

**QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
RIVERSIDE PLAZA
WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2009 12.30 PM**

Present: , Bill Baker, Craig Harris, Ken Ineson, Paul Walshe, Alan Carpenter, Steve Jamieson , Chris Gibson,

Apologies: Ian McNamee, Jeremy Wyatt, Hilary Jacobs, Jan Browne, Hilary Jacobs, Lydia Teodorowytch, Paul Williams.

Present: Ray Ablett

Introduction by Chairman The Chairman welcomed members and Mr Ablett, Ablett Transport, and indicated that the Traffic Strategy had been released by Queanbeyan City Council for comment. The Chairman attended the QCC meeting when the report was released. He outlined the options including the preferred option and the Traffic Study process. The preferred option was inline with previous comments by the QBC and its existing policy however this was an opportunity to consider whether this policy was still current. The Chairman also recommended that we support the preferred option as this enables us to move on and achieve improvements which are long overdue. The QBC would be submitting formal comments

Craig Harris explained the model background. He indicated that developments and growth patterns placed Queanbeyan as the fourth growth centre with the Belconnen, Gungahlin and Tuggeranong regions. The focus for all options was reduction of heavy traffic through the CBD and Queens Bridge. The preferred option is the most cost effective in meeting the future needs of the region as well as providing a by pass for heavy traffic.

Ken Ineson supported the Chairman's approach, particularly as it reduces the impact for delay. He then went on to indicate that the VBC had made the offer to provide 50% funding for the Dunnes Creek road. The Chairman queried whether this would muddy the waters in terms of the approval process.

The representatives of both developers indicated that they were in agreement for fair and equitable contributions for the infrastructure development although it was believed that inputs for the extension to Ellerton Drive should recognise that the by pass proposal had been under consideration before the residential developments were proposed and that there were community benefits for the Queanbeyan area as well as Googong and Tralee due to the reduced heavy vehicle traffic through the CBD and increased amenity for the CBD.

Ray Ablett indicated that from the point of view of himself and the Transport industry the critical issue was an option around using Monaro Street therefore the Ellerton road by- pass linking to Edwin Land Parkway would help.

Future comments in support of the Traffic Strategy should focus on the roads and benefits and equitable funding.

The existing policy supported the Traffic Strategy and the sooner it is supported and implemented the better for the region.

It was resolved to meet the Federal and State members of Parliament to indicate our support for the Strategy and to determine their approach.

General Business –

- a. The Chairman gave a report on his attendance at the Airport Forum and the issues covered. He indicated that not much was covered at this meeting for the Queanbeyan area. He and all members believe it is beneficial to be part of this forum for any future discussions which may impact the area.
- b. Ken requested that we submit comments to the Department of Infrastructure on the third paper on Airports and Aviation. This was supported by all members that we provide a submission indicating our support for the status quo with no need to provide any further limitations on developments outside the Airport. The existing guidelines for development using the currently accepted ANEF contours allow a good mix of protection and development. The QBC will provide a submission indicating our support for the current situation.
- c. Paul Walshe provided an update on the activities of ACTEWAGL in relation to the M2G pipeline, second water access at Williamsdale and the Cotter Dam. Approval was also progressing for the Solar Farm.

Next Committee meeting – TBA, at 12.30 pm at VIC