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Below are WUFA's comments on Agenda Item 8.12 "Recommendation for a Joint Project to Resolve the Issue of the Warringah LEP 2011 Deferred Matters" FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WARRINGAH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2012 AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, DEE WHY COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

"Maintain the existing character of the Oxford Falls and Belrose North areas (as expressed in Warringah LEP 2000) in moving towards standard instrument zoning for the area" (Page 2) and "Review existing information only, with no requirement for the preparation of detailed environmental studies (for example, Planning and Assessment Commissions (PAC) recommended studies)" (Page 3) are both inconsistent with "The Minister deemed it appropriate to defer these areas from the making of the WLEP2011, and requested that a joint project be undertaken to enable DoPI, Council, together with the community, to determine the most appropriate future land use controls." (Page 3). This information is also inconsistent with the letter sent by the Dept of Planning to Warringah Council in December 2010 stating "the most appropriate option is to defer Oxford Falls Valley from the draft LEP until Council has undertaken the studies recommended by [Planning Assessment] the Commission".

"Engage in a collaborative partnership between Local and State government" (Page 3) The words "together with the Community" are missing here!

"Council Staff have held preliminary discussions with staff in DoPI in relation to the project. These discussions have related to the purpose and scope of the project...." (Page 3) What about the community??? Again it has been dropped. I say start again and now work "together with the community" as instructed by Minister Hazzard. We want to be involved with the scope of the project. If the community are not satisfactorily involved, then any report that comes out of the process will have been a total waste of time and money.

"No further work will be undertaken on the joint project until such time that Council has provided a resolution for the way forward." (Page 3). Good, now go back and start again. Read the instruction from the Minister "The Minister deemed it appropriate to defer these areas from the making of the WLEP2011, and requested that a joint project be undertaken to enable DoPI, Council, together with the community, to determine the most appropriate future land use controls." (Page 3), and understand that the words "together with the community" are in this instruction. Start again and work with the community to resolve a way forward which can be agreed between the DoPI, Council and the community.

"Some of the expected key deliverables will be: • Community consultation;". Bad start, you haven't spoken to us at all yet!!!

“Review existing information only, with no requirement for the preparation of detailed environmental studies (for example, PAC recommended studies).” (Page 4). But the PAC report recommended further studies and the Dept of Planning sent a letter to Warringah Council in December 2010 stating “the most appropriate option is to defer Oxford Falls Valley from the draft LEP until Council has undertaken the studies recommended by [Planning Assessment] the Commission”.

“Engage in a collaborative partnership between Local and State government.” (Page 4). Oops Council forgot that word again “Community”.

Options 1, 2 or 3 of this report are not acceptable to WUFA.

“Consultation

Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with clearly defined Probity and Community Engagement Plans and media strategy.” (Page 6). Well that has been proven to be totally flawed so far!

Under “Summary of correspondence for joint project” forgot to mention three important items:

12 February 2012

Letter from Warringah Urban Fringe Association (WUFA) to Rik Hart requesting that WUFA be involved with the process.

24 February 2012

Letter from Malcolm Ryan to Warringah Urban Fringe Association advising that “The Minister has not provided instructions in relation to a review process”.

12 March 2012

Letter from Minister Hazzard to the Mayor telling council to consult with the community.

Leaving this information out of the summary to Councillors I think is deceptive. How can any Councillor be asked to make a decision without accurate facts?

The big picture is who could trust the author of this report to carry out any study? We would like to be involved in a committee to formulate the scope of the study (which must include the PAC environmental studies). The study should then be contracted out to a third party and the process managed by a committee with representatives from Council, Dept of Planning and the Community. This philosophy gives the process some credibility and makes it easier to identify the costs involved therefore making it easier to request the financial assistance from Minister Hazzard.

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