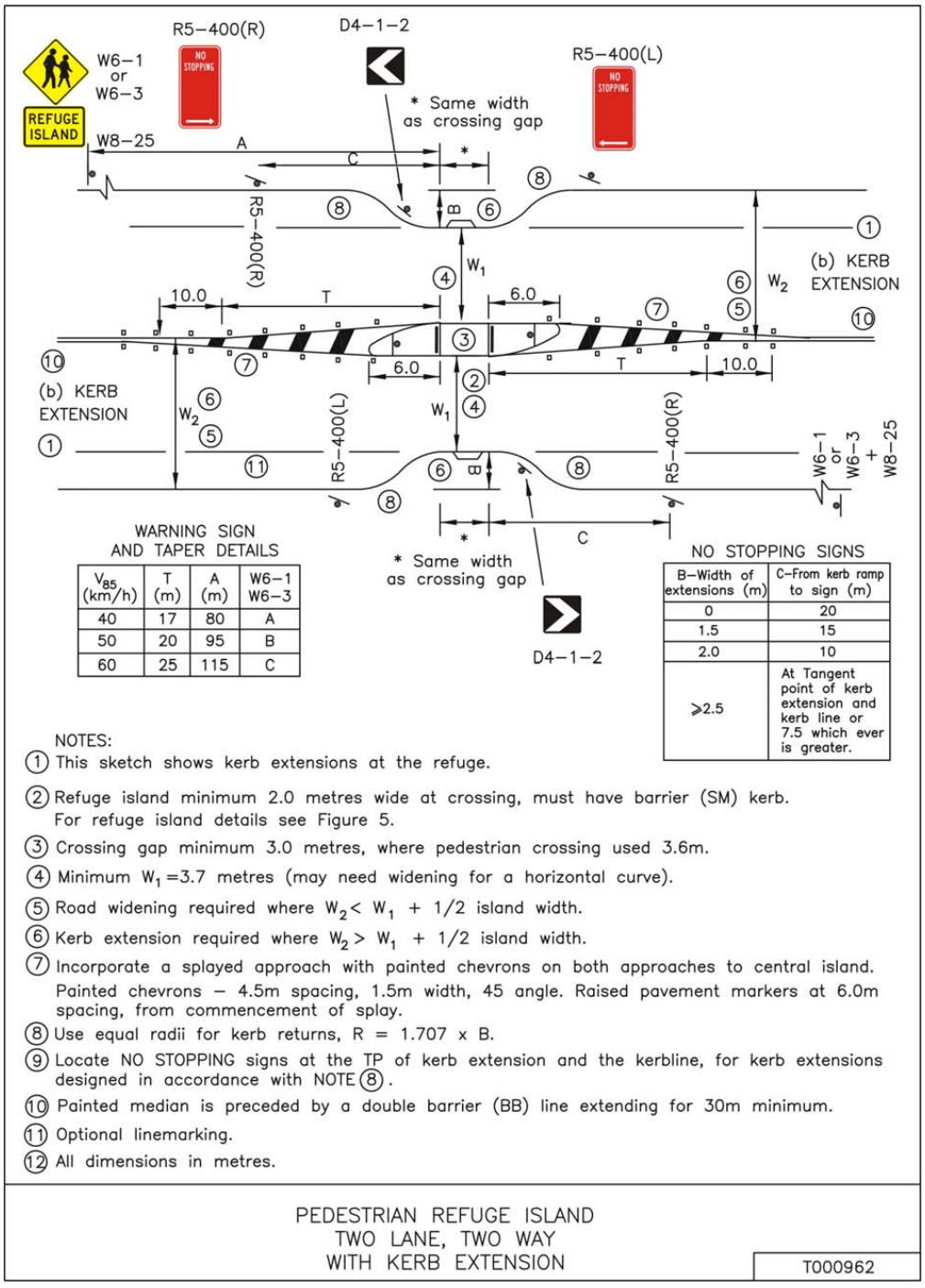
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5. Road widening required where $W_2 < W_1 + 1/2$ island width.
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7. Incorporate a splayed approach with painted chevrons on both approaches to central island. Painted chevrons – 4.5m spacing, 1.5m width, 45 angle. Raised pavement markers at 6.0m spacing, from commencement of splay.
8. Use equal radii for kerb returns, R = 1.707 x B.
9. Locate NO STOPPING signs at the TP of kerb extension and the kerbline, for kerb extensions designed in accordance with NOTE (8).
10. Painted median is preceded by a double barrier (BB) line extending for 30m minimum.
11. Optional linemarking.
12. All dimensions in metres.

PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
FOUR LANE, TWO LANE WAY
WITH KERB EXTENSION

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Figure 1




| $V_{85}$ (km/h) | T (m) | A (m) | W6–1 W6–3 |
|---|---|---|---|
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PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
TWO LANE, TWO WAY
WITH KERB EXTENSION

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Figure 2

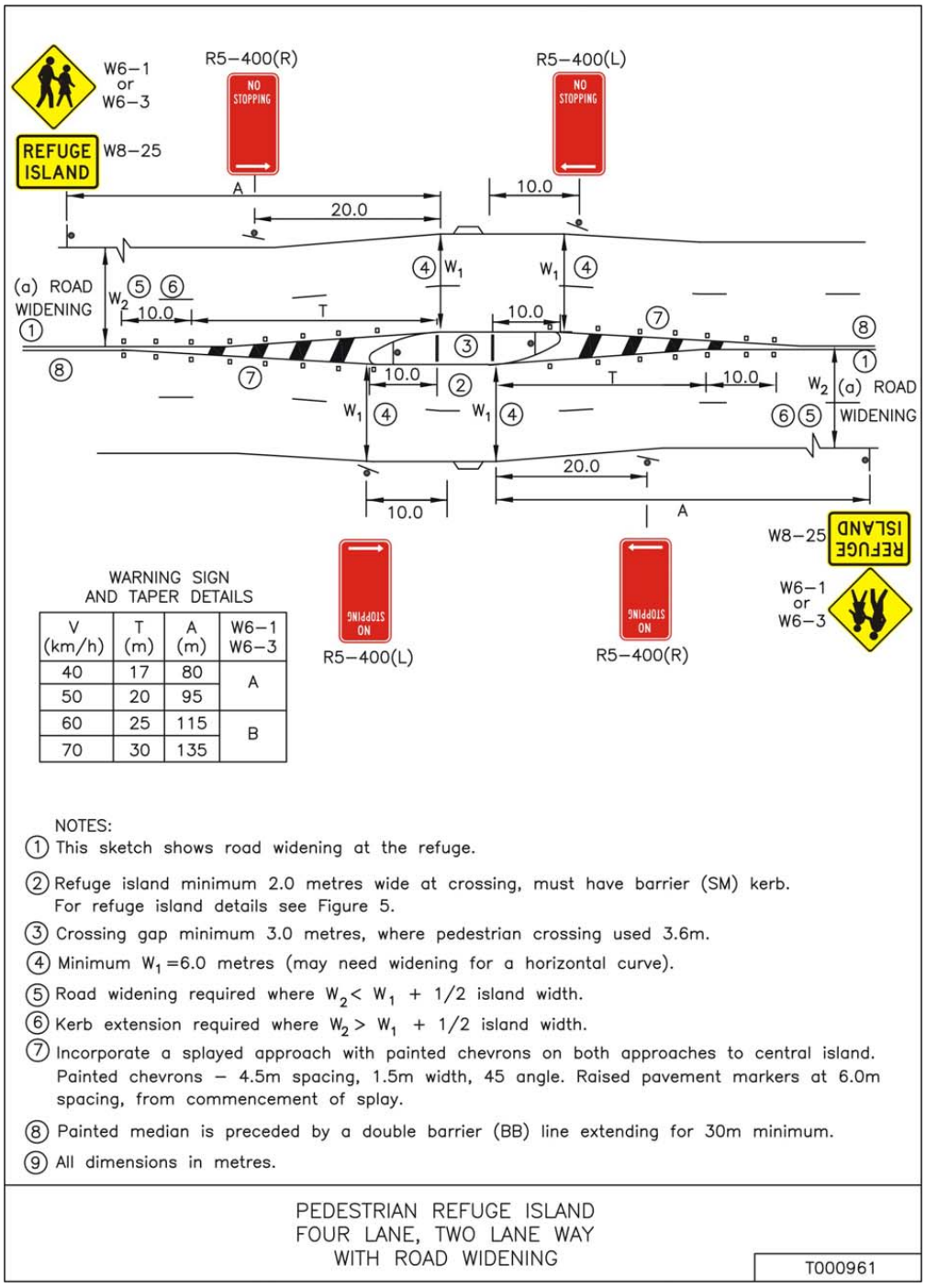
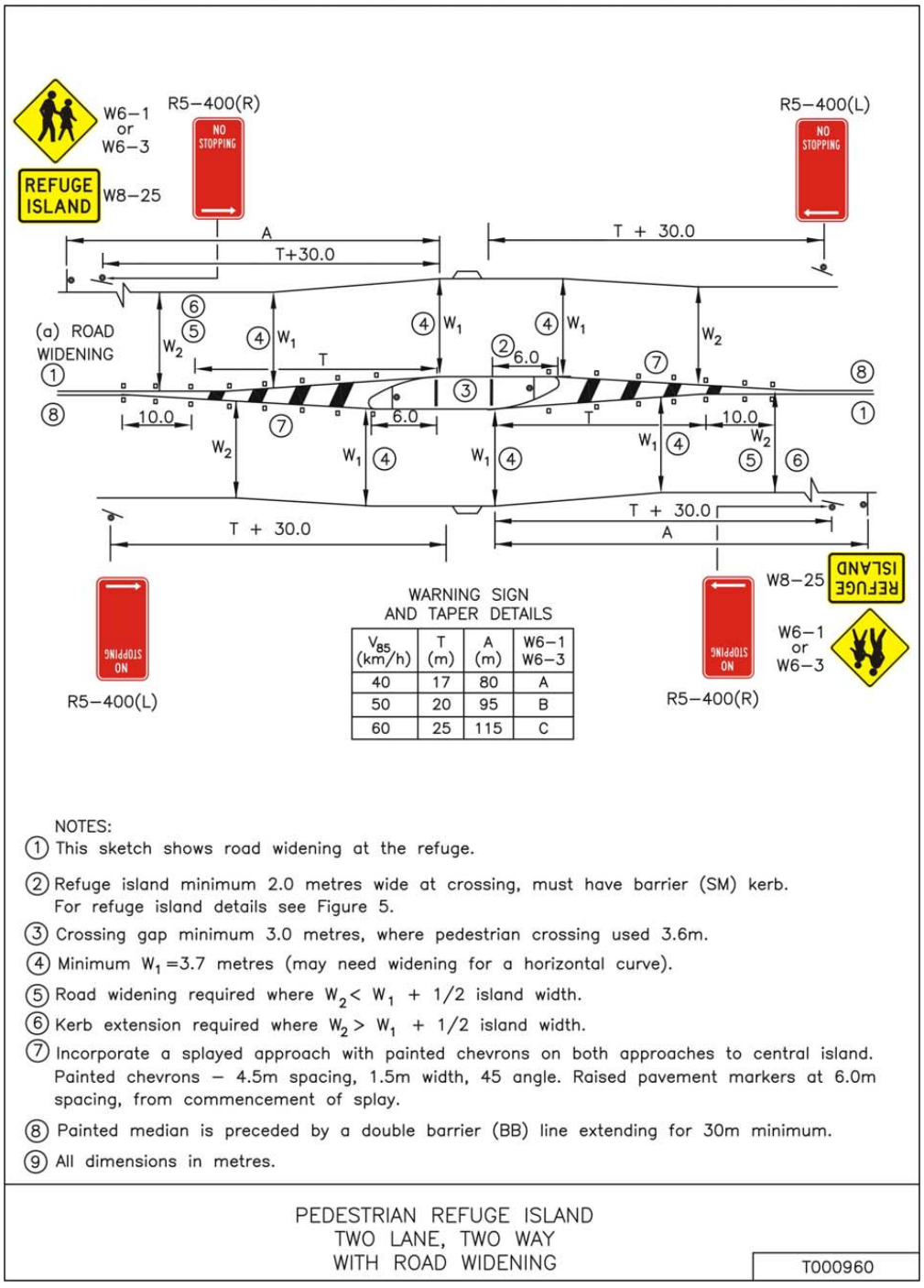

W6–1
or
W6–3
REFUGE ISLAND
W8–25
R5–400(R)
R5–400(L)
NO STOPPING
A
20.0
10.0
(a) ROAD WIDENING
W2
W1
T
WARNING SIGN AND TAPER DETAILS
V (km/h) | T (m) | A (m) | W6–1 W6–3
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9 All dimensions in metres.
PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
FOUR LANE, TWO LANE WAY
WITH ROAD WIDENING
T000961

Figure 3




WARNING SIGN AND TAPER DETAILS

| $V_{85}$ (km/h) | T (m) | A (m) | W6–1 W6–3 |
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PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
TWO LANE, TWO WAY
WITH ROAD WIDENING

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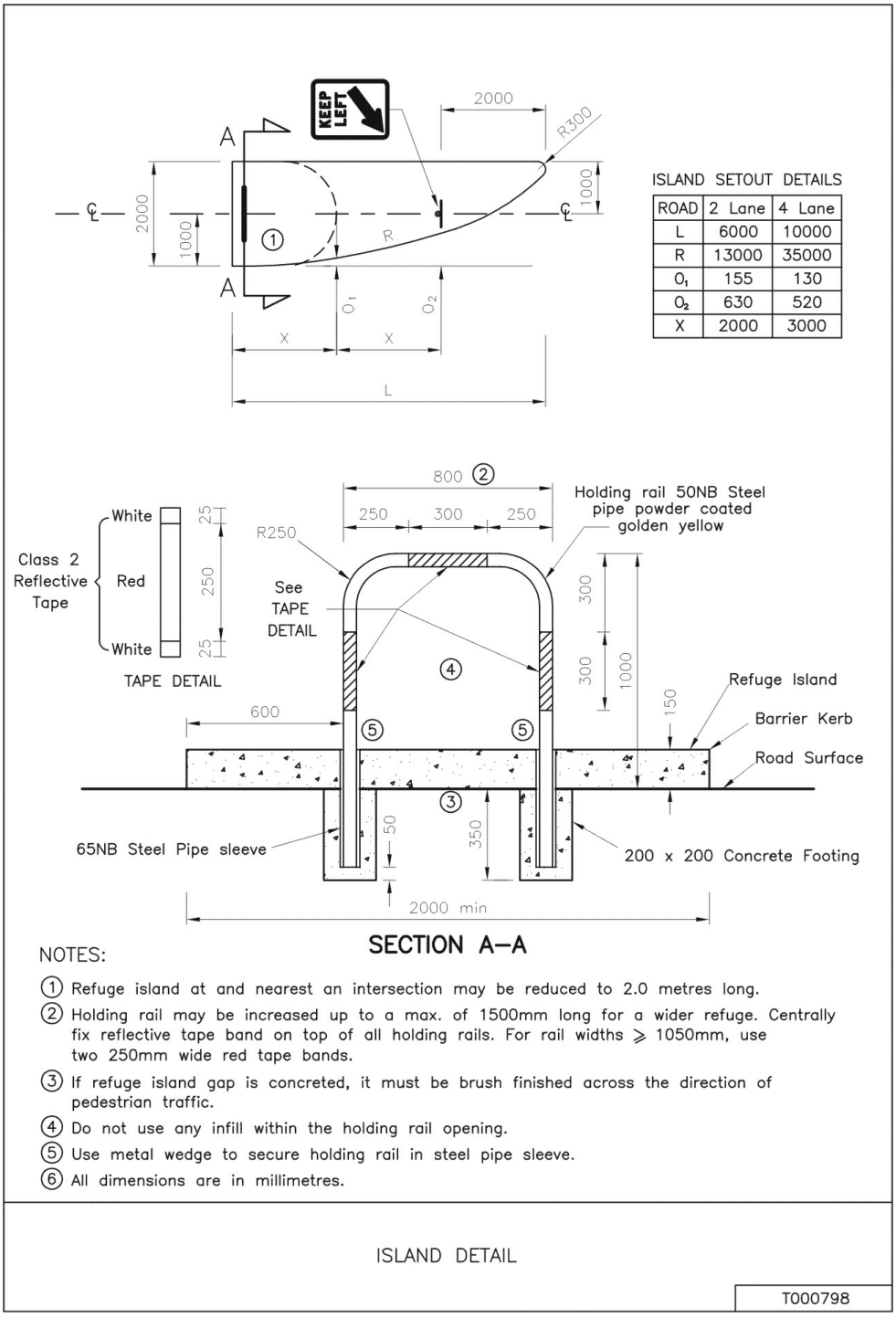
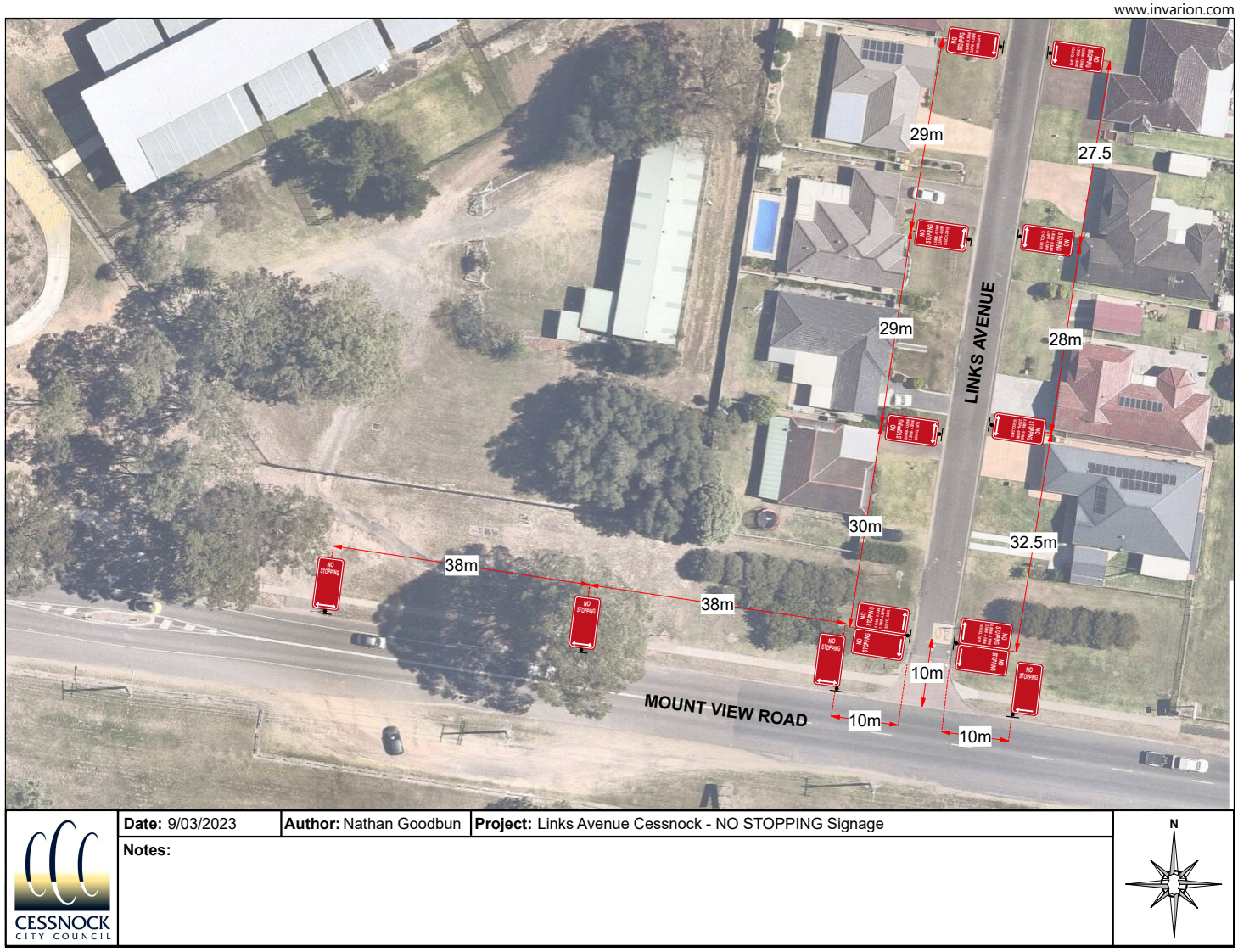

KEEP LEFT
2000
R300
A
A
1000
2000
1000
R
X
X
L
$O_1$
$O_2$
ISLAND SETOUT DETAILS
ROAD | 2 Lane | 4 Lane
L | 6000 | 10000
R | 13000 | 35000
$O_1$ | 155 | 130
$O_2$ | 630 | 520
X | 2000 | 3000
800
250
300
250
R250
Holding rail 50NB Steel pipe powder coated golden yellow
See TAPE DETAIL
Class 2 Reflective Tape
White
Red
White
25
250
25
TAPE DETAIL
300
300
1000
150
600
Refuge Island
Barrier Kerb
Road Surface
65NB Steel Pipe sleeve
50
350
200 x 200 Concrete Footing
2000 min
SECTION A–A
NOTES:
1 Refuge island at and nearest an intersection may be reduced to 2.0 metres long.
2 Holding rail may be increased up to a max. of 1500mm long for a wider refuge. Centrally fix reflective tape band on top of all holding rails. For rail widths ⩾ 1050mm, use two 250mm wide red tape bands.
3 If refuge island gap is concreted, it must be brush finished across the direction of pedestrian traffic.
4 Do not use any infill within the holding rail opening.
5 Use metal wedge to secure holding rail in steel pipe sleeve.
6 All dimensions are in millimetres.
ISLAND DETAIL
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Figure 5


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29m
27.5
29m
28m
LINKS AVENUE
30m
32.5m
38m
38m
10m
10m
10m
MOUNT VIEW ROAD
CESSNOCK
CITY COUNCIL
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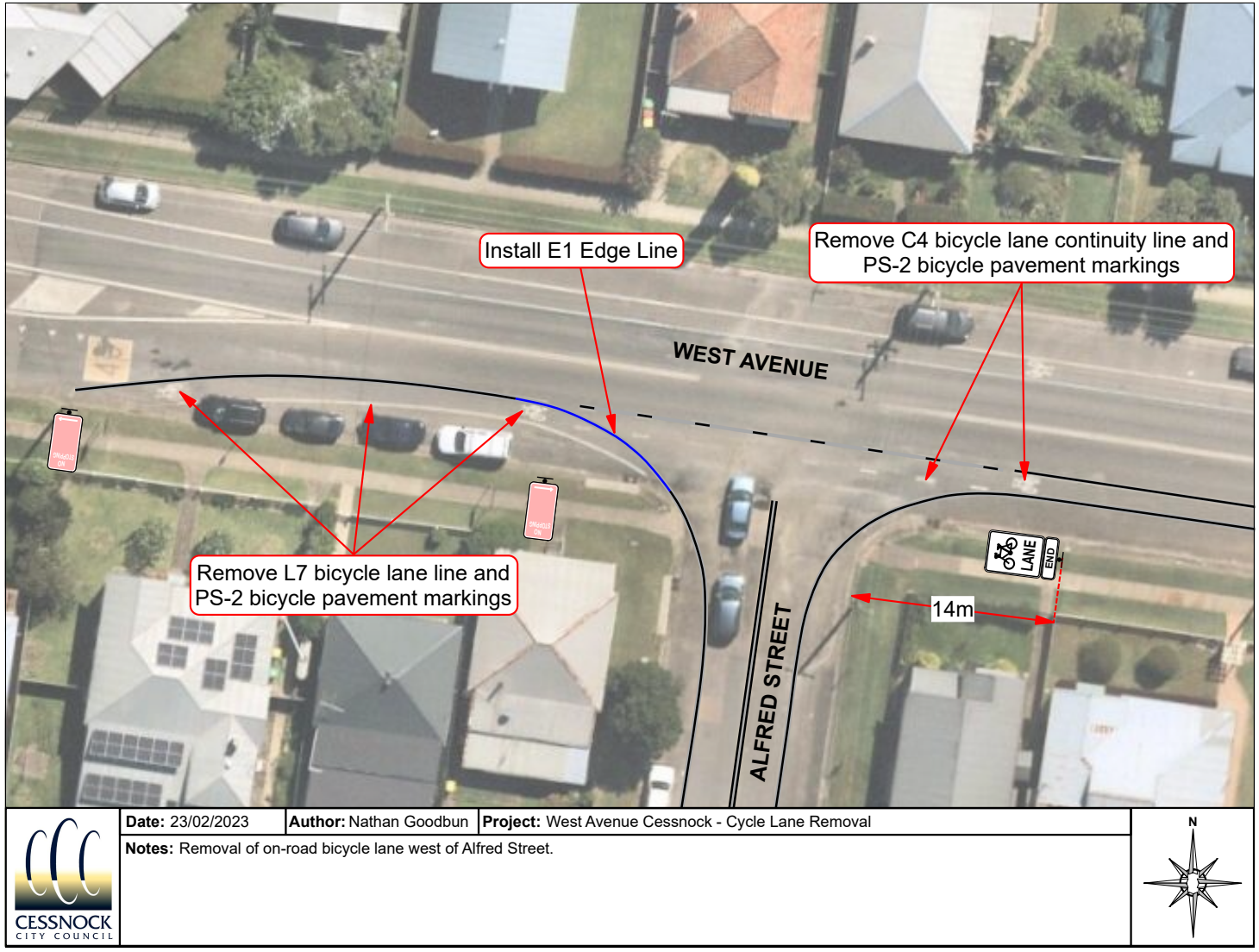

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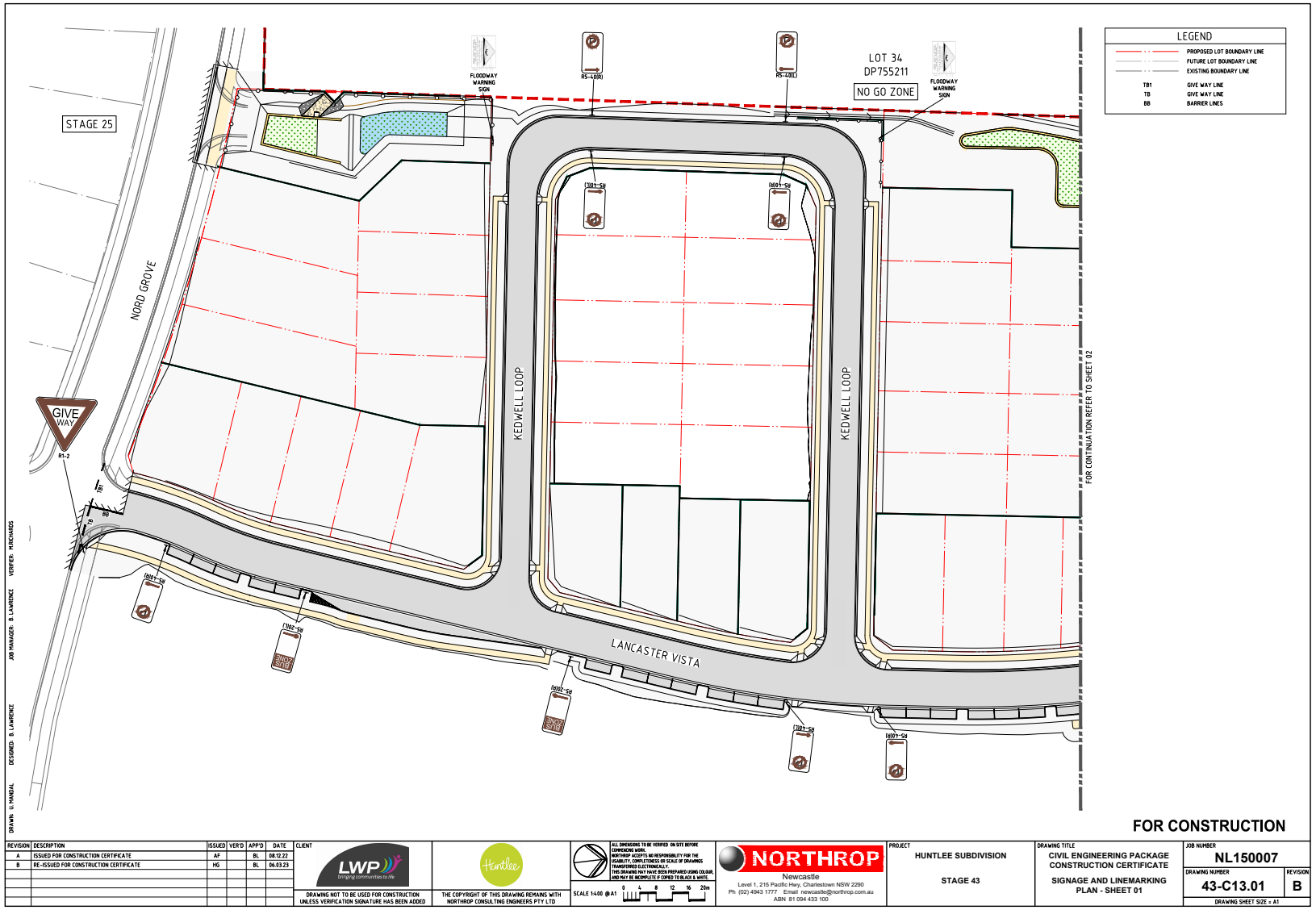
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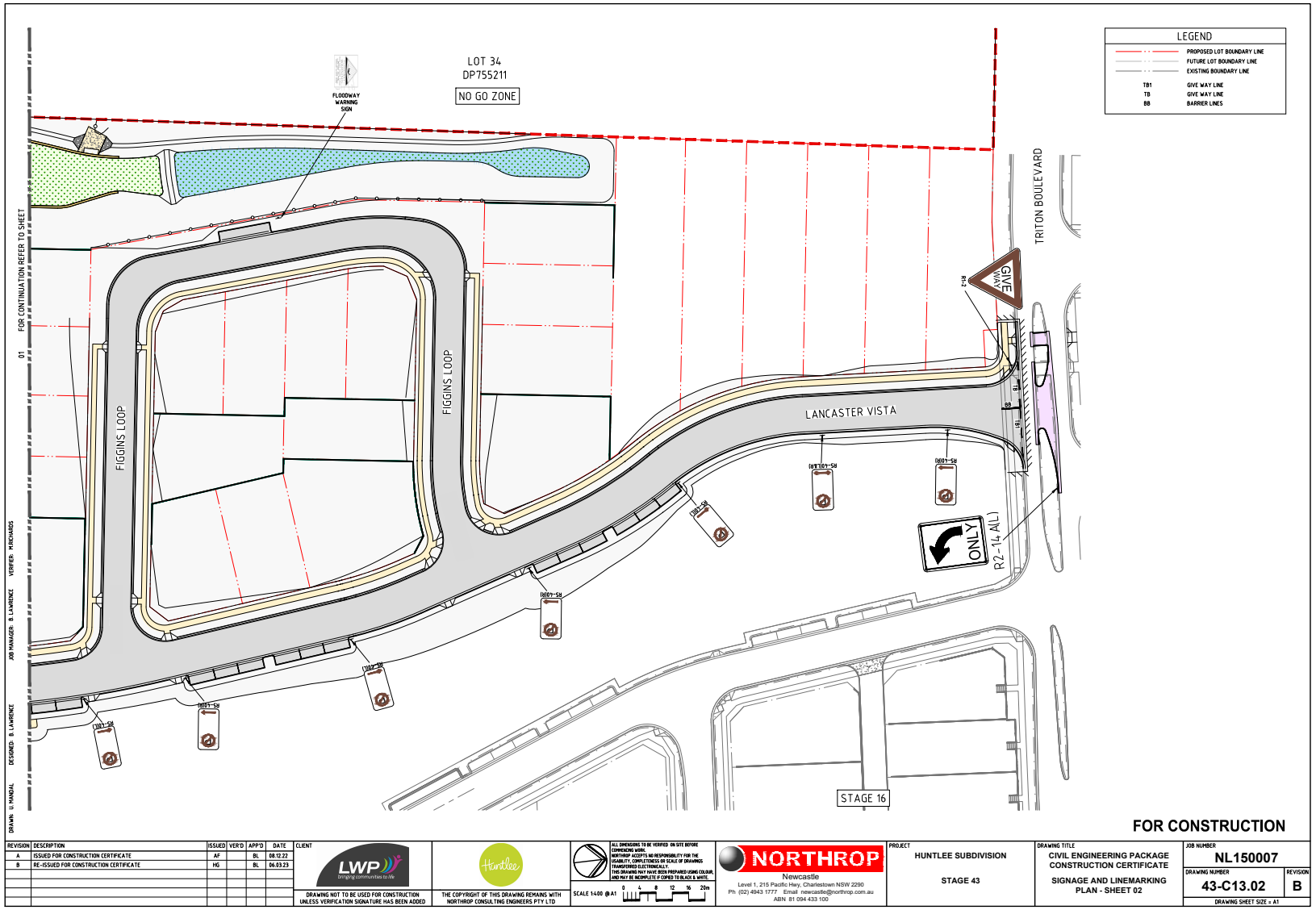
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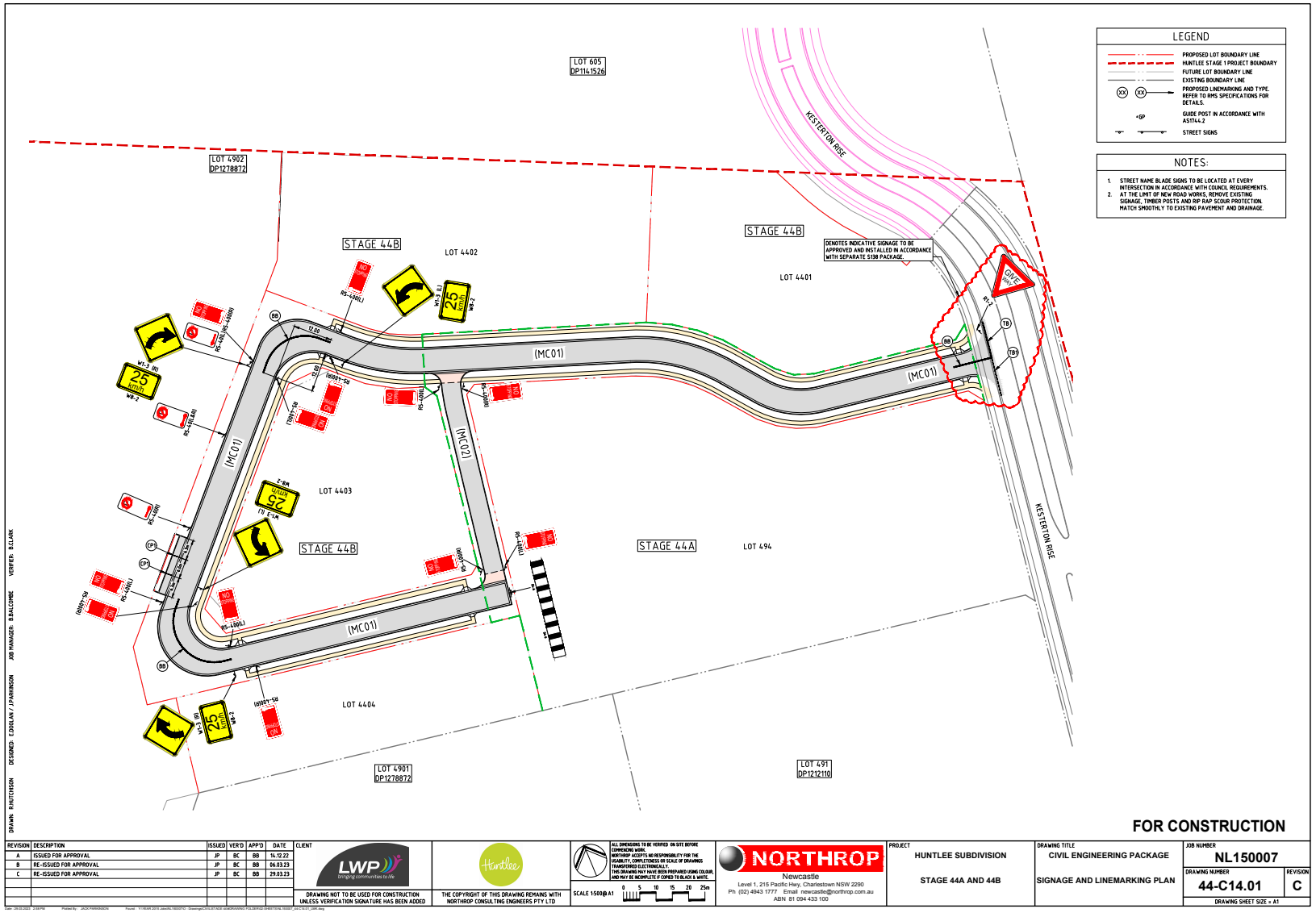
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BB BARRIER LINES
STAGE 25
NORD GROVE
KEDWELL LOOP
KEDWELL LOOP
LANCASTER VISTA
LOT 34
DP755211
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FLOODWAY WARNING SIGN
FLOODWAY WARNING SIGN
GIVE WAY
R1-2
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PROPOSED LINEMARKING AND TYPE. REFER TO RMS SPECIFICATIONS FOR DETAILS.
GUIDE POST IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1744.2
STREET SIGNS
NOTES:
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LOT 605 DP1141526
LOT 4902 DP1278872
KESTERTON RISE
STAGE 44B
LOT 4402
LOT 4401
DENOTES INDICATIVE SIGNAGE TO BE APPROVED AND INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEPARATE S138 PACKAGE.
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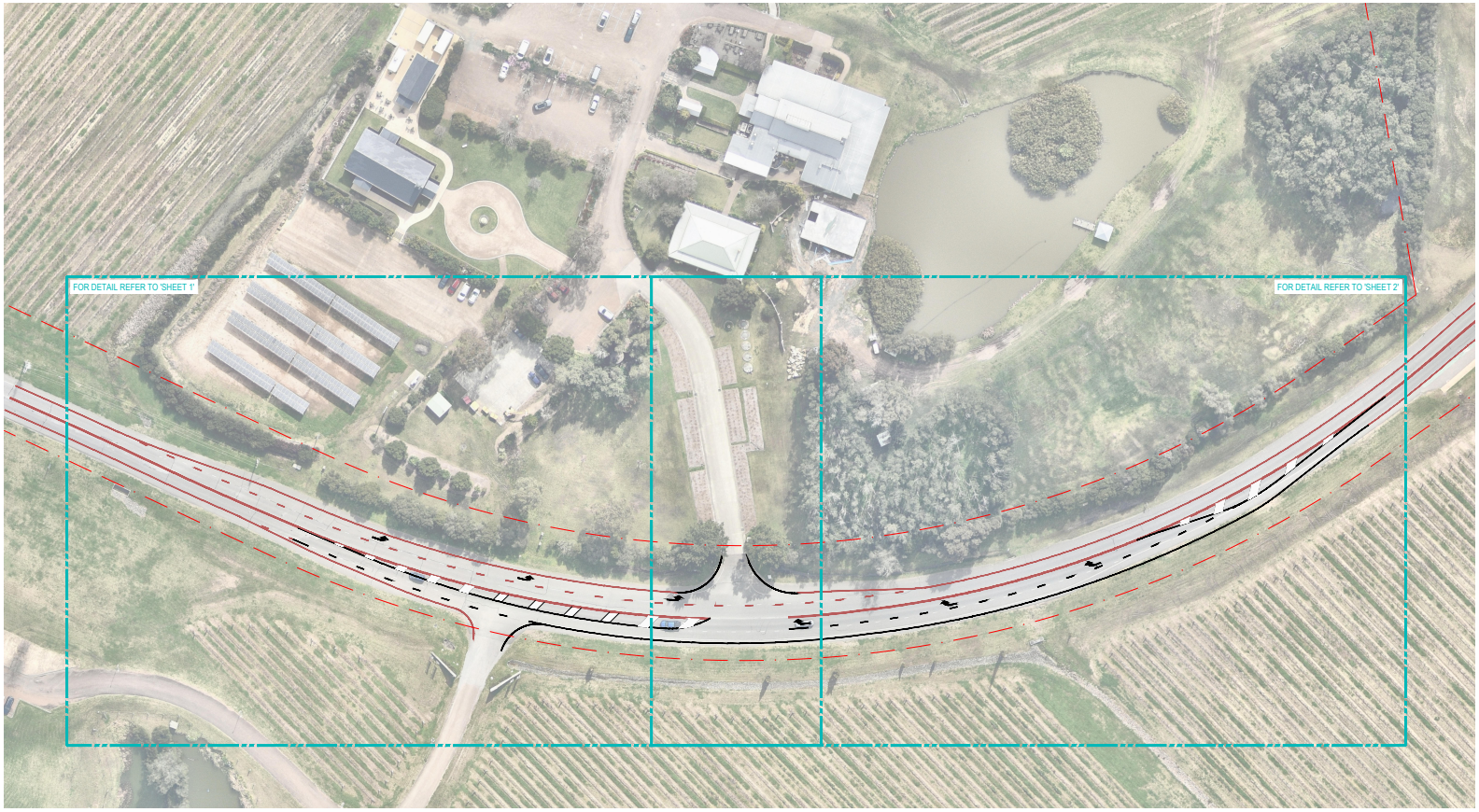
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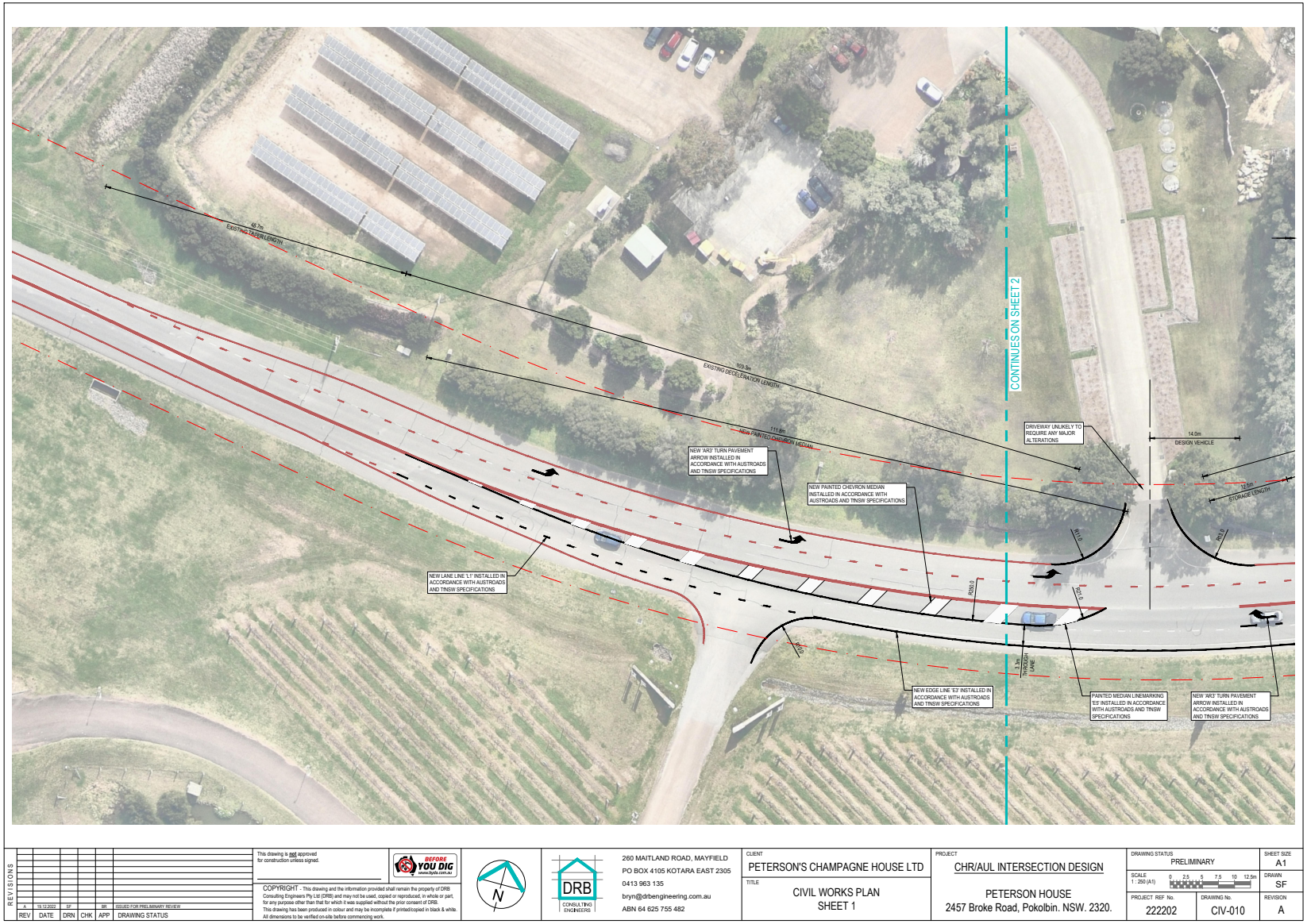
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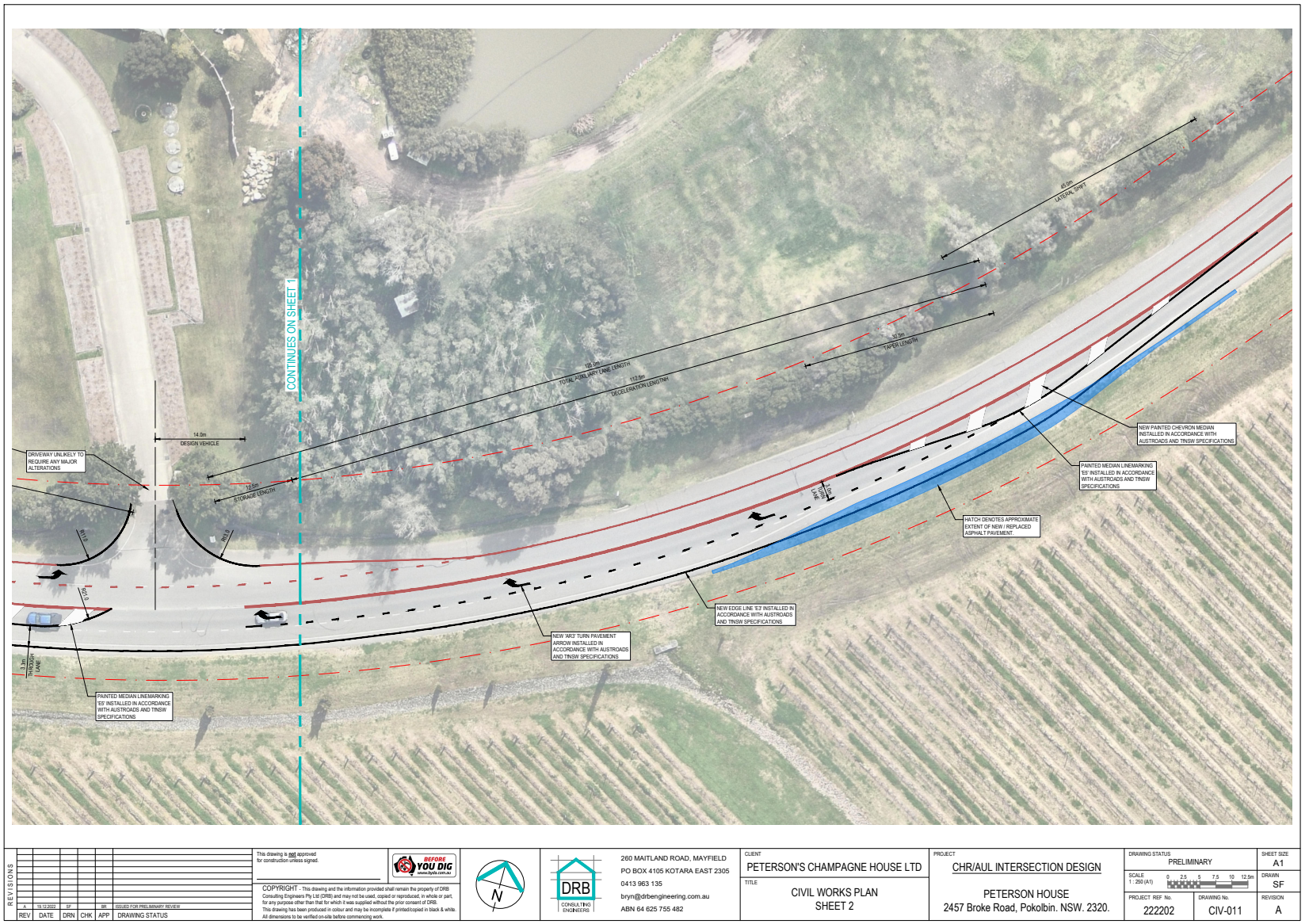
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TITLE: CIVIL WORKS PLAN SHEET 2

PROJECT: CHR/AUL INTERSECTION DESIGN

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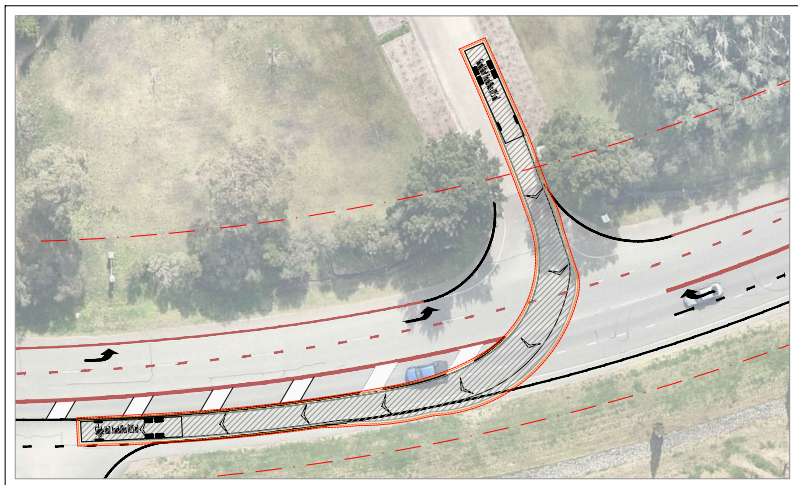
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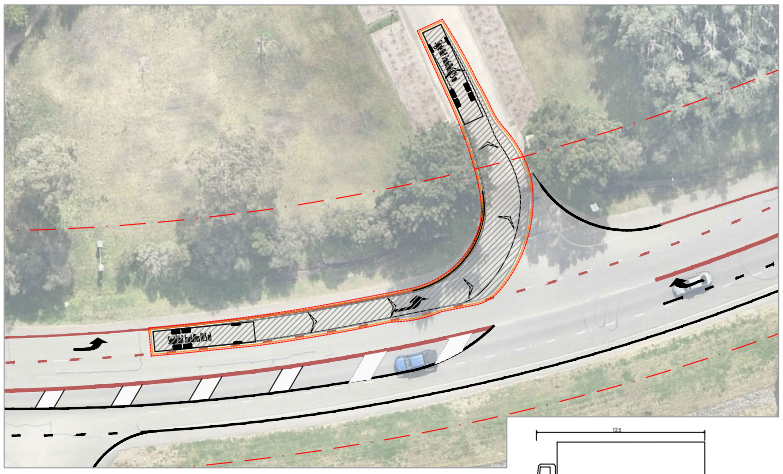
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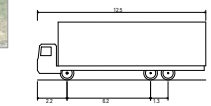
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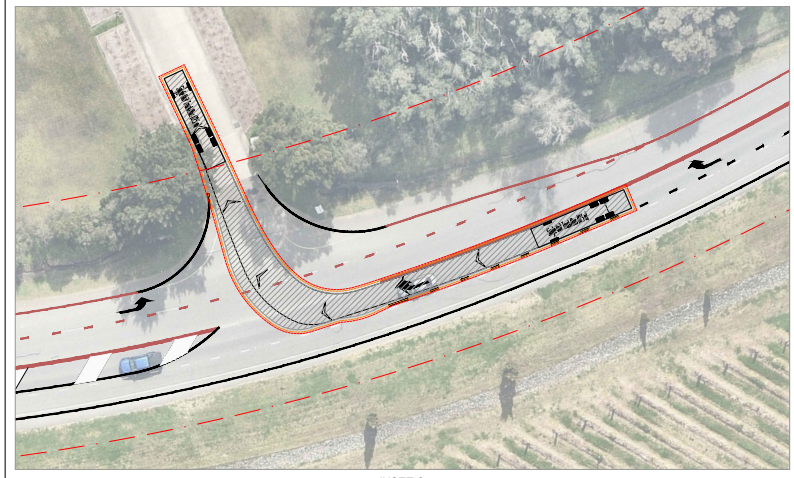


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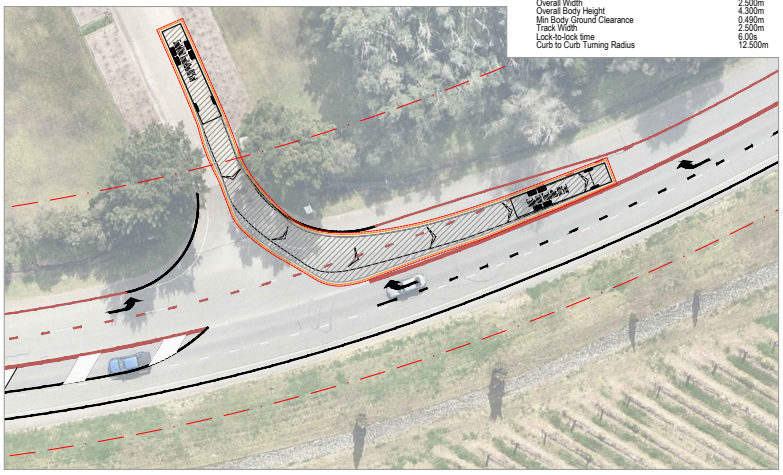


Single Unit Truck/Bus (12.5 m)

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|---|---|
| Overall Length | 12.500m |
| Overall Width | 2.500m |
| Overall Body Height | 4.300m |
| Min Body Ground Clearance | 0.490m |
| Track Width | 2.500m |
| Lock-to-lock time | 6.00s |
| Curb to Curb Turning Radius | 12.500m |



INSET C



INSET D

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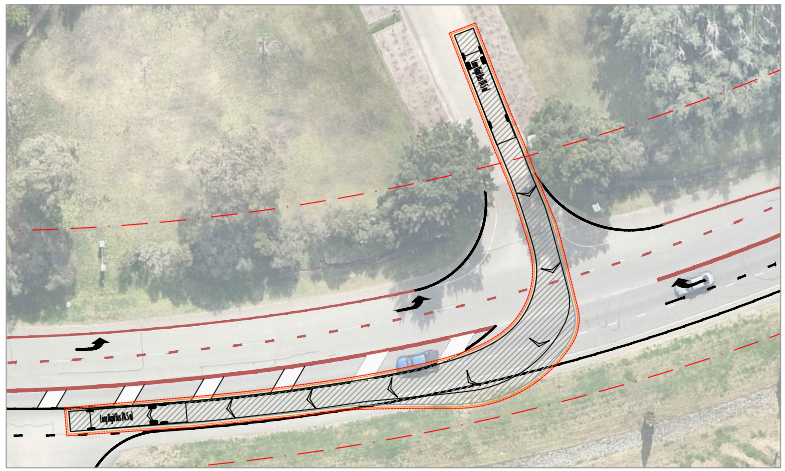
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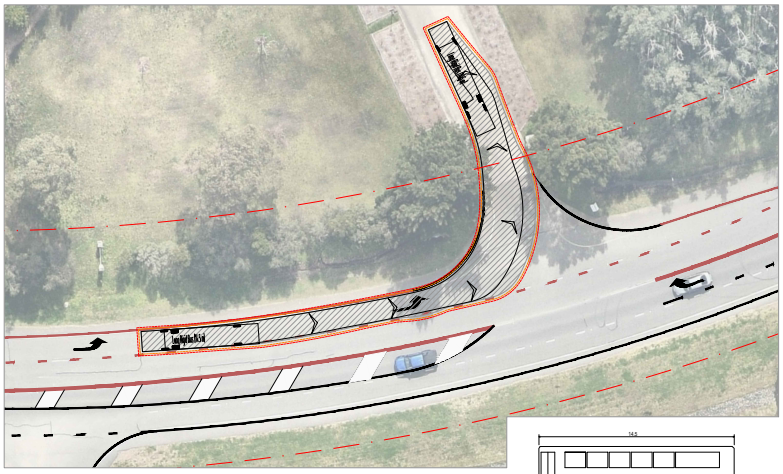
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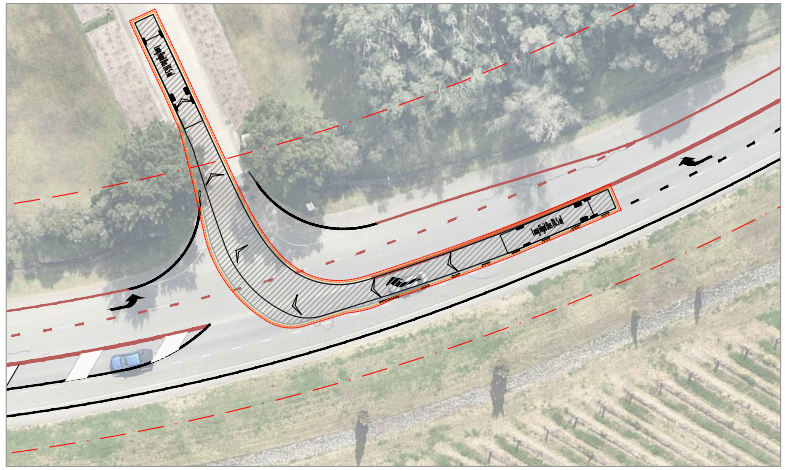
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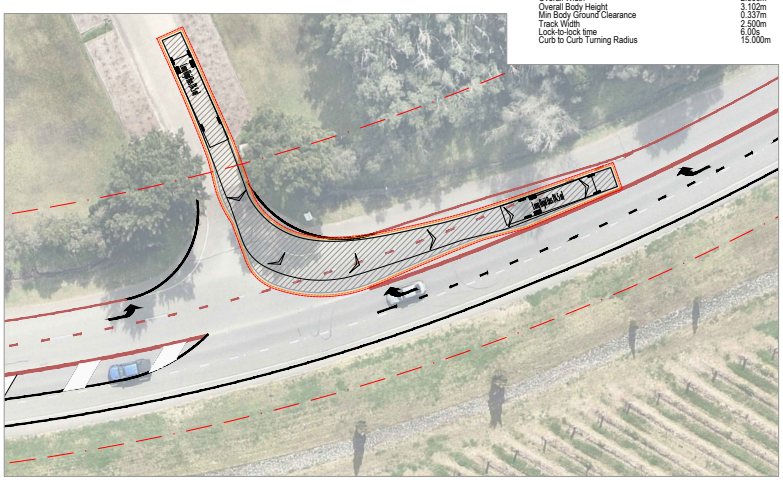
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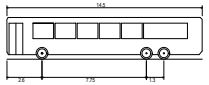
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INSET G



INSET H



Long Rigid Bus (14.5 m)

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| Overall Length | 14.500m |
| Overall Width | 2.500m |
| Overall Body Height | 3.102m |
| Min Body Ground Clearance | 0.337m |
| Track Width | 2.500m |
| Lock-to-lock time | 6.00s |
| Curb to Curb Turning Radius | 15.000m |

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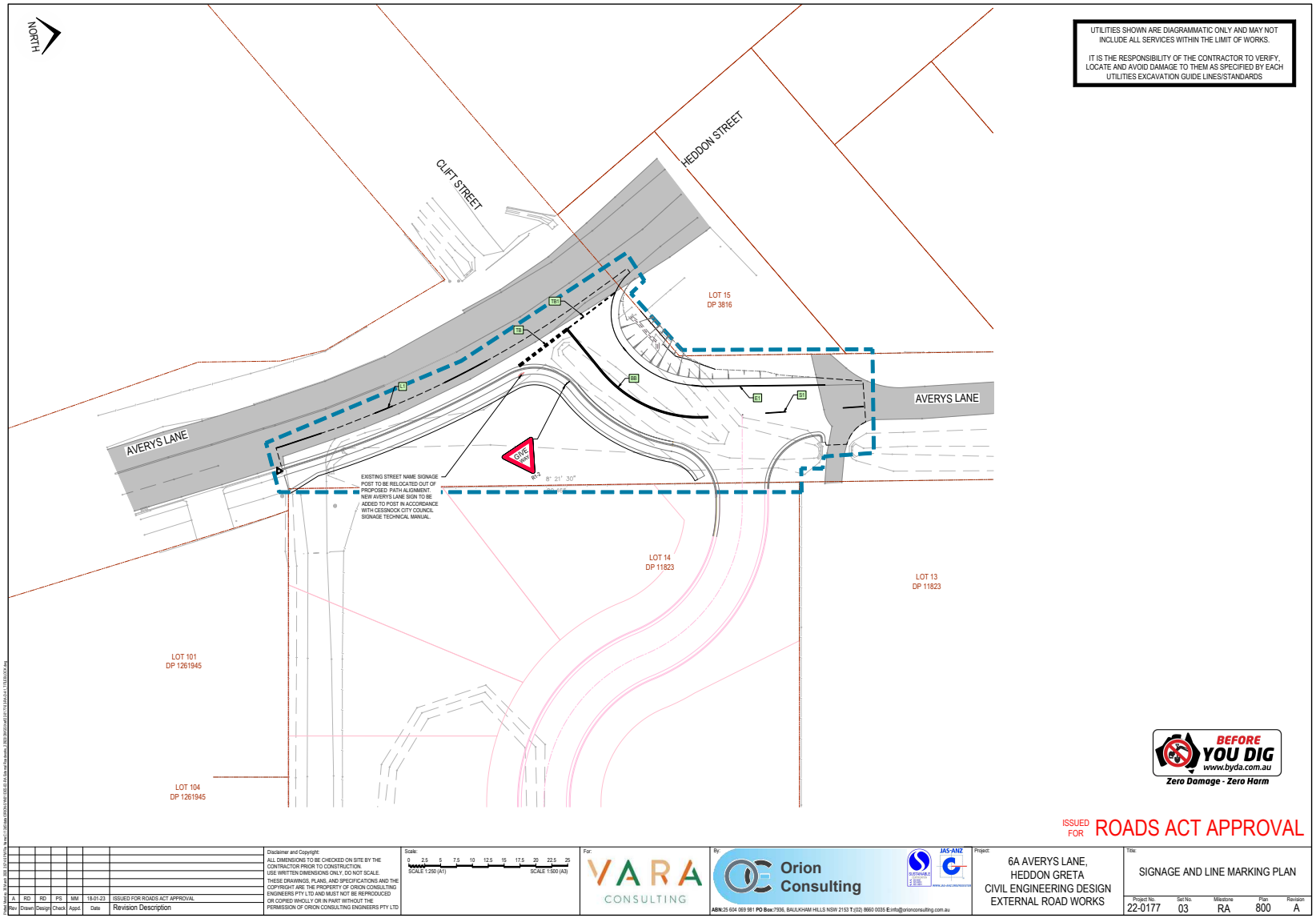
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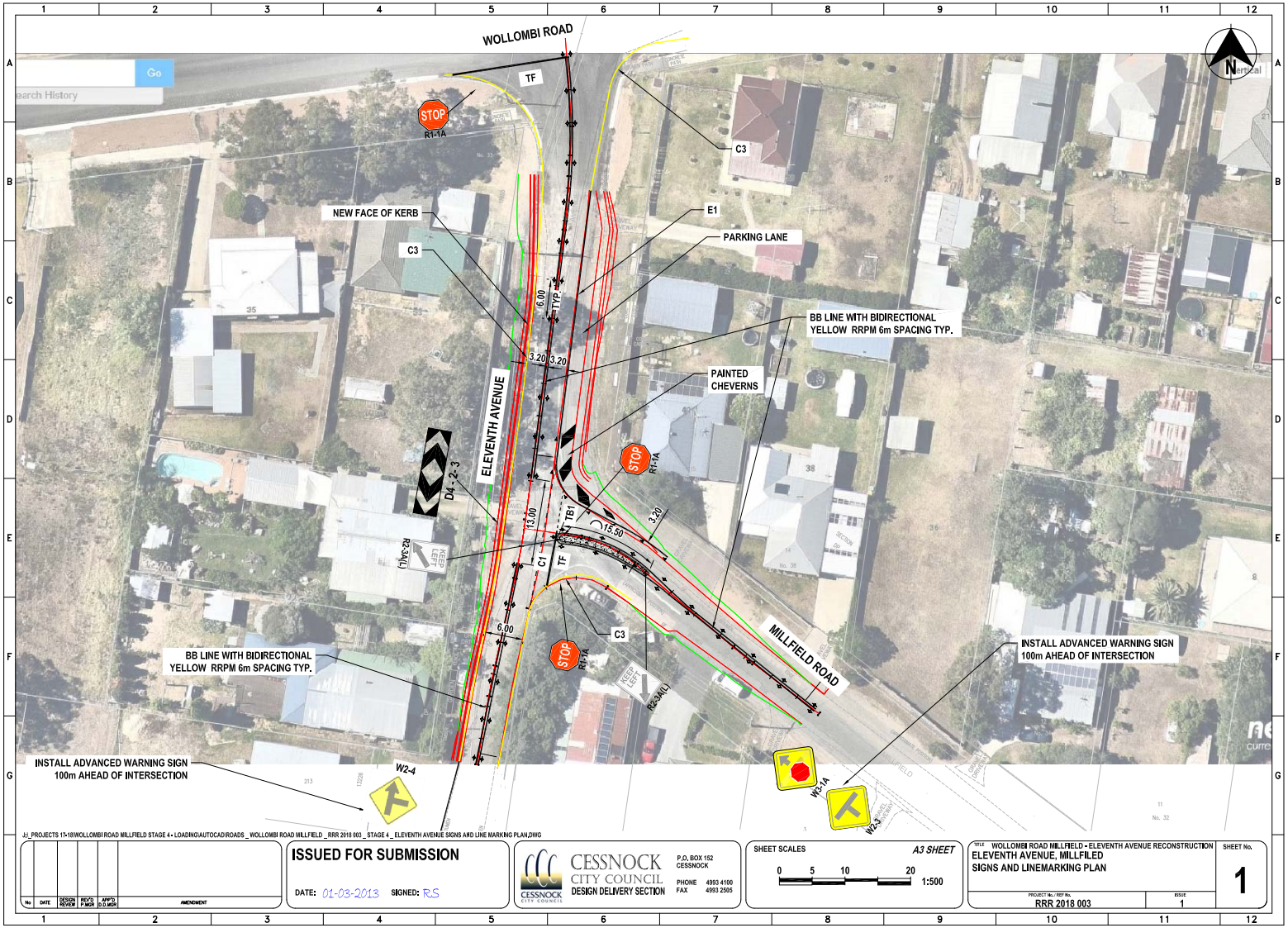
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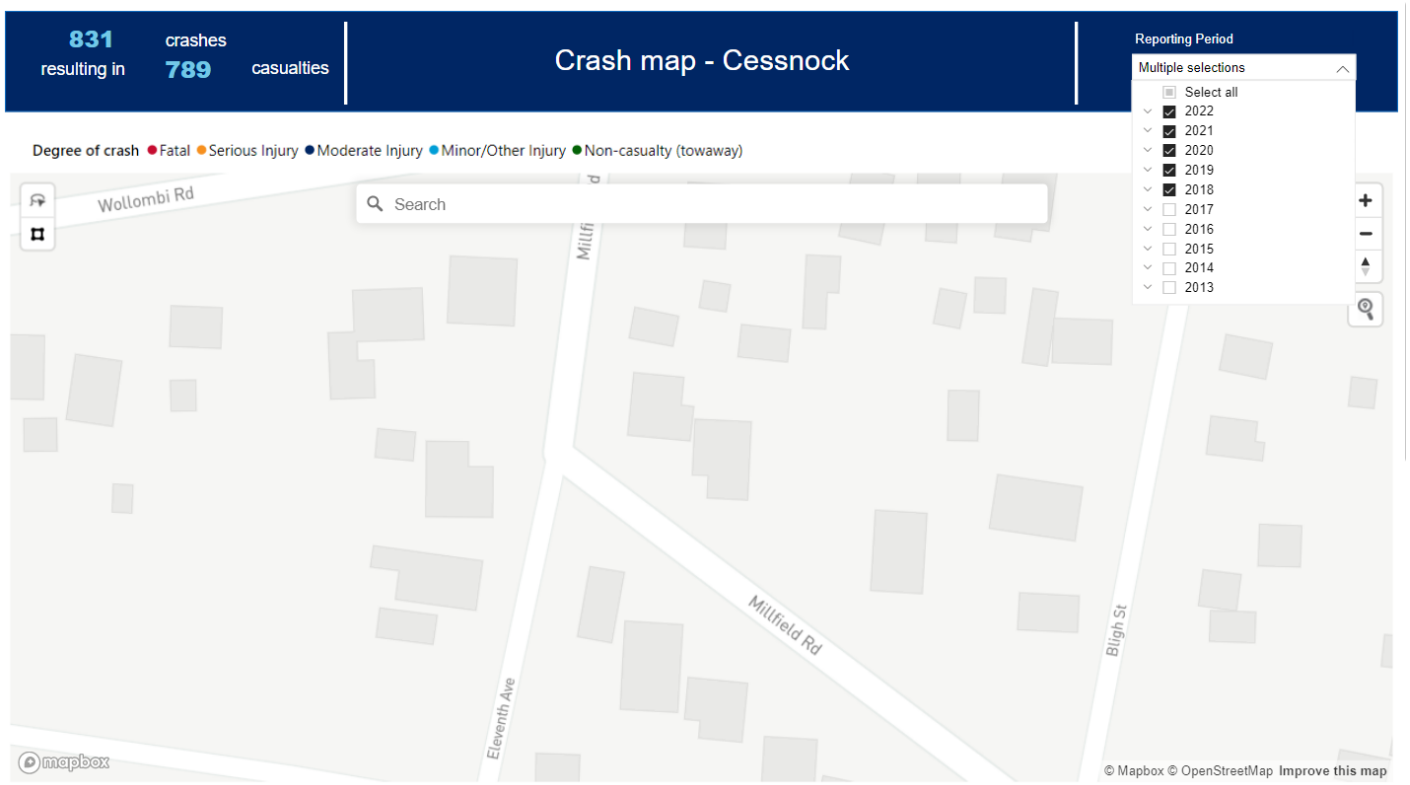
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3.20
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C1
TF
6.00
C3
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