

Council Project File Reference - Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Project

NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Council's plans for Lake Ainsworth. I live in Lennox Head and Lake Ainsworth is an important and positive part of my daily life. This submission addresses various aspects significant to the amenity, safety and healthy future of that location

Part of this submission will also address access issues relating to the planned works. This draws on my extensive experience in the field of disability - as a clinician, service co-ordinator, support worker, trainer and educator - over several decades and in the public, private and community sectors.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUPPORT FOR -

The BSC plan to remove the eastern road and provide an access track for use by emergency vehicles only.

The BSC plan to remove the risks to pedestrians in the eastern precinct by removal of the road and provision of an access track for use by emergency vehicles only.

The BSC planned provision of facilities for people with disabilities, but REQUEST further attention to the placement of the water access wheelchair ramp further south on the eastern precinct, nearer to carparks.

Council's plan to provide more safe, accessible green recreational space through removal of the eastern road pavement, in short the creation of parkland in harmony with the local environment.

Council's intended involvement of Lennox Head Landcare Inc. both in initial planting and establishment stages, also with ongoing maintenance and care of vegetation, to ensure the continuity of the parkland area for passive and active recreation.

Overall strong support for the current plans to remove the eastern road and transform the space into safe, accessible lakeside parkland - this is the only sensible option which addresses all the current issues in the eastern precinct.

Council's plans for the southern precinct, and the roundabout construction details as outlined in the plans currently on exhibition.

BSC's planned provision of facilities for people with disabilities, with *the exception of the location of the water access wheelchair ramp in the eastern precinct.*

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SUGGESTIONS -

That BSC facilitates, with the operators of the caravan park, the building of a fence along its northern perimeter (beside the southern road), with the provision of safe exit points and road crossings.

Attention to the placement of the water access wheelchair ramp further south on the eastern precinct, nearer to carparks.

That a program of publicity and community education is developed about the provision of access facilities around Lake Ainsworth and relevant signage be displayed in the vicinity.

That one designated disability-access toilet stall in each public toilet block provides full wheelchair access consistent with current standards.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you to Council staff and Councillors for your attention to the complicated issue of lake Ainsworth's future over many years. It is a precious natural resource and much valued by locals and visitors. As a resident of Lennox Head I particularly appreciate it as my favourite recreational space. I respectfully offer this submission with the wish that enabling decisions will be made without further delays.

This submission will address the following issues –

1. Eastern road closure.
2. Pedestrian safety.
3. Access for people with a disability and people using mobility aids.
4. Eastern foreshore riparian zone.
5. Stormwater management.
6. Parking.
7. Safe recreational space.
8. Additional suggestions and a brief wish list.

1. EASTERN ROAD CLOSURE

This road traverses the narrow strip of land constituting the Lake Ainsworth eastern foreshore, which is managed by Ballina Shire Council through the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) on behalf of Crown Lands (NSW Dept. of Industry). It is an unclassified local road, as it not classified by NSW Roads and Marine Services.

Currently this narrow bitumen strip is a through traffic-way for the Sport and Recreation Centre (S&R) as well as for people using the eastern precinct for picnics, fishing, swimming etc. and those accessing the dog walking beach. At present approx. 64 cars can park there, many on the grassy lake foreshore. This narrow shared-use corridor is constantly used and becomes crowded and a traffic nightmare on weekends, school holidays and during the peak summer period.

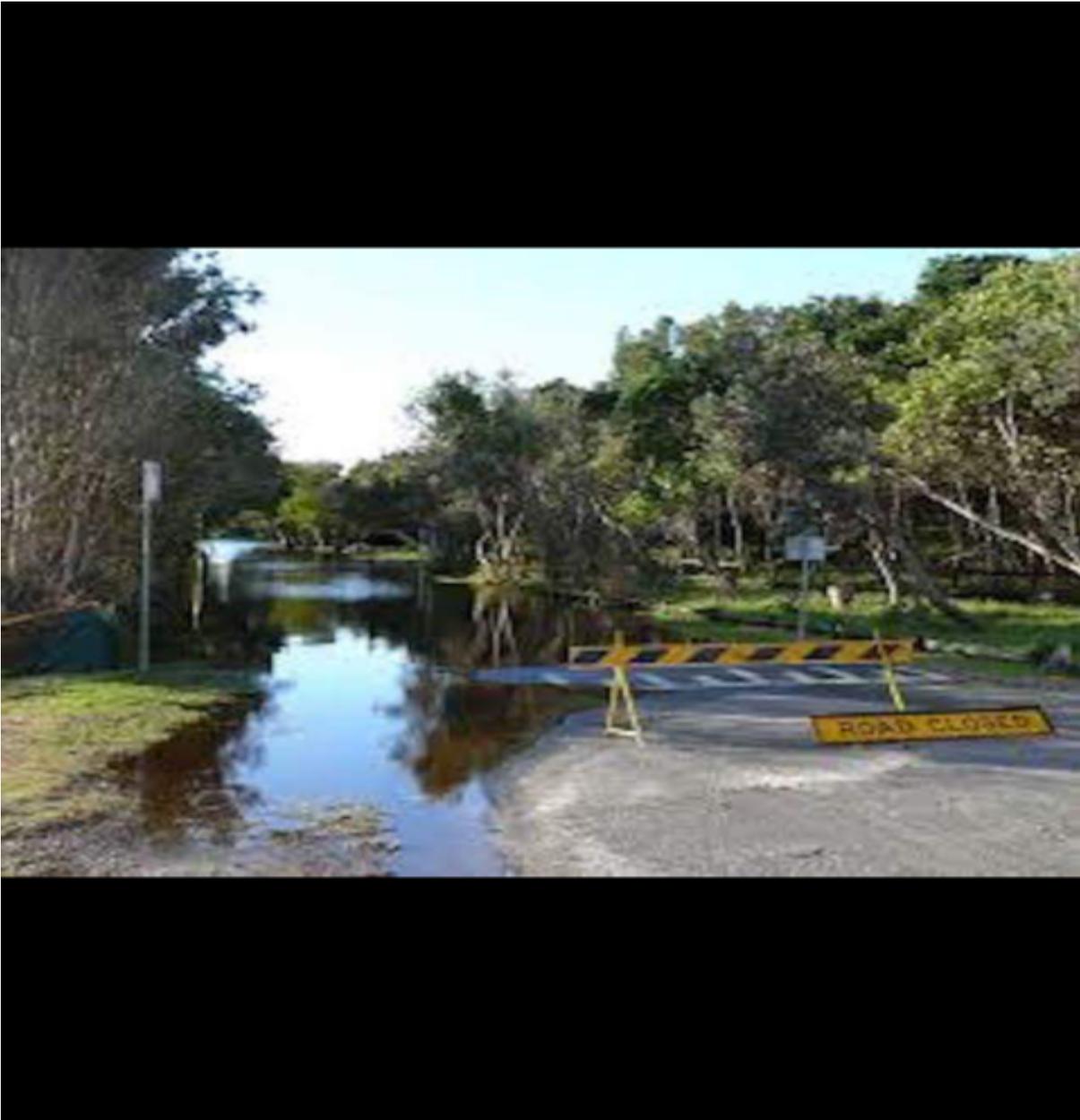
Closure of the east road was recommended by the following –

- Lake Ainsworth Management Study 2000: “Close eastern and southern foreshore roads” (p.ii)
- Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002 (prepared by BSC in accordance with NSW Government's *Estuary Management Manual*): “restrict vehicular access along the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering Sport and Recreation Centre” (p.viii D1 Summary of Traffic Management).
- Master Plan (Concept Plan) per Connell Wagner and Hassells 2005: recommended close the eastern road.

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- Eastern Foreshore Improvement Plan 2017: road to be closed, to be replaced by access track for emergency vehicles only.

I submit that maintaining this or constructing a replacement road presents a number of unacceptable risks – to pedestrian safety, to the foreshore vegetation, to the lake’s water and even to the vehicles using that road. Further after heavy rains the road floods and is impassable for vehicles; one year it was closed for nearly six months. Flooding of the road was a factor in the decision to move the monthly markets away from this location.



Flooding caused closure of the eastern road for some months in 2011. [Photo LW]

Any construction of a replacement road in this narrow corridor, whether following the present route or closer to the beach dunes, cannot remove these risks. Further Crown Lands have twice refused an easement to allow building a road proper in this eastern precinct, the latest being in 2017.

Roads near sensitive waterways and fragile foreshore vegetation are problematic in light of current standards. NSW government guidelines for riparian corridors state that a 10 metre vegetated riparian corridor is required, hence in this narrow eastern corridor it is impossible to have both.

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(Office of Water, Guidelines for Riparian Corridors on Waterfront Land, http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/547222/licensing_approvals_controlled_activities_riparian_corridors.pdf)

While some community commentarians have claimed there is no scientific evidence that this road is environmentally harmful, until academically accredited research on the Lake Ainsworth situation provides support for this opinion, we must be guided by the precautionary principal, and avoid the risk.

I SUPPORT the BSC plan to remove the eastern road and provide an access track for use by emergency vehicles only.

2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Eastern Corridor

This is a high-risk area for pedestrians as the road has no footpath, many people walk through it and many cars drive there. For over two-thirds of the length of the eastern foreshore corridor pedestrians must walk on the road itself there being no functional, let alone formal, footpath. For the remaining section in the northern end people can walk on the grassy verge, partly separated from the road by wooden bollards. This latter is of limited use as most pedestrians are going to the grassy patch by the water near the turnaround, the dog walking beach entry or the northern toilet block.

A home truth: pedestrians are vulnerable road users. It is known that car mirrors have clipped at least three people, a young mother's pram has been nudged by car and a grandmother forced to jump into the Lake to avoid getting wiped out by a car. It should be noted that the lack of traffic incident reports to police or Council is not a valid or reliable measure of risk or indeed of incidents, as only significant accidents have to be reported to police.

There are countless reports of close calls - this from the 'Lennox Head Residents Association' Facebook page:

“We were there on the 27th. Cars everywhere illegally parked. Kids running across to the beach how no-one wasn't hit amazed me. Cars backing into other cars leaving damage.”

(February 2017)

People using mobility aids like scooters and wheelie walkers have no option but to walk on the bitumen, and as they are often slower to manoeuvre away from cars are at extremely high risk. This is a disaster waiting to happen.



No safety at the Lake for pedestrians – especially those with mobility aids. [Photo: TLH, 2017]

Road replacement with the planned access path will provide a safe and clear walkway. Reports show that provision of separate footpaths can reduce pedestrian incidents by up to 60%, and as the access

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track will only carry the occasional emergency vehicles, this separate footpath status will be achieved through the planned removal of the road.

(Road Safety Toolkit: <http://toolkit.irap.org/default.asp?page=crashtype&id=1>)

The Lennox Head–Alstonville Surf Club regularly holds classes for Nippers enabling children aged 5 – 14 to learn surfing and water skills. The younger age groups first use the Lake for their sessions, having to walk across the road from the Club, with trainers and parents constantly and anxiously monitoring the traffic risks involved.

Southern Road

Currently people – including many children - traversing the southern road to/from the caravan park are at high risk without any designated road crossing. For part of that road there is no formal or informal footpath and pedestrians must walk around and between cars to access the foreshore.

Fencing along the caravan park’s northern perimeter i.e. abutting the southern road, with designated safe pedestrian crossings should form part of the current upgrade of the lake environs to give pedestrian safety. The Road Safety Toolkit cites road crossings responsible for up to 40% reduction of pedestrian casualties. (Road Safety Toolkit: <http://toolkit.irap.org/default.asp?paghe=crashtype&id=1>)

I SUPPORT the BSC plan to remove the risks to pedestrians in the eastern precinct by removal of the road and provision of an access track for use by emergency vehicles only.

I SUGGEST that BSC facilitates, with the operators of the caravan park, the building of a fence along its northern perimeter (beside the southern road), with the provision of safe exit points and road crossings.

3. ACCESS ISSUES

Ballina Council has a legal obligation to provide access for people with disabilities, people using mobility aids and those with mobility challenges. (Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW); Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth))

I welcome BSC’s plans to provide facilities for access to and around the Lake’s foreshores that are consistent with contemporary access standards. (Australian Standards 1428 parts 1 and 2), BSC *Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021*.

(https://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-IBD-11-05-66)

Specific aspects: new designated car parks; pathway for the full length of the proposed access track for the eastern side of the lake; pathways joining car parks to picnic tables; picnic tables which will allow full access for wheelchair users (height + enhanced perimeter slab); ramps providing wheelchair access to water in both foreshores.



A person using an electric wheelchair on an accessible pathway. [Photograph -

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/motorisedwheelchairs/index.html>

(Accessed 25.01.2018)]

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I commend the Council for consulting with the Access Reference Group (ARG) about mobility access and other matters relating the furniture and pathways that form part of the design. Concern has been voiced that the wheelchair water access ramps have been placed a distance away from the car parks. ARG has submitted that this should be rectified, regardless if the extra cost is involved due to different gradients.

Also of concern is that in each of the northern and southern toilet blocks there should be a toilet that is fully wheelchair accessible (as not all disability designated stalls accommodate a wheelchair).

Certain aspects of the planned access facilities have not been understood by some community members and critics of BSC's current plans eg. opining that a wheelchair user fears the east road closure may prevent his access to the lake's eastern foreshore. Yet the pathways planned for that corridor will provide a continuous accessible path of travel in a safe vehicle-free space, which is consistent with the Australian Human Rights Commission's *Advisory Note on streetscape, public outdoor areas, fixtures, fittings and furniture*, 2013. Lack of correct information about access features in the planned changes should be addressed at the time of documents going on exhibition. As not everyone will read those documents it is essential that Council disperse the full and correct details of all access features.



Access to grassy open lakeside space [Montage - TLH]

I SUPPORT the BSC planned provision of facilities for people with disabilities, with the exception of the location of the water access wheelchair ramp in the eastern precinct.

I REQUEST further attention to the placement of the water access wheelchair ramp further south on the eastern precinct, nearer to carparks.

I SUGGEST that one designated disability access toilet stall in each public toilet block provide full wheelchair access consistent with current standards.

I SUGGEST provision of pathways for full wheelchair access to picnic tables, the water's edge and car parks in the southern precinct, as currently these are not available.

I SUGGEST that a program of publicity and community education be developed about the provision of access facilities around Lake Ainsworth and relevant signage be displayed in the vicinity.

4. EASTERN FORESHORE RIPARIAN ZONE

I support the submissions of Lennox Head Landcare Inc. and Ballina Environmental Society Inc. concerning the importance of preserving and rehabilitating the vegetated riparian zone (VRZ). The removal of the east road is essential for the VRZ's function in the maintenance of the lake's healthy water and the restoration of the foreshore's banks.

May I also refer you to NSW government (Office of Water) guidelines concerning riparian zones within foreshore land (NSW Guidelines_controlled_activities_riparian_corridors.pdf)

5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

I support the submissions of Lennox Head Landcare Inc. and Ballina Environmental Society Inc. concerning the importance of preserving and rehabilitating the vegetated riparian zone (VRZ). I commend Council for the plans to upgrade stormwater management in the eastern precinct are essential to both the health of the lake and the VRZ.

While there are numerous factors contributing to blue-green algae infestation, the stormwater risk potential is something that can be remediated.

(https://www.water.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/579731/Algae-alert-Lake-Ainsworth-151006_final.pdf)

Thus is a measure for the present as well as for the future of the lake. We have to ask: will tomorrow's children thank today's adults when they inherit a polluted and unhealthy lake?

6. PARKING

Parking issues around Lake Ainsworth have raised considerable concerns as to both location and adequate provision, given that it is a favoured recreation spot for locals and visitors. Council has already rationalised parking spaces in the vicinity and the current plans will make further provisions.

In 2015 Council took the proactive approach of creating 55 new parking spaces in anticipation of the loss of parks with the closure of the eastern road. This involved the new carpark in Pacific Parade opposite of the Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club, re-arranging car parks along Ross Street (adjacent to the caravan park), and the creation of extra spaces in the existing beachfront carpark at the Pacific Parade/Ross St site. Additional parking is planned along the southern road when that is formalised. Currently parking along this road is informal, often chaotic and inefficient in terms of use of available space.

The outcome of these changes means that basically the vicinity will be parking neutral, viz. as many parking spaces will/have been created to compensate, as those that will be lost when the eastern foreshore parkland is created.



Southern Road - parking chaos. [Photo ET]

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It is fair to say parking is becoming a problem all around Lennox, around popular recreational waterways in other parts of the Shire, and of course in most coastal regions during peak holiday periods. Indeed it's the situation with general population increase and greater dependence on cars nationally; but with foresight and planning careful management is possible.

I SUPPORT Council's provision of replacement parking around Lake Ainsworth and definitely do not support any moves to retain parking along the eastern foreshore.

7. SAFE RECREATIONAL SPACE

Lennox Head has beautiful beaches, sporting fields and some parks. While Ballina Council has appropriate responsibility for some of these as well as the Ballina to Lennox Head Coastal Recreation Path, it plans to improve and enhance the Lake Ainsworth foreshore parkland to provide further recreational space.

At present the eastern foreshore becomes crowded and space for people to sit around is encroached on by the road and carparks. Some days people have to actually sit on the edge of the road to enjoy the lake, so outstandingly closing the east road is about having a safe recreational space.



*The safety of our kids is more important than the right to park our cars wherever we like.
[Photo KS, 2017]*

With the removal of road pavement, based on BSC's technical drawings on exhibition, it is estimated that there will be an additional approx. 5,000 m² of parkland/riparian zone meaning that 84% of the total area will be taken by that parkland/riparian zone. The resultant increase of recreational parkland will provide safe open space for families, groups of friends, and solo relaxers. Shady open parkland also affords parents with young children safety from sun and space for games, and places where elderly people can pause or linger for respite.

Some community members opposing BSC's plans have proffered a 'Plan B' which promotes creation of parkland encroaching up to 20 metres into the Lake. Not only would this be problematic as to

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interference with the Lake's integrity, but would surely be disallowed by the Office for Water (NSW Dept. of Primary Industry). Common sense does not support BSC following this approach, nor do I.

I SUPPORT Council's plan to provide more safe, accessible green recreational space through removal of the eastern road pavement, in short the creation of parkland in harmony with the local environment.

I SUPPORT Council's intended involvement of Lennox Head Landcare Inc. both in initial planting and establishment stages, also with ongoing maintenance and care of vegetation, to ensure the continuity of the parkland area for passive and active recreation.

8. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

(1) Council publicity should be thorough and multifaceted

(i) *General Information* i.e. about the new arrangements, ensure to include benefits re aspects that have been concerning eg. alternative parking, additional access for people with a disability and elderly people.

General information about the plans to be publicised prior to works commencing, as well as on or near completion of works. Nature and extent of publicity will vary or these two phases.

Dissemination – newspaper, digital and electronic media advertisements, *Community Connect*, Council's facebook site, dedicated hardcopy and digital leaflets/notices, public seminars. This latter is important as Council should do all it can to bring over people opposing the project, and also when faced with change people often respond to having the opportunity for in-person communication.

(ii) *Information about Specific Aspects* eg. disability access, environmental issues.

Suggest separate notices, digital and hardcopy notices/advertisements, and public information sessions. Target services, organisations with relevant involvement incl. support groups, schools, and community groups.

(2) Change Management, Community Unrest and Community Building

Council should employ a professional change manager to design and guide a process of publicity and activities to assist the community coming to terms with the perceived losses, and the benefits of the Lake Ainsworth renewal project. Attention should be given to engaging organisations and individuals who have been prominent of the campaign to defeat Council's plans for this project.

Should strong opposition to Council and community discord continue mediation should be considered, and a program of community building events. It is important that experienced professionals, preferably from outside this region be used for the above.

(3) Opening Ceremony /Event

It's *very* important that this involves a wide cross-section of the community (not just dignitaries, representatives of high profile organisations and the odd person of diverse identity. Most people are aware that over the past three or so years there's been trenchant disagreement with Council's plans and much community discord and even personal hurts. Council's good management of this event could do much to heal these. An annual *Open Day at the Lake* (but not on Australia Day!) sponsored by Council is worthy of consideration.

Suggest – Council should call for volunteers for a community based event organising working party.

A BRIEF WISH LIST

- Bicycle parking racks in eastern and southern precincts.
- Signage on western road re wildlife.
- Speed limit for western road (to be used as alternate route to Sport and Recreation Centre).
- No parking on western road to discourage harm to buffer zone vegetation and water access from the west.

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- All access pathways to be gently curved, not a straight line,
- Interpretative signage re disability access, flora and fauna of area.

FINAL STATEMENT

Council has responded to the factors shaping the need for intervention in the vicinity of the Lake Ainsworth foreshores, viz.

1. Lack of recreational space,
2. Lack of suitable access for people with a disabilities, frail and elderly people,
3. Lack of pedestrian safety due to conflict between vehicles and people,
4. Lack of stormwater management systems, and
5. Lack of adequate riparian areas.

I have examined the plans and designs for the improvements for safety, access, amenity and the environment. It is our conclusion that the eastern corridor in particular cannot be left without suitable intervention, and road closure is the key to making these measures effective and sustainable

I would like to re-express strong support for the current plans to remove the eastern road and transform the space into a lakeside parkland - this is the only sensible option which addresses all the current issues in the eastern precinct. Support is also given to Council’s plans for the southern precinct, and the roundabout construction as outlined in the plans currently on exhibition.

The Choice is between - A Carpark by the Lake



Northern end of eastern precinct [Photo TLH, 2017]

OR Parkland by the lake



Parkland people – enjoying the open grassy space of the eastern foreshore. [Montage TLH, 2017]

Submission Ends ++++++

Submission to Ballina Shire Council re Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake
Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Project File Reference : Part V22.2017/12

The General Manager

Ballina Shire Council

PO Box 450

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22/01/18

Dear Sir

I am writing in support of the above plan which includes closing the road on the East side of Lake Ainsworth and improving the environment beside the lake. Locals and holidaymakers enjoyment will be greatly enhanced to have a park here instead, which will be safer for all users. It will also allow for the planting of more trees and shrubs on the lake's edge to improve its water quality. I look forward to experiencing a lovely space for strolling, picnics and relaxing with other community members and visitors.

On the south side of the lake I have one concern about the three short boardwalks that are planned to go through patches of established vegetation. I would like to see plant protection of some sort to prevent people from wandering off the boardwalk and possibly creating their own tracks down to the lake's edge.

I trust that the Council will hold firm on its decision to complete the above Environmental Improvement Works for Lake Ainsworth.

Yours faithfully

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24/01/18

Re: Council Project File Reference Part V22.2017/12

Dear Sir

I write to support Council's proposal to CLOSE the existing road on the East side of Lake Ainsworth, and provide parklands and sensible access to the Lake.

I was surprised that Council deferred the start of these works in January 2017 because of a "Solicitor's Letter" and have followed the weekly correspondence in the local paper with mild exasperation. The longer you defer these works the more for and against positions will be put forward.

I urge the Council to hold firm to the original decision to create Parklands and close the existing road; there will always be some who disagree – that is their right. Even though they are wrong.

Yours faithfully

Ian R Forster

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Re: Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am opposed to the closing of the Eastern Road access because it seems to me the majority of Lennox Head residents are in favour of the road staying open.

Ballina Council has failed to use the funds made available for maintenance of the lake and its surrounds over a number of years, hence the disrepair we have today.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Nalder



To The General Manager - Paul Hickey

25/01/18

**Re: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference: Part V
22.2017/12**

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to the above proposed works planned for the foreshore area of Lake Ainsworth.

I am a long time resident of Lennox Head (over 25 years) and I come from a professional Aquatic Ecology background. I have a number of reservations and objections to the proposed works.

While I commend any properly researched ideas for minimisation of run-off into the lake, extension of riparian zones, better use of lake environ including control of dogs entering the lake waters and surrounding area, I do not support the plan as it is presented.

In summary the eastern road closure is not supported. Increased use and future sealing of Camp Drewe road is not supported,. Increase in 'furniture' (eg bbq's and hand railings and a very wide sealed pathway, is not supported. My reasons for these objections are given below:

1. Replacing a semi-sealed road surface with a very wide sealed pathway (wide enough for emergency vehicles makes it very wide) is replacing one for the other.
2. For dog owners to access the current 7 Mile Beach dog access point north of surf club will require them to walk through the park with their dogs, defeating the purpose of increasing wildlife habitat. The smell of the dogs alone repels most wildlife, not to mention droppings not collected and urination which is not collectable, of course. As many dog owners are guilty of currently doing, dogs swim in the lake with all the related chemicals such as tick and flea controls like Front-line.
3. I don't support the large extension / additions of carpark space to include large unsightly car lots requiring lake users to haul their belongings and children a long distance to find space. Some tout the eastern road as an accident waiting to happen. In truth an accident has not happened and could just as easily happen in a crowded parking lot if a child is poorly watched or any person not mindful while in this space.
4. I do not support the creation of a Lake Ainsworth Parkland...the current proposed plan looks like an urban playground with the addition of lots of furniture in the form of bbq's, seating, hand- railing etc. I have witnessed many disabled people access the lake because they can drive right up to the lake's edge. I do not support ramps and handrails. This is not why we come to the lake. People visit to be in nature, to spread a picnic blanket and sit on the grass and enjoy the lake as a natural environment. If people require the services of a playground for their children then there are so many to choose from within the shire.
5. By all means improve storm water runoff and improve control of dogs, horses etc that currently enter the lake. Please improve opportunities for recycling bins etc but PLEASE leave the lake as natural as possible.

6. I support keeping the eastern road open. The alternative offered of using the western Camp Drewe Road is also NOT supported in this submission. The coastal heath at the western side of the lake is one of the last remaining intact wildlife reserves of it's kind and of a size to be useful habitat. Many important species use this area including the Freshwater Turtle and it's hatchlings. They travel over Camp Drewe Road, and this wildlife corridor will be at great risk with the increased traffic proposed and especially during peak Summer times and holidays. Hatchlings have been often sighted during day time and helped to cross over by many people. Numerous other wildlife cross during daylight hours including swamp wallabies, bush turkeys, ground marsupials etc. This option is completely unacceptable. By opening Camp Drewe Road to greater intensification of use you are swapping any possible road run-off from one side to the other.

7. The visual amenity of the lake area will be reduced considerably with these proposed changes. We do not want a Parkland like the Gold Coast here.

I support measures to improve water quality that do not detract from the beautiful visual amenity and access currently available to all in the existing Lake Ainsworth scenario.

As an aside on the Blue Green algae issue. This is due to increased nutrients and reduced oxygen levels in the lake (due to natural stratification). The current eastern road contributes little to this scenario. Rather it is how the lake is used, or for a better word abused, by those that swim in it, wash utensils, pee or worse in it and swim their animals that matters most to the lake health. I see a better use of money spent on educating lake users how to treat it respectfully and understand its fragile nature.

Thankyou for reading my submission. Please call if you have any questions

Kind regards

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**SUBMISSION TO BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
RE LAKE AINSWORTH PROPOSED WORKS
*Council Reference - Part V 22.2017/12***

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28th January 2018

Dear Mr Hickey,

Submission re Part V 22.2017/12 – Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works

I support Council's plans for closure of the eastern road and the subsequent rehabilitation of the east side of Lake Ainsworth.

I really question why people would want to take cars in that eastern part of the lake.

What is so special that cars have to be there? I cannot see a useful answer to that.

It seems unnecessary as people can get to the lake without a car. There will still be car access to the southern part, and that will have car parks too.

One woman said she wanted to have her car nearby because if she forgot the kid's towel she could easily get it! Yet when the markets were down there I would see people walking through the streets to their parked cars (up Gibbon St past where I live) piled up with shopping bags and pot plants – they did it then, why not now?

My reasons for wanting the removal of that road are –

Insufficient space between moving vehicles – standard says 1.5 metres

Road falling into the lake – what good is that to either the lake or the cars?

Road flooding – the lake eating up the road

People should be able to walk there without car – it's dangerous.

Elderly people may have walking problems so they should be able to walk there safely.

The eastern road encroaches on the plants there, it can be seen that plant-life is suffering and the riparian zone is degraded, things that help to make a lake clean and healthy.

Please go ahead with your plans to close the road and look after the lake and its environs. I cannot understand why this hasn't been done before. It's well overdue.

Yours sincerely,
Judith A Haggard.

**Response to Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements**

We have used our combined expertise in ecology, environmental science, managing and restoring bushland, water chemistry and health as well as education to contribute to all previous consultations on Council plans for Lake Ainsworth and it's surrounds. Our priorities have always been to maximise the water quality, environmental integrity and hence "natural" feel which is so highly valued by our community.

We strongly support the immediate implementation of the plans currently on display with a few requests:

- The provision of weed guard between all recreational areas and fenced, bushland spaces.
- The provision of educational signage on each foreshore about 1) the riparian zone and 2) ways to look after the water of the Lake. Further, we request that our expertise in environmental science and education be acknowledged by inclusion in any formulation of content and design of such signage.
- Continuing support from Council in our efforts to ameliorate any flow-on effects of these works along the western foreshore of the Lake.
- The construction of a swale infiltration system between the road and the buffer zone at such time as the road surface is sealed.
- The implementation, by Council, of measures to mitigate potential increased risks to wildlife along Camp Drewe Rd as a result of the anticipated traffic increase. Strategies which we are aware of include speed reduction in the form of speed limits /traffic calming devices as well as informative signage re wildlife however we would also support any other measures which would assist in achieving this goal.

We strongly support the location of the proposed boardwalks along the southern foreshore which enhance the natural feel of the environment for pedestrians with minimal disruption to the existing vegetation, especially the canopy. We are however concerned about the potential for significant foot traffic leaving the boardwalks to explore and enjoy these "bush" riparian zones. We request the provision of unobtrusive barriers on either side of the boardwalks to minimise these incursions. These areas are each very small and even a minimum of such damage will have a significant deleterious impact.

As well we urge that exemplary hygiene practices be observed at all times in regard to potential weed seed introduction during the reconstruction of the eastern and southern foreshores.

In the future we believe the western foreshore will be best managed by the retention of one walking track around the Lake perimeter with one branch to the west which encourages walkers to access the fire trail system in the heath to the west of Camp Drewe Rd. At that point in time appropriate fencing will need to be installed and 'or replaced to protect the lake edges and the riparian zone from foot traffic.

Shaun Eastment
President
Lennox Head Landcare

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
Ballina. NSW 2478

Submission Re Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements

Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

Although I am in general agreement that the amenities and foreshore of Lake Ainsworth need some improvement **I am against the closure of the Eastern Road and the reconstruction of the intersection in front of the Lennox Life Saving Club** as:

1. The majority of the Lennox Head community has petitioned that this road remain open but this does not seem to have been taken into account in this proposal. The Lennox Head Resident's Association has campaigned strongly to close the road but this association has publicly indicated that their lobbying represents only their own members and not the wider community.
2. Closure of the road will concentrate parking and users at the south-eastern portion of the lake putting this natural area and its facilities under greater pressure. Users usually tend to take the shortest route to access the water and foreshore facilities for numerous reasons. Many users and families may be disadvantaged if they have to walk some distance to access the north eastern side of the lake.
3. During peak usage periods this concentration of parking, coupled with vehicles from the nearby caravan park's patrons and their visitors, may lead to traffic congestion.
4. It has not been satisfactorily proven scientifically that the existing road has previously or is currently impinging on the health of the lake.
5. Lake Ainsworth has been renowned for its natural beauty for the past 60 years which has always included the Eastern Road.
6. Road drainage could easily be redirected away from the lake if deemed necessary. Additional traffic calming devices could further reduce any perceived pedestrian hazard.
7. Council has been somewhat remiss in the past by not maintaining foreshore beaches and road edges. This could have ameliorated many of the existing concerns. Hopefully this will be addressed in a proposed new management plan.

Yours sincerely
John Duffy
Lennox Head
15/12/2017

Submission re Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements
Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

I fully support the goals of these plans, namely:

- *. High quality treatment of stormwater prior to entering the Lake
- *. Separation of foot traffic from vehicular movements
- *. Increased open, recreational space

and wish to acknowledge the care that has been taken to hear the community as well as consultants to date in the development of these plans for public feedback. I believe the extended time of exhibition has given an opportunity for much greater community interest and engagement to develop which is, of itself, a positive.

With concern for achieving maximum effectiveness of the riparian zones I strongly support:

- *. The involvement of Lennox Head Landcare in species, selection, provision, planting and maintenance in the vegetated riparian areas excluded from general public access with Council support as needed.
- *. The implementation of unobtrusive strategies to discourage foot traffic straying into vegetated riparian areas from the boardwalks.
- *. The provision of educational signage about the role of riparian zones in consultation with Lennox Head Landcare.

With concern for engaging community support for maximising water quality in the Lake:

- *. Signage which provides Advice on simple behaviours by Lake users which would help protect the waters of the Lake (Lennox Head Landcare has a number of examples from other areas with good feedback on which are more/ less effective and why)

With regard to the oft expressed community sentiment for a space of 'naturalness' in an ever increasingly urban environment (eg Management Study consultation 1999; Survey by Lennox Wave/LHRA in 2015):

- * I promote modification of the landscaping to minimise the highly ordered, geometric visuals of the eastern precinct as conveyed in the montages provided by Council. This point was made by many visitors to the information stands held in Lennox through January 2018., suggestions including.
 - . Scatter the melaleuca providing shade a bit more naturally rather than using them to create an avenue along the shared path.
 - . Use colour / texture /shape variations much more freely along the surface of the shared path to break up the visual "arrow straight" effect as much as possible and blend it into the rest of the space.
 - . Use "bush" feel furniture for picnic tables, seats, BBQ shelters etc, again to blend into the natural features of the space as much as possible.

Regards
Shaun Eastment
60 Survey St
Lennox Head

29/01/2018

General Manager
Ballina Shire Council\
PO Box 450, Ballina 2478

28 Jan 2018

Dear Sir

I am writing to say that I fully support the Part V 22.2017/12 application being made by Council to close the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth and to improve the amenity of the eastern and southern areas.

It has taken far too long to undertake this work since it was first proposed for the management plan in 2000.

I particularly welcome the special provision for disabled people to park and then access the lake in a safe manner without the constant threat of moving vehicles.

Yours faithfully

Elaine Milner

“The lake is an important recreational area for the community and visitors from the region and interstate (Illustration 2). Therefore, it is important that the health and quality of the lake be maintained.” (Page 1, Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002)

Lake Ainsworth Management Plan

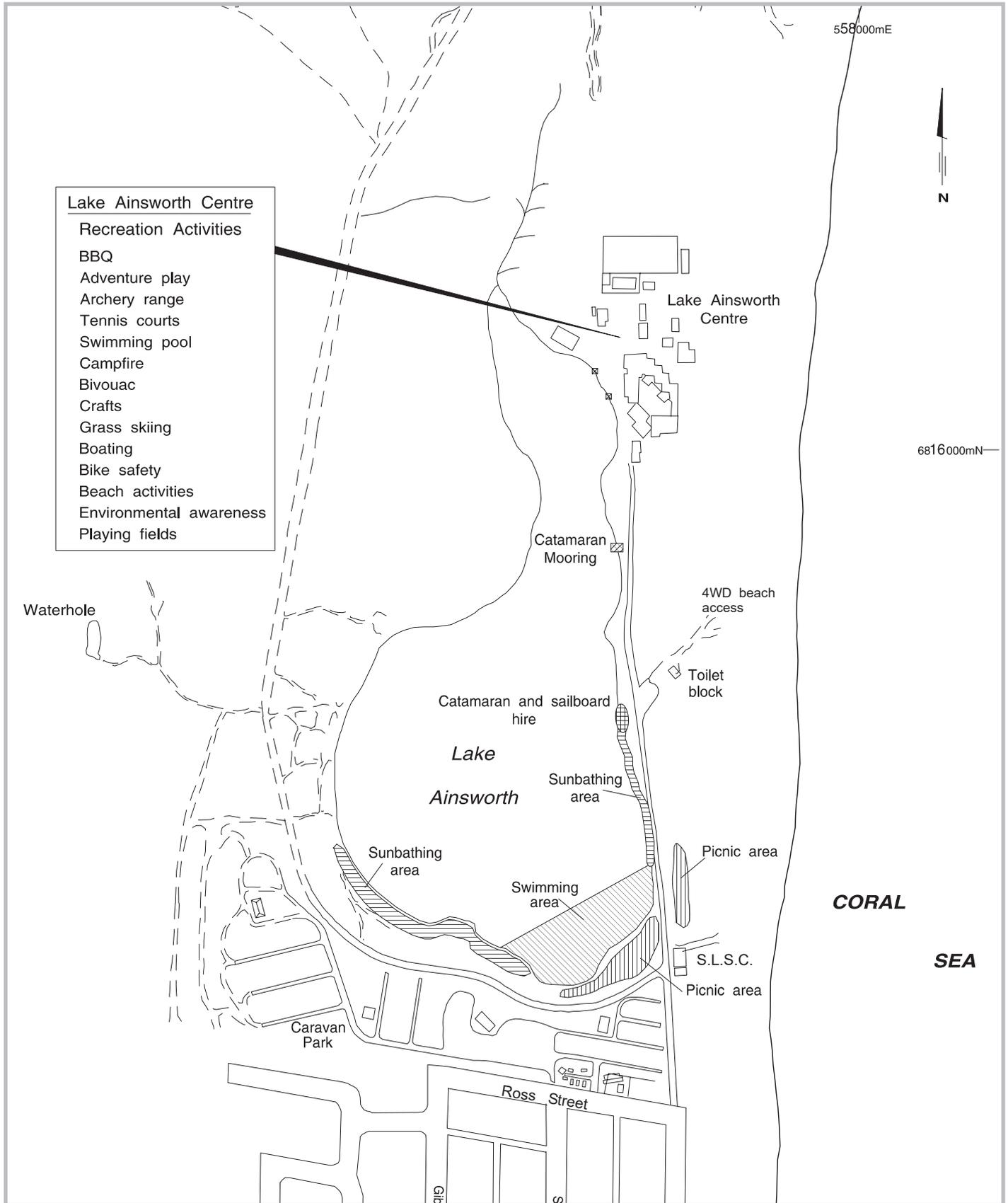


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Lake Ainsworth Recreational Uses

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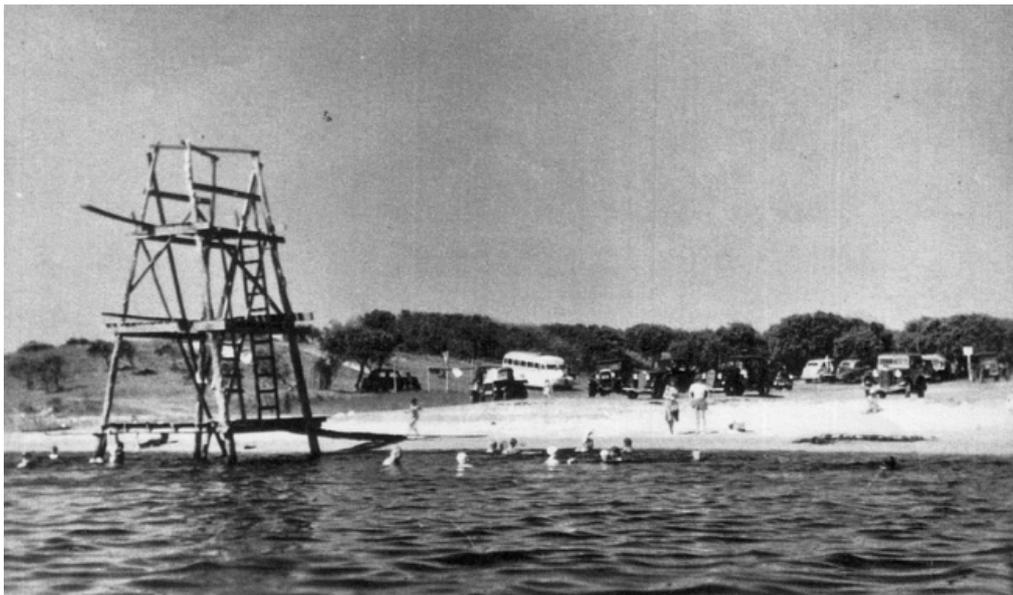
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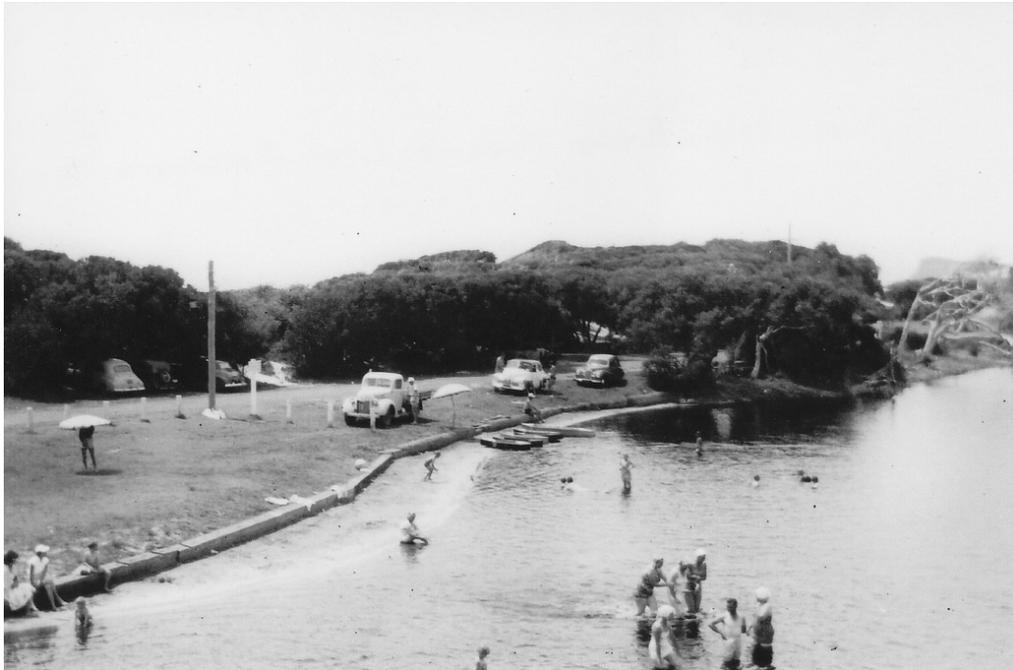


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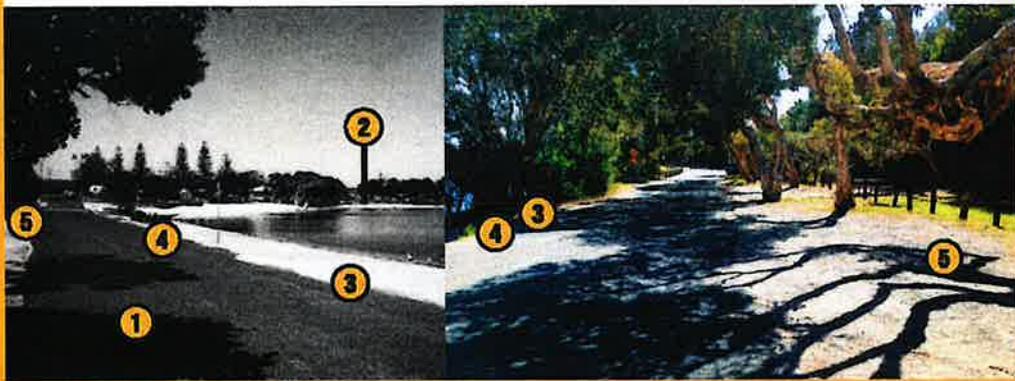


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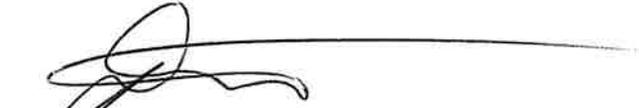
PRESERVING LAKE AINSWORTH

- ① Retain and maintain eastern road access
- ② Retain and maintain southern road access
- ③ Complete foreshore retrieval and restoration
- ④ Retain foreshore access
- ⑤ Retain informal parking
- ⑥ Restore public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth



Thank you for considering our request.

Yours Sincerely



Pip Carter

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Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc.
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29 /01/2018

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
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Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. The community does not support controlled parking resulting in fines being imposed, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carry out complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of way. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

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THE CROWN LANDS ACT 1989 - USE AND ENJOYMENT OF CROWN LAND RESOURCES

The Crown Lands Act (1989) provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, mixed use and enjoyment of Crown Land resources. For example, Lake Ainsworth's Eastern and Southern Roads are a tremendous example of equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, mixed use and enjoyment of an area of Crown Land resources. Allowing:

- Eastern Road access, for use by the public and Sport and Recreation Centre.
- Complete foreshore retrieval, for use by families, those abled and not so abled, the aged, the Park and Dive group, and would reinstate the lake's sandy beaches.
- Eastern Road access and complete foreshore retrieval, for public recreation, maintains undiminished public access.
- Picnic areas and facilities, for use by all to share.
- Beach access, for use by beach goers and dog walkers.
- Informal parking, for use by the public with large or small vehicles.
- Eastern Road access for public vehicles, avoids western road's potential fauna road kill - turtles, ducks, frogs, echidna's, bandicoots, wallabies, grass melomys, bats etc.
- Eastern Road access for public vehicles, protects western side flora – western reed bed, native vegetation etc. from damage and destruction.
- Eastern Road access for informal parking – doubles available parking numbers.
- Eastern Road access with reduced road speed limits and speed bumps, significantly increases lake user safety.
- Eastern Road access is the shortest road access from Pacific Parade for users of the Sport and Recreation Centre.
- Eastern Road access, for use by Sport and Recreation Centre's passenger bus company's buses and vehicles, saves significant damage from gravelled, corrugated, slippery, dangerous western road access - funding status: unfunded.
- Eastern Road access, for use by bus and other vehicle owners accessing Sport and Recreation Centre unwilling to suffer significant risks of damage, destruction and cleaning from western road access.
- Eastern Road access saves money. No capital and operating costs required to construct and maintain the western road, which is currently a dangerous potholed, corrugated and slippery when wet gravelled track or to provide new road access to the western Road, the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drew. Funding status: unfunded.

- Eastern Road access for use by the public and Sport and Recreation Centre is safe, as there has never been a road safety incident reported to Police.
- Eastern Road access removal raises firefighter's and the public's concerns about safety and fire risks in the very real threat of fire, as occurred recently. Particular concerns are with such large numbers of children and buses requiring safe exits from the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drewe being exposed to a fire threat on a dangerous corrugated gravel road.
- Eastern Road access removal raises firefighter's and the public's concerns about safety and fire risks, both Eastern and Southern Road access is required for the Sport and Recreation Centre and alternative access for Camp Drew through the sport and recreation Centre. (Community Protection Plan for North Lennox – RFS – Map). Tourist facilities have special fire protection rules requiring alternative access routes as stated above. If the Eastern Road is closed, there will be no alternative access route, fire fighters must then travel through a fire zone, hence, alternative access must be provided.
- Eastern Road access, the faster and most direct route, is required by the Ambulance service for direct support for lake and Sport and Recreation Centre users and is imperative. For example, 4 spinal cord injuries at the rope swing area have required urgent emergency services care.
- Eastern Road access, if closed, results in NSW Rural Fire Service withdrawing their consent for the site, due to **concerns** about safety risks at the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drew.
- Eastern Road access removal, is closure for general use by the public and Sport and Recreation Centre. This is a radical change. It is not a development consent where a "nothing to see here approach" can be applied.
- Eastern Road access, if closed/removed, is a significant change of use, inconsistent with the current, adopted plan of management.
- Eastern Road access removal requires a Part IV Development Application, a significant change of use for an existing and long practical use.

The Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. group has stated that Ballina Shire Council needs to recognise and understand the lake's significance in terms of people's lives. To date, Ballina Shire Council IGNORES our community's social and culture connects to the lake. In this regard, Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. group recognises the importance of the Eastern Road access and the variety of land uses in the Crown Reserve; that is, public access, multiple public recreation pursuits, a variety of viable

accommodation and environmental sensitivities. The Eastern Road access has, for a long time, facilitated a balance of harmonised uses, whilst maintaining a viable access to Sport and Recreation Centre and the lake.

Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation**, which surrounds Lake Ainsworth, EXPRESSLY PROVIDES FOR AND ENCOURAGES PUBLIC RECREATION. Also, as referred to in the 'Principles of Crown Land Management' (Crown Lands Act 1989), and in particular (c) and (d) - THE MIXED USE AND ENJOYMENT OF SUCH LAND BY THE PUBLIC IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR AND ENCOURAGED.

CROWN LANDS STATUS AND MANAGEMENT REGIME AT LAKE AINSWORTH

The following is a brief summary of the current Crown land status and management regime at Lake Ainsworth:

- Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation**, surrounds Lake Ainsworth, excluding the northern lake foreshores within the Sport & Recreation Centre. Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park is situated on the southern foreshores of the lake within Reserve 82783.
- Reserve 82783 excludes the lake water body.
- The reserve is managed by two (2) reserve trusts: **NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT)** is responsible for the holiday park precinct. **Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust** managed by Ballina Shire Council, is responsible for the balance of the reserve.
- The Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust is also responsible for the adjoining **Reserve 1010068 for the Purpose of Public Recreation, Access & Coastal Environmental Protection (notified 13 August 2004)**. This reserve separates the lake precinct from the coastline.
- The northern end of the lake is included within **Reserve 84109 for the Purpose of National Fitness & Physical Education** and also covers extensive areas of the lake catchment to the north and west of Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve.
- Reserve 84109 contains the Lake Ainsworth National Fitness Camp operated by the Office of Sport. There is no Trust, or tenure, established under the Crown Lands Act for **Reserve 84109 for the Purpose of National Fitness & Physical Education**.
- In 2006 the entire lake precinct was included in the **Ballina Coast Regional Crown Reserve (BCRCR)**.
- The balance of the bed of the lake (outside Reserve 84109) is administered directly by Department of Industries – Lands.

The role of Reserve Trust Manager is to “ensure activities on the Reserve are **consistent with the public purpose for which the Crown land is reserved or dedicated**”. (Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management, p.12) Please note the particular purpose of the Lake Ainsworth Recreational Reserve which surrounds the lake under Council’s control as Reserve Trust Manager.

- Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation** which surrounds Lake Ainsworth (excluding the northern lake foreshores within the Sport and Recreation Centre). Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park is situated on the southern foreshores of the lake within Reserve 82783.

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any (eastern) road access, direct foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, all of which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. The proposed removal of such access and historical infrastructure is not consistent with the reserve’s Public Recreation purpose and the community’s mandate. Neither is the slow removal of former infrastructure; diving tower, picnic tables, pontoon etc. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth, along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop now. The community requires the **protection of their public recreation interest, public recreation benefit and lake ambience.**

The Council’s current proposal does not reflect the community/lake user’s current aspirations and they reject its content, road design network and removal of access. At present, correspondence of more than 4000 plus individual letters have supported this position. This is impressive for a small coastal village like Lennox Head over such a short and inconvenient time period.

- Reserve 82783 excludes the bed of the lake.

There is no role of Reserve Trust Manager or direct day to day accountabilities over the bed of the lake. The public do not support the closure of any lake (eastern or southern) foreshore or Council’s limited beach embellishment works or the lake bed reserve boundary creep into Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve. The community requires Council to carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works and maintain respective gazetted reserve boundaries for public open space. The community requires Council to maintain undiminished

public foreshore access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience for the purpose of public recreation.

A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program and a Trust Management Arrangement is required for the bed of the lake before Council commences any of its proposed works.

- Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation** is managed by two (2) reserve trusts: **NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT)** is responsible for the holiday park precinct. **Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust** (managed by Ballina Shire Council) is responsible for the balance of the reserve. This reserve's total area under both trust management arrangements is significantly small, compared to the lake's remaining 101 ha with no role of reserve trust manager or trust management arrangement.

The community requires Council in its role as Reserve Trust Manager to implement the neglected Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), to comply with the direct reference from the **current** Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) which was adopted by the Minister (2003/2011). Council weaves a tangled web of other precisely named plans but they are not the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). **The Council's current proposal is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access.** The community requires Council to maintain all public and vehicle accesses, carry out complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, maintain all current informal parking, respect and maintain reserve boundaries such as the lake bed and commence Eastern Road and Southern Road Reserve legalisation works forthwith. This means Council's current lake proposal, latest road network design (to close or remove Eastern Road access), bank embellishment, and removal of informal parking is required to be amended to suit the above current plan of management and reflect the community/lake user's current public recreation preferences as they reject Council's current proposal.

Council in its role as Reserve Trust Manager is criticised for not implementing, the existing current Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002) with regard to Eastern Road access. This is a non-compliant, poor financial and negligent maintenance decision. Council's current proposal is not consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve's public recreation purpose, for which the Crown land is reserved or dedicated, and the community's will. Council's in striving to

achieve its non-compliant lake proposal has created a significant loss of trust and resentment toward the Council.

We draw your attention to a further 4000 plus (a total 8000 plus) individual letters to Ballina Shire Council (see attached) showing strong and passionate support for the above and protection of the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and lake ambiance.

- The Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust is also responsible for the adjoining **Reserve 1010068 for the Purpose of Public Recreation, Access & Coastal Environmental Protection** which separates the lake precinct from the coastline.

Note, this area is to the east of Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation. Council is required to comply with current gazetted plans of management with regard to vehicle access and to commence road reserve legalisation works promptly.

- The northern end of the lake is included within **Reserve 84109 for the Purpose of National Fitness & Physical Education** which also covers extensive areas of the lake catchment (101 ha) to the north and west of Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve.
- Reserve 84109 contains the Lake Ainsworth National Fitness Camp operated by the Office of Sport. There is no Trust, or tenure, established under the Crown Lands Act for Reserve 84109. The Crown Lands Act (1989) provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown land.

Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of the eastern side area and these assets for many decades and wish to retain same into the future as a traditional right of way. This includes the Eastern Road access as it is the shortest, direct, traditional right of way for vehicles and public as well to the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Please note the mandate to "**Implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)**", from the **Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) adopted by the Minister**. Also, there is no requirement for the exclusion of vehicles on the lake's Eastern Road or the removal of the lake's Eastern Road access.

A community and Sport and Recreation Centre driven holistic coastal management program is required before Council commences any proposed works. This paramount!

- The balance of the bed of the lake (outside Reserve 84109) is administered directly by Department of Industry – Lands.

There is no trust management arrangement over the bed of the lake. Reserve 82783 excludes the bed of the lake.

LAKE AINSWORTH CROWN RESERVE MASTER PLAN (2005)

The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005), is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011). These plans together support the existing Eastern Road vehicle access remaining within the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve for the purpose of public recreation. The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which was adopted by the Minister, makes direct reference to and mandates the implementation of Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan's initiative to close the Eastern Road is inconsistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access. It does **not allow for** closure or removal of the Eastern Road. **The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (October 2005) has no authority under the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) or of the community to close or remove the Eastern Road or limit direct public access.**

Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005), 9.2, (page 51) Management Plan Policy Alignment states:

“Ballina Shire Council has stipulated at the outset that the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan ‘must be consistent with the objectives outlined in the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan’. The only exception to this is a possible variation with respect to road access around the western end of the lake.”

Even Council recognises the significance of being consistent and/or aligned with the gazetted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) which makes direct reference to implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005) fails to comply and produces an “initiative to close the Eastern Road” that is inconsistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle access and direct public access to the eastern side of the lake.

Ballina Shire Council Ordinary Meeting (23 March 2017), 13.1 Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management Meeting, states:

“One of the other options to obtain an updated planning approval is under Part V of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. To comply with Part V Council would need to ensure that Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (POM) (2002) reflects the latest road network designs.”

“From a staff perspective this has not been the preferred option as the plan of management (POM) contains a large number of other actions and to amend one small component could lead to confusion and uncertainty in the community over what Council is striving to achieve.”

“Council could also be criticised for not addressing other matters that form part of the existing POM. This may lead to more dis-harmony in the community as information would be lacking from the POM process.”

“Also any change to the Ballina Shire Coastal Reserve Plan of Management, which has been formally gazetted by the State Government, would require the involvement of the State Government. No change is required to that Plan, as the only inconsistency between the Coastal Reserve and Lake Ainsworth POM is a reference in the Coastal Reserve POM to the Lake Ainsworth POM, where the road design is inconsistent with the current Council design. This means it is the Lake Ainsworth POM that needs to be amended.”

Contrary to Council’s stated inconsistency above, . . . “Lake Ainsworth POM, where the road design is inconsistent with the current Council design” indicates that they believe the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) needs to be amended. The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management 2003/2011, which has been formally gazetted by the Minister, instructs “**Implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)**”. Hence the Council’s proposed road design and Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan’s (2005) initiative, to close the Eastern Road, has no mandate or authority from the Minister, the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) or the community to do so.

Council’s consultant, Complete Urban Pty Ltd, rejected Councils options 1 – 3 and submitted their option, 4, a new initiative to retain the Eastern Road.

“New Southern Road alignment with Eastern Road maintained.

Due to the current unsuitability of the 3 previous masterplan road options, COMPLETE have proposed for Council’s consideration an alternative solution that retains the Eastern Road.

This option proposes to retain the Eastern Road in lieu of providing alternative access to the Department of Sport and recreation via the Western Road.”

Council’s unyielding determination to remove the Eastern Road even rejects the opinion and advice of their own consultants.

Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management 2003/2011, 1.4 IMPLEMENTATION, states:

“On adoption of the PoM by the Minister, the Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust must implement the PoM pursuant to Section 114 of the Crown Lands Act 1989. The strategies of the PoM will be applied through the Precinct Plans. The Trust may not allow any operations or developments that are not permitted by the PoM.”

The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005) is not a gazetted plan of management nor was it adopted by the Minister. Council is required to respect the current, gazetted plans of management that are a mandate from the Government and the community. If a new change is required; an update of Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) is absolutely necessary requiring preparation of a holistic coastal management program. This is no small matter.

BALLINA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (BLEP) 2012 CRITISED FOR NOT ACCURATELY REFLECTING RESERVES PURPOSES.

Part V 2017/12 – Annexure C – BLEP2012 Zoning Map. The Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 – Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C – **RE1 Public Recreation** is criticised for not accurately reflecting:

- Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for Public Recreation** which surrounds Lake Ainsworth (excluding the northern lake foreshores within the Sport and Recreation Centre). Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park is situated on the southern foreshores of the lake within Reserve 82783 and is fully reflected in RE1 Public Recreation. The remaining area within Reserve 82783 for Public Recreation needs to be reflected in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C
- **Reserve 82783 for Public Recreation excludes the lake**
- The Public Recreation component of the adjoining Ballina Coastal Reserve, **Reserve 1010068 for Public Recreation, Access & Coastal Environmental Protection** which separates the lake precinct from the coastline. The public recreation area to the east of the lake, within **Reserve 1010068 for Public Recreation, Access & Coastal Environmental Protection** needs to be reflected in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C
- The northern end of the lake, which is included within **Reserve 84109 for National Fitness & Physical Education** also covers extensive areas of the lake catchment (approx. 101 ha) to the north and west of Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve. There is no land zoning identified at all. The remaining area within **Reserve 84109 for National Fitness & Physical Education** needs to be reflected in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C
- The eastern side of the lake has a current and long historical public recreational use and connection to this area. The eastern area of the lake needs to be reflected as in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C
- The bed of the lake which is inside Reserve 84109 which contains the Lake Ainsworth National Fitness Camp operated by the Office of Sport. The bed of the lake which is inside Reserve 84109 needs to be reflected in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C
- The balance of the bed of the lake (outside Reserve 84109) which is administered directly by Department of Industries – Land. The remaining balance of the bed of the

lake (outside Reserve 84109) needs to be reflected in RE1 Public Recreation - Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN_005C

Significant changes are required to Ballina Local Environmental Plan (BLEP) (2012) to be consistent with the above reserves purposes.

Any changes to The Ballina Local Environmental Plan (2012), would require the involvement and cooperation of the State Government and Council. There are a number of changes (above) required as it is inconsistent with the reserve's public recreation purpose or the public's current and historical recreational uses. This means Ballina Local Environmental Plan (2012) needs to be amended urgently. It also means it should be brought to the attention of the State Government and the appropriate Minister to be actioned.

COUNCILS PART V CONSENT APPLICATION

Background (2.0)

The name and location of proposed activity is not an accurate description of the proposed works. How are these so called "Improvements works along the eastern and southern foreshore of Lake Ainsworth" considered "Improvements" when you rip the heart and soul out of the informal nature of the lake and the community's connection to the lake? These so called "improvements works" are designed to appear as minor works when they are actually major destructive works which go to the heart and soul of the lake.

Description of Location (1.2)

The description "The Eastern Road – Rehabilitating the road by profiling the existing pavement and constructing a footpath" are part of the so called "improvements works" designed to appear as minor works when they are actually major destructive works. Since when is removing or closing such a significant road, minor or just an improvement?

The description "Intersection". Since when is the removal of a three way intersect between Pacific Parade, the Eastern Road and Southern Road and construction of a 2-way roundabout with the removal of the Eastern Road, just "Improvements"? These so called "reconstruction or improvements works" are designed to appear as minor works when they are actually radical changes.

One will not be able to drive a 15 metre long bus around the proposed roundabout.

The description "Southern Road". It appears that in response to an "**incomplete**" Part V REF, on 27 October 2016, Ballina Shire Council issued a Notice of Determination granting approval to "Improvement works along the Eastern and Southern foreshore of Lake Ainsworth, Pacific Parade, and Lennox Head". Council's Part V application stating the following "The Approval authorises some of the work proposed in this REF, however for completeness, Council has decided to prepare a fresh REF under Part V of the Act for the whole of the works now proposed, including reconstruction of the Southern Road". By Council's own words their original Part V application was "incomplete". Their current application is incomplete, misleading and piecemeal. The proposed works are being

presented as simple, complete, minor improvements when in actual fact, the converse would better describe these significant works and changes.

COMPLETE URBAN'S ALTERNATIVE ROAD CONFIGURATION

In 2014, Complete Urban Pty Ltd was engaged by Council to review the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (not adopted by State Government) and prepare concept designs for the works detailed in the Lake Ainsworth Crown Master Plan 2005 for the area on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth and depicting how the refurbished or new building (Surf Club) will be integrated into the development. Regarding the road configuration Complete Urban state:

“Three options for a new road network to provide access were identified in the Lake Ainsworth Master Plan Report. In order to deal with these issues, each option proposed that the eastern road be closed thereby removing the access along the east side of the lake to the Department of Sport and Recreation facility at the north end of the Lake.” (P.9 Complete Urban 2014)

Council fails to mention the following three Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan options were found to be UNSATISFACTORY after discussions with a key stakeholder – Department of Sport and Recreation:

1. New road between the rears of Barrett Drive residences to the caravan park with removal of the Eastern Road.
2. New Road through the middle of the caravan park with removal of the Eastern Road.
3. New southern road alignment with removal of the Eastern Road.

Note: These options, are not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle access.

Also, Council fails to mention that Complete Urban put forward a fourth option **New Southern Road Alignment with Eastern Road Maintained**. They state:

“Due to the current unsuitability of the 3 previous masterplan road options, Complete (Urban) have proposed for Council’s consideration an alternative solution that retains the eastern road. This option proposes to retain the eastern road in lieu of providing alternative access to the Department of Sport and Recreation via the western road.” (Complete Urban 2014 P.13)

Note: Option 4 is consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to retaining the Eastern Road access. However, it is suggested that the Eastern Road be used predominantly for the Department of Sport and Recreation with no public parking. This is not acceptable.

Given Complete Urban's Option 4 and Department of Sport and Recreation's reluctance to close the Eastern Road, Council failed to read the signals and to date, continues to ignore the "retain the Eastern Road" option, evidenced by its actions and current lake proposal. Complete Urban's alternative Option 4 "retain the Eastern Road", is more consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002 however, the removal of all parking is not.

Council's current Part V consent and Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005), have not been adopted by the State Government. Options 1 to 3 above, with regard to vehicle access, reject an authorized, current plan of management which has been formally gazetted by the State Government and signed off by the Minister and the community. This is nothing short of a complete disregard of due process approach by Council, changing a current plan of management, bypassing the Minister thereby avoiding his and the community's direct involvement/consent in such.

Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). The plan specifically supports retention of the existing Eastern Road vehicle access within the reserve for public recreation. It also recommended that "this road be slightly realigned so as to introduce gentle curves" (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan, p.42). In addition to this, it recognises issues of safety for visitors to the lake and discourages public motorists from entering into the grounds of the Sport and Recreation Centre, the vulnerability of assets such as the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drew to fire, and the safety of the community and firefighters. Council has also neglected to introduce recommended traffic mitigation/calming measures as in meander the road where possible; reduced vehicle speeds or speed bumps etc. which would enhance safety of the area.

Council negotiations over the retaining of the Eastern Road appear to have broken down with the key stakeholders. However, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council (letter dated 14 October 2014) states:

"Council is mindful that Sport and Recreation has significant infrastructure located at the end of the southern entrance and this being the case Councillors are willing to support retention of this road, subject to state Government making a reasonable, if not total contribution to the proposed roadworks."

Given Council's Current Capital Expenditure Program budget of \$1.7 million for the Eastern and Southern Roads (as at 30 September 2017) which has since been transferred to reserve until works are approved to commence, it appears Council has over-played their funding demands with the State, demanding total costs. Council doesn't have broad community support for the removal of the Eastern Road nor the funding for the short falls within their proposed plans ie the Western Road etc.

All stakeholders are now mindful of the funding implications raised by Council and the State and, it is hoped, they are committed to exploring a new/better option than that currently proposed by Council that may provide scope to **retain and maintain the Eastern and Southern Road access on a cost effective/neutral basis**, particularly in conjunction with NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust. Please See page 49 below, Lake Ainsworth Reserve – Eastern and Southern Road Formal Opening proposal, Lennox Head.

The significant proposed change by Complete Urban is to retain the Eastern Road and the community's requirement is to retain the Eastern Road, as well as functioning historical vehicle and public access, historical community connections, primary access to Sport and Recreation Centre etc. For a more comprehensive list, recognising the importance of the Eastern Road access, see **Use and enjoyment of Crown Land resources - The Crown Land Act (1989)**.

Council's current proposed Eastern Road public vehicle removal plan is unacceptable and Council is required to retain and maintain the current existing road access.

COASTAL RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT (2003/2011)

It is objectionable that Council considers its proposal to be “relatively minor works”, that the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), is “not a management plan” (“Review of Environmental Factors – Part 5 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979”, Page 29, 7.2 line 10) and that their proposal is generally consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

Council’s proposal is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access. The Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), adopted by the Minister, expressly refers to the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and the Crown Lands Act 1989 and is therefore a current management plan. Following the recent concerns of the broader community in respect to the previous Review of Environmental Factors, Council should have insured that their proposal complied with Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). A Part IV development application could then be prepared and assessed in accordance with Part IV of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979). Council’s current Part V application for consent is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access.

The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which has been formally gazetted by the Minister, directs “**Implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)**”. Hence the Council’s proposed road design and Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan’s (2005) initiative, to close the Eastern Road, has no mandate or authority from the Minister, the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) or the community to do so. Council needs to now explain how they get authority from the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002 and the community to remove the Eastern Road.

In fact, it is Council’s Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005) and its current proposed road and direct public access design that needs to be amended to be consistent with Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and gazetted plans of management.

The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which has been formally gazetted by the State Government, specifically makes direct reference to the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). For example:

1. Lake Ainsworth and Surrounding environment: (page 48)
 - “**Implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)**”

2. Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002): (page 49)

“The Lake Ainsworth Management Plan recommends a number of actions for the lake and surrounds addressing environmental protection, lake water quality, recreation amenity, parking and traffic management, and public education. Implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan will be integrated with the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management, with planning of the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park and with the recommendations of the Lennox Head Strategic Plan.”

3. Precinct 1 – Northern End of Seven Mile Beach: (Page 44)

“The management of Lake Ainsworth has been addressed in detail through the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (December 2001) and, as such, meets the management requirements for this important area for the purposes of the Ballina Coastal PoM. The present Lake Ainsworth Reserve, comprising the lake and its immediate surrounds, will be included in the single Coastal Reserve.”

4. Recreational Values: (Page: 45)

“Both Lake Ainsworth and the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre make a significant contribution to the recreation value of the area, and although within the precinct plan area, are appropriately dealt with under their respective management frameworks (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan, BSC 2002, and NSW Dept. Sport and Recreation).”

5. Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2001): (Page 23)

“Lake Ainsworth and its surrounds are part of a Crown reserve allocated to public recreation. A comprehensive Management Plan for the waters and immediate surrounds of Lake Ainsworth was prepared under the guidance of the Lake Ainsworth Management Committee in 2001. The plan provides a strategic framework for long term protection of the lake environment and sustainable use of the lake as a valuable recreation area. A number of strategies and specific actions have been developed through the Lake Ainsworth Estuary Management Plan which can be readily adopted into this Plan of Management process, and which have provided much of the basis for management of resources in that part of the Reserve. These include traffic management and access around the lake and Caravan Park, protection and management of the dunes, water quality management, and amenity.”

The management of Lake Ainsworth, as stated in The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), makes direct reference to the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan

(2002) and, as such, meets the management requirements for this important area for the purposes of the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), the present Lake Ainsworth Reserve, comprising the lake and its immediate surrounds.

The original Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which integrated management of existing reserves and other Crown lands along the northern Ballina coastline including Lake Ainsworth, was prepared by the former Department of Land and Water Conservation and adopted by the Minister on 5 June 2003. The plan of management formed the basis for establishing Reserve 1010068 for Public Recreation & Coastal Environmental Protection notified 13 August 2004 (The Ballina Coastal Reserve). Ballina Shire Council is the appointed Manager of the Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust, which is responsible for managing the Reserve and implementing the Plan of Management.

Reserve 1014248 for Environmental Protection and Reserve 1014249 for Environmental Protection & Heritage Purposes notified 30 November 2007, was added to the Trust portfolio and covers an additional 50 ha at East Ballina.

On 4 January 2012 the Minister approved an amendment that involved a new section on “Navigation and Emergency Service Facilities”. This supported an upgrade of the Ballina Coast Guard facility that wasn’t effectively covered in the original Plan of Management. On adoption, the amended plan of management authorised the Reserve to be used for an additional purpose being “Navigation and Emergency Service Facilities” in accordance with Section 112 – Crown Lands Act (1989).

The Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) was prepared by Ballina Council in accordance with the NSW Government Estuary Management Manual. As such, the management of Lake Ainsworth has been addressed in detail through the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and, as such, meets the management requirements for this important area for the purposes of the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) as stated above. Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) wasn’t ‘approved’ by the Minister directly, however, it is mandated and embedded into the current, adopted, Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/ 2011).

Please note the references to “Implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)”, from the current plan of management adopted by the Minister - Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management 2003/2011. Also, there is no requirement for the exclusion of vehicles on the lake’s Eastern Road or the removal of the lake’s Eastern Road access. Council’s current Part V Consent Lake Improvement Works (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is inconsistent with the current adopted Ballina Coastal

Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Council's current Eastern Road design or Eastern Road removal plans are required to be amended. The Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002) does not need to be amended as it is directly mandated by Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003).

More specifically, Council's proposed, Part V Lake Ainsworth Consent's removal of the Eastern Road access, is **inconsistent** with the intention of Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002):

- the issue of "safety of the visitors to the lake and problems with access to Sport and Recreation Centre during times of floods" and
- management action to "reconfigure the Eastern Road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre." "The meandering road alignment will slow the traffic and improve pedestrian safety." "This will maintain access to the Sport and Recreation Centre but will reduce traffic flow through the closure of the 4WD track."

Council's proposed plan is inconsistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to closing/removing vehicle access along the Eastern Road access as seen above. There is no legitimate reason for the closure/removal of the Eastern Road.

Therefore, Council's latest proposed road network designs are **inconsistent** with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), likewise, Council's alternative tactic to obtain an updated planning approval under Part V of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. To comply with Part V, Council needs to ensure that their proposed road network designs are amended to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which was adopted by the Minister. No change is required to the current Plan of Management, as the only inconsistency is with Council's proposed plans. Therefore, it is the Council's plans that are required to be amended.

The above inconsistencies, the "minor works" and disregard of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan, (2002) are why the Part V consent is required by Council. Successful consent approval would also negate any appeal against procedural process or third party appeal rights. etc. This says it all, alarm bells should have been ringing. These inconsistencies now require the involvement of the State Government.

With the requirement for a Part V consent with regard to vehicle access, Council is rejecting an authorized plan of management and Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina

Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011). These plans specifically support the existing Eastern Road access within the reserve.

Further to this, the attached 4000 plus individual letters to Ballina Shire Council showing strong and passionate support for the **protection of the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake Ainsworth ambiance support such a position.** Contained in these letters, along with many others, is a specific request that Council respect the gazetted plans of management, commence road legalisation works, carry out complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works promptly.

Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), 1.4 IMPLEMENTATION, states:

“On adoption of the PoM by the Minister, the Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust must implement the PoM pursuant to Section 114 of the Crown Lands Act 1989. The strategies of the PoM will be applied through the Precinct Plans. The Trust may not allow any operations or developments that are not permitted by the PoM.”

The Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005) is not a gazetted plan of management nor was it adopted by the Minister. Council is required to comply with the current, gazetted plans of management that are a mandate from the Government and the community. A complete holistic coastal management programme is absolutely necessary. This is no small matter.

Council is obliged to ensure consistency with **Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and its Precinct 1 object for the area to remain informal and relatively undeveloped, while maintaining existing accesses, infrastructure and lake ambiance.**

The concept plan is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle access. This is why Council requires a Part V permit as opposed to the **advised** Part IV Development Application that staff were working on (Group Manager, Civil Services, John Truman, 28 March 2017). Also “following discussions with Council’s legal advisors and internally with staff, Part IV is the preferred planning pathway” (Ballina Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, 23 March 2017, page 99). However this advice has been disregarded. With the decision to apply for Part V consent with regard to vehicle access, Council is rejecting an authorized plan of management, Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth

Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), these plans specifically support the existing Eastern Road access within the reserve.

Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) (page 49), acknowledges and embraces Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) (page: 49) by stating:

“The Lake Ainsworth Management Plan recommends a number of actions for the lake and surrounds addressing environmental protection, lake water quality, recreation amenity, parking and traffic management, and public education. Implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan **will be integrated with the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management**, with planning of the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park and with the recommendations of the Lennox Head Strategic Plan.”

Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), Traffic Management Objective (page v) states:

“To manage traffic flow and parking to enhance public safety and recreational opportunity, to improve access, reduce erosion and protect ecological values.”

Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), Traffic Management states:

(Page 42) “In reconfiguring this Eastern Road, drainage measures can be implemented such that run-off from the road can be discharged to the eastern side, collected and treated prior to discharge.”

(Page 44) “Reconfigure the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre.”

(Page 45) Traffic Management Illustration 5 states: “Realign existing road to the east and relocate recreation facilities to the lake side of the road (where possible). Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming.”

(Page 42) “By implementing the management measures shown in illustration 5, the issues of safety, erosion and continual access to the various facilities around Lake Ainsworth can be addressed” “By formalising the access roads and carparking, the erosion caused from vehicles parking into the dunes and driving off the road can be minimised or avoided.”

However the **Lake Ainsworth Management Plan Executive Summary (page .viii) states the contrary**
“Restrict vehicular access along the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre.”

The terminology “realign the eastern road alignment” regularly appears in the body of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Illustration 5, Traffic Management. However in the executive summary (page 8) this becomes “restrict vehicle access along the eastern road alignment”. Which then is perpetuated into Council’s proposal. This alteration of intent significantly impacts the intent of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

The executive summary is inconsistent with the body of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Illustration 5 Traffic Management. (See Figure 1)

Subsequently, this terminology has transitioned to the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005) (Page 54).

“Restrict vehicular access along the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre.”

The terminology in the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005), (Page 30), develops the initiative to close the Eastern Road.

“Eastern road to be closed to all vehicular traffic (aside from emergency and maintenance vehicles)” (Master Planning Initiatives (5.2). “Note: The closure of the Eastern Road is contingent on the establishment of new western access road through or around Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park”

Council as Reserve Trust Manager is requested to respect and defend the current, gazetted plans of management, retaining the Eastern Road access.

Figure One

Lake Ainsworth
Management Plan

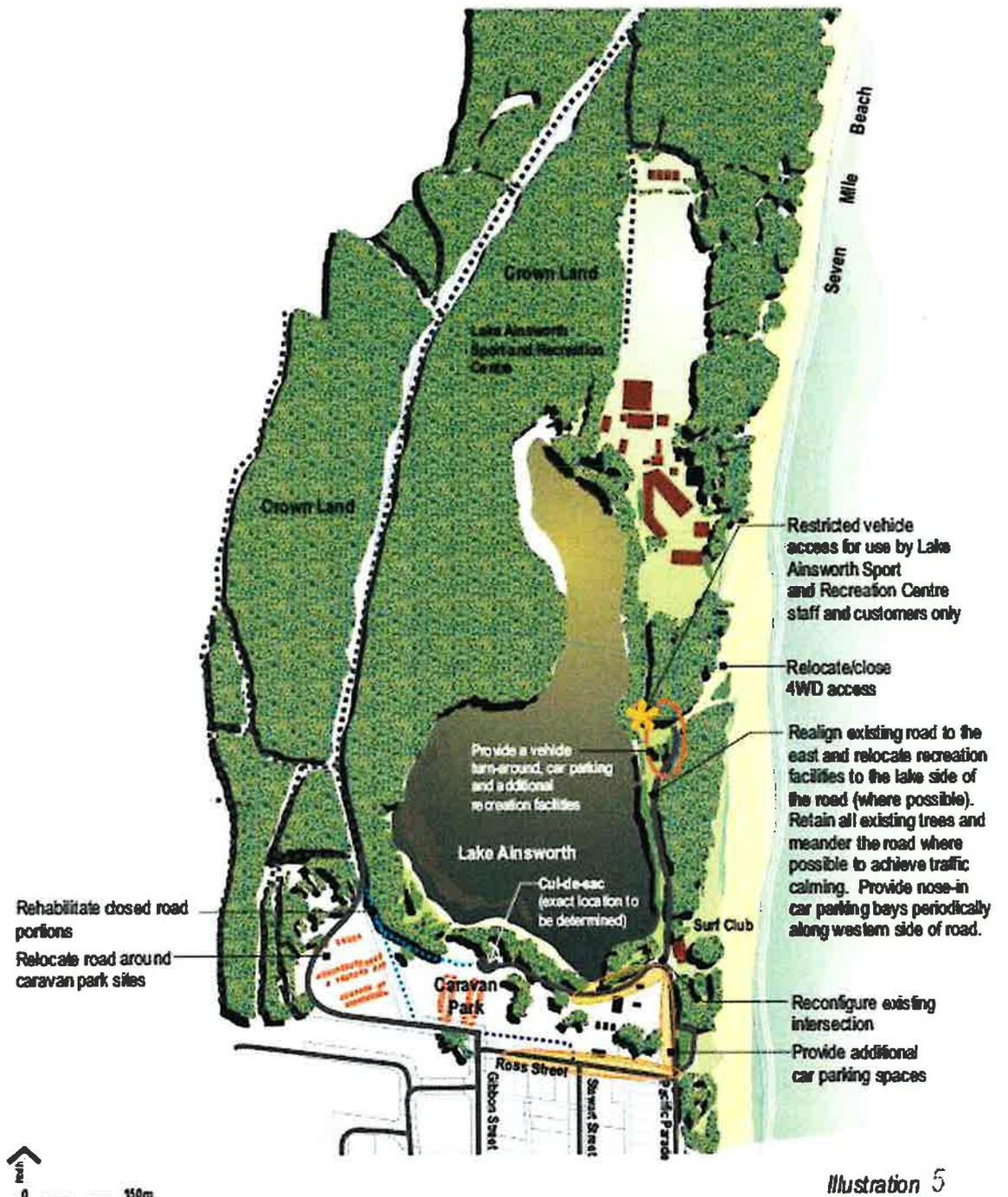


Illustration 5

Traffic Management

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Source: GeoLINK
Date: November 2002
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BALANCING/PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND BENEFIT

Given that Lake Ainsworth is on a Crown Reserve, for use by locals residents, visitors and for the benefit of all people of New South Wales, any Councillor's decision, as Reserve Trust Manager for Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve (**Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation**) must protect the community's significant public interest, public benefit and lake ambience. We object strongly to the proposed Ballina Shire Council proposal (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) as it transforms Lake Ainsworth as opposed to restores Lake Ainsworth.

Council's lake transformation plans equate to:

- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access depriving the public of direct access to the eastern side of the lake. This access has a long history and significant cultural connection to the lake.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access depriving lake users of a significant area of foreshore and, for many, their ability to access preferred spots due to the .5 – 1 km distance they would now be required to walk.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access potentially relocates those lake users unable to negotiate the walk without difficulty from the eastern side of lake. This destroys the cultural heritage of locals and visitors, indigenous and non-indigenous.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access, increasing the risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Closing the eastern road threatens the southern and western ecological environment due to concentration of usage on the southern side and resultant loss of vegetation on the western side.
- Closing the eastern road threatens the flora and fauna (particularly turtles and filtering reed bed) on the western side.
- Loss of the Eastern Road's informal parking for 120 – 140 vehicles pushing vehicle parking onto the residential streets of Ross, Stewart, Gibbons, Pacific Parade and the town centre. There will be more parking required with future population increase.
- Council's poor Reserve Trust Management demonstrated by a lack of compliance to plans of management, negligent foreshore maintenance, failure to establish a management committee to implement the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and a single trust management system over the whole of the lake area.

To date, the Mayor has continually cast doubt upon the unity of the community's opposition, either claiming very low turnout numbers at Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. rallies, or claiming it is only the

group's opinion that the majority of the community is against Council's proposal. Once again, we challenge the validity of Council's rejection of broader community support evidenced by the 500 plus people who attended the lake rally on 13 January 2018 and signed individual letters of support. In the two weeks prior to 24 August 2017, a total of 205 individual letters were sent to Ballina Shire Council. These show strong and broad community condemnation of Council's intention to close the eastern lake road access, removing ancient paperbark trees to create a park, removing 120 car parks and the effective turn-around bay at Lake Ainsworth, etc.

At Ballina Shire Council meeting 24 August 2017, 4050 sheets of paper symbolizing 4050 signed letters and petition signatures were placed on the deputation table representing:

- 2300 people who signed the original petition, including 625 door knocked
- a further 600 plus people who marched on 12 February 2017 (despite severe heatwave conditions), 400 of whom signed a petition to keep the eastern road open and for restoration of the lake shore.
- 1100 who signed an online petition to keep the eastern road open with access for all
- The above mentioned 205 signed letters of support, plus an additional 45, all of which were sent to Councillors.

That is a total of in excess 4050. It cannot be argued that these numbers do not demonstrate significant community dissatisfaction with Council's proposal to close the eastern road.

Given the overwhelming community support for the restoration and retention of the eastern road and lake ambience etc at Lake Ainsworth: Is it right that our elected members of Council have not told us what the "significant issue" is, **that could not be mitigated**, which resulted in the closure of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth?

Today 29 January 2018, I draw your attention to the attached 4000 plus individual letters to Ballina Shire Council showing strong and broad support for the RETENTION of all historical lake road access, foreshore access, informal parking at Lake Ainsworth and for Council to undertake complete foreshore retrieval and restoration. These 4000 plus individual letters of support come from our community generally and visitors to the lake and the Protect the Lake Ainsworth Rally on Sunday 13 January 2018.

These signatures indicate that the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve's usage for the purpose of public recreation is supported by the following grouping:

- local residents of Ballina Shire 45.7 %
- residents of Lismore, Casino and Byron Bay 19.9 %
- residents of State of New South Wales 14.0 %
- residents of other states of Australia 14.6 %
- overseas visitors 1.8 %
- Other (indecipherable) 2.9 %
- Other (Phone numbers) 1.0 %

The 4000 plus individual response letters indicate an excellent balance of the interests and benefits of all the people of New South Wales as well as the local community.

The 4000 plus respondents are calling for the protection of the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and lake ambience, contrary to Ballina Shire Council proposal (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) to close/remove vehicle and public access and limited bank refilling. Council's current lake proposal does not support maintaining Lake Ainsworth's informal and natural beauty nor does it protect the public interest or benefit.

Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. has broad community support. The Eastern Road access and the lake foreshore access have been in use for over 100 years. Such use is consistent with the Crown Lands Act 1989 "mixed use and enjoyment", the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and the mandated Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) – to "Reconfigure the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre". The lake's Eastern Road access, its undiminished lake foreshore access and informal parking are a more **natural** experience consistent with its prescribed use and synonymous with the iconic site and what the community expect to be maintained by Council.

To date, there has been a fundamental failure by Council to acknowledge the community's affinity/connection with the lake and its surrounds and to assimilate this into the design process for Lake Ainsworth. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain same into the future as a traditional right of way.

The people of the local area and of the State have a long history and significant connection with Lake Ainsworth which is important to the whole regional economy.

For the sake of the region's younger and future generations it is imperative that the natural environment and beauty of Lake Ainsworth be preserved and heritage listed. It is also imperative that this iconic area does not become over-developed which would result in the loss of its unique attraction.

SAMPLE: COMMUNITY RESPONSE LETTER

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Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited timed parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely

The following is a summary of the points of the current 4000 plus individual letters to Ballina Shire Council showing strong and passionate support to **protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake Ainsworth ambience**. This summary was discussed at the lake rally 13 January 2018 and with 500 plus people in attendance. This summary of the community's objections and requirements is provided for planning assessment purposes.

Thank you for coming to protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and lake ambience.

It is objectionable that Council (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is proposing the removal of:

- any lake road access
- foreshore access and
- informal parking at Lake Ainsworth.

All are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drewe.

Council please maintain:

- undiminished and all-embracing public access
- public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and
- informal lake ambience.

I/we do not support Council's proposed:

- closure of any road accesses
- closure of any lake foreshore accesses
- limited timed parking
- Council's beach embellishment works etc.

Council is requested to please:

- carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works
- commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith
- retain the same into the future as a traditional right of way as residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these historical assets for many decades and wish to retain same into the future as a traditional right of way and, particularly
- respect the current, gazetted plans of management.

Council

- must urgently stop it's negligence of maintenance of Lake Ainsworth
- must urgently stop it's piecemeal approach to this beautiful lake
- Must commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith
- Start a community-driven holistic coastal management program, which is required, before commencing any works.

The Crown Land Act (1989) provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

The neglected Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002, provides for **public vehicle access, traffic calming/safety measures, foreshore access** etc.

REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S SIGNIFICANT LAKE AINSWORTH PUBLIC INTEREST, PUBLIC BENEFIT AND LAKE AMBIENCE – BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL (FILE REFERENCE PART V 22.2017/12).

The purpose of this submission is to inform the Minister and Councillors of the objectionability of the 13 December 2017 Ballina Shire Council's Notice: Lake Ainsworth environmental assessment under Part V Consent of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12). Lake Ainsworth has State significance and this matter requires the Minister's attention. As this submission is critical of Ballina Shire Council's proposed plan for Lake Ainsworth, its planning consent approach, misrepresentations, piecemeal approach, lack of respect for, and inconsistency with, current gazetted plan of management, limitations of the lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program, Council's refusal to listen to, understand or consider the wishes of lake users and the broader community, it is hoped the Minister may wish to intervene and or direct Ballina Shire Council to take a more compliant, respectful and inclusive, consultative, common sense approach to the lake. We hope the Minister will require Council to comply with the current Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) adopted by the Minister and its direct reference to implementation of Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), **with regard to Eastern Road vehicle and public access** and the community's request to retain the Eastern Road access, which to date is currently ignored. The community requests that Lake Ainsworth's Eastern and Southern Road vehicle accesses and the community's use and enjoyment of the lake be protected.

The significant proposed change is the removal of the Eastern Road, total loss of vehicle access and parking and significant public access. The community's historical social and cultural connections, primary access to Sport and Recreation Centre, 40 % of the eastern shore's available public access, along with the Council's continued piecemeal approach, and minimal "bank embellishment" are significant changes. For a more comprehensive approach, recognising the importance of the eastern shore and road access, Council is required to retain the Eastern Road vehicle and public access and redress the significant effect of lack of maintenance of the lake foreshore over the past 40 years, the depletion of available foreshore and diminishing public foreshore access. For a more comprehensive list, recognising the importance of the Eastern Road access, see **Use and enjoyment of Crown Land resources - The Crown Lands Act 1989**. The Eastern Road access is so very beneficial to local residents, visitors the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drewe.

Given the above, despite Council's claim:

"The principal proposed change is removal of the eastern road and replacing it with a pedestrian/cycle/emergency vehicle concrete pathway. In this context and having regard to the comments at Section 6.1.1, it is considered that the change will not be radical and will not give rise to any significant transformation of the locality." (Lake REF 6.1.2)

It is considered that these proposed changes WILL significantly impact the community and WILL radically give rise to significant transformation of the lake locality, amenity and ambience.

Council's current Eastern Road public vehicle access removal plan is rejected by the community who require the existing road access to be retained and maintained. Council's current foreshore design of limited "bank embellishment" with diminishing public foreshore access should be abandoned.

PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S SIGNIFICANT LAKE AINSWORTH PUBLIC INTEREST, PUBLIC BENEFIT AND LAKE AMBIENCE.

Lake Road Access

It is objectionable that Council (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is proposing the removal of any lake road access. This is particularly so for Council's closure/removal of the Eastern Road public vehicle access. Council has responsibility for the management of the Lake Ainsworth area and it appears they have deliberately let the lake area run down, alleged complaint of unsafe interaction between lake users and vehicles providing grounds for the closure of the Eastern Road access. If safety was an issue on the Eastern Road then why is there still a 25km/h road sign erected instead of reducing speed to 10 km/h? There has been no accident in this area recorded/reported to Police. There has not been any incident on the Eastern Road to date as verified by the police.

The Council's proposed plan is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle access. Council is criticized for not complying with an existing, current plan of management's recommendation to - realign the Eastern Road. With the result that Council requires a Part V consent as opposed to the advised Part IV Development Application that Council's staff were working on.

Group Manager Civil Services (letter dated 28 March 2017 to Pip Carter) states:

"I also confirm the advice of the Council's General Manager, Paul Hickey, to the meeting of Council held last Thursday at which you were present in the public gallery. Mr Hickey advised the resolved position of Council is to commence the project and Council staff are responsible for implementing this decision as soon as possible. In this regard, following recent concerns of some members of the community in respect of the approved Review of Environmental Factors, staff have commenced preparing a development application to be submitted to Council to be assessed in accordance with Part IV of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. The community will be able to comment in response to this application."

Ballina Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting Business Paper (23 March 2017 p.99) states:

"following discussions with Council's legal advisors and internally with staff, Part IV is the preferred planning pathway"

This sudden change in approach begs the following questions. Councilors,

- Why the change in planning approach, contrary to Council's legal advisors and internal staff?
- Why limit the community's right to respond or object to this application?
- Why dismiss the need to ensure Council's latest proposal for road network designs comply and/or reflect the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)?

The answer is, this Council's proposal is not consistent with the current adopted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) with its direct reference to "the implementation of Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)", with regard to Eastern Road vehicle and public access.

Council's new approach with a Part V consent with regard to vehicle access, is rejecting an authorized, current plan of management which has been formally gazetted by the State Government and signed off by the Minister and the community. This is nothing short of a complete disregard of due process approach by Council, changing a current plan of management, bypassing the Minister thereby avoiding his and the community's direct involvement/consent in such.

Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), the plan specifically supports the existing Eastern Road vehicle access within the reserve. It also recommended that "this road be slightly realigned so as to introduce gentle curves" (LAMP p.42). In addition to this, it recognises issues of safety for visitors to the lake and discourages public motorists from entering into the grounds of the Sport and Recreation Centre, the vulnerability of assets such as the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drewe to fire, and the safety of the community and firefighters. Council has also neglected recommended traffic mitigation/calming measures and in addition to this, reduced vehicle speeds or speed bumps etc which would enhance safety of the area.

Police are concerned that closure of the Eastern Road causing the withdrawal of public policing access will result in unruly parties. Young people have commented that they are looking forward to this.

The significant proposed change is the removal of the Eastern Road, significant loss of functioning vehicle and public access, historical community connections, primary access to Sport and Recreation Centre and loss of secondary access to Camp Drewe etc. For a more comprehensive list, recognising the importance of the Eastern Road access, see **Use and enjoyment of Crown Land resources - The Crown Lands Act (1989)**. The Eastern Road access is so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Given the above, it is considered that these proposed changes will significantly impact the community and will radically give rise to significant transformation of the lake locality, amenity and ambience.

Council's current Eastern Road public vehicle removal plan is rejected by the community who require the current existing road access to be retained and maintained.

Foreshore Access

It is objectionable that Council (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is proposing the removal of any foreshore access. This is particularly so for Council's closure/removal of the eastern shore's direct public lake access. This includes loss of direct foreshore access and recreational area as a result of:

- not redressing the effect of lack of maintenance over the past 40 years and depletion of the available foreshore
- Council's negligence in not redressing, at the time, what was localised areas of erosion
- lake bed boundary zone creep
- removal of Eastern Road vehicle access.

Council have allowed significant, erosion to continue along the foreshore as a result of their persistent lack of maintenance. Approximately fifteen to twenty metres of the foreshore has eroded to the point that at times lake users can sit on the road and put their feet in the water. This has significantly reduced the foreshore of the lake while enlarging the bed of the lake through boundary zone accretion. In addition, Council has failed to include complete foreshore retrieval and restoration in their proposed limited "bank embellishment" works. If senior staff and the Mayor had the will to do so, two excavators could easily retrieve and restore the lost foreshore at the southern and eastern edges of the lake within one month (Peter Thorpe deputation BSC 23 March 2017). Restoration of fifteen to twenty metres of shoreline provides open family space and mitigates any vehicle and pedestrian risk, while arresting the lake bed's zoning creep. The proposed expansive rehabilitation of current eastern shore access would no longer be required. Further to this, implementing stormwater treatment measures; swales or gutters or reshaping the existing Eastern Road to fall away from the lake will enhance the Eastern and Southern Road area. The neglected traffic mitigation/calming measures: reduced vehicle speeds, speed bumps etc will enhance safety and restore the amenity of the area.

Council's radical proposal to remove 40% (2 out the 5) of the direct public eastern shore accesses amounts to no access for approximately 80 % of the length of eastern shore. This is significant and prevents the public's direct access to the lake shore and contravenes the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), the Crown Lands Act 1989 and Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation.

Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. was successful in saving Lake Ainsworth's paper bark trees. Council has now placed a sweetener on the table in its current Lake Ainsworth proposal by no longer requiring the nine ancient paper bark, (Melaleuca), Songline trees to be cut down. Many thanks have to go to our community for their support, and in particular the part Lois Cook and her group played in this issue!

The community worked to save nine ancient paper bark trees while the greens were silent!

There are, however, other paper bark trees on the shoreline that are currently under threat due to Council's failure to complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance. This must be urgently rectified!

Do we in the community who care, continually have to draw attention to this Council's flagrant and deliberately erroneous decision making?

We now require protection of the remaining paper bark, (Melaleuca), trees and complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works at Lake Ainsworth.

The significant issue of any diminishing public foreshore access and recreational area is critical. Council's proposal and its neglect of timely erosion rectification is not consistent with Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation**, that surrounds Lake Ainsworth and plan of management. **The work required to achieve the above is, reinstatement of the eastern and southern foreshore in such a way that a beach profile 15 to 20+ metres out from where it presently sits is achieved by reclaiming sand material from the bed of the lake, where it has eroded and slumped. Thereby restoring a safe, family friendly open space, within a formal reserve for the purpose of public recreation.** This is restoration of Lake Ainsworth, not transformation of Lake Ainsworth.

Council's proposal is a radical departure from restoration, is neglectful, and gives rise to significant transformation of the lake's locality, amenity and ambience.

The community is opposed to Council's proposal to close any foreshore direct access, and its failure to include retrieval and restoration of foreshore area. The community wants protection of the public's entitlement to the lake.

Whilst the State has direct responsibility for the lake bed it is Council's responsibility to maintain the foreshore. One would expect that the State is obliged to ensure that the Council carries out the appropriate reinstatement and maintenance of Lake Ainsworth's foreshore.

What we seek is Council's redressing the effect of lack of timely maintenance over the past 40 years and the depletion of the available foreshore.

The significant proposed change amounts to the removal of 40 % of the eastern shore's functioning public access, and Council's piecemeal approach or minimal "bank embellishment". For a more comprehensive approach, recognising the importance of the eastern shore and road access, Council is required to redress the significant effect of lack of timely maintenance over the past 40 years, the depletion of available foreshore and diminishing public foreshore access. The eastern shore and road access is so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Given the above, it is considered that Council's proposed changes will significantly impact the community and will radically give rise to significant negative transformation of the eastern lake access. Failure to fully rectify neglected eastern and southern foreshore losses results in the continued loss of the mixed use and enjoyment of the lake by the public.

Council's current eastern foreshore design or Eastern Road public vehicle removal plan with diminishing public foreshore access should be abandoned. The current existing Eastern Road access should be maintained and improved as per Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

Informal parking at Lake Ainsworth

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of informal parking at Lake Ainsworth.

Closing the Eastern Road would eliminate 120 to 140 informal car parking spaces and remove direct public access to the lake. This despite Council's new car parking recently provided. The traffic will not disappear. Cars will be driven into the Southern Road which is at maximum capacity, to the Western Road and neighbouring residential areas. Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. is also concerned about access for the elderly and frail members of the community who, not having or really requiring a wheel chair, will be deprived of their favourite spots due to the .5 – 1 km distance they would then be required to walk. How are young families, those aged, abled and not so abled, and the Park and Dive group, with all their possessions, going to reach the spot which they have preferred for many generations? This disconnect is a radical parking, social and cultural change with significant impacts on people's lives which have not been taken into consideration in Council's proposal.

Retaining the Eastern Road, avoids pushing all its traffic to the Southern Road. This road is used by the public and Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park, resulting in thousands of people a day crossing the Southern Road to access the southern foreshore. The significant increase, doubling the concentration of vehicles on the Southern Road, is imprudent and a reckless proposal. An EXTREME RISK occurs when doubling vehicle numbers in an area of the highest concentration of people: young families, lake users, caravan park people, local residents, day trippers, tourists, the disabled and those requiring 4WD access and primary access to Camp Drew and the Sport and Recreation Centre. This increased, unsafe vehicle and lake user interaction poses a significant RISK OF LOSS OF LIFE to children and others crossing the road. Council's proposal is a response to the perceived problems of rare minor flooding events and of people crossing the Eastern Road from the lake to picnic tables, despite the fact there has been no accident in this area ever recorded/reported to Police.

The significant increase in traffic doubling the need for parking on the Southern Road, which is currently at maximum capacity, is an EXTREME proposal and is objectionable, as is the proposal to remove the limited open family friendly area to provide vehicle parking. Council's proposal poses an EXTREME RISK in an area of the highest concentration of people.

Recently, there was a surf carnival and a nipper's event that resulted in cars being parked from the roundabout near the toilets at the northern end of the Eastern Road, right down Pacific Parade, to Rutherford Street, in addition to William Street and Gibbons Street. It must be realised that this occurred with availability of the 120 to 140 plus informal car parks on the Eastern Road and those in Council's new car park. Remove the 120 to 140 plus informal car parks, and congestion in the centre of town will be significantly increased. The police have said "that's going to create a high risk of incidents occurring".

Limited Timed Parking, Limited Paid Parking, or any Other Paid Parking

Restoration of Lake Ainsworth includes the protection of the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest and benefit and the lake's ambience which includes informal parking. It is not misleading for members of the community to express their views or request that the undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience be maintained. Nor is it misleading for members of the community to signal to Council that they do not support any form of limited timed parking, limited paid parking, or any other paid parking in a submission to Ballina Shire Council. It is a right of any member of the public to do so.

The community's response is in relation to the proposed time-limited parking (alluded to by the Mayor) which one would assume results in fines being imposed when exceeding permitted limits. This, in time, could lead to paid parking (meters) as existing at Ballina Byron Airport. Paid parking could create a desirable income for Council. It would be a very sad day for all if Ballina Council considered emulating Byron Bay Council in this regard.

The management action required, Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), Traffic Management states:

(Page 42) "As indicated above, additional parking is recommended in the south - east corner, utilising a small section of the caravan park. It also recommended that parking in Ross Street be optimised by shoulder widening/sealing (if needed) and line marking."

Western Road

Whilst Council does not have funding for its alternative proposal, the Western Road, Council continues to maintain its stance on the Eastern Road closure/removal. It talks about using the Western Road, which is not much more than a dangerous gravel track, full of potholes, corrugations and slippery when wet, to the Sport and Recreation Centre and Camp Drewe. The neighbouring heathland is quite concentrated, and is the habitat for significant numbers of fauna. The Eastern Road access, for use by public vehicles, AVOIDS the Western Road's potential fauna road kill: turtles, ducks, frogs, echidna's, bandicoots, wallabies, grass melomys, bats etc. The closure/removal of the Eastern Road will drive people and vehicles to the lake's western side. This will create a similar situation to that which now exists on the eastern side of the lake. The Eastern Road access, for use by public vehicles and lake users saves western side flora (western reed bed, native vegetation etc) from damage and destruction.

Some unanswered common sense questions are:

- What is the cost of the Western Road upgrade?
- Where is the funding coming from for the Western Road upgrade?
- What is the cost of closing/removing the Eastern Road?
- What is the cost of Council's proposal, excluding those of the Eastern Road closure/removal?
- What will be the environmental impacts, especially on the wildlife, particularly turtles?
- What will be the environmental impacts, especially on the flora, particularly the western reed bed?
- Will Council bring in timed or paid parking to overcome congestion of the western and southern side of the lake?
- How is Council going to mitigate the risk occasioned by not providing dual bushfire escape routes from Sport and Recreational Centre and Camp Drewe?
- How can a planner find an answer of "no significant impacts" with so many unanswered questions?

So many unanswered questions and potentially significant impacts.

Undiminished and All-embracing Public Access

There has been a fundamental failure by Council to acknowledge the community's affinity/connection with the lake and its surrounds and to assimilate this in the design process for its proposal for Lake Ainsworth.

The importance to the community of Lake Ainsworth's wonderful natural environment emerged in comments about: undiminished access, keep/save the road, lost foreshore, meeting, family traditions, favourite spot, relaxation, health benefits achieved and the importance of the Eastern and Southern Roads which allow access for all, young and old.

Council's Beach Embellishment Works etc.

Lack of complete foreshore restoration

There is no mention of the complete lake foreshore restoration required to fully restore the public's use and enjoyment of the foreshore:

Council's proposal to truck more sand into partly fill the beach is called "beach embellishment" and is not considered adequate or acceptable by the community. It does not rectify the problem of the slumped sand, (ultimately resulting in the lake being filled), and the loss of lake foreshore and significant historical community connection.

The prime objective/action required to address the lake foreshore restoration issue is as follows:

Restore the eastern foreshore line in such a way that a beach profile 15 to 20+ metres out from where it currently sits is achieved by reclaiming sand material from the bed of the lake from where it eroded and slumped. Historically, this work was carried out under the direction of previous Council's engineer, Peter Thorpe.

The community rejects Council's proposal of limited beach embellishment works and is opposed to the loss of its significant "public entitlement" due to Council's failure to complete foreshore retrieval and restoration works. The community requires protection of its public interest, its use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth foreshore.

LAKE AINSWORTH RESERVE – EASTERN AND SOUTHERN ROAD FORMAL OPENING, LENNOX HEAD

Key Issues

- Revocation of road reserve of affected area in the middle of the Caravan Park
- Legal formalisation of the Eastern Road including the Southern Road from the Surf Club to the Western Road reserve as a public road
- Formalise traffic and access plan

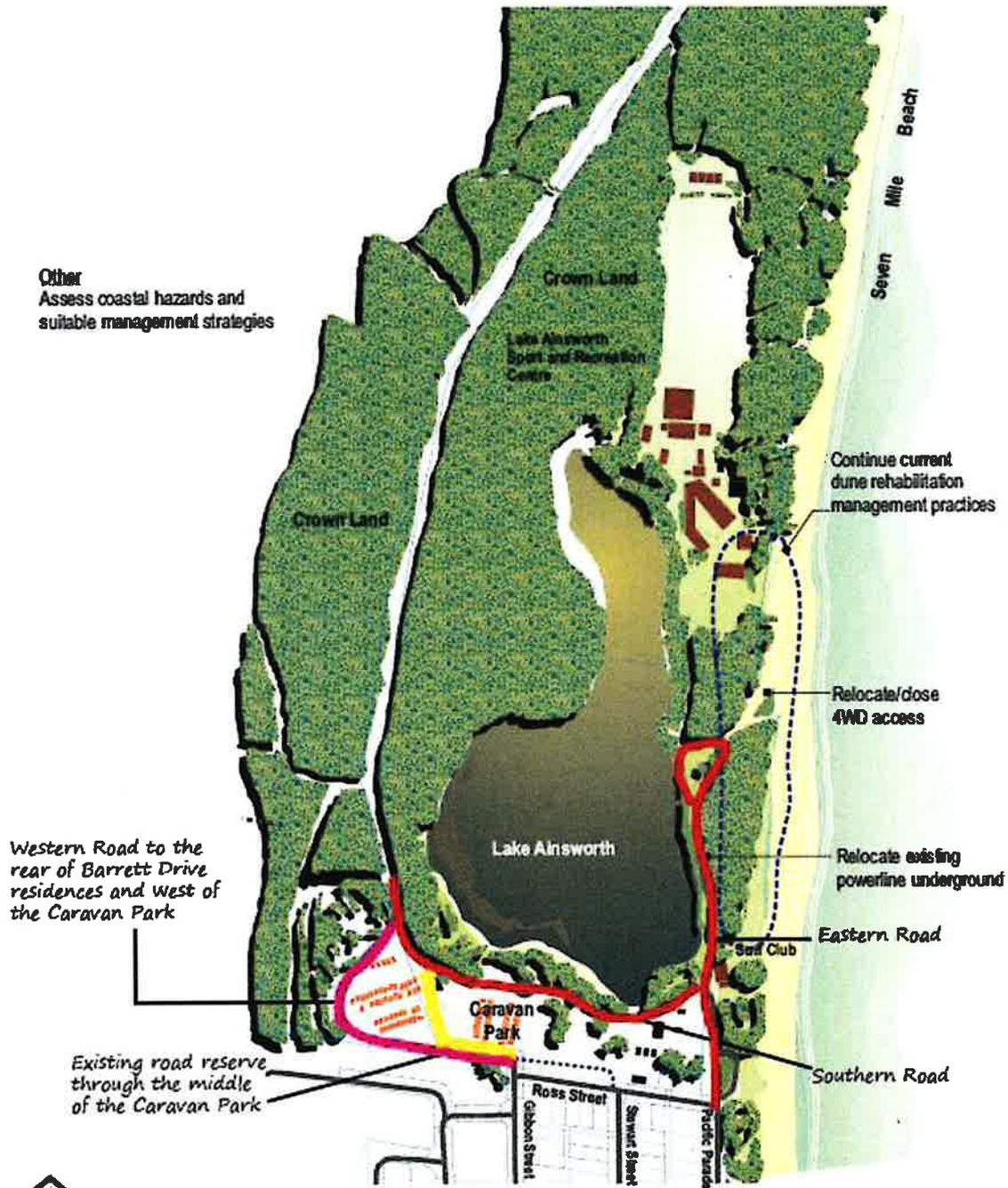
Information

The issue of road access around Lake Ainsworth within a public road reserve has been a matter considered by Council and the Reserve Trust previously:

- NEW ROAD THROUGH EXISTING ROAD RESERVE AND THE MIDDLE OF THE CARAVAN PARK (as shown in Figure 2 in yellow). This option use is consistent with the existing road reserve through the Caravan Park. This option also involves permanent removal of the Eastern Road at Lake Ainsworth and is dependent on establishing a new road network south of the lake and providing a suitable alternative access to the Sport and Recreation Centre along the western and northern side of the lake. This option is particularly unacceptable due to impact on the Caravan Park (divided in half), campers etc and the impact on the Community with the inclusion of the removal of the Eastern Road.
- NEW WESTERN ROAD TO THE REAR OF BARRETT DRIVE RESIDENCES AND WEST OF THE CARAVAN PARK (as shown in Figure 2 in Pink). This option is consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). At time, this option was not acceptable due to the impact on residents and the **lack of state funding available for road construction**. The Department of Primary Industries – Lands believes “that agreement to a road reserve west of the caravan park and closure of the unconstructed road reserve through the caravan park may be achieved at nil compensation given the benefits of the proposal”.

Figure Two

Lake Ainsworth
Management Plan



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Source: GeoLINK
Date: November 2002
quality solutions sustainable future

Illustration 4

Coastal Dune Management

- **NEW PERMANENT REMOVAL OF THE EASTERN ROAD AT LAKE AINSWORTH.** This issue was most recently considered in relation to the previous incomplete Part V consent for the permanent removal of the Eastern Road at Lake Ainsworth. This option is not acceptable due to the significant impact on the broader community and loss of direct and indirect access, connection, etc. Also, this option is not acceptable due to the impact on the Sport and Recreation Centre and its loss of primary direct access/connection, bus drivers won't take their buses on gravel roads etc. This option was being rolled over into a new Part IV consent but is now a Part V consent currently on Public exhibition. Public submissions can be submitted to Ballina Shire Council until 29 January 2018.

The situation has become problematic from a public access and risk management perspective.

There is **now no formal legal access** to the Department of Sport and Recreation Centre and Council would bear the full cost of any construction as well as bearing public liability risk for any loss of and lack off provision of dual access in the event of fire. There is **now also no formal legal access** for Camp Drewe, Seven Mile Beach 4WD access, the public etc. It is not a satisfactory outcome for the broader community to have a loss of access which is inconsistent with Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access ignored and the insurance liability for a piece of land which, in practice, functions well as a public road.

Discussions between Council and Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. group at the time failed to resolve these issues. Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. group request that further negotiations take place, to explore alternative option opportunities with Council and other relevant stakeholders to resolve these issues, to better protect public interest and benefit.

All stakeholders are now mindful of the funding implications raised by Council and the State and, it is hoped, committed to exploring a new/better option that may provide scope to **establish a new road/access option on a cost effective/neutral basis**, particularly in conjunction with NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust.

The proposed option is to establish the Eastern Road and the Southern Road from the Surf Club to the Western Road reserve as a formal, public road. This resolves access issues for the Sport and Recreation Centre and the broader community. It facilitates compliance with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), with regard to Eastern Road's vehicle and public access, and ensures lawful public access from Pacific Parade to the northern end of the Eastern Road and its public amenities which include informal car parking, toilets, showers, established trees etc.

Legal / Resource / Financial Implications

If Ballina Shire Council Reserve Trust revokes the road reserve through the middle of the Caravan Park, it will allow the land to be amalgamated into the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust land. This in turn could result in Ballina Shire Council being given control and management of the Eastern Road (and the Southern Road) in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act (as shown in Figure 2 in Red). This removes the liability associated with the road from the Reserve Trust, allows Council to receive the benefit of the provisions of the Civil Liability Act in relation to road management.

Some costs may be incurred by Council in relation to the preparation and registration of the subdivision plan (surveying), but these costs are expected to be relatively minor. The re-engineering benefit through the road reserve closure is afforded to the Caravan Park. This benefit by Caravan Park Trust can be balanced by them undertaking formalisation of more Ross Street parking or other available options.

A comprehensive Coastal Management Program is required to be undertaken by all stakeholders.

Consultation

The Department of Primary Industries – Land’s position has been researched and it is considered they would look favourably on the subject road reserve closure through the middle of the Caravan Park and, in turn, Ballina Shire Council being given control and management of the Eastern Road (including the Southern Road) in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act; likewise the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park Trust and Department of Sport and Recreation.

If the Reserve Trust consents to the road reserve closure, the Eastern and Southern Road reserve opening proposal will also be advertised.

Discussions within Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. indicate they are also supportive of the Eastern and Southern Road proposal.

Recommendation

That Ballina Shire Council, in its capacity as Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust, resigns from the management of that part of the paper road Reserve through the caravan park as shown in attachment 1 in yellow accompanying this report, to facilitate the opening of the eastern road and southern road as a public road under their care and control.

Advantages

Formalised road/access option on a cost effective/neutral basis

Protects public access to lake and foreshore

Provision of service corridor

Manage for the benefit of the community

Better fit with principles of Crown Land Management and consistency with Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002).

Formalised traffic and access plan.

THE NSW OFFICE OF SPORT - LAKE AINSWORTH

The NSW Office of Sport holds the significant portion of land at Lake Ainsworth, approximately 101 ha. This land encircles the entire northern half of Lake Ainsworth. It is imperative that Council invite the Office of Sport to partner with the community in an holistic Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program (stakeholder meetings, scope setting etc) in order to work through the following questions to achieve the best outcome for Lake Ainsworth and the community. For example:

- How did Office of Sport acquire this land?
- How do they hold this land?
- Who are the legal owners of this land?
- Can they dispose of such land?
- How do they dispose of such land?
- Could the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre be sold?

It would be beneficial to consolidate the Office of Sport natural resource area and Council's foreshore area with an holistic approach. Office of Sport needs to agree to submit the land they control to a holistic coastal management program. Can the Minister inform us what the Office of Sport's management status is in their occupation of the lake land? How are they empowered to control this land?

In fact, the largest stakeholder of the Lake Ainsworth land area (approx.85%) is the NSW Government Office of Sport, however they are relatively silent. The Office of Sport does not have a trust agreement for their area of responsibility. The Office of Sport is not regarded as a natural resource manager which begs the question, why is there no trust management agreement and or coastal management program in place to manage such a large section of a natural resource? These significant issues and any Government arrangements need to be examined thoroughly, including its role, and involvement in a comprehensive holistic Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program.

LACK OF RESERVE TRUST GOVERNANCE AND RESPECT FOR PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

There is no mention of “whole of lake governance” or the objective to set up the following for same:

- “reserve trust” - Crown reserve trust set up under the Crown Lands Act 1989
- “reserve trust manager” - a manager appointed under the Crown Lands Act 1989 to manage a reserve trust, or
- “trust board” - one of the types of reserve trust manager that can be appointed under the Crown Lands Act 1989 to manage a reserve trust.

Lack of Lake Ainsworth Crown Land trust management governance arrangements for the **whole lake area** is of significant concern. Generally, it’s the tyranny of small decisions or innocent omissions and lack of oversight that add up to local government staff’s failure to comply with, for example, the Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), which receives its mandate from Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) Reserve Trust Plans of Management, the Crown Lands Act 1989, Lake Ainsworth Recreation **Reserve 82783 for the purpose of Public Recreation** or strong community desire. Generally, decision making and timing also significantly improves with reviews of environmental factors/facts and when due consideration is given to plans of management and the Crown Lands Act 1989 etc as above. Generally, this significantly assists Councillors to be satisfied that there are no crucial adverse impacts from any recommended staff proposal if done properly. Council’s current Part V consent is its second Part V attempt at removing the Eastern Road access, which begs the question:

Given Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and the overwhelming community support for Lake Ainsworth restoration of the foreshore and retention of the eastern road: Is it right that our elected members of Council have not told us what the significant issue is, **that could not be mitigated**, which resulted in the closure of the Eastern Road vehicle and public access?

Note, Council’s failures continue, with their neglect to:-

- setup a Lake Management Committee for Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002,
- maintain the foreshore,
- acknowledge community concerns,
- appropriately address significant environmental issues,

- have meaningful interactions with the general community and the local Aboriginal community.

In Ballina there appears to be a lack of efficiency in delivery of facts and due process. Council needs to improve its understanding/respect of the importance of Reserve Trusts, Reserve Trust Plans of Management, particularly Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), the Crown Lands Act 1989 and the community's desire for access to and enjoyment of Crown Lands. Also, where appropriate, the multiple use of Crown Land. Staff service needs to be consistent and dependable. No matter how dependable staff is, **in the absence of a trust management arrangement over the whole of the lake area, an exemplary Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program will not be delivered.**

It is obvious the ad-hoc, untimely incomplete approach to lake management and the neglect of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) facilitated erosion of the beach adjacent to the Eastern and Southern Roads of the lake. This inactivity by Council puts lake users in danger and in conflict with vehicles. Where is the long outstanding, appropriate complete remedial foreshore reinstatement work? Councillors should strongly advocate a strategic planning approach to Lake Ainsworth and actively pursue a contemporary holistic coastal management program including complete foreshore restoration.

HOLISTIC COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE

A holistic community-driven, coastal management program for Lake Ainsworth is a more appropriate and comprehensive process to improve options for the lake. Council has created limited scope for the coastal management program by primarily focusing on water quality reports (23 March 2017).

The Guide to Community Engagement (NSW Government – Office of Local Government web site) states:

“Community engagement is undertaken so the council engages with the community to obtain input into the development of the community strategic plan. Effective community engagement results from a strong partnership between Council and the community. The community is involved in each stage of the strategic planning process, including in the development of alternative strategies, identification of preferred solutions, and prioritisation. It is important to base decisions on evidence-based information and the representative views of the community, rather than for engagement to be dominated by a few vocal community advocates.”

The broader community is ready to be involved in all stages of the strategic planning process. In particular, the mitigation of real risks associated with lake hazards, giving priority to a holistic view of the lake precinct and restoration of the lake, specifically the foreshore and avoiding further management impacts on public access (removal of vehicle and direct access), use, open space and amenity, social and cultural values.

Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc’s letter dated 20 November 2017 to the General Manager Ballina Shire Council states:

“I wish to thank you for answering my initial letter sent to you however, given the requirements for preparing a Coastal Management Plan should be developed and delivered by local council in partnership between council, state agencies, community groups and individuals, we request being part of the **initial** scope setting, particularly stake holder identification and the identification of issues affecting the whole of Lake Ainsworth area. Whatever the Council’s plan for community involvement is, it needs to fit in with the community’s plan to be involved in participating in the scoping study – the first stage of the project.”

Council's response, Development and Environmental Health Group's letter date 20 December 2017 states:

"Council will undertake the preparation of the Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program (CMP) in accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Management Act 2016 (CM Act) and the Coastal Management Manual.

In particular it is a mandatory requirement of section 14(1) of the CM Act that a CMP must be prepared in accordance with the Coastal Management Manual. Essential element 23 of the Coastal Management Manual requires that the CMP be prepared and delivered in a partnership between Council, public authorities and community groups."

However, Council's response goes on to state:

"It is therefore our contention that until the community and stakeholder engagement strategy is developed community engagement should not and cannot occur."

Given the requirements for preparing a coastal management program, it should be developed by local council in partnership between council, state agencies, community groups and individuals. It is our contention that Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. is entitled to be involved in each stage of the strategic planning process, including in the development of the initial scope setting, particularly stakeholder identification and the identification of issues affecting the whole Lake Ainsworth area.

Progress a single, Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program for the whole lake area,

- Set up a trust management agreement for the whole lake area
- Identify all stakeholders of the lake area, including lake users and Office of Sport
- Progress funding for such a plan and its related works in full
- Obtain sign off and accountability commitment from every relevant government agency
- Maintain full community consultation, particularly during scope planning
- Cease all parallel works and be fully engaged with the community for the duration of a comprehensive Lake Ainsworth coastal management plan process
- Set up a single community trust manager for the whole lake area
- Restore Lake Ainsworth's eroded foreshore (15m to 20m +) which will significantly increase open space
- Regain community friendly open space
- Save the paper bark, (Melaleuca), Songline trees by putting power lines underground
- Protect the turtles

- Improve water quality
- Maintain informal parking

Thereby restoring Lake Ainsworth

Council should cease all current proposed works/investigations relating to the removal of the Eastern Road. They should engage in all works and investigations pertaining to a single, Lake Ainsworth coastal management program for the whole lake area under an independent Community Trust.

ASSESSMENT PATH

Council, by its poor management and lack of respect for Lake Ainsworth's gazetted plans of management, has chosen an assessment path that negates the public mandate through the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002); causes the Eastern Road to be closed/removed, which is a radical change from the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), adopted by the Minister, and significantly impacts the public benefit by withdrawing vehicle and lake user's direct access. Like all bad management decisions it consumes or diverts time, energy and motivation, at considerable cost to lake users.

The challenge is to get Council to take a wider view. Under the review of environmental impacts, the value of our community's social and cultural connections to the lake have got to be considered. Council is required to demonstrate where they get their mandate from the community to remove the road and public access.

Council, to achieve completion of its Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works (Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12), has ignored Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and its plans of management. It then had to assess the proposed work to see if it is likely to have a significant impact. No reasonable person would accept these proposed works being assessed as minor works that are consistent with Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) or that there no significant impacts.

Ballina Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, 23 March, 2017, page 99, state:

“following discussions with Council's legal advisors and internally with staff, Part IV is the preferred planning pathway”.

However, this advice has been disregarded. With the decision to apply for Part V consent with regard to vehicle access, Council is rejecting an authorised plan of management, Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), these plans specifically support the existing Eastern Road access within the reserve.

This is a quick summary of two different approval / consent or assessment paths, Part IV Development Application or Part V Consent.

1. Consent under Part IV of EP & A Act 1979 – e.g. a house development application.
 - Development Application required
 - Lodge existing Development Application
 - Objectors have a right to object
 - Approval

2. Consent under Part V EP & A Act 1979 – e.g. Lake Ainsworth Improvement works, Lennox Head.
 - Clause 94 – **Development permitted without consent** – general, State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 provides that “Development for the purpose of a road or road infrastructure facilities may be carried out by or on behalf of a public authority without consent on any land.”
 - An environmental impact assessment (review of environmental factors, ie Council’s lake proposal) would have to be undertaken pursuant to Part V of the EP & A Act 1979 on the basis that consent is not required under Part IV of the Act. (Assess proposed lake works to see if they are likely to have a significant impact)
 - No significant impact, no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required.
 - Approval given.
 - No appeal against procedural process.
 - No 3rd party appeal rights.
 - No advertising.
 - No objections.
 - No development application etc.

Council chose the Part V consent /approval type.

DAC Planning Pty Ltd state:

(Page 5) “The project has been assessed against the relevant provisions of the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987 (BLEP 1987), Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BLEP 2012) and State Environmental Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (SEPI) following which it is considered

that the project can be carried out without the need for development consent, or is exempt development.”

Absent from Council’s Part V consent’s assessment path above are the community’s mandate, the current adopted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

Council’s current Part V Consent Lake Improvement Works (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is inconsistent with the current adopted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002 (realign the Eastern Road alignment) and should not be recommended for approval until Council’s proposal is consistent with these plans, re the Eastern Road access.

SUMMARY

Council has no mandate from the community to alter or bypass an adopted plan of management.

Council must be held to account in their role as Reserve Trust Manager with regard to vehicle and public access in their proposed lake redevelopment plan. Removal of vehicle and public access is inconsistent with the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which expressly mandates the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Council's proposal is severely restricting the reserve's public recreational purpose. The State Government or Minister must immediately reconsider and withdraw its premature owner's consent for Council's Lake Ainsworth redevelopment proposal (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12). Owner's consent is signed off in the early stages of any proposal and is now required to be withdrawn in light of this major inconsistency.

Any Council proposal, is required to be consistent with the Crown Lands Act (1989), Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management 2003/2011). The plans specifically support the existing Eastern Road vehicle and public access within the Lake Ainsworth Public Recreation Reserve.

Council's proposal is required to be assessed against the relevant provision of:

- The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), adopted by the Minister, expressly mandates the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)

The management action required is :

- "reconfigure the Eastern Road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre." "The meandering road alignment will slow the traffic and improve pedestrian safety." "This will maintain access to the Sport and Recreation Centre but will reduce traffic flow through the closure of the 4WD track." (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002)
- The Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve, **Reserve 82783 for the Purpose of Public Recreation**, surrounds Lake Ainsworth and supports the current Eastern Road vehicle and public access.

- The Crown Lands Act (1989) makes provision for and encourages the current shared use and enjoyment of the reserve.

The Crown Lands Act (1989); Principles of Crown land management, states:

- (c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged and
- (d) that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged.
- The public's strong and passionate opinion is in support of retaining and maintaining the Eastern Road vehicle and public access. Community values are reflected in **4000 plus** (of a total 8000 plus) individual letters to Ballina Shire Council and indicate objection to Council's proposed closure or removal of any lake road or foreshore accesses, limited timed parking and Council's limited beach embellishment works etc. The community requires Council to promptly carry out complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works and road reserve legalisation works, **respect the gazetted plans of management** and undertake a community driven holistic coastal management program before it commences any works. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and require them to be retained into the future as a traditional right of way.
- The role of the Reserve Trust Manager requires that it:
 - "ensure activities on the Reserve are **consistent with the public purpose for which the Crown land is reserved or dedicated**" (Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management, p.12)
 - "not allow any operations or developments that are not permitted by the PoM" (Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management, p.9)
 - when altering an adopted PoM, the involvement of the State Government/Minister to sign off any amendment is required.
- The Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) specifically makes direct reference to the "**implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management 2002**".
- The Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002), which provides for **public vehicle access, traffic calming measures, foreshore access** etc.

The Council's current proposal is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access, does not reflect the community's/lake user's historical, and current aspirations and they reject the current proposal's content and road design network. At present, correspondence of more than 4000 plus individual letters to Council support this position.

The executive summary of the Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002) is not well written, but it has a significant flaw that should be noted. This alteration of intent significantly **distorts** the intent of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). Subsequently this terminology flaw has transitioned to Council's current proposal - Lake Ainsworth's Review of Environmental Factors, the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan (2005), and Council's current thinking.

Executive summaries provide the essence of any report or plan of management. They cover every main section of any report or plan of management. Executive summaries **do not** introduce new information. They specifically cover all main sections of any report and its illustrations. The reader can look at an executive summary and not read the report.

Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management (2002), Traffic Management states:

(Page 42) "In reconfiguring this Eastern Road, drainage measures can be implemented such that run-off from the road can be discharged to the eastern side, collected and treated prior to discharge."

(Page 44) "Reconfigure the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre."

(Page 45) Traffic Management Illustration 5 states: "Realign existing road to the east and relocate recreation facilities to the lake side of the road (where possible). Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming."

(Page 42) "By implementing the management measures shown in Illustration 5, the issues of safety, erosion and continual access to the various facilities around Lake Ainsworth can be addressed" "By formalising the access roads and carparking, the erosion caused from vehicles parking into the dunes and driving off the road can be minimised or avoided."

However the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan Executive Summary (page .viii) states the contrary:

"Restrict vehicular access along the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre."

The terminology "realign the eastern road alignment" regularly appears in the body of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and in Illustration 5, Traffic Management. However in the executive summary (page 8) this becomes:

“Restrict vehicle access along the eastern road alignment”.

This then is perpetuated into Council’s proposal. This alteration of intent significantly impacts the intent of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

The executive summary is inconsistent with the body of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Illustration 5 Traffic Management. Subsequently this terminology flaw has transitioned to Council’s current proposal - Lake Ainsworth’s Review of Environmental Factors, etc.

(Page 29,) “The LAMP, at Page vii, contains Management Actions. Relevant Actions are shown in Table 4, together with comments in relation to project compliance.”

(Page 30,) “Restrict vehicular access along the eastern road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre.”

Council is required to respect the intent of the current, gazetted plans of management. Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the clear intent of body and illustrations of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), which specifically supports the existing Eastern Road access within the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve.

The above significant terminology flaw, relied upon by Council, has transitioned to Council’s proposed lake changes, and will significantly impact on the community with loss of direct access and radically give rise to significant negative transformation of the lake’s eastern side. Council must rectify this deviation the failure by immediately amending Council’s proposal.

Council’s current eastern foreshore design or Eastern Road public vehicle removal plan with diminishing public foreshore access should be abandoned. The current existing Eastern Road access should be maintained and corrected in line with Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

Council’s concept plan is not consistent with the current Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) with regard to vehicle and public access. As a result a Part V permit was required as opposed to the advised Part IV Development Application that Council’s staff were working on. This says it all, alarm bells should have been ringing. Council’s is not consistent with the current adopted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) and Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002). With Council’s requirement for Part V consent approach with regard to Easter Road vehicle access, Council is rejecting an authorized plan of management. Any Council proposal is required to be consistent with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management

(2003/2011), these plans specifically support the existing Eastern Road access within the Lake Ainsworth Recreational Reserve.

There has been much neglect by Council of maintenance required at of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful natural environment which must stop now.

Your attention is drawn to a further 4000 plus (of a total 8000 plus) individual letters to Ballina Shire Council showing strong and passionate support for **protection of the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit, lake ambience and the retention and maintenance of Eastern and Southern Road access etc..**

Complete foreshore retrieval and restoration

Council, by its poor management and lack of foreshore maintenance, ultimately has caused Lake Ainsworth's eastern shore to be significantly eroded, the slump resulting in the lake being silted up. As a result, lake users have been deprived of a significant area of foreshore. Council's proposal to truck in more sand fill for a partial bank infill will only exacerbate the problem. No complete foreshore restoration is proposed. Council's neglect of significant erosion of the foreshore, frequently results in some large and sharp pieces of the Eastern Road surface falling into the lake. This can be very dangerous to young children, the aged, and disabled. The final insulting reality of this situation is Council's proposal to remove the Eastern Road to create more open space, while continuing to disregard plans of management and it's failure to complete a simple foreshore restoration of up to 20 metres with a sand knoll at the northern end of the Eastern Road.

Council's neglect of maintenance continues but to date the State has had no inclination to rectify the situation.

The management action required:

Complete foreshore restoration for a safe, community friendly open space, within a formal reserve for the purpose of public recreation. This is restoration of Lake Ainsworth, not a transformation of Lake Ainsworth.

Retain and maintain eastern and southern road access

Council, as a result of its poor management and lack of respect for Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), proposes to remove the Eastern Road which is a radical change from the adopted plans of management and significantly impacts the public benefit by withdrawing vehicle and lake user's direct access. Like all bad management decisions it consumes or diverts time, energy, and motivation at considerable cost to the community. Many lake users have been deprived of their ability to access their preferred spots due to the .5 – 1 km distance they would now be required to walk. Council's proposal is a significant loss of access and connection to the lake.

The management action required:

“Reconfigure the Eastern Road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre.” “The meandering road alignment will slow the traffic and improve pedestrian safety.” “This will maintain access to the Sport and Recreation Centre but will reduce traffic flow through the closure of the 4WD track.” (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002, page 45)

(Page 42) “In reconfiguring this Eastern Road, drainage measures can be implemented such that run-off from the road can be discharged to the eastern side, collected and treated prior to discharge.”

Commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith.

Retain informal parking

Council, by its poor management and lack of respect for Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), proposes the removal of 120 to 140 informal parking spaces on the eastern side of the lake. This is a radical change from the plans of management and significantly impacts the public benefit by withdrawing lakeside accessible informal vehicle parking and limiting lake user's direct access (from the eastern side to the lake) by 40%. This has led to significant distress in the broader community.

Lake Ainsworth has a unique relaxed ambience which must be preserved by retaining the Eastern Road, direct foreshore access and informal parking. The informal parking area caters for multiple uses and the enjoyment of an area of Crown Reserve year round, which is consistent with the encouragement of “mixed use and enjoyment” of Crown Land as provided under the Crown Lands Act (1989). Informal parking in peak season can be utilised as 100% car parking. Outside peak

season the informal parking area is a grassy open area that adds to the lake's enjoyment and maintains current lake user's benefits. People want to continue being able to park their car, get their equipment out and go for a swim.

Lake Ainsworth is a State significant asset and is not to be likened to Shaws Bay with its formalised parking and curb and guttering that limit the amount of open space. Formalised parking minimises the amount of open family friendly area and designates the area as a single purpose area. Any proposed curb and gutter can be replaced by swales that collect water to be sent to stormwater treatment devices whilst maintaining access to an open area. No hard stand surfaces for parking are required.

The management action required. (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002):

(Page 42) "As indicated above, additional parking is recommended in the south- east corner, utilising a small section of the caravan park. It also recommended that parking in Ross Street be optimised by shoulder widening/sealing (if needed) and line marking."

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Currently, even whilst utilising our existing Eastern Road car parking, the two new car parking areas are inadequate and do not cater for peak demand. The Western Road vehicle numbers are inaccurate and don't add up.

Council can also be criticised for not addressing other matters that form part of the current, gazetted plans of management and specific individual points above as outlined in letters from the community to Council.

Council's lake transformation plans equate to:

- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access which deprives the public of direct access to the eastern side of the lake. This access has a long history and significant cultural connection to the lake.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access which deprives lake users of a significant area of foreshore and, for many, their ability to access preferred spots due to the .5 – 1 km distance they would now be required to walk.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access which potentially relocates those lake users unable to negotiate the walk without difficulty from the eastern side of lake. This destroys the cultural heritage of locals and visitors, indigenous and non-indigenous.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access which increases the potential risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Closing the Eastern Road which threatens the southern and western ecological environment due to concentration of usage on the southern side and resultant loss of vegetation on the western side.
- Closing the Eastern Road which threatens the flora and fauna (particularly turtles and filtering reed bed) on the western side.
- Loss of Eastern Road's informal parking for 120 – 140 vehicles pushing vehicle parking onto the residential streets of Ross, Stewart, Gibbons, Pacific Parade and the town centre. There will be more parking required with future population increase.
- Council's poor Reserve Trust Management which is demonstrated by a lack of compliance to plans of management, negligent foreshore maintenance, failure to establish a management committee to implement Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and a single trust management system over the whole of the lake area.
- Closing/removing Eastern Road access which will push people and vehicles to the lake's unfunded Western Road or western side.

The Crown Lands Act (1989) provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment of Crown Land.

A holistic, community driven, coastal management program is a more appropriate process to improve options for Lake Ainsworth.

The proposed option is to establish the Eastern Road and the Southern Road reserve as a formal, public road.

For the sake of the region's younger and future generations it is imperative that the natural environment and beauty of Lake Ainsworth be preserved and heritage listed. It is also imperative that this iconic area does not become over-developed which would result in the loss of its unique attraction.

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Submission re Part V 22.2017/12

I am writing to say that I support Councils plans for closure of the eastern road and the subsequent rehabilitation of the riparian zone around the east side of Lake Ainsworth.

Lake Ainsworth has been loved to death over the last 80 years and as the recent report shows it is in need of much work to ensure it remains in a state that can be used safely by swimmers and also be managed easily into the future. It has a road along the eastern side that contributes considerable drainage directly from an extensive road network back to Ross Street.

This road has also long been considered dangerous to pedestrians. During holiday periods it is a mass of cars that inhibit enjoyment of the surrounds and severely limits safe access to and from the water. Holiday makers cannot enjoy the use of picnic tables situated adjacent to a concentrated car park and busy road.

The closure of this road was recommended in the 2000 Lake Processes Study report which was funded jointly by Ballina Shire Council and the Department of Land and Water Conservation. It was also recommended to move it eastward in the 2002 Management Plan but this was found not possible and the 2005 Master Plan prepared by Connell Wagner and Hassel recommended that it be closed.

Removing it would also comply with the NSW Office of Water Guidelines that there should not be a road within a mean distance of 40 m from a recreational water body such as Lake Ainsworth.

The lake has also been accessed by the Independent Inquiry into Coastal Lakes. This was established by the Healthy Rivers Commission in 2002 which was tasked with accessing all coastal lakes in NSW. It rated the lake in the lowest category – Targeted Repair. Removing the road is an important first step in ensuring the ongoing health of the lake.

The narrow strip of dune along which this road runs must be sustained as a buffer from the sea and it is at constant risk from major storm damage and rising sea levels. The vegetated area cannot be reduced in width. The road occupies an unacceptable amount of space as the remaining area must also provide an important riparian zone to protect the lake.

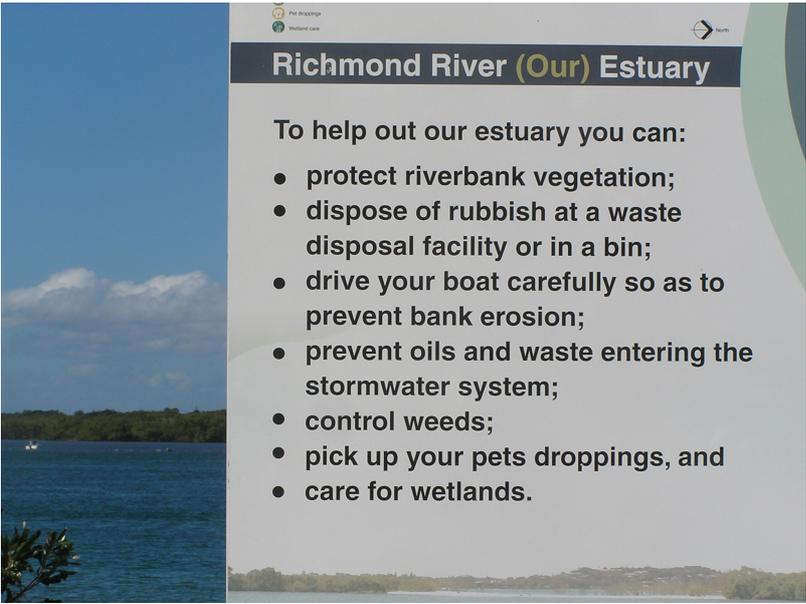
It is also important to provide much needed disabled parking and easy and safe access to the picnic areas and lake that the plan provides.

I am also in support of Councils plan to update the southern roadway and parking, provide swales to improve storm water management and to create boardwalks through the vegetation. The plan to add more BBQs to the southern area is also welcomed.

I do believe that council needs to install better signage relating to use of toilets before entering the lake, no sunscreen and better dog awareness. Good examples are readily available from Lake McKenzie at Frazer Island, around Evans Head and the Richmond River. Lake Ainsworth is a much more fragile environment than any of the others because of the high usage rate. Examples are attached.

Yours sincerely

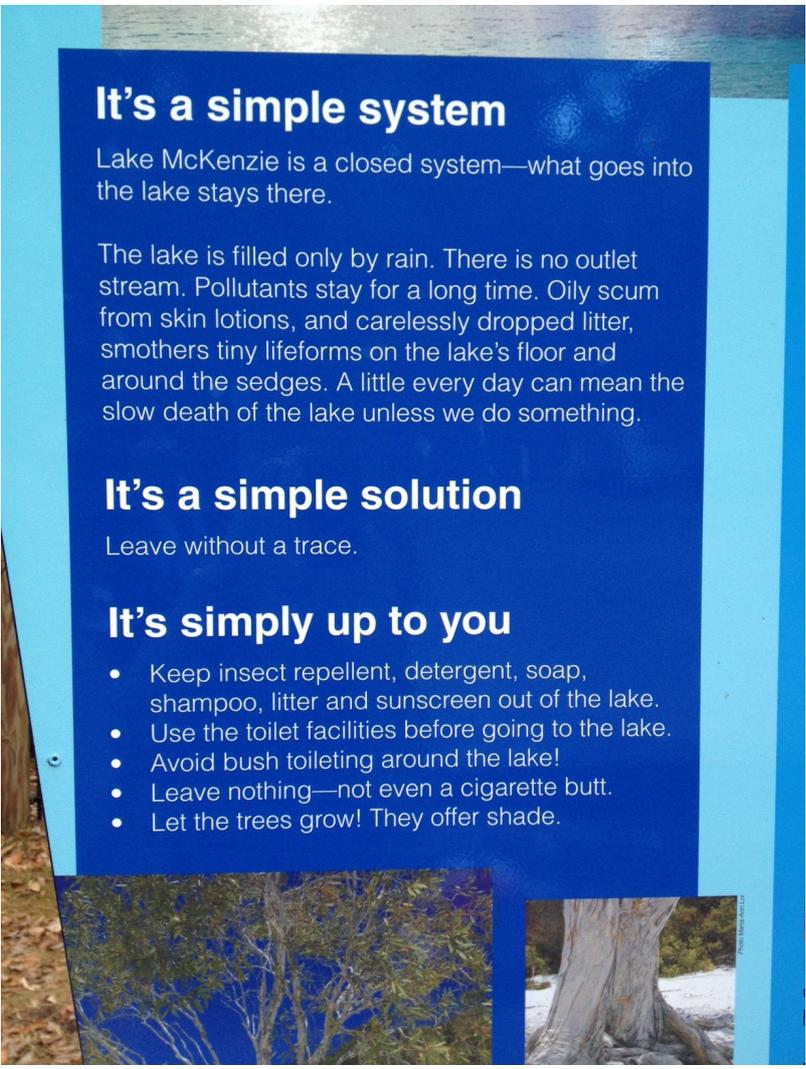
Malcolm Milner



Richmond River (Our) Estuary

To help out our estuary you can:

- protect riverbank vegetation;
- dispose of rubbish at a waste disposal facility or in a bin;
- drive your boat carefully so as to prevent bank erosion;
- prevent oils and waste entering the stormwater system;
- control weeds;
- pick up your pets droppings, and
- care for wetlands.



It's a simple system

Lake McKenzie is a closed system—what goes into the lake stays there.

The lake is filled only by rain. There is no outlet stream. Pollutants stay for a long time. Oily scum from skin lotions, and carelessly dropped litter, smothers tiny lifeforms on the lake's floor and around the sedges. A little every day can mean the slow death of the lake unless we do something.

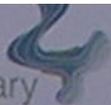
It's a simple solution

Leave without a trace.

It's simply up to you

- Keep insect repellent, detergent, soap, shampoo, litter and sunscreen out of the lake.
- Use the toilet facilities before going to the lake.
- Avoid bush toileting around the lake!
- Leave nothing—not even a cigarette butt.
- Let the trees grow! They offer shade.

help out
our
estuary



Let's improve our estuary bag pet droppings

It's our responsibility to protect our estuary for ourselves and our kids. Take a positive approach as every little thing we do affects our estuary. When dog droppings are left on the footpath they can wash into our estuary, which can add harmful bugs and make our estuary unsafe for swimming.



Pet droppings can:

- add harmful bugs to our estuary;
- contain bugs which are dangerous to people and
- look and smell awful.

To help you can:

- train your pet to go in your garden and
- when you are out, pick up your pet's droppings and put them in the bin.

Keep our estuary healthy:
pick up your pet's droppings -
be part of the solution!



Ballina Shire Councillors &
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29th Jan 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the Ballina Shire
Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12)

The grounds of the objection are;

1. The existing eastern Rd at Lake Ainsworth has provided historical informal parking for approx 70 years. This informal parking of over 120 cars legally in peak periods during holidays has allowed people a diverse number of parking spots many of them shaded, and additionally allowed beach users and lake users simple access to their vehicles

This Eastern Rd therefore has enabled a casual use of the ancient lake waters and created a wonderful ambience. This is evident when users tell others that the untimed nature to all these existing car parks is one of the reasons that they choose to visit Lake Ainsworth.

Other Shire councils have adopted limited timed parking and the forced moving on of families after driving some considerable distance, Lismore, Kyogle, Casino etc is a very important consideration for these travellers from the hinterlands. The East Rds closure forces these people from a destination

that has been specifically used by individual families for many decades.

While seeking opinions on the lakes closure one gentleman stated "I'm here because I can not afford the \$4hr in Byron to park and by the way my family just spent \$50 on lunch in the main st. of Herrox Head".

This statement is included to simply reinforce that not only is a functioning historical infrastructure being removed in the East Rd closure but this decision will have an economic impact.

2. The East Rd provides a large functioning turn around bay.

This existing road structure is utilised by many large caravan vehicles and the daily surf buses operators.

The construction of the round about formation in front of the Herrox Head SLIC is constricted by its positioning. It provides a 7 metre wide roadway around the turn circle. The large caravan, motor homes and student coach vehicles will be forced to negotiate this round about that is also the main transient crossing for the 225 Nippers and their parents who are expected to supervise with Surf life saving instruction at the Herrox Surf SLIC.

The East Rd closure and re design of the southern foreshore parking sees the existing 179 informal car parks reduced to 140

formal car-parks. The DA application "recommends" that these informal untimed car-parks be timed.

This in fact means that the former 120+ east rd vehicles and the parents of the 225 Nippers will be in "competition" for the available limited 140 car parks. The event of a surf life saving carnival will see another hundred more vehicles seeking to park, all at the southern edge of the lake.

It is not correct for council to claim that the new parking bays at Ross St and adjacent to the Surf Club are replacements for the "lost" 120 car parks on the Eastern Rd. These two parks are legally utilized by visitors to campers at the Caravan Park and currently on peak periods offer a few limited spots. Recent counting has revealed 13 available places on a busy holiday period.

Again the East Rd closure impacts the valuable historical ambience of the lake Airsworth when many many vehicles will be forced to "troll" for the limited parking opportunities that exist under the proposed Part V DA 22.2017/12.

3. The Current Caravan Park Users, those using tent and van sites do not need to walk around all other van/tent sites with water equipment, beach umbrellas, clothing, towels children's toys and picnic foods. They simply

cross the southern roadway. The proposed redevelopment and alteration of access to the fitness camp and redirection of all parking to the southern foreshore ~~created~~ a dramatic and significant change to the existing holiday interaction of caravan park users and their access to the lake.

The peak movement of 850 vehicles in through traffic per day many of them large service vehicles and coaches is inappropriate in this pedestrian zone. Fencing off the caravan park with its three formal pedestrian crossing means many people will lose the easy access from the caravan camp site and be forced to negotiate other sites and travel through the caravan park to cross at the formal pedestrian crossing.

This is detrimental to the holiday experience enjoyed by existing caravan park users and is only created by the flawed proposal to close public parking and access on the Eastern Rd.

4. The fact that people unable to park on the limited 140 southern car park redevelopment, will move to park on the dirt western Rd is detrimental to the filtering bullrush reed beds and naturally will impact this component of the lakes eco system. Currently few people choose to utilize this lake foreshore area. The elimination of the Eastern Rds parking and the

intention to plant out and fence off the small east rd's sandy beach heads. A 80% reduction in its access points is therefore going to more densely send the visiting population to the already heavily utilized southern foreshore and cause vehicles and people to the western foreshore.

The acknowledged turtle population and need beds are impacted by this movement and increased human population that are directed to this relatively isolated lake foreshore. While the consultant (Blackwoods) has declared in a review of the environmental impacts that the impacts are "insignificant" a valid review requires consideration of much larger numbers of human populations entering the western lake need beds and the effects of hundreds and hundreds of vehicles daily now moving through heath land vegetation.

5. The functioning eastern rd provides isolated parking for dogs that simply allows their owners to enjoy the off the leash beach experience. This is fundamentally a successful separation from the density of the hennox SHC clubs interactions and the access to the beach by four wheel drive beach users and fisherman. While another access point may be created north of the fitness camp the current parking and access to a small toilet block is ideal. The movement of dog access towards the

four wheel drive access is creating greater risk as these vehicles on occasions are required to use greater speed to climb from the beach proper to crest the dune system. The association of both these events four wheel drive and dog access is counter productive and risky.

6. Emergency vehicles fire ambulance, police have formally stated that they would prefer their be a twin access to the existing State Fitness Camp. The Park Concept and its roadway alteration does not allow for two of these larger vehicles to access the State Fitness Camp by the east rd. They would be unable to pass in opposite directions. A function that is possible under the Beach Rds current construction.

7. This roadway closure is not supported by a majority of the hernox population or local visitors and now a body of recorded international visitors/tourists to the Lake Arisworth foreshores. A tiny group 33 written letters of support has advocated for the Park proposal. Thousands of people have consciously signed a prior petition (2,800) in hernox Head which has been forwarded do Minister Agnes in the New government. Change-Org recorded many hundreds of objections to the roadway closure Park Concept and a multi choice survey of users saw another thousand objections to the roadway closure

and Park concept.

Now that the current Mayor Mr Wright, has used his casting vote after a five councillor support five councillor objection to the roadway closure and Park concept.

Over four thousand people have formally objected to the proposal in an individualised objection document.

Clearly this enormous body of objections to the Part V DA is highly significant.

I therefore state that I like thousands of others of residents and visitors object to an ill conceived Park construction in a shire with a booming residential population. Thousands of houses are already proposed in estates under construction around Hennox Head. To alter so dramatically the historical ambience of Lake Ainsworth due to a rd way closure. When its justification is a false claim of danger the roadway having never recorded an accident is shocking. The deliberate lack of restoration of the foreshore allowing the lakes eastern edge to approach the roadway, and thereby cause a perceived "problem" is manipulative by some councillors and senior staff.

Four hundred and eighty four people attended a rally against this massive alteration to Lake Ainsworth (Four signed stating the rd should be closed!) This is a significant attention to existing historical usage the Ballina Shire residents and these formal objections are required to be taken seriously by elected officials.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Don Opie

Objections to the Proposed Closure of the Eastern Road Adjacent to Lake Ainsworth Lennox Head

I would like to formally declare my objections to the closure of the road on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head.

My most vehement objection is to the proposal to turn the eastern road into parkland. It is a waste of money, especially when Council makes little provision for maintenance of the landscaping. Why people are obsessed with the creation of a “parkland” rather than the condition of the lake, I don’t know. Landscaping needs to be maintained, yet, despite the new parking area almost in front of the Lennox Head Surf Club being a great asset, this including the beautification of the area, the plants were not looked after, many of them dying. Plants cost. Malcolm Millner of Lennox Head notified the Council. He proposed that we, the members of FOLA (Friends of Lake Ainsworth) which does a general clean-up of the lake area each Monday, water the plants. We agreed. However, after the first week most of us declined. There is no convenient tap nearby. No provision was made for the plants to be watered. We had to fill buckets from the tap near the lake then cart them across the road to the car park. The other alternative was getting water from an outside shower at the caravan park, a process necessitating holding the button down for continuous flow. Most members of the group are not spring chickens and most are women. The buckets were heavy. At first Council provided replacement plants which Malcolm and some members planted but only Malcolm has continued with the watering each week. Creating a “beautiful parkland” is too frequently a one-off, three-day wonder, a too typical waste of money. Imagine creating a garden with absolutely no provision for watering.

With Council petitioning IPART for a rate increase and trying to convince rate-payers of this for a clean-up of the Richmond River, something which needs the co-operation of at least three Councils, you would think a greater effort would be made to maintain existing, completed projects. It is a sinful waste to spend so much money on beautification projects without maintaining them. Why is there such a fixation on creating a parkland? What is the problem with retaining the existing vegetation along the eastern side? It has provided quite a decent amount of shade for picnickers and the like. It is interesting to note some of the proponents of the parkland pontificating about being able to sit back, soaking in the beauty of the lake whilst sipping a ‘chardie’. Those same people might like to note that in the lake environs alcohol is banned.

Another big objection I have concerns the reduced lack of access for dog-owners to the off-leash area. If they cannot drive to the area most of them use to access the beach with their dogs, they are going to park somewhere around the south side of the lake and access via the surf club. They will clog the area with cars, reducing access for those wishing to use the lake. Increased dog numbers around the lake will result in increased faecal matter both close to the lake and around the surf club where small children often crawl, thereby creating a health hazard. Already there are people who ignore the ‘dogs prohibited’ signs around the lake. Even now, some of the dog-walkers leave their poop-bags near the walkway to the beach for us to pick up so reducing the parking near the fitness camp is only going to exacerbate the problem.

Loss of parking space is, of course, another huge consideration. Various numbers have been bandied about in the press but 20, 120, 220 spaces, regardless, the amount of traffic on the southern side of the lake is going to increase dramatically and this will spill over to the western side. It was interesting to note that a picture purporting to show how dangerous the eastern road is showed a woman on a wheelie-walker slap bang in the middle of the road. I’m not sure that makes the road dangerous. Sadly, on **any** of the roads around the lake, there are many people who lapse into holiday mode creating problems for drivers and, of course, there are drivers who prefer to take no notice of pedestrians. Byron Bay is a case in point. Funnelling increased numbers of cars and pedestrians onto the lake’s southern road is most certainly going to create a traffic and pedestrian problem. Interestingly, many of those most vocally advocating closure of the eastern road live within walking distance so loss of parking is not likely to create a problem for them. Closing the eastern road won’t solve a problem, simply move it.

There is such an emphasis on beautification of the lake environs at the expense of the lake. Use the money to improve the lake itself, not on superficial decorations. I assume the idea is to encourage more people via the new facilities, that is, encourage **more** tourists to the area which is going to have **decreased numbers of parking spaces** and **increased visitor numbers** contributing to increased lake pollution, along with more obvious pollution such as bottles, cigarette butts, various forms of plastic, etc. Admittedly, there are other factors contributing to proliferation of blue-green algae but the nitrogen in urine (of which there is a vastly increased amount with vastly increased numbers of visitors over holiday periods) creates nitrates, the algae’s nutrient. Rather than spend money on beautification and amenities (boardwalks, barbecues, wheelchair ramps to the

lake, sandstone seats, picnic tables and the like, turf, plants, etc.) the condition of the lake needs to be rectified. What would be the point of having all these facilities (sadly: man-made; man-made; man-made) so we can enjoy the lake, supposedly, if the natural drawcard has disappeared? Too often the lake is infested with blue-green algae, water hyacinth, salvinia and the like, so that use of the lake becomes restricted or advised against.



What is needed to help maintain the lake health is regular patrolling by a ranger. I would like to see a ranger rostered on regularly to the lake. On the second bay around on the southern side there is frequent erosion takes place at the hands of children. The area has not been maintained appropriately, at all, in fact. Children see the bank, dig into it to create a kind of cave and then the roof 'caves' in, so the grassy area diminishes and the road gets closer to the sandy area. On many occasions I have seen dogs cavorting in the lake and around three sides of the lake, I have seen them defaecating near the edge of the lake, I have alerted people to the no dogs allowed signs and directed them to the off-leash beach. Again, the faecal matter contributes to the lake pollution. There is already a good deal of rubbish on the western side of the lake, this sometimes including the remains of a camp. A ranger would be of great help patrolling this area. The foreshore needs to be protected. A ranger frequently on duty could effectively police the area. Money would be better used on a ranger than on beautification.



The western side of the lake is going to be adversely affected if the eastern road is closed. If people cannot park close to the lake on the east then they will gravitate to easy access locations on the opposite side. Already the number of visitors to the western side of the lake is increasing, something I witness as I row around the lake. There are regular dog-walkers this side of the lake, as well as infrequent campers. The vegetation is already showing evidence of this. Also, Camp Drewe Road will have to take all the fitness camp traffic. While I am quite happy that trucks will be forced to go this way, I sympathise with those who are going to the fitness camp to use their facilities. Since it is said that the fitness camp operates at a loss, the loss of easy access is going to have a detrimental effect on it. There is no evidence of a budget for Camp Drewe Road, a dirt road, potholed and corrugated. It will need to be repaired to accommodate the greatly increased traffic on it. More money. Should this happen, no doubt the land that side of the lake will become more valuable. Are there plans afoot there?

There have been totally ridiculous arguments bandied around against the anti road closure people. It was said that because we voted for certain councillors, mayor included, in our council elections, then we must agree with their decisions. What fallacious reasoning that is! We are presented with a list of nominees from which to choose our representatives. Choosing certain representatives is often the alternative to a donkey vote. Advocates for keeping the eastern road open were criticised for not turning up to meetings and the protest meetings (Councillor Phil Meehan). I have only attended a few as I work and have other commitments. It is a very unfair criticism to say that the lack of attendance shows disinterest. When the closure of the road was first mooted, I was abused by a pro-closure person for saying, at that stage, I was sitting on the fence, something I continued to do until I had attended sufficient meetings and read enough to make a decision.

Closing the eastern road is going to create more problems, especially monetary, than it solves. It has already created great discord in the community. Even if the statistics regarding pro and anti are incorrect, the ratio is surely a good indication of opinion. I have said previously that community consultation is something you do, to tick the box, **after** you have made a decision. From the number of petitioners and attendees at protests, it seems that the opinion of the majority is being ignored. Turning the area around the eastern side of the lake into a playground with all sorts of man-made blots on the escutcheon is totally unnecessary and will, I feel, contribute to greater pollution of the lake. Desecrating a natural beauty is anathema to me. Don't waste money. The Preserve the Lake group has used the mantra: restoration not transformation. I totally concur with this.

Sharron Short
Lennox Head

29 January 2018

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Submission re LAKE AINSWORTH FORESHORE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

File Ref Part V 22.2017/12

Being incorporated for 30 years Ballina Environment Society has watched, debated and participated in the management of the Jewel in the Crown of Ballina Shire – Lake Ainsworth, for a long time.

At this point we can only implore Council to 'get on with it'. The east road must close to traffic. Lennox needs space for people before cars. We support the Plan of Works.

Having participated in the BLEP87, new LEP and DCP, BES realises Lennox has constraints that limit development north and west of the lake. We have no concern closing the east road is a ploy to exploit the Western Precinct.

BES recognises the fears of the community, that this will cause additional pressures on the western road, and watch with determination and dedication future proposals. We are glad that Lennox Land Care in conjunction with Council will have oversight of this precious area and appreciate their skills in restoring the dunes which they have developed over time.

We note that the western road has an adequate riparian zone and the Ecology report for this plan finds no threat to the flora and fauna, but we urge Council to do all in its power to protect this sensitive area which will inevitably come under increasing threat as the population and popularity of Lennox increases.

There are no easy answers to parking in Lennox, but to sacrifice the space between the Lake and the ocean for car parks is short sighted and naive.

Closing the east road shows we respect the lake and treasure the future of Lennox. Closing the east road is a statement that shows Council will respect the lake – for the future.

It will give us:

- Effective storm water control
- A functioning riparian zone to assist with future water quality
- Pedestrian safety

Council's reconsideration to not remove the east road ti-trees is applauded. It is a pity the power lines will not be relocated underground with the new emergency access pathway.

BES understands that with the Pacific Hwy upgrade, and the opening of new residential land, pressure on car parking in Lennox is unsurmountable, but BES has been involved in the process long enough to know the car parking provided on what was the north eastern Caravan Park site, was substitute parking for closing the east road as was creating more spaces on the waterfront south of the surf club.

If Council fails to convert an over-crowded inadequately designed road, into open space, we will not have this opportunity again for a long time. To bring this road up to standard is a virtually impossible task. Delay causing further deterioration is all that can be expected from considering such a plan.

BES commends Council for taking this step forward – we need space for people, not for vehicles.

BES approve of the stormwater measures proposed and the need for fully functioning riparian zones around the whole of the Lake.

We appreciate the removal of exercise equipment and the path through the popular south east corner as well as other modifications from earlier plans.

There is still a shortfall in signage, which does not include information on the detrimental effects of sunscreen and no showers are proposed that would allow people to wash off before jumping in.

Yes please, make the eastern precinct for people, not cars. But do not stop there. Don't make more barbecues with taps flowing directly onto the ground, or boardwalks through ti-tree groves before addressing the rehabilitation of these vegetation communities.



The people of Lennox have shown they care – respect that and show them you do to. Don't take a step backwards and not approve turning the southern and eastern precincts into a well-managed park.

BES looks forward to seeing a full maintenance plan developed soon.

BES supports these foreshore improvement works and urges Council to proceed with this plan.

*Prepared by Fiona Folan MSc(Arch)
President, Ballina Environment Society Inc.
29th January, 2018*

**Personal Submission re: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works
Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

To the General Manager,

My Name is

Date-

My Phone contact -

**Example of pro-forma
submission.**

**Document submitted by
approximately 350 submitters.**

In relation to the Lake Ainsworth Wildlife, the concerning issue is the lack of 'real time' research of traffic volume counts and true statistics in the January holiday season, when the road is actually blocked.

The Camp Drewe Western Road is a Wildlife corridor (from the Lakes over to the Heathland Western side to be specific) and it will be affected by the Part V 22.2017/12 with increased traffic in the Peak of Summer time and all the other warmer month Holiday periods.

This 'overflow of traffic' as a result of 'blocking the Eastern Road' Pacific Parade, will impact the Turtle population as the Freshwater Turtle Hatchlings have been sighted moving at 'Day time' not 'night time' as has been mentioned in the Blackwood Ecological assessment, therefore the population will be affected especially with increased overflow traffic in the peak of Summer time and all Holiday periods' Further to the Hatchlings being affected, there are all types of other Wildlife that will be affected by the overflow traffic.

The Ballina Traffic Count Volume on page 6 is only an estimation, I request a 'real time traffic count'. I suggest doing a mock blocking of the road over the month of January by an impartial traffic counting company of Ballina Council's choice and one to be chosen by the people in objection to the Part V 22.2017/12 Lakes Development Plan.

This factual 'real time traffic count in January' with a mock blocking of the Eastern Road Pacific Parade as intended in the Plans will be sufficient evidence from 2 parties and can be verified as truth.

It is important to note that these Turtle hatchlings have been sighted moving at Day time and they move in the of the peak of Summer time holidays and there is legal proof of this movement.

Signed -

Sue Wade

From: Jane Burges <janeleete@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 5:54 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Councillors
Subject: Submission in SUPPORT of Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'
Attachments: image1.PNG; ATT00001.txt; image1.JPG; ATT00002.txt; image1.JPG; ATT00003.txt

Dear Paul, Council Staff and Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Lake Ainsworth infrastructure works which include the closure of the Eastern Rd to enable the creation of a truly fabulous community asset , specifically a new Parkland.

I have participated in and followed closely many years of community consultation about how to best manage the Lake environs (through LHRA, through reading the various relevant documents and management plans of the last 20 years, by being a member of both the Precinct 1 and the adjacent Precinct 2 consultation committees in approx 2005 ,and most recently through LAIG).I feel the current proposal reflects accurately the findings of those consultations.

There are a number of important reasons why I support this proposal

1. Safety

I do not believe the current arrangement is safe- specifically the coexistence of cars reversing from car parks into the same space as people are walking, children and others are sitting on the edge of the lake, prams, bikes, wheelchairs are moving as well as cars travelling in two directions - add to this the unpredictability of children and there is not enough margin for error.

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.DIANE WATT.....
.14. KINGS COURT.....
.HENNOX HEAD.....

.19 /12/2017

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience - Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support paid parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely

.....*Diane Watt*.....

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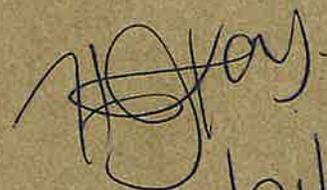
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Submission from Lennox Head Residents Association
29 January 2018

Under the current Lennox Head Residents' Association (LHRA) policy, the organisation supports Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements

The issues that concern LHRA are very similar to the results of the 1999 community consultation. That is:

- 1) Lake health.
- 2) Pedestrian safety.
- 3) Retaining a natural feel in ever growing suburban surrounds.

Which in turn are similar to LHRA Lennox residents' 2015 survey results:

- 1) Natural features and health of the lake & beach be given priority.
- 2) Retaining village atmosphere.
- 3) Increased safe pedestrian, bike, elderly & pram friendly access.

Then again, during Lake Ainsworth Interest Group (Ballina Environment Society, Lennox Landcare and LHRA) recent information stalls these same key priorities were recurring topics of conversation.

The Part V 22.2017/12

Disabled access

LHRA supports any additional wheelchair access to the water, in the southern corner.

Dogs

The dog washing facilities are not specified on this plan; however they have been a consistent feature prior. LHRA supports the installation of these facilities in this upcoming project.

As well, as bringing the off-leash boundary further south.

Open safe space

LHRA supports the separation of people from vehicles in a recreational space; additionally, this is accepted Best Practice worldwide.

Sustainable lake water quality

LHRA supports all Best Practice management to ensure sustainability of the lake and that it is implemented sooner not later.

Natural bushland beach feel

A constant concern is that the parkland will be a typical suburban park of monoculture with rigorously lined up plantings. Some expressions have been "not a sanitised feel" and "I don't want it yuppy-fied."

Other comments have referred to the use of sandstone, as being not authentic to Lennox, instead there is a preference for timber hardwood benches that most associate with the Lennox identity.



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Many are relieved to know that Lennox Head Landcare is taking care of new green space and they're anticipating informal plantings of a variety of native plants and shade trees in a pleasant scruffy beach amenity.

Additional feedback

Parking

We acknowledge Council's efforts in being responsive to the community on the matter of parking concerns, whilst maintaining the integrity of the improvements.

However, a concern in accommodating the increased parking is the loss of the natural feel. Often referred to comparison is the Lighthouse Beach car park, apart from the hot tarmac feature which is not going to happen at the Lake, there is minimal landscaping.

LHRA supports permeable infiltration of green parking surfaces and mass planting of variety of natives (fast & slow growers) for shade and scruffy beach amenity in any future car parking areas.

Friends of Lake Ainsworth (FOLA) request

It is exciting that so many volunteers want to be part of these improvements; therefore maintenance of the new gardens would be much easier for them with more taps installed throughout the planned area.

Drop-off zone

So drivers can unload/collect gear & people, LHRA supports a 5 minute drop-off/pick-up zone and nearby seat at the entry to the eastern foreshore.

4WD permit dispenser

Relocate the 4WD Permit dispenser to the west to alleviate the traffic pressure on the corner of Pacific Parade & Camp Drewe Rd.

There are people who still believe it is for paid parking therefore better signage too, that specifies its purpose.

Camp Drewe Rd

Strategies to:

- 1) Discourage non-target traffic from continuing along Camp Drewe Rd beyond the southern side turn-around bay.
- 2) Reduce risk to road users, human and animals alike, by reducing & enforcing the speed limit.
- 3) Control foot traffic to the western foreshore.

"Respecting the Lake" education

Water quality: There appears to be many in the community and visitors alike, who simply use the lake as a toilet and waste disposal.

However, what goes in the lake stays in the lake.



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It can be suggested that ease of accessibility equates to a disregard or devaluing of a unique lake. In comparison, Fraser Island's closed dunal lakes are a 2km walk and visitors respect requests to not use the lakes as toilets and take out what they brought with them.

The Lake does not have a 2km buffer zone therefore education is urgently needed to increase respect and care of the lake, to ensure sustainability.

The LHRA supports any collaboration between Council and Landcare which encourages respect for the Lake, riparian zones and parkland and engages people in doing their bit for looking after the area.

Conclusion

In conclusion- LHRA are supportive of the overall plan for Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements and hope that Council considers the additional feedback in the final design and complete the project, the sooner the better.

This toxic ambiguity which is hanging over the community has got to end.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.A. Wilcox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Wilcox

President, Lennox Head Residents' Association

for Lennox Head Residents' Association.

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**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition / concerns about the following aspects of the proposal (give your reasons for each aspect you list)

- unconditional support providing adequate replacement parking is provided.
- please do not compromise to those who choose to drive rather than walk.
-

I would like to see the following included as well.

- To make sure the picnic parkland is of a standard to complement the beautiful lake.
- Best environmental designs be implemented as proposed.

Yours
(Name)

Faithfully

Bruce Turner. (BRUCE TURNER)

Andrea Turner (ANDREA TURNER)

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

(P.S. CLOSE THE ROAD AND START WORK ASAP.)

I have studied the documents to reach my decision for total support

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Want to see 'Lake Ainsworth Parkland' finally happen? We need your voice!

The consultation documents for the Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works have been released and if you SUPPORT the idea of a PARKLAND on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, NOW is the time to let Council know.

Here's what you can do

Write a submission SUPPORTING the new parkland before 29th January 2018.

This can be via an email to council@ballina.nsw.gov.au or physical letter to The General Manager, Ballina Shire Council, PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2478.

What to include in your submission

- In the subject line make sure to quote the Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'
- Your submission doesn't have to be long. State your position on the parkland proposal and reasons for it. Pedestrian safety, increasing recreational space, enhancing visual amenity, improving foreshore environments, updated stormwater infrastructure and better access for the elderly and disabled are all good reasons to SUPPORT this proposal.

- You could also suggest any ideas you have to improve the parkland design e.g. styles of picnic facilities, paths and seating, ideas to improve disabled access or any other features to enhance visual amenity and usability.

Your name doesn't need to appear in public

If you wish to remain anonymous you can state that in the submission too, however, you still need to provide your name.

Where to find the documents

To see all the consultation documents relating to the Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works and the new parkland visit www.ballina.nsw.gov.au and go to the "Documents on Exhibition" section.

Alternatively you can view in hard copy @ Lennox Library.

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- ALL AS PER PART 'V'
- ESPECIALLY REMOVE EASTERN RD FOR SAFETY + MOVEMENT CONVENIENCE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, ELDERLY + DISABLED
- POSSIBLE MORE DISABLE RAMP INTO LAKE
- SEAL WEST ROAD + BAN PARKING + ACCESS INTO LAKE FROM WEST

I would like to see the following included as well.

- CARAVAN PARK FENCED
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON SOUTH ROAD


Yours

(Name) Robert WILCOX - LENNOX HEAD

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

Sue Wade

From: Jane Burges <janeleete@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 7:01 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Attention Paul Hickey, John Truman, Steve Barnier, James Brideson, Jamie Fwd: Lake Rally on Saturday synopsis (with some thoughts)

Dear Paul, John, Steve, James and Jamie,

If you are involved in the discussion and decision making around the proposed Lake Ainsworth improvements, I would be grateful if you could read the email stream below with my account of the Lake Rally on Saturday. At the Parkland information stall over the weekend there were a lot of supporters of the prioritising of people over cars to create a Parkland. A big theme amongst residents and visitors from both sides of the debate is the importance of retaining the natural ambience of the lake, with the man made structures being as natural and low key as possible to allow the natural beauty and serenity of the lake to be the focus. (eg retain and add more of the simple hardwood bench seats typical of Lennox rather than sandstone blocks)



Thank you for all you have done so far on this project which has such amazing potential,
With kindest regards,
Jane Leete

Sent from my iPad

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<phil.meehan@ballina.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Lake Rally on Saturday synopsis (with some thoughts)

Dear Mayor David and Councillors,

I thought you may be interested in my synopsis of proceedings at the Lake Rally on Saturday. My husband Craig Leete has recordings if you would like clarification. I feel it is important to be aware of the messages being given prior to the signatures and form letters, and also of the signs (which I know you have received some photos of) and lack of documents and accurate factual information accessible to Rally attendants at the site.

There was some common ground, particularly much of what Aboriginal Elder, Lois Cook said. Also a clear wish to retain the natural ambience around the lake.

A frustration is the constant referral to closing off " access" to the Lake, rather than specifying that it is only vehicle access being blocked with a specific intention of improving access for pedestrians including those with impaired mobility and picnickers.

With kindest regards,

Jane Leete.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Burges <janeleete@icloud.com>
Date: 13 January 2018 at 10:49:10 pm AEDT

Subject: Lake Rally today

Craig,Lyn Walker and I attended the rally today to witness what was said. Craig and Lyn recorded the speakers. I took notes. Here is my outline.

While people were gathering a message came over the loudspeaker asking visitors and people gathered "If you want to see this area kept and maintained come and sign the letter"

They also invited and encouraged children of all ages to sign both the attendance and the form letter.

Lois Cook did the Welcome to Country and gave a short speech. Interestingly her thoughts and ideas actually seemed much more closely aligned to the Parkland position. She explained that the Eastern side of the lake has traditionally been a family area, while the western side is not culturally appropriate to visit. She advocated best practice water management, protecting the heritage, maintaining lifestyle, addressing climate change, respecting Mother Earth,preserve for next generation,"

don't want to be consulted want to be listened to".

At the end of the rally Lois spoke again and said "preserve what we have and improve what we have for the greater vision for our families and kids"

Pip then spoke for about 1/2 hour.

Pip talked of the 130 vehicles currently parked along Eastern road being pushed onto neighbourhood roads. He then said they would then have to walk to the lake and said

"200 people walking is a safety risk". (I can't work out the logic of this- is he saying it is unsafe to be a pedestrian anywhere in Lennox? Why is it dangerous to walk from eg Stewart st to the lake??")

He said all the parked cars will be using southern rd

He said he doesn't want any areas " accessible by people closed off" (he seems to equate vehicle access with people access)

He was then misleading and fear mongering re paid parking. Sure he said there were no plans for paid parking but he described timed parking as likely to equate to paid parking due to possible fines if you stay longer than 1-2 hours. He also made references to " if it looks like a duck" very much insinuating that there was a hidden agenda re parking

He wants the road reserve legalised

He talked about plainc door knocking results- he stated 90% in favour. Said they talked to the people for ages etc. he then asked the audience to confirm that they agreed that 90% of Lennox people want road open- not surprisingly the rally audience agreed and I got the impression pip and some of the audience believed this proved it to be true that 90% support☺

Pip then laid into David over article in yesterday's northern star.

Claimed the mayor was " questioning your intelligence "

Pip denied ever mentioning vegetation destruction.

Pip talked about recent airport parking crackdown and the fines people received with clear purpose of creating doubt and fear that this would happen here.

Pip conceded his comments re 220 lost car parks were incorrect.

" disability people have the same rights as people who walk on their legs"

Ben Smith

"About keeping Lake Ainsworth open for everyone "

Said council" had the solutions and had done nothing for 20 years"

Ben stated we can have everything (presumably plan b)

Peter Thorp, a retired engineer from . Tintenbar was fairly calm but described the situation as " parks vs access"

He believed that 15-20 metres of sand could be put along the foreshore.

Simon Jones opened with " complacency lost us the markets"

" every car will go past the caravan park"

" our legal position was 100% correct "

"We've been flexible but not reciprocated "

"Fitness camp "

Described road as " functioning infrastructure environment "

" cart before the horse- bulldoze the road and worry about it later"

Craig has a photo of a sign there saying " timed parking= paid parking"

If you want to clarify anything we have the recordings. (I haven't listened again yet, the above is from my notes.)

Cheers,

Jane

Sent from my iPad

Sue Wade

From: Lyn Walker <lynwalker@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 2 February 2018 10:12 AM
To: Jason Dwyer
Cc: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Political interference in Lake Ainsworth eastern road matters

Mr Jason Dwyer
Manager
Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
Lennox Head, NSW 2478

Dear Jason,

Re: Political Interference in Eastern road matters: Part V Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works File # 22.2017/12

Mr Pip Carter, President of Preserving Lake Ainsworth, has widely distributed as a public form letter to present as a submission to Ballina Shire Council statements purporting to represent the Sport and Recreation position in favour of keeping the eastern road open. Not only is it clearly a political activity, it is also a position at odds with letters that have been received from the Minister of Sport and from the Department of Primary Industry in which this Sport ministry lies.

Furthermore, it is inappropriate for someone to be permitted to put forth a position on Sport and Recreation Centre's behalf as part of a public submission even were that to be the Centre's position.

The letter has been in the public arena for at the last two months. The letter has recently been altered (13/1/2018) as a result of a letter to the Advocate comment from me. However, the original form letters will still have been submitted and the principle remains.

Did you, authorise the statement made by Mr Carter or justify it in any way?

If not I believe that you have a clear duty to make a public complaint about the matter to counteract these political statements prior to these letters coming before Council for a decision. I believe that you need also to ask for a public apology from Preserving Lake Ainsworth.

I attach Mr Carter's form letter for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Lyn Walker
48 Barrett Dr
Lennox Head

2/2/2018

ps: the shell motif is for my identification purposes only and not part of the letter.

Name.....
Address.....
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Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited/paid parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

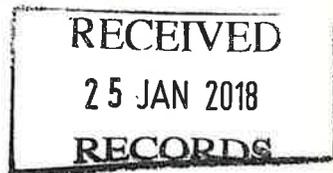
Yours Sincerely

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removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth,

1 The Crest
Lennox Head

25-1-2018



The Manager
Ballina Shire Council

This is a protest at the proposed closure of Lake Road,
Lennox Head.

It gives access to an area which is enjoyed by
very many ratepayers, residents and visitors
regularly.

Council's proposal will severely restrict the number
of people who use it. Picnicers like to park close to
their picnic spot, which probably won't happen when
all those extra parking spaces are lost.

Unfortunately Council has neglected this road.
It has received no attention in the eleven years we
have lived here. I cannot understand how the Mayor
can say the road is dangerous, yet still the Council
does nothing about cars parallel parking on the
lake side of the road.

Surely a continuous yellow line on that side of the road
and some policing would fix the problem.

Council should listen to the many people who
have protested that they don't want this road
closed, as they are the majority.

Joan Lamont

Derek Audus
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20 January 2018

This letter is in opposition to the council Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works as advertised by Ballina Council.

I have been in the habit of monitoring the parking situation around the lake on busy days and it is obvious that the changes to the parking arrangements will result in cars parked well beyond Ross Street. I believe this issue has been raised in many forums so I will not discuss this further, suffice it to say the parking is of major concern to me and that I can be contacted regarding counts I have done of parked vehicles in the area.

I am opposed to the closure of the Eastern Road of Lake Ainsworth for several reasons:

1. There will be a loss of amenity where cars are unable to get close to bathing locations along the Eastern foreshore of the lake and I do not believe that lake users (particularly older people) will feel comfortable carrying chairs, bags and picnics from significant distances – probably Ross Street and further away given the loss in parking spaces.
2. I am concerned about traffic flows with respect to pedestrians on the South side of the lake where there will be significantly increased traffic.
3. I am concerned about the increased traffic on the Camp Drewe Road. I have used my bicycle on that road on many occasions and been shocked by vehicles travelling at high speed kicking up pebbles and dust with little concern for cyclists.
4. I think there will be a greater risk of serious vehicle accidents on the Camp Drewe Road with increased traffic.
5. The dust from the Camp Drewe Road must surely also be an issue for the lake and the surrounding bush.
6. Increased traffic on the Camp Drewe Road may also lead to a higher risk of bushfires caused by careless smokers in vehicles or through fire started by vehicle accidents. Not to mention the reduced access for fire fighting vehicles by closing the Eastern Road.

As a regular user of the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre for playing tennis several times per week I currently access this facility on a bicycle via the Eastern Road. This provides convenient and safe access. I have not been told this cycle access will cease however I would appreciate confirmation that with the proposed changes that bicycle access will still be available via the new pathway on the Eastern side of the lake. Should this not be the case then given issues I have listed above there could be a high risk of serious accidents to cyclists on the Camp Drewe Road.

Thank you for considering my submission. I trust that Council and councillors will give due consideration all submissions submitted and vote according to the wishes of the majority.

Yours faithfully

Derek Audus

Sue Wade

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 11:08 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: FW: Additional notes on my Submission for DA 010.2017.00000216.000

From: Louise Southerden [mailto:lousouth@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 11:01 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Additional notes on my Submission for DA 010.2017.00000216.000

Dear Ballina Council,

After visiting the LAIG information stall last weekend in Lennox, I'd like to add a few more thoughts to my submission, document number 18/2974 please.

A few suggested features I'd like to see included in the new parkland:

- I'd like to see **bike racks**, at both ends of the park, for those of us who would like to arrive by bicycle.
- It'd be good to have a **5-minute drop-off zone** at the southern end of the park to allow those visitors with gear (eskies, folding chairs, etc) to drop their gear and drive away to park their car. Perhaps there could even be a wheelbarrow service, used like shopping trolleys for a gold coin refundable deposit, to allow people to take their stuff to the furthest end of the park without their cars? (Since this seems to be one reason people want to keep the road open.)
- I hope there will still be sandy **surf access paths** from the park, as there are now along the eastern road. One of the joys of living in Lennox is being able to have a dip in the surf then rinse off in the lake afterwards.
- I know paid parking isn't on the agenda, but I hope there will be **no timed parking** either - here or at any of the beach carparks in Lennox.

Thanks again for all Council has done to work with the community and let us all have a say in the future of Lake Ainsworth.

Best of luck with the submissions and I look forward to a more natural, car-less, safer lake experience in the near future!

Louise Southerden.

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From: Ballina Shire Council <BallinaShireCouncil@ballina.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2018 9:24 AM
To: lousouth@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: CM - FW: Submission for DA 010.2017.00000216.000

Thank you for your submission. It has been allocated document number 18/2974 and forwarded to Peter Drew in the Development Services section.

Submissions are publicly available documents, and as such they may be included in business paper reports to Councillors and published to council's website. As you did not request confidentiality in your submission, it may be published.

If you do not wish your submission to be publicly available please contact us. A written request for confidentiality may be required.

Should you require further information please contact Peter on 6686 1254.

Regards

Samantha Handley
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Dear Ballina Council,

I'm writing to voice my SUPPORT for the current DA for the proposed Lake Ainsworth Upgrade Works.

As a Lennox Head resident who visits the lake daily, sometimes twice a day, I strongly SUPPORT the proposed parkland and the closure of the eastern road alongside Lake Ainsworth for a number of reasons:

- I love the idea of increased public green spaces for recreation and picnics alongside the lake - we need more car-free spaces in our region, to encourage us all to walk more, and Lake Ainsworth is

a great place to start. I don't live within walking distance of the lake, but am confident that Council has allowed for car parking and access to make up for the impending road closure.

- I swim in the lake almost every day and am tired of having to "look both ways" as soon as I get out of the water to avoid being hit by a car. I also want to be able to sit by the lake without having cars cruise past close enough to touch.
- I am looking forward to the eroded foreshore of the lake being restored to ensure that the lake remains healthy and doesn't suffer from runoff of petrochemicals from passing cars (among other pollutants). To me, the future of the lake is more important than being able to drive right to the water's edge.
- I believe the parkland will make the lake safer to visit and more accessible for everyone, including those with prams and disabilities.
- This issue has lingered long enough and caused an ugly divisiveness in our beautiful little town, and I hope it can finally be laid to rest with this DA and the new parkland created as soon as possible.

In terms of suggestions, I hope the lakeside park will be as natural as possible - a few seats and picnic tables perhaps (I love the idea of sandstone blocks to sit on) and a smooth walking path, perhaps a few solar-powered lights for safety, but not much else.

Thank you for your hard work on this issue.

Louise

Louise Southerden
65 Survey Street, Lennox Head

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Ref: Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements
29 January 2018

Originally, I was unsupportive of the eastern road closing and the extension of Gibbon St through the caravan. It looked so charming.

However, my views changed when I undertook the Gibbon St residents' traffic safety survey. Whereby, if I am asking for safety of people over vehicles on Gibbon St, I must apply that value to the eastern road too.

As my knowledge grew, I learnt about the lake health issues too and realised that its health and people wellbeing and safety get priority over vehicle access. There is simply not enough room to accommodate lake care, people care and cars access.

Or community and environmental responsibility is given priority over personal convenience.

Therefore, I support the plans with some additional thoughts.

- 1) That the lake parkland & car park gardens are informal.
- 2) That the embellishments re-enforce the scruffy beachy character of Lennox such as the hardwood timber seating.
- 3) Off-leash dog area starts further south and the dog washing facilities are installed.
- 4) The western side of the lake and Camp Drewe Rd comes under more vigilance for speeding, anti-social behaviour and environmental vandalism.
- 5) The interface of the Caravan Park and council responsibility is not porous.
- 6) Education that improves the public respect for the fragility of the lake, recognises its uniqueness and provides specific behaviours for people on these matters.

Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements plans are the results of nearly 20 years of council, expert, government orgs and community effort, which cannot be waylaid by anymore vexatious delaying strategies. It is rate payers' money being wasted.

I am not alone in saying; I am personally exhausted by the bullying I have endured for supporting these plans.

Please get going.

Kind regards

Monica Wilcox

2/58 Gibbon St, Lennox Head, 2478.

Sue Wade

From: oceanarc - paul jones <paul@oceanarc.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 12:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: The General Manager and Part V 22.2017.122
Attachments: IMG_6152.jpg

To the General Manager,

As a land owner and community member of Lennox Head I wish to object to the closure of the view corridor to Lake Ainsworth from Stewart Street as shown in the attached image.



Historically this view corridor was open affording a pleasant view to the lake providing a sense of place, orientation and connection for the community.

Over the years the gradual privatisation of the Crown Lands holiday park has resulted in the fencing off of public amenity in the form of the view afforded and ease of access to the Lake recreation area. This is a retrograde development for Lennox Head and Ballina Shire Council should be doing more to protect and enhance the village amenity for the general community.

I would like to request that opening, preserving and improving views to the lake and public access across the crown caravan park reserve be include in the current Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works. Your response would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Paul Jones

oceanarc

Paul Anthony Jones AIA reg. no. 6042

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TO Ballina Shire Council
FROM Lennox Head Women's Group
RE Council Plans for Lake Ainsworth- ref. Part V 22.2017/12
DATE 29th January 2018

Members of this group are informed about Council plans for changes to the Lake Ainsworth surrounds. Ours is a smallish group of women, valuing social justice and involved with support of various kinds and information exchange. We hold small, low profile events in Lennox Head and some of these involve using the Lake Ainsworth environs.

We would like to assert that we whole-heartedly agree with Council's intentions and especially the freeing up of the narrow strip between the lake and the beach by taking that road out.

We note that Ballina's community profile shows an ageing population, with 1 in 4 people over 60 years or more. (See appendix.) Some members of our group are elderly, and even though not all older people have difficulties with walking, we want to be able to walk on even/level pathways and have suitable seats in the Council's open spaces like the environs of Lake Ainsworth. This also goes for people using wheeled walkers, walking sticks and gophers – so when we want to get out and about we don't have to negotiate rough paths, uneven ground and dangerous kerbs. This way as older people we will be included and feel respected and valued as members of our local community. Some women look after their frail and/or infirm partners and pushing wheelchairs over rough ground is a deterrent to going out into the fresh air. Further we assert that disabled people are everywhere, and within all age groups and deserve to use the outdoors too. We note the Council's and Australian Human Rights Commission's guidelines concerning access. (See appendix.)

Others of our members have young children and want smooth paths for pushing strollers and to lessen the chances of little kids falling over on the rough ground. Also we've noticed the littlies crossing over to the lake from the surf club when they're there for nippers swimming classes. It's very dangerous with the cars all about them. Surely the kids deserve a safe walk there, and so another reason to take out that road.

A plus is having a walking path instead of that road on the east side especially as health professionals advise regular walking. In Australia obesity is a huge problem, so let's walking a safe and enjoyable experience. How lovely to walk along the lake's edge and know there'll be no cars roaring by and playing chicken with us!

This lake road business has been discussed for long enough and we are not impressed with the misinformation and shoddy lobbying by those wanting the convenience of driving and parking their cars right next to the water, at the expense of a more natural environment. We hope that the truth will prevail about the benefit of plans and that Council will move precisely to close that road and make it a green place in which to relax. The truth is that things once despised become accepted and even enjoyed.

In the expectation of your plans coming to fruition,
Yours sincerely,

Kate Lavender
Convenor, Lennox Head Women's Group
C/- PO Box 184, Lennox Head 2478

APPENDIX - (1) AGEING POPULATION – Excerpt from Ballina Shire - Community Profile

https://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-NYH-82-17-10

The Shire has an ageing population with 1 in 4 people aged 60 or above. Five retirement villages accommodate aged persons in the Shire. These being the Crowley Retirement Village, the Ex-Services Home, St Andrews Village and Sovereign Gardens Retirement Village located in Ballina and the Seventh Day Adventist Retirement Village in Alstonville.

- (2) ACCESS

• **Aust Human Rights Commission** <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/frequently-asked-questions-access-premises#footpath>

• **Ballina Shire Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021 (May 2017)**

https://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-IBD-11-05-66 =====

Evelle Bhaselung
12 Gibbon St.,
Lennox Head NSW

3-12-17

The General Manager - Mayor and Councillors

Dear Sirs, Madams,

Safety First

The police patrol Lake Ainsworth regularly North
south, east & west.

Without patrols on the eastern side of the lake,
a repeat of what occurred between 1992 + 1995
could happen.

Several early morning and late afternoon female
swimmers were stalked. One by one they stopped
swimming. I was one of those swimmers.

I reported the perpetrator to the police.

It was 4 years before I returned there to swim.

Do you know what it is like to be stalked?

If safety is what you want for everyone --
please leave the eastern side road at Lake
Ainsworth open.

O.R. maybe now the "gay" laws have changed
you might prefer Lennox to become like
Tyagarah Beach or Kings Beach! No offence to the
Heaven helps us then! genuine gay couples

[Incidentally of all things primroses grew on the
section where the now compacted soil is halfway along.]

I have a photographic memory

Sincerely

Evelle Bhaselung

P.S There was actually another
pervert hanging around, hiding behind reeds.

Sue Wade

From: Joanne Cordery
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 9:03 AM
To: Development and Environmental Health Group Support Staff
Subject: FW: BSC SUBMISSIONS RE LAKE AINSWORTH WORKS

Categories: Planning

Hi Girls – not sure where to register this or to whom to task it.

Can you please do both.

Thanks

Jo

Joanne Cordery
Group Secretary



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From: John Truman
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 9:00 AM
To: Joanne Cordery
Subject: FW: BSC SUBMISSIONS RE LAKE AINSWORTH WORKS

Jo – please register and task to Development Services. Thanks.

John Truman
Group Manager - Civil Services



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From: John Truman
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:59 AM
To: 'Lavender'
Subject: RE: BSC SUBMISSIONS RE LAKE AINSWORTH WORKS

Hello Lavender,

Council's Development Section is responsible for the assessment of our application.

I have forwarded your email to the Development Section for their response to you.

Regards

John Truman

John Truman
Group Manager - Civil Services



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From: Lavender [<mailto:lavender75@bigpond.com>]
Sent: Monday, 11 December 2017 7:00 PM
To: John Truman
Subject: BSC SUBMISSIONS RE LAKE AINSWORTH WORKS

Dear John,

BSC SUBMISSIONS RE LAKE AINSWORTH WORKS

Would you, or your relevant staff member please give me some information about the process by which Council will be dealing with the submissions/suggestions concerning the Lake Aisnworth works under Part v (EP&A Act)?

1. Which section of Council will receive these?
2. Which section of Council will collate these?
3. Will they be sorted according to the various components/aspects of the planned works (eg. BBQ facilities, eastern road replacement with the access track, disability access, pedestrian safety) or according to other criteria? If the latter, what are these?

4. Who will assess the submissions/suggestions?
5. Will Council staff make recommendations responding to these submissions?
6. On what basis will Council's recommendations be made?
7. Will Council's summary and recommendations be made public?
8. Will all submissions/suggestions be placed on the Council website? If not, which will be? If so on what date?

I thank you for your attention.

Kind regards,

Lavender.

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Alstonville
NSW 2477

Attention: Peter Drew

23 January 2018

Dear Sir,

Re: Part V 2017/12, Part V Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works.

The Part V Assessment prepared by DAC Planning Pty Ltd for the above works including the attached plans and Ecological Report have been reviewed.

Subject to comments as indicated below the assessment appears to be generally sound and the proposal is strongly supported.

In putting forward this proposal Council has assumed its prime responsibility over everything else - to protect and preserve Lake Ainsworth and its environs. This is iterated at 6.1.5 (final Paragraph) of the assessment: "to embellish preserve and protect the foreshore and Lake Ainsworth to ensure that it remains available as a safe and sustainable recreation area". This proposal continues the program of works recommended to achieve that responsibility. Relocation of the 4WD access track to Seven Mile Beach created outcry at the time, but its removal has happened, and in doing so reduced the potential for that access to allow premature inundation from the sea.

It should now dismiss the efforts of those who would for the sake of what appears to be selfish reasons wish to continue to bring private vehicles into close proximity with the Lake's Eastern shore when over many years the various studies into management of the Lake and its environs with significant public consultative stages recommended this be discontinued. The present road carriageway is not even within a designated road reserve. The same studies also recommended vehicular access to the southern shoreline be similarly restricted however this option could not occur without the support of the NSW State Government that now controls the Caravan Park which would have had to be bisected (through a designated road reserve) to achieve this. Unfortunate though this is it provides a compromise for the supporters of proximate road access, in that this proposal builds a new carriageway and enhances car parking along the southern side of the lake. Minimal hard stand area and appropriate treatment of storm-water runoff goes some way to achieving the objectives behind the recommendation for closing this road also. Formalising this as proposed should ensure a much safer, environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing result.

The plans and details demonstrate access between the ocean and the lake will be retained for pedestrians (including properly designed access for the disabled), together with vehicular emergency access to the subject area and to the north for emergency vehicles and all weather access for service vehicles to address the water supply, communications, power and sewage services that have been installed through the strip of land bounding the eastern side of the lake. Recreational opportunity will be substantially enhanced. This does not restrict access to anyone, rather it allows more people to access and utilise the space between the lake and the beach in greater safety.

The short walk from car parking is well under what one would have to undertake to attend a match at the "Gabba" or indeed many of the other natural areas of the State. If at times during holidays the "carrying capacity" of the area is exceeded then this is no different to many other places.

If there is to be any criticism of the Part V assessment it is that the documentation would have benefitted by including a review of the literature prior to the 2002 Lake Ainsworth Management Plan. A great deal of work was contributed to addressing the Lake's problems going back into the 90's during which studies into how the lake works were undertaken by Australian Water and Coastal Studies (AWACS Report 96-07-02), D.C. Van Senden, L.C. Howells, P.G. Anderson et al 1996; under the auspices of the then Lake Ainsworth Management Committee, utilising the Government Estuary Management Manual as a guide. This work was funded partly by state instrumentalities and Council. In addition to elected Councillors, and representative of the Government Departments involved this committee had community representation from the Ballina Environment Society and the Lennox Head Residents Association (and Dunecare Group). General public consultation took place at the stages required in the Manual with many of the meetings well attended.

The AWACS document included a section on the Lake's ecology (The Ecology Lab Pty Ltd) that could have enhanced the work of Blackwoods Ecological Services. A Management Study and the Lake Ainsworth Estuary Management Plan followed that, and in turn informed in part the referenced 2002 Plan.

One Factor that is not addressed in the current proposal (that is a surprising omission) is that the undergrounding of the powerline that runs parallel with the eastern road. Whilst ever aerial conductors remain, there will be an obligation for safety and integrity of the powerline that the tree canopy be pruned. This work significantly affects the integrity of the tree canopy that forms part of the remaining littoral forest between the ocean and the lake. The subject proposal would be greatly enhanced if through co-operation with the owners of the powerline it could be placed underground as part of these works. Once the new concrete path is in place it could prove much more difficult to underground the power without damage to tree roots given how narrow the strip of land is.

It is noted that steps are proposed to address foreshore erosion, a point that goes right back to the AWACS report recommendations. The AWACS report also recommended that stormwater runoff and pedestrian access be spread rather than concentrated. These points need to be taken into account in the final design particularly with the stormwater entry points.

The proposal therefore is generally consistent with the recommendations of the many plans and studies that have been undertaken and subject to extensive public review since the 90's and should be proceeded with in confidence that it has the backing of most people. Don Apps (Lennox Head Dune Care) and Brian Smith (Lennox Head Residents Association) both now deceased, who worked tirelessly for many years to physically enhance the Lake environment would applaud the closure of the Eastern Road, works to control erosion and enhancement of vegetation as proposed.

It is hoped that the works will be commenced as soon as practicable.

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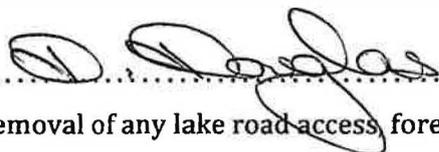
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited/paid parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely


removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth,

Sue Wade

From: Tamara Smith <Tamara.Smith@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 4:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re Council Project File Reference "Part V 22.2017/12"

Dear Paul

I wholeheartedly support Council's plans to close the Eastern Road alongside Lake Ainsworth to traffic and to create a parkland for pedestrians.

I would like to see a beautiful space dedicated to people, including the many tourists the Lake attracts, not preserved for cars, a mode of transport which may not even be used in 50 years' time.

The current roadway next to the Lake is a narrow space and I have concerns about the safety of pedestrians walking up and down a two-way road. The road is incredibly close to the waters of the Lake and I would be concerned that a vehicle will go into the water at some point. I have heard of many near misses and as a lake user myself I am often very nervous about pulling out when I am parked at the lake as you cannot see children effectively and you are so close to campers at peak times.

I would like to see the foreshore environment improved and better access for the elderly and disabled. Picnic facilities such as tables, barbeques, rubbish bins and a changing room and toilet facility for swimmers and paddlers would be welcome additions.

Updating the stormwater infrastructure is necessary to maintain the water quality of the lake and the health of those who use it and I support plans that will enable this work to be carried out.

I would like to see native plants which encourage the wildlife of the Lake to flourish, used where possible for any new planting work that needs to be done around the Lake.

Warm Regards,
Tamara

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From: Annie <starfish2@bcps.org.au>
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2018 8:59 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: council project file reference Part V 22.2017/12 LAKE AINSWORTH PLANS

Hi I would like to express my opinion regarding the plans for Lake Ainsworth.

I have lived at Lennox Head for 20 years. I was also an employee of sport and rec for 7 years.

I am a regular user of the lake. I strongly agree with the **road being CLOSED** for the following reasons:

- For the safety of the many children who swim and play in this area. It is a miracle that a child has not been run over by a speeding car, especially as many kids run from the surf club or toilets straight across the road.
- Many people do not drive at the correct speed limit on the road which has the potential to cause accidents.
- The way people park along the road at the moment is a nightmare, crowded and difficult for others to get past.
- The road is in a bad state and is obviously causing issues in regards to the health of the lake.
- Dog walker complain about not being able to park but they can park near the surf club and walk either down the path that is going to be created or get onto the beach from the SC
- There will be ample parking near the caravan park and around the other sides of the lake.
- I am so happy that the plans will ensure disabled and elderly will have an easier access to the lake.
- Having more grass and picnic area will be fantastic especially at the busy holiday times.
- I also drive around the back of the lake to access 4WD track and up the very end of the road to get onto the quieter part of the beach. I do not find this an issue at all.
- I would love to see some exercise benches/bars around the lake area (similar to the sort of equipment they have on the Gold Coast strip)
- Perhaps some bike racks too , more BBQs and taps.

Thank you for the opportunity to have a say. I must add I am quite frustrated with some of the lies, bullying and one sided selfish and loud voices from the people who oppose the changes.

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From: Duncan Atkins <duncanatkins@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 9:39 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parkland Submission Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Dear General Manager and Councillors,

Thank you for all your time and effort to date to get such a great proposal to this final stage!

I support the Closure and removal of the eastern Road and the immediate works to create a parkland on the eastern side of the lake.

The parkland will create a much larger and safer recreational space for everyone to enjoy and I believe will become a well utilised amenity for the community of Lennox Head.

There are general safety issues on the eastern road. As there is no formal pedestrian access cars and people must share the same space. While some argue that there have not been any serious accidents reported, there are many people including myself that do not use the road due to the safety concerns. I look forward to being able to cycle down the new path with my children to access the eastern side of the lake without worrying about cars.

With the increasing population of Lennox Head, we will need the extra green space around the lake. As well as that the health of the lake and the surrounding area can only benefit from the removal of the road and all the storm water runoff into the lake. It will be great to see the wildlife return to the eastern side of the lake.

The addition of the increased disabled facilities both parking and access ramps into the lake will be of great benefit to many people.

Additional suggestions for your consideration.

Parking

The issue of parking has a lot of attention and seems to be hard to actual put numbers on. I live in Patricia Parade and use Ross St as my main access. To date I have never seen Ross Street full. Even during the last Surf Carnival and right through the current holiday period. Obviously if the eastern rd was to close then this would be utilised more and people would need to park in the neighbouring streets. As the Lennox Head population grows this will become more of an issue but I would rather see cars parked outside my property than retain the eastern road as a car park.

I support the implementation of timed parking as suggested by Councillor Jeff Johnson between 1am and 5am to help to move the caravan park customers vehicles back inside the caravan park. Around 100 cars are parked overnight around the caravan park during the busy part of the holiday season, so this would completely offset the closure of the eastern rd.

This would also deter overnight parking of campervans. Especially now as the Byron Shire start to tighten the rules regarding illegal camping. We are already starting to see the overflow into Lennox Head. This could potentially be extended further along Pacific Parade with consideration for residents who park in those areas.

General amenities

I have heard some discussion about the design of the facilities as far as taking away from the natural look and feel of the lake. I think **more natural settings** would be appropriate e.g. rustic timber rather

than sandstone and aluminium.

Protecting the western side of the lake

This is by far the biggest and most valid issue from both supporters and non-supporters of the parkland. I am aware of the fantastic work that Landcare are already doing in this area to protect and preserve it. I would like to suggest a few options to help reduce the access/damage to the western side of the lake and the safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife that use the western road.

- Reduce the speed limit along Camp Drew Road to 50kph
- Create a No Parking or No Stopping zone along Camp Drew Road at least as far as Camp Drew to deter people from parking and making new tracks through the bush to the lake
- Place signs at the turn around area at the start of Camp Drew Rd with something like “No Access to the Lake past this point” This would redirect the majority of the traffic looking to access the lake back towards Pacific Parade to look for parking in Ross St, Stewart or Gibbon
- Formalise only one track in/out and around the western side of the lake

Accessing the lake with all your equipment

There also seems to be a hot topic. How people will get to the lake with all their stuff if they have to park in Ross or Stewart street?

I am making the assumption that you wouldn't normally go to the lake on your own with chairs, an eski, a BBQ, a kayak and a marquee. So in that case, a **drop off zone** would be great, somewhere on the lakeside near the new proposed roundabout that you could pull into, unload all your gear and passengers, go and park the car a block away and walk back. Possibly two parallel spaces clearly marked as a 5min drop off zone (They might need yellow markings on the road to make it clear that it's a drop zone, the current 15min park next to the 4WD meter is often used as a regular parking spot so 4WD owners often double park while they get their permit which causes traffic issues)

Dogs

I am a dog owner and regularly use the on-leash area of the beach from the surf club to access the off-leash area. There are constantly people using the on-leash area with their dogs off-leash. My concern is that if the road closed there will be more dogs on that stretch of the beach which will mean more dogs off-leash in the on-leash area. This will also mean more dogs walking through the new parkland as well so maybe more temptation to swim dogs in the lake.

Would it be feasible to **extend the off-leash area down as far as the start of the on-leash area** and make the new parkland completely dog free? That part of the beach is not used by many people compared to the rest of the beach.

Also, a dog rinse off facility at the entry point to the beach or current toilet block would be great for the owners as well as another deterrent to keep dogs away from the lake.

Thanks and Regards,

Duncan Atkins

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Sue Wade

From: Wal Mary <wakkersd@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 10:18 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Councillor David Wright; Councillor Sharon Cadwallader; Councillor Jeff Johnson
Subject: Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

Paul Hickey
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Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works- Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

I object to the closure of the Eastern Road as this would

- **Deny access to disabled elderly people.** Having had both parents severely disabled the Eastern Road allowed me to drive both parents to the side of the lake where they could enjoy water views at close proximity and be part of our day at the Lake.
- **Deny access to the beach by people with dogs.** So many walk their dogs on Seven Mile beach, parking at the northern end of the Eastern Road, accessing the beach there without interfering with families enjoying the Lake. You must have numbers on how many cars are accessing this southern beach entrance - to be transferred to the beach entrance at the surf club would **be an enormous impact on already low car parking availability**
- **Deny my family** the pleasure of parking in the shade of the trees and having access to the beach, the lake and our car, an experience we have enjoyed for over 50 years.

Having read **the Review of Environmental Factors prepared by DAC Planning Pty Ltd**, I would like to see the following

- 10 Kph Shared Zone Speed signs erected **on** Pacific Parade at the Ross Street intersection.
- Reconstruction and Minor Realignment of the Southern Road and Formalising the adjoining car parking between Pacific Parade and Camp Drew Road
- Camp Drew Road to be upgraded (sealed) to provide access to the Sport and Recreational Centre, Camp Drew and Seven Mile Beach as outlined in the Review of Environmental Factors prepared by DAC Planning Pty Ltd, section 7.4.4 table 8.1 point D3.
- Environmental Management Works, bank stabilisation, landscaping and open space and passive recreation embellishments completed on the southern foreshore.

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28th January 2018

Ballina Shire Council
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Dear Councilors,

**Re: Submission Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council
Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I write to object strongly to the proposed closing of the Eastern Road and the undiminished access and benefit that it provides to all sections of the community.

There has been strong objection by the majority of the community and visitors who come to Lake Ainsworth protesting against its closure. In all you have 5 Councilors for closing the road of which the Mayor has the casting vote and five councilors against closing the road.

In the gatherings held by Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. at the Lake, when the Mayor has attended he has never once made any attempt to listen to why the people want the road to remain open. The Mayor has always from my understanding wanted to close the road, so in fact he is voting for himself and not the majority of the communities view point.

I am concerned that the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore has been allowed to deteriorate and the lose of the 10 metres of sand beach on the southern and eastern side of the Lake has disappeared due to the lack of timely foreshore maintenance by council.

“it is important to base decisions on evidence-based information and the representative views of the community, rather than for engagement to be dominated by a few vocal community advocates” (The Guide to Community Engagement (NSW Government – Office of Local Government web site))

A definition of democracy: noun, plural **democracies**.

1.

government by the people; a form of government in which the ***supreme power is vested in the people*** and exercised directly by them under a free electoral system.

I don't believe that the protest by the majority of the people against the closure of the lake Ainsworth eastern road is being listened to. This questions the difference between a socialist country and a democratic country.

Dictator:

a **person** who gives **orders** and **behaves** as if they have **complete power**:

I will let you be the judge as to where our council sits.

In regards to my objection to the Part V 22.2017/17 development is as follows.

1/The road layout:

The Eastern Road should remain open and continue to provide the access to all sections of the community and visitors that it has down for the last 70 plus years. The existing road should be better maintained than it has been by council and the speed limit should be reduced from 25 to 15 kph. There should be traffic control measures put in place.

This road by being open provides access for all groups of people which include disabled, elderly and families. These groups of people who I have spoken to have all said that at present they can drive down the Eastern road and park on the eastern side of the road and proceed, whether in a wheelchair, walking sticks, elderly with arthritis or some other ailments and families who have picnic baskets, small surf boards, rugs and towels which they carry across the road and enjoy the Lake.

It is crucial that this access remains and the parking where it is presently located on the Eastern side of the road remain as is, as it is the access and the location of the existing parking which allows the freedom to easily access the Lake. If you take this away you are significantly impacting how these people can access this Lake on the Eastern side.

If a walking path can be located on the Western side of the road then this would be beneficial to all concerned.

2/ Car Parking:

I believe the council is missing the point about parking. It is where the parking is located that counts. At present the existing Eastern informal parking is providing the opportunity for **all** in our community to have access to the Eastern side of the lake to swim and enjoy themselves or simply sit in their car and look across the lake to the western side. By removing this parking from the Eastern side and relocating a smaller number of parks on the southern side of the lake means that those people who at present can drive down the Eastern road and

park on the eastern side of the road and proceed, whether in a wheelchair, walking sticks, elderly with arthritis or some other ailments and families who have picnic baskets, small surf boards, rugs and towels which they carry across the road and enjoy the Lake won't have that same opportunity. A large majority of those people concerned will if the Eastern Road is closed will now have to park somewhere south of the southern foreshore which includes Ross Street, Stewart St, Gibbon street and the Lanes in between. The majority of people won't make that walk or wheel their chair down the Eastern side of the Lake to their old spots on the Eastern beach which they have come to enjoy for so many years. The Council by shutting this road off and taking away the existing informal parking are directly impacting on reducing the direct access to the lake that these people have now. (or is that the idea to reduce people coming to the Eastern side of the lake) . All people will, if the road is closed have to walk anywhere from 0.35 to 1.5 kms from the Southern road parking or from down Gibbon, Stewart St to access their favourite swimming or relaxation spots. This is clearly putting obstacles in the way of people reaching their favourite spots.

I strongly object to this Eastern access road being closed and the existing informal parking being taken away from the populous.

3/ Foreshore.

It is a disgrace for those who have been on the council during the past 20 years to allow the Eastern and Western foreshore of Lake Ainsworth to deteriorate to what it is at the moment.

We need complete foreshore retrieval and restoration to take place. Bring the beach back the way it was. I have been informed that you can legally bring the sand from the lake bottom to restore the foreshore and complete the restoration. To bring outside sand in is slowly filling your lake up, I am opposed to this.

4/ Foreshore Access.

The access areas on the Eastern side of the lake should remain as is, accessible by the people to swim and enjoy.

5/ Public Enjoyment.

Ensure that the public have continued undiminished access and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth which has been the case for over 70 years. This is Crown Land and is for Public access and enjoyment.

6/ Limited Timed Parking.

What a retrograde step it would be to introduce limited timed parking, this changes the ambience of the this whole Lake area. People come from Kyogle, Casino, Lismore etc. to spend the whole day here as I was told. Will these people now have to continually have to watch their clock to see when they have to shift their car. People don't have to worry about this now, they can enjoy their time

here and go home without a fine. Many people have said the council can call it what every they want, but if you get fine for staying in a spot for two long, its is nothing short of paid parking.

I am opposed to Limited timed parking or any type of paid parking.

7/ Western Side of the Lake.

The idea of some of the Council wanting to close the Eastern access road, will in itself bring danger to the flora and fauna on the western side of the Lake. Not to many people access this area at present, but should the Eastern road be closed people will commence coming in on the western side to reach the western side of the lake for enjoyment.

The council by pushing all the traffic around the Western road to Camp Drew and the Sport and Recreation centre will not only create a dust bowl for the caravan park and town, but will increase the danger to small creatures that inhabit that area e.g. kangaroos, turtles, birds etc.

8/ Playground, viewing platform, BBQ's etc.

I support the idea of playgrounds, viewing platforms and extra BBQ's being installed, but this should be done around the environment of the Eastern Road and Southern road being left open to drive down and park near the lake.

Summary:

I certainly support that the Lake Ainsworth area needs to be improved, but with the **Eastern Road access left open and the informal Parking on the Eastern side of the Eastern Road to remain.**

In short the following are the points I object to regarding the **Part V 22.2017/17 development.**

I do not support Councils proposed:

- Closure of any road access
- Closure of any existing lake foreshore access.
- I do not support any type of fee for parking whether it be limited timed parking or paid parking now or in the future.
- I do not support the Councils limited Beach Embellishment Works, but rather I want full restoration of the foreshore as it was with the 10 metres plus of sandy beach restored.

I want Council to please maintain:

- Undiminished and all- embracing public access which presently exists.
- Public use and enjoyment of lake Ainsworth
- Informal Lake ambience.
- Retain existing informal parking

Council Must:

- Stop neglecting the maintenance of lake Ainsworth.
- Start a community-driven holistic Coastal management Program.
- Respect the current, gazette plans of management, with regard to vehicle and public access to “ retain the Eastern Road access”.

The water quality reports from the Council state that the water quality is good. The Lake itself should be more closely monitored and looked after to maintain the health of the Lake.

The road has minimal effect on the water quality and the road is not stopping the water from draining to the East.

We have a unique situation at Lake Ainsworth. Lets remain different from the Byron Bays, etc. and keep the ambience the way it is.

I trust you will give serious thoughts into keeping the jewel in the crown sparkling as it is been. I certainly support beautification works being carried out with the Eastern road remaining open, the informal parking on the Eastern side of the Lake to remain and the foreshore being restored to the 10 metres of beach it once had on the Southern and Eastern shore lines.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to put this submission in.

Yours sincerely

J. A . Carter

Concerned Citizen.

Sue Wade

From: Fran Byrne <franbyrne42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 12:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Project File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Parkland

Date: Mon, Jan 15, 2018

Subject: Project File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Parkland

Dear Ballina Shire Council,

I write to **support park improvements** surrounding Lake Ainsworth,

Please consider these factors.

I have been trying to understand why some in the community are opposed to the closure of the East Road at Lake Ainsworth. I have read all the letters to the papers and listened to the objections.

Two factors really bother me.

The first is this.

Car exhaust gas/fumes are detrimental to the human body and the environment. They contain carbon monoxide, benzene, sulphur dioxide and soot. These fumes contribute to poor health outcomes including asthma and cancer. Reference: *Why are Vehicles Exhaust Fumes Harmful to Humans? Science ABC*.

So why keep the road open so I can set up a picnic on the grass at exhaust level? I hate the smell of car exhausts and I want to look after my health.

Why should little children, most vulnerable because of their height, be subjected to the car exhaust gases as they play, rest and swim on the edge of a very busy road spewing out poisonous gasses?

The second issue I do not understand is why some people want the road kept open so those in wheelchairs have to share the road with vehicles. Whether they are sedan cars or large 4x4's it must be frightening to try and access the lake and avoid the vehicles. Especially when they are aggressively fighting for parking space during holidays and in hot weather when the road is a very busy.

I support the Council proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works and believe that the construction of a footpath along the eastern road will make the area safer for all because it will remove the exhaust pollution and wheelchair access will be safer.

The Parkland at The Lake will improve the health of the lake and those that access it.

Fran Byrne

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From: sharron short <sharronmtyler@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 3:46 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objections to the Closing of the Eastern Road, Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head

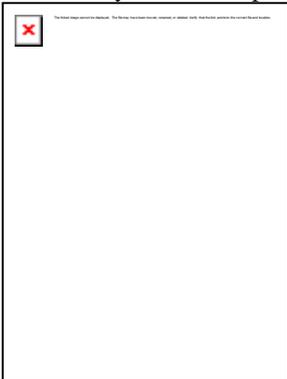
Objections to the Proposed Closure of the Eastern Road Adjacent to Lake Ainsworth Lennox Head

I would like to formally declare my objections to the closure of the road on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. My most vehement objection is to the proposal to turn the eastern road into parkland. It is a waste of money, especially when Council makes little provision for maintenance of the landscaping. Why people are obsessed with the creation of a “parkland” rather than the condition of the lake, I don’t know. Landscaping needs to be maintained, yet, despite the new parking area almost in front of the Lennox Head Surf Club being a great asset, this including the beautification of the area, the plants were not looked after, many of them dying. Plants cost. Malcolm Millner of Lennox Head notified the Council. He proposed that we, the members of FOLA (Friends of Lake Ainsworth) which does a general clean-up of the lake area each Monday, water the plants. We agreed. However, after the first week most of us declined. There is no convenient tap nearby. No provision was made for the plants to be watered. We had to fill buckets from the tap near the lake then cart them across the road to the car park. The other alternative was getting water from an outside shower at the caravan park, a process necessitating holding the button down for continuous flow. Most members of the group are not spring chickens and most are women. The buckets were heavy. At first Council provided replacement plants which Malcolm and some members planted but only Malcolm has continued with the watering each week. Creating a “beautiful parkland” is too frequently a one-off, three-day wonder, a too typical waste of money. Imagine creating a garden with absolutely no provision for watering.

With Council petitioning IPART for a rate increase and trying to convince rate-payers of this for a clean-up of the Richmond River, something which needs the co-operation of at least three Councils, you would think a greater effort would be made to maintain existing, completed projects. It is a sinful waste to spend so much money on beautification projects without maintaining them. Why is there such a fixation on creating a parkland? What is the problem with retaining the existing vegetation along the eastern side? It has provided quite a decent amount of shade for picnickers and the like. It is interesting to note some of the proponents of the parkland pontificating about being able to sit back, soaking in the beauty of the lake whilst sipping a ‘chardie’. Those same people might like to note that in the lake environs alcohol is banned.

Another big objection I have concerns the reduced lack of access for dog-owners to the off-leash area. If they cannot drive to the area most of them use to access the beach with their dogs, they are going to park somewhere around the south side of the lake and access via the surf club. They will clog the area with cars, reducing access for those wishing to use the lake. Increased dog numbers around the lake will result in increased faecal matter both close to the lake and around the surf club where small children often crawl, thereby creating a health hazard. Already there are people who ignore the ‘dogs prohibited’ signs around the lake. Even now, some of the dog-walkers leave their poop-bags near the walkway to the beach for us to pick up so reducing the parking near the fitness camp is only going to exacerbate the problem.

Loss of parking space is, of course, another huge consideration. Various numbers have been bandied about in the press but 20, 120, 220 spaces, regardless, the amount of traffic on the southern side of the lake is going to increase dramatically and this will spill over to the western side. It was interesting to note that a picture purporting to show how dangerous the eastern road is showed a woman on a wheelie-walker slap bang in the middle of the road. I’m not sure that makes the road dangerous. Sadly, on **any** of the roads around the lake, there are many people who lapse into holiday mode creating problems for drivers and, of course, there are drivers who prefer to take no notice of pedestrians. Byron Bay is a case in point. Funnelling increased numbers of cars and pedestrians onto the lake’s southern road is most certainly going to create a traffic and pedestrian problem. Interestingly, many of those most vocally advocating closure of the eastern road live within walking distance so loss of parking is not likely to create a problem for them. Closing the eastern road won’t solve a problem, simply move it.



There is such an emphasis on beautification of the lake environs at the expense of the lake. Use the money to improve the lake itself, not on on superficial decorations. I assume the idea is to encourage more people via the new facilities, that is, encourage **more** tourists to the area which is going to have **decreased numbers of parking spaces** and **increased visitor numbers** contributing to increased lake pollution, along with more obvious pollution such as bottles, cigarette butts, various forms of plastic, etc. Admittedly, there are other factors contributing to proliferation of blue-green algae but the nitrogen in urine (of which there is a vastly increased amount with vastly increased numbers of visitors over holiday periods) creates nitrates, the algae’s nutrient. Rather than spend money on beautification and amenities (boardwalks, barbecues, wheelchair ramps to the lake, sandstone seats, picnic tables and the like, turf, plants, etc.) the condition of the lake needs to be rectified. What would be the point of having all these facilities (sadly: man-made; man-made; man-made) so we can enjoy the lake, supposedly, if the natural drawcard has disappeared? Too often the lake is infested with blue-green algae, water hyacinth,

salvinia and the like, so that use of the lake becomes restricted or advised against.

What is needed to help maintain the lake health is regular patrolling by a ranger. I would like to see a ranger rostered on regularly to the lake. On the second bay around on the southern side there is frequent erosion takes place at the hands of

children. The area has not been maintained appropriately, at all, in fact. Children see the bank, dig into it to create a kind of cave and then the roof 'caves' in, so the grassy area diminishes and the road gets closer to the sandy area. On many occasions I have seen dogs cavorting in the lake and around three sides of the lake, I have seen them defaecating near the edge of the lake, I have alerted people to the no dogs allowed signs and directed them to the off-leash beach. Again, the faecal matter contributes to the lake pollution. There is already a good deal of rubbish on the western side of the lake, this sometimes including the remains of a camp. A ranger would be of great help patrolling this area. The foreshore needs to be protected. A ranger frequently on duty could effectively police the area. Money would be better used on a ranger than on beautification.



The western side of the lake is going to be adversely affected if the eastern road is closed. If people cannot park close to the lake on the east then they will gravitate to easy access locations on the opposite side. Already the number of visitors to the western side of the lake is increasing, something I witness as I row around the lake. There are regular dog-walkers this side

of the lake, as well as Also, Camp Drewe Road trucks will be forced to



infrequent campers. The vegetation is already showing evidence of this. will have to take all the fitness camp traffic. While I am quite happy that go this way, I sympathise with those who are going to the fitness camp to use their facilities. Since it is said that the fitness camp operates at a loss, the loss of easy access is going to have a detrimental effect on it. There is no evidence of a budget for Camp Drewe Road, a dirt road, potholed and corrugated. It will need to be repaired to accommodate the greatly increased traffic on it. More money. Should this happen, no doubt the land that side of the lake will become more valuable. Are there plans afoot there?

There have been totally ridiculous arguments bandied around against the anti road closure people. It was said that because we voted for certain councillors, mayor included, in our council elections, then we must agree with their decisions. What fallacious reasoning that is! We are presented with a list of nominees from which to choose our representatives. Choosing certain representatives is often the alternative to a donkey vote. Advocates for keeping the eastern road open were criticised for not turning up to meetings and the protest meetings (Councillor Phil Meehan). I have only attended a few as I work and have other commitments. It is a very unfair criticism to say that the lack of attendance shows disinterest. When the closure of the road was first mooted, I was abused by a pro-closure person for saying, at that stage, I was sitting on the fence, something I continued to do until I had attended sufficient meetings and read enough to make a decision.

Closing the eastern road is going to create more problems, especially monetary, than it solves. It has already created great discord in the community. Even if the statistics regarding pro and anti are incorrect, the ratio is surely a good indication of opinion. I have said previously that community consultation is something you do, to tick the box, **after** you have made a decision. From the number of petitioners and attendees at protests, it seems that the opinion of the majority is being ignored. Turning the area around the eastern side of the lake into a playground with all sorts of man-made blots on the escutcheon is totally unnecessary and will, I feel, contribute to greater pollution of the lake. Desecrating a natural beauty is anathema to me. Don't waste money. The Preserve the Lake group has used the mantra: restoration not transformation. I totally concur with this.

Sharron Short

Lennox Head

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12th February 2018

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Dear Councilors,

**Re: Submission Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council
Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I write to object strongly to the proposed closing of the Eastern Road and the undiminished access and benefit that it provides to all sections of the community.

There has been strong objection by the majority of the community and visitors who come to Lake Ainsworth protesting against its closure. In all you have 5 Councilors for closing the road of which the Mayor has the casting vote and five councilors against closing the road.

In the gatherings held by Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc. at the Lake, when the Mayor has attended he has never once made any attempt to listen to why the people want the road to remain open. The Mayor has always from my understanding wanted to close the road, so in fact he is voting for himself and not the majority of the communities view point.

I am concerned that the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore has been allowed to deteriorate and the lose of the 10 metres of sand beach on the southern and eastern side of the Lake has disappeared due to the lack of timely foreshore maintenance by council.

“it is important to base decisions on evidence-based information and the representative views of the community, rather than for engagement to be dominated by a few vocal community advocates” (The Guide to Community Engagement (NSW Government – Office of Local Government web site))

In regards to my objection to the Part V 22.2017/17 development is as follows.

1/The road layout:

The Eastern Road should remain open and continue to provide the access to all sections of the community and visitors that it has done for the last 70 plus years. The existing road should be better maintained than it has been by council and the speed limit should be reduced from 25 to 15 kph. There should be traffic control measures put in place.

This road by being open provides access for all groups of people which include disabled, elderly and families. These groups of people who I have spoken to have all said that at present they can drive down the Eastern road and park on the eastern side of the road and proceed, whether in a wheelchair, walking sticks, elderly with arthritis or some other ailments and families who have picnic baskets, small surf boards, rugs and towels which they carry across the road and enjoy the Lake.

It is crucial that this access remains and the parking where it is presently located on the Eastern side of the road remain as is, as it is the access and the location of the existing parking which allows the freedom to easily access the Lake. If you take this away you are significantly impacting how these people can access this Lake on the Eastern side.

If a walking path can be located on the Western side of the road then this would be beneficial to all concerned.

2/ Car Parking:

I believe the council is missing the point about parking. It is where the parking is located that counts. At present the existing Eastern informal parking is providing the opportunity for **all** in our community to have access to the Eastern side of the lake to swim and enjoy themselves or simply sit in their car and look across the lake to the western side. By removing this parking from the Eastern side and relocating a smaller number of parks on the southern side of the lake means that those people who at present can drive down the Eastern road and park on the eastern side of the road and proceed, whether in a wheelchair, walking sticks, elderly with arthritis or some other ailments and families who have picnic baskets, small surf boards, rugs and towels which they carry across the road and enjoy the Lake won't have that same opportunity. A large majority of those people concerned will if the Eastern Road is closed will now have to park somewhere south of the southern foreshore which includes Ross Street, Stewart St, Gibbon street and the Lanes in between. The majority of people won't make that walk or wheel their chair down the Eastern side of the Lake to their old spots on the Eastern beach which they have come to enjoy for so many years. The Council by shutting this road off and taking away the existing informal parking are directly impacting on reducing the direct access to the lake that these people have now. (or is that the idea to reduce people coming to the Eastern side of the lake). All people will, if the road is closed have to walk anywhere from 0.35 to 1.5 kms from the Southern road parking or from down Gibbon, Stewart St to access their favourite swimming or relaxation spots. This is clearly putting obstacles in the way of people reaching their favourite spots.

I strongly object to this Eastern access road being closed and the existing informal parking being taken away from the populous.

3/ Foreshore.

It is a disgrace for those who have been on the council during the past 20 years to allow the Eastern and Western foreshore of Lake Ainsworth to deteriorate to what it is at the moment.

We need complete foreshore retrieval and restoration to take place. Bring the beach back the way it was. I have been informed that you can legally bring the sand from the lake bottom to restore the foreshore and complete the restoration. To bring outside sand in is slowly filling your lake up, I am opposed to this.

4/ Foreshore Access.

The access areas on the Eastern side of the lake should remain as is, accessible by the people to swim and enjoy.

5/ Public Enjoyment.

Ensure that the public have continued undiminished access and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth which has been the case for over 70 years. This is Crown Land and is for Public access and enjoyment.

6/ Limited Timed Parking.

What a retrograde step it would be to introduce limited timed parking, this changes the ambience of the this whole Lake area. People come from Kyogle, Casino , Lismore etc. to spend the whole day here as I was told. Will these people now have to continually have to watch their clock to see when they have to shift their car. People don't have to worry about this now, they can enjoy their time here and go home without a fine. Many people have said the council can call it what every they want, but if you get fine for staying in a spot for two long, its is nothing short of paid parking.

I am opposed to Limited timed parking or any type of paid parking.

7/ Western Side of the Lake.

The idea of some of the Council wanting to close the Eastern access road, will in itself bring danger to the flora and fauna on the western side of the Lake. Not to many people access this area at present, but should the Eastern road be closed people will commence coming in on the western side to reach the western side of the lake for enjoyment.

The council by pushing all the traffic around the Western road to Camp Drew and the Sport and Recreation centre will not only create a dust bowl for the caravan park and town, but will increase the danger to small creatures that inhabit that area e.g. kangaroos, turtles, birds etc.

8/ Playground, viewing platform, BBQ's etc.

I support the idea of playgrounds, viewing platforms and extra BBQ's being installed, but this should be done around the environment of the Eastern Road and Southern road being left open to drive down and park near the lake.

Summary:

I certainly support that the Lake Ainsworth area needs to be improved, but with the **Eastern Road access left open and the informal Parking on the Eastern side of the Eastern Road to remain along with complete foreshore restoration.**

In short the following are the points I object to regarding the **Part V 22.2017/17 development.**

I do not support Councils proposed:

- Closure of any road access
- Closure of any existing lake foreshore access.
- I do not support any type of fee for parking whether it be limited timed parking or paid parking now or in the future.
- I do not support the Councils limited Beach Embellishment Works, but rather I want full restoration of the foreshore as it was with the 10 metres plus of sandy beach restored.

I want Council to please maintain:

- Undiminished and all- embracing public access which presently exists.
- Public use and enjoyment of lake Ainsworth
- Informal Lake ambience.
- Retain existing informal parking

Council Must:

- Stop neglecting the maintenance of lake Ainsworth.
- Start a community-driven holistic Coastal management Program.
- Respect the current, gazette plans of management, with regard to vehicle and public access to "retain the Eastern Road access".

The water quality reports from the Council state that the water quality is good. The Lake itself should be more closely monitored and looked after to maintain the health of the Lake.

The road has minimal effect on the water quality. And the road is not stopping the water from draining to the East.

The Emergency Services have all agreed that the road as is should remain open and the road which provides the current access for people and parking should not be closed.

We have a unique situation at Lake Ainsworth. Lets remain different from the Byron Bays, etc. and keep the ambience the way it is.

I trust you will give serious thoughts into keeping the jewel in the crown sparkling as it is been. I certainly support beautification works being carried out with the Eastern road remaining open, the informal parking on the Eastern side of the Lake to remain and the foreshore being restored to the 10 metres of beach it once had on the Southern and Eastern shore lines.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to put this submission in.

Yours sincerely

P. M. Carter

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 3:20 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/29/2018 12:57:50 PM Response End Time: 1/29/2018 3:19:33 PM IP Address: 101.174.77.78 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Lake Ainsworth Part V Application

Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Tracy and Dave Somerville

3. Phone number (optional)

0419646905

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

Somerville.build@bigpond.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

No! The Reports are very long and wouldn't be easy for many people to understand or have the time to go through. This whole issue as reported and as documented by Council is very complicated and has been proven to be so because of so much confusion in the Community. It is obvious that if everything was straight forward and made sense there wouldn't be so much conflict. Also documents are very biased - Engineers Report (obviously Engineers paid by Council as they are Councils own Engineers. Ecological Report (also states that their duty of care is to Council (their client). It would have been more valuable to the public if these reports had of been done by alternative firms with no 'connection' to Council and a more objective point of view.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

As stated any reports should be done by outside firms. Should be easier for the public to understand. I know this is obviously a very complicated issue... but you have to ask yourself why is it so complicated, how has it become such a tangled web?

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No we don't support the objectives and content of the document.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

- Firstly and most importantly, if Council would have maintained the foreshore as they were supposed to and given funding for in the first place this issue wouldn't be on the table. Which begs the question, if Council can't maintain a road and the Lake foreshore are they capable of maintaining a large park - will it come to look like other parks in the Ballina Shire? Will it too need a new development plan in years to come? Did Council stop maintaining the road because they have always had an agenda? And if they had an agenda back then, do they still have an agenda for other development or changes?

- The community is concerned that a way of maintaining the foreshore would have been to use mechanical excavation, have the community been made aware that the maintenance of the foreshore log reventment will need periodical mechanical excavation to pull sand up? Why hasn't this been done previously for maintenance??
- The issue of disabled access... not all disabled people have disabled stickers on their cars and don't have official classification as disabled - they may need to use the lake for rehabilitation, they may have back issues, they may be arthritic etc...so they will be unable to use the disabled parking zones, they will have to try and find a park which during the warmer months will be extremely hard to find, or could be as far away as Ross Street.
- The parking issue is also difficult for single parents who take their children to the park and have to go back to the car to collect something - leave the children by themselves on the foreshore??? OR take the children - leave their picnic baskets etc (thieves will love that). Not to mention carrying paddleboards, floats etc. Even with an offload area who would leave a \$1000 paddle board on the ground by itself while they go park the car?

As for the extra traffic and load on the Southern and Western Roads:

- The Ecological Report stated that there is some potential for an increase in traffic leading to an increase in road kill and that they anticipated that the majority would be in daylight hours and the majority of local wildlife species are active after dark. Nothing said of the increase in night time traffic as the Fitness Camp does advertise Weddings and functions (held at night) Weddings that can cater for up to 100s of people... all this extra traffic will be on the road at night. They also advertise private accommodation, they can travel either day or night time, especially if they dine in the village. So obviously there will be alot more carnage. Not enough indepth study into the night time traffic.
- And the reports on the actual wildlife species is inconsistent with reports by locals who frequent this corridor. The Ecological Report information was obtained by Geolink (who thought the ski jump was a good idea). And someone at the Fitness Camp? Maybe more study and more than 2 days in the field is necessary.
- The extra road dust pertaining to the extra traffic on that road could also prove to be potentially dangerous to people using the north western end of the caravan park and for residences on the North to North Western end of town. There has not been enough investigation into the effects of road dust on people, wildlife and how far the dust travels. (Except for a small paragraph on dust in the Ecological Report which was not at all helpful or in depth enough when it comes to health)
- The safety of people crossing from the Caravan park and car parks is also a huge issue with the extra load on the South Road. (and if the Caravan park is fenced, that is a long walk around the block from Ross Street to the 'Lake Park').
- As for the Community Consultation over the years that has been given... absolute joke! We have lived in Lennox Village for over 20 years and were never consulted, we have spoken to many older locals who have never been a part of any community consultation. LHRA is NOT our voice, nor our ears.
- According to SEPP 71 - Coastal Protection - there should be no loss of views from a public place, the tree plantings that are a part of your development - as shown in this plan, along the southern road, will affect the view significantly, not only from the road users enjoying a scenic drive of the area (and want to see what a Tea Tree Lake looks like) but from the Caravan Park as well. You have let it happen at the lower carpark at the Point, are you going to allow it at the Lake too? And protecting a wildlife corridor - as in the 'Western Road' not important either? Or maybe SEPP 71 doesn't apply in Ballina Shire?
- There are so many factors against this proposal, for what??? A park? Somewhere you can go sit and look at a Lake that you can't swim in during the warmer months due to its declining health (the road not being sufficiently held accountable for this decline in health). Costing \$1.7 million when there could be a cheaper alternative plan that EVERYONE can agree on and more money put into the Lake health?

As long term rate payers of Ballina Shire, we are appalled that we are not being heard, that the decision to make such a huge significant change to our Village is being made by a handful of people that have no local or sentimental knowledge or connection to this town. We don't want a Gold Coast type park (as it has been described by a number of Qld tourists) in our Village, we are losing our rustic small town vibe. Why don't you listen to the long term residents that have always been the heart of this village. You all, as a group of 10 people who are supposed to be representing us, are slowly killing what this village is all about.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Submission on the Proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

I wish to express **my lack of support** for the plans currently on exhibition for the following reasons:

- The western side of the lake which is currently relatively pristine will eventually be destroyed and reeds trampled.
- Distance to walk for the disabled and families with small children and people with water craft.
- Anti-Social Behaviour- by closing the eastern road it will encourage parties and other antisocial behaviour, especially at the very end in the proposed grassed open reserve area currently a parking area for dog walkers. This area will be very isolated.

I would like to see the following included in the improvement works:

- A speed limit of 15 kms on the eastern road and southern road.
- 'No parking' signs placed on the western side of the lake.
- Provide a second access/ mobility linkage to the lake directly from a disabled parking space on the southern road.
- Formalise parking on the eastern road
- No removal of any reeds from the lake

I encourage the Council to do all the restoration work, including the southern road reconstruction incorporating formalisation of parking. To also restore the banks on the eastern and southern sides with additional sand as had been done previously by Ballina Shire Council. The eastern road needs to be repaired and remain open for all the community to enjoy and prevent day picnickers from using the western side of the lake.



Yours faithfully,

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Sue Wade

From: Councillor Sharon Parry
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2018 10:43 AM
To: David Santamaria; Councillors; Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' (Closure of Eastern Road)

Dear David,

Thank you for your well-considered message. You make some very important points, and I look forward to Council proceeding with its plans to develop the Lake Ainsworth parklands. Your support is important!

Kind regards,
Sharon

Cr Dr Sharon Parry
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From: David Santamaria
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 8:34 PM
To: Councillors; Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' (Closure of Eastern Road)

Dear Ballina Council / Councillors

I wish to indicate my support for closing the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth and adopting the proposal as set out by Council.

Reasons why I'm supporting road closure.

1. Observation of peak traffic flows and parking congestion: At the moment it is bad and will get worse. With increasing popularity of the area and increased population with the new developments in Lennox Head, issues with congestion (traffic, ambience, pollution) will spoil the area.
2. Physical geography of the location. Its a very fragile system. A narrow parcel of land between a lake and ocean separated by dunes and coastal vegetation. Seems illogical to populate it with bitumen and all the pollutants that come with cars. ie fumes, oil run off etc.
3. Environmental standards today would probably not allow for such a road to be placed there.
4. Its not a scalable solution for the car parking issue. i.e. if you needed more parking areas you would need to create them elsewhere. The southern road offers that.
5. Without cars it seems like the space would have available for more people to enjoy the natural aspects of the lake with the uninterrupted parkland proposed. At the moment on the eastern bank there is very little room to use and its exacerbated by the constant traffic flow.

I tend to think that the southern road will need to be formalized whether the eastern road stays or not. Putting parkland on the eastern side will at least guarantee retention and enhancement of some natural space that the general public can enjoy for a long time to come.

The "Keep the road" group, from my observation, have ignored the issues of increasing congestion and seem to sensationalize issues that would be present if the road was here or not. (i.e. the possibility of paid parking). They also seem to have attempted to attain signatures for their petition based on a sample set of skewed sources (i.e. people in cars using the road or carpark) and informing the subjects with misinformation.

I have faith that council will decide on this issue considering primarily the long term health of the lake and its surrounds and secondarily with the public amenity.

Yours Sincerely

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From: Cathy Byrne <cathybyrne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 9:04 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Project File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Parkland

Dear Ballina Shire Council,

I write to **support park improvements** surrounding Lake Ainsworth, especially the **restriction of vehicle access** on the eastern (ocean) side.

As a local, I have accessed the lake for many years. I have seen first-hand, significant degradation in the past decade - in terms of water quality and foreshore stability. Road access has contributed to this degradation and this road is now a risk for both lake users and the surrounding ecosystems. The lake needs protection from being ruined as an Australia Day party toilet and rubbish dump.

Road access results in unsafe traffic. Young children, the elderly and those in wheelchairs cross - without vehicles being able to clearly see pedestrian entry points. This is a high insurance risk for council and its ratepayers.

In addition, with close vehicle access, rubbish is frequently left around, and even in, the lake.

The foreshore should be a foreshore, not a parking lot.

The proposed parklands will help to restore this beautiful and multi-culturally significant public space. Removing the vehicle entry will improve safety and accessibility, increase recreational and picnic space, reduce poisonous car exhaust and road dust run-off directly into the water, and allow safer access for young families with prams, the elderly and disabled.

People who need to drive to the dog beach (for exercise) can exercise with a slightly longer walk. It is time for this discussion to end and for action to begin.

Cathy Byrne

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As a local, I have accessed the lake for many years. I have seen first-hand, significant degradation in the past decade - in terms of water quality and foreshore stability. Road access has contributed to this degradation and this road is now a risk for both lake users and the surrounding ecosystems. The lake needs protection from being ruined as an Australia Day party toilet and rubbish dump.

Road access results in unsafe traffic. Young children, the elderly and those in wheelchairs cross - without vehicles being able to clearly see pedestrian entry points. This is a high insurance risk for council and its ratepayers.

In addition, with close vehicle access, rubbish is frequently left around, and even in, the lake.
The foreshore should be a foreshore, not a parking lot.

The proposed parklands will help to restore this beautiful and multi-culturally significant public space. Removing the vehicle entry will improve safety and accessibility, increase recreational and picnic space, reduce poisonous car exhaust and road dust run-off directly into the water, and allow safer access for young families with prams, the elderly and disabled.

People who need to drive to the dog beach (for exercise) can exercise with a slightly longer walk. It is time for this discussion to end and for action to begin.

Cathy Byrne

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Sue Wade

From: Kate Salmon <ksalmon@lism.catholic.edu.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 3:36 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works

**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works- Council Reference: *Part V 22.2017/12***

I am writing to express my support for the plans that are currently on exhibition at Council chambers for the proposed closure of the Eastern Road along Lake Ainsworth and improvement works.

I am in favour for the proposed works for the following reasons:

The Lake is an ecologically sensitive area. It is home to flora and fauna that are unique to the area and have thrived for thousands of years. We need to protect this special place. Closing the Eastern Rad will contribute to measures that will help to preserve this sensitive ecosystem. Currently, cars travel close to the lake's edge causing erosion and potential pollution from lubricants.

I have lived in the region for 10 years. In that time, I have seen the edges of Lake Ainsworth deteriorate as a direct result of the road being overused and too close. If this issue is not addressed, the health of the lake, its flora and its fauna will be negatively affected.

The proposed plans will beautiful the lake foreshore and add valuable appeal for tourists and locals. The plans outline infrastructure which will improve the usability of the lake for all, including children, the elderly and people with disabilities.

I would also like to see included in the plans a change to the zoning of the areas around the lake and the surf club. Allowing people with dogs to access the beach close to the surf club will improve access for those waiting to run dogs on the beach and still be able to park close to access.

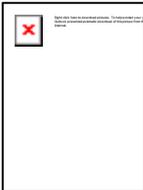
Please also consider a management plan for the mature Melaleucas that grow close to the edges of the lake. These are regularly removed or severely pruned due to children tying ropes to the trees, and to make way for powerlines. The trees are what make Lake Ainsworth special. They need to be protected and cared for by our council on behalf of all of the residents that love them.

Thank you for considering my submission. I am happy to speak to councillors or others who are involved in the decision-making processes regarding the care and improvement of Lake Ainsworth.

Regards,

Kate Salmon

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From: Alice Moffett <alice@selfseed.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 21 January 2018 4:16 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission - Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Hello,

Re: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

As a resident of Lennox Head, I see great worth in protecting the Lake and the long-term recreational access by closing the Eastern road and rehabilitating the vegetation.

The current Eastern road is falling into the Lake and the pollution from cars driving by as people swim make for a dangerous setting for children and a polluting atmosphere for adults and families. A parkland on the Eastern side will support a healthier Lake and ensure that our community can enjoy the Lake and surrounding recreational space for years to come. It will also support the rehabilitation of vegetation and habitat for our flora and fauna communities.

In addition to removing traffic, I think it is very important to include interpretative signage educating swimmers as to the detrimental impact of urinating in the Lake or wearing non-natural sunscreens. Something like: 'Want the Lake to be open all Summer? Don't wee in the Lake - the nitrogen from urine changes the pH levels of the Lake, removing dissolvable oxygen, causing blooms of Blue-Green Algae - meaning the Lake will be closed and unsafe to swim in. Keep the Lake healthy by a) urinating in the public toilets and not in the Lake, 2) not allowing dogs to enter the Lake as the pesticides (flea treatments) on their skin and fur enter the Lake and impact the biology 3) only entering the Lake wearing natural forms of sunscreen - chemical based sunscreens cause a film that pollutes the water...Together we can look after our Lake for our children and our children's children".

Also, nutrient, pesticide and herbicide run-off from surrounding agricultural practices needs to be monitored and removed if occurring. And the allowable activities of the Camp Drewe area need to be tightly restricted to activities that do not impact the health of the Lake and do not attract a greater number of people.

I also think it would be kind to extend the off-leash dog beach zone south to the surf Club. This will make the dog-walkers happy as they can more easily access the area where their dogs can run off-leash. And it will reduce the amount of dogs going through the new parkland and reduce the risk of people allowing dogs to go in the Lake for a 'quick rinse' after a beach walk. Also, installing dog-washing and dog water bowls at taps around the surf-club entrance to the beach will encourage dogs to enter and exit from that area.

I thank Council and the environmental groups that have been involved in creating the reports and work that have outlined a great parkland proposal and I encourage and support your strength and determination to see it come to fruition finally.

Thanks in advance, Alice Moffett

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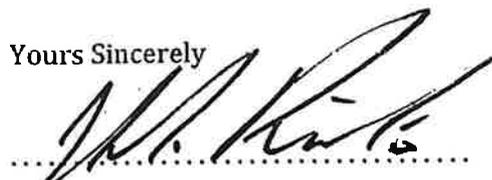
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited/paid parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely


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~~Removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth,~~

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 9:50 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/25/2018 9:41:31 AM Response End Time: 1/25/2018 9:49:30 AM IP Address: 220.244.206.125 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Ballina Shire Council-Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference:PartV22.2017/12
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Heather Lloyd
3. Phone number (optional)
6687 4787
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) lloyddavi@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Mostly but could be improved.
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Needed to clearly show the dog access points on the diagram.
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
No I do not support the closure of the Eastern Road to vehicles. My reasons are provided below refer 8.
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
To Ballina Shire Council

RE: objection to proposed closure of Eastern Road vehicle access - BSC - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works -File Reference: Part V22.2017/12.

I write this submission as a long term resident of Lennox Head and as someone who has had more than 30 years professional experience as an environmental and recreation planner with various government departments in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. My professional experience has included preparing plans of management for public use of lands across a range of protected area categories including three World Heritage Areas.

I wish to express my strong personal opposition to the proposed closure of the Eastern Road vehicle access (and the associated informal northern car park) at Lake Ainsworth.

One of the major attractions and strengths of current management of Seven Mile Beach is that there is a clear separation between areas available to a range of potentially conflicting uses including 4WDs, horse riders, dog walkers and non-dog walkers.

The existing informal northern car park (next to the toilet amenities) provides direct access to the leash free dog exercise section of Seven Mile Beach and experiences a very high level of use by dog walkers but its location successfully avoids potential conflicts between dog walkers and non dog walkers. As currently managed there is plenty of room for everyone and dog walkers are not close to the high use area of the surf club or caravan park. This works well.

Under Councils proposed policy dog walkers will be able to access the off leash area on Seven Mile Beach by either walking along the beach from the surf club or by walking along the proposed new path along the eastern foreshore. However, both these proposals mean that dog walkers would be forced to access the beach in an area of very high public use near the surf club and caravan park. This would obviously increase the likelihood of conflicts between dog walkers and non-dog walkers.

Also, I am deeply suspicious that Councils longer term intention may in fact be to close the dog access altogether. I refer to the Mayors letter of 21 February 2017, which states "The project does not impact on the options available for the future management of dogs in the area should the policy need to change. Council is planning to review the option again in the near future." Clearly the door is being left open to change the current access for dog walkers and I fear that there may be a hidden agenda to further restrict dog walking access which will impact on what is a very popular and well used access by dog walkers attracting locals and other visitors to Seven Mile Beach and Lennox Head.

I am also concerned that the provision of additional car parking spaces does not compensate for the loss of car parking at the northern end of the Eastern Road access at the informal carpark and along the lake foreshore. The issue is not just about the number of car parks but of great concern is that the new car parks are not in the same location and do not provide the same level of access for families or the disabled. I recently suffered a major accident requiring a hip replacement and during my rehabilitation I accessed the lake and beach via the Eastern Road. I cannot see how disabled car parks in the south east corner will do anything to increase disabled access if the Eastern Road is closed.

As a compromise I would support prohibiting vehicles parking directly adjacent to the lake foreshore provided vehicle access was maintained at the informal northern car park (at the leash free dog exercise access point) and along the beach side of the lake.

I am also concerned about the traffic congestion and safety issues associated with the resulting increased traffic near the surf club and caravan park that would result from the closure of the Eastern Road. This area already experiences a high level of traffic and I cannot see how the proposed changes are going to alleviate this issue.

I sincerely hope that Council will consider the desires of the broader local community and visitors to our region and consider the obvious high level of opposition to the proposed Eastern Road that has been exhibited via the various public protests and petitions. Since living at Lennox Head I don't think I have ever seen an issue that has received such strong opposition. I hope that Council is truly respectful of the views of the majority of the community as received during this consultation process.

Yours sincerely

Heather Lloyd 25/1/2017
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 10:12 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/25/2018 9:50:20 AM Response End Time: 1/25/2018 10:12:08 AM IP Address: 220.244.206.125 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works. Ref: V22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Dr David Lloyd Associate Professor, Protected Area Management, Southern Cross University School of Environment Science and Engineering and resident at 24 Fig Tree Hill Drive Lennox Head 2478

3. Phone number (optional)
66874787

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
david.lloyd@scu.edu.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Only if you have a background in the area.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Plain English background documents for non technical residents

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
No. I do not support the main objective of the document i.e. road closure.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I write this submission as a resident of Lennox Head and as an Associate Professor with some 40 years professional experience in public consultation, social geography and environmental management.

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of the informal Eastern Road vehicle access (and the associated northern car park) at Lake Ainsworth.

One of the major attractions and strengths of current management of Seven Mile Beach is that there is a clear separation between areas available to a range of potentially conflicting uses including 4WDs, horse riders, dog walkers and non-dog walkers.

The existing informal northern car park (next to the toilet amenities) provides direct access to the leash free dog exercise section of Seven Mile Beach and experiences a very high level of use by dog walkers but its location successfully avoids potential conflicts between dog walkers and non dog walkers. As currently managed there is plenty of room for everyone and dog walkers are not close to the high use area of the surf club or caravan park.

This works well particularly for those restricted through infirmity or disability. Over the last 20 years a number of undergraduate projects have looked usage. Many elderly residents use the area as they do not feel intimidated by large numbers of other users in the morning. For them walking the dog provides a catalyst for exercise and social interaction that would not otherwise occur e.g. when the road was closed due to high water after a storm event, rather than walking along the beach from the surf club or by walking along the proposed new path along the eastern foreshore; or face congested parking beach in an area of very high public use near the surf club and caravan park, many discontinued their exercise regime rather than face an increased likelihood of conflicts between dog walkers and non-dog walkers. If this were to occur on a permanent basis there will be severe quality of life impacts for these individuals.

Also, I am deeply suspicious that Council's longer term intention may in fact be to close the dog access altogether. I refer to the Mayor's letter of 21 February 2017, which states "The project does not impact on the options available for the future management of dogs in the area should the policy need to change. Council is planning to review the option again in the near future." Clearly the door is being left open to change the current access for dog walkers and I fear that there may be a hidden agenda to further restrict dog walking access which will impact on what is a very popular and well used access by dog walkers attracting locals and other visitors to Seven Mile Beach and Lennox Head.

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I am also concerned about the traffic congestion and safety issues associated with the resulting increased traffic near the surf club and caravan park that would result from the closure of the Eastern Road. This area already experiences a high level of traffic and I cannot see how the proposed changes are going to alleviate this issue.

While I understand that Council has debated this issue on a number of occasions I am concerned that Council needs to listen to and be truly respectful of the views of the majority of the community. This includes not only the formal public submissions but also the petitions and public protests received against the closure of the Eastern Road.

Yours sincerely

Dr. David Lloyd
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9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: S & A Huddy <huddys@quikdsl.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 29 December 2017 10:19 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Dear Council

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to partially close the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth and upgrade facilities there. Currently cars park on both sides of the eastern road making visibility poor for motorists, which is dangerous for pedestrians, particularly children who may not be cautious. Also, sometimes cars are now forced to back up as only a single car can get through at a time, which is also dangerous.

Having upgraded recreational space will much improve the amenity of the lake and make the whole area more visitor friendly. The natural beauty of the lake will be better served by low impact access, and allow for relaxed appreciation rather than the crowded jockeying for vehicular access that currently occurs as cars cruise up and down hoping for a spot.

I applaud your proposal and trust you will go ahead,

Regards

Anna

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FROM: Marguerite SHIRLEY

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TO COUNTER

BALLINA COUNCIL

RE: Proposed road closure
at Lake Ainsworth

To whom it may concern.

Please note my approval
for the proposed plan to close
the road between the lake and
the ocean, eastern side.

I believe that the health of
the lake is of paramount
importance and this fragile
environment must be protected.

Thank you,

M Shirley

General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
Ballina NSW 2478

Or

council@ballina.nsw.org.au

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**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition / ~~concerns about the~~
following aspects of the proposal (~~give your reasons for each aspect you list~~)

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I would like to see the following included as well.

- pick up & drop off points.
- interpretive signage to explain reason why lake is there and how important it is to care for it.

Yours

(Name)

DANIEL KEENAN

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 12:19 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/26/2018 12:11:45 PM Response End Time: 1/26/2018 12:18:44 PM IP Address: 110.142.91.207 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Part V 2017/12 - Review of Environmental Factors - Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Ronald van Setten

3. Phone number (optional)

OPTIONAL!

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) Ron@orion64.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

No.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Simplify it, and address ALL interested parties as to how and why this is such a good idea.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No. council has completely ignored resident comment and wishes. it does not listen or want to negotiate an outcome. it wants to dictate to the community it is supposed to support.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

the following comments have been addressed to the mayor and provided to councilors and are relevant to the matter at hand.

"This council seems hell-bent on creating acrimonious divisions within our community. You will recall my letter to the Advocate last week, which was extremely well received. Please answer the questions posed in my letter, with evidence. We deserve to know the truth, and we deserve to know that you as councillors are doing the job you were elected to do.

The Lake Ainsworth road debate is yet another in a string of council 'initiatives' that has seriously divided the community. Why is it that this council does not support its community better?

You claim that Mr Carter's group told lies about paid parking in the letter it has asked residents to sign. The letter stated: 'I/we do not support paid parking.'. There is an expectation that council will introduce some form of paid parking, whether it has said so or not, so this statement simply says that the signatory does not support paid parking. Please read the words for what they are, not what you imagine they say. To say that this letter contains lies is a gross distortion and unworthy of the position of mayor.

The council has been investigating the Lake Ainsworth road closure for 22 years, ordering report after shelved report, not implementing recommendations, and generally stalling the entire process, at considerable cost to

ratepayers. Why has it taken so long for you to take action? What has senior management been doing over all these years? What has been the cost to date of all these reports?

Closing the road would have 60 of the approximate 125 car parks disappear. The traffic will not diminish, but will flow into neighbouring streets. How are the aged, the disabled and young families, with all their chattels, going to reach their spots by the lake? The traffic overflow will go to the streets, increasing the danger to local residents. With increasing populations - council continues to approve developers' DAs - this area is only going to become more popular. There is almost no question that, irrespective of the eastern road development, the western side of the lake will be used more often. Where is your study/report on this future development?

There is extremely strong support by residents to keep the road open and improve the entire area - in the order of 93%, yet senior management and certain councillors will not listen to this overwhelming public position. This position is supported by reports in favour of retaining the road, and reports dismissing the water pollution argument raised in some quarters, noting that a very recent council report cleared the lake water as safe. Simply, council does not have the mandate to proceed.

Liaison with the emergency services has also resulted in further support to keep the road open. There have been no reported accidents or incidents, yet again those few within council who are influential in making decisions do not take notice.

In a similar way, council conducted a survey to gauge support for moving the Sunday markets from Lake Ainsworth road. Again, support for retaining the status quo was in the high 90s percentile, but the survey results were carefully hidden and 'forgotten'. Sounds like the rate increase we didn't want (for the swimming pools) or the current extravagant rate rise proposal.

Whilst the council maintains its stance on the road closure, it does not seem to have produced a costed alternative. Its talks about using Camp Drewe Road, which is a dirt road full of potholes and corrugations. The contiguous bushland is quite dense, and is the habitat for significant levels of wildlife. Closing the eastern road is certain to bring people to the western side, creating similar problems to those that are meant to exist now, and exacerbating the disturbance to flora and fauna.

What is the cost of upgrading Camp Drewe Road? What is the planned cost of closing down the eastern road? What is the cost of beautifying the area, irrespective of a road closure? What will be the environmental impacts, especially on the wildlife? How is council going to mitigate bushfire escape routes and emergency vehicle access? There are so many unanswered questions. How can we possibly reach a valid conclusion when the council continues to hide the facts?

And why is council expending so much time, money and energy on this matter when there are projects and developments needing much more urgent attention?

The council simply does not listen to us, something we have known for years! Nonetheless, the Mayor has a responsibility to respond to these questions, and validate whatever action the council takes. You also has an obligation to advise why the council wants to close the road and to outline in detail, including costings, for whatever alternatives council has in mind.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: Marie Berghuis <berberghuis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2018 3:39 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Management Plan

Re: Ballina Council's Lake Ainsworth Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madam

I support Ballina Shire Council's and Mayor David Wright's **Lake Ainsworth Management Plan**.

The condition of the current eastern access road and the adjoining lake shore in particular is very poor.

Ballina Shire Council's **Foreshore Improvement Works** program is needed to improve the lake environment and its surrounds.

Bert Berghuis
2 Tara Downs
Lennox Head

17 January 2018

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Bert & Marie Berghuis

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Sue Wade

From: Alana Russell <a.russell.19@student.scu.edu.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:56 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Attn: Paul Hickey / Objection for Eastern Road closure at Lake Ainsworth

Dear Sir/Madam,

My submission is an objection for the proposal of Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvement works, Council project file reference Part V 22.2017/12.

The reasons for my objection is as follows:

1. The reduction in car access on the eastern side due to closure will result in an accumulation of cars at both the southern and western sides of the lake resulting in various significant impacts.

These significant impacts will include:

- a) safety of people on foot, especially children going back and forth between the lake and the caravan park.
- b) Wildlife being threatened, especially Echidna's, fresh water turtles and bandicoots as they are slower to cross the road. Camp Drewe road is a wildlife corridor with fresh water turtles nesting that occurs across this corridor on the western heathlands side and hatchlings have been sighted during daylight hours and helped to cross the road by people.
- c) People will be parking as close to the lake as possible on Camp Drewe Rd so they do not have to lug all their stuff in the heat of the day. This will result in people trampling through the sensitive bushlands to gain access to the lake. The western bushland is relied upon to produce the Tea-Tree from the melaleuca trees as it is the only bushland remaining.
- d) The increased vehicles will increase the amount of rocks and dust flicking up and damaging the bushlands.
- e) Snake bites could increase as people try and make pathways through to the lake on the western side.
- f) When all the parks are taken at the lake the surrounding streets will be congested with cars which has a significant impact on the safety of people on foot, bikes, scooters etc. A lot of families ride to the lake and an increase in cars to the surrounding streets of the lake will could mean an increase in car related injuries.

2. Access for elderly people, disabled and families will be reduced with only the southern and western sides becoming an option.

- a) A lot of elderly will not be able to walk down the eastern side so will only be able to have access on the southern and western sides provided they get a park close enough, which reiterates the significant impacts listed in point 1.
- b) A lot of disabled people need to park their vehicle as close to the lake as possible and therefore will not be able to park on the eastern side again limiting their access to the southern and western sides providing they get a park close enough to access the lake.
- c) Families with their children, eskies, water toys etc will find it difficult to walk down the eastern side and will therefore park as close as possible to the lake. With all their stuff in tow they will not want to park far away and have to walk in the heat to & from the lake.
- d) With the reduced access for these people it highlights the significant impacts i addressed in point 1. The movement of people accessing the lake will be driven to the southern and western sides causing congestion and threatening the wildlife.

3. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to the lakes beauty by council. The council have not carried out consistent foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works which shows the gazetted plans of management have not been adhered to or respected.

4. Timed parking should not be added to the plans of Lake Ainsworth. People travel to Lennox Head to visit the Lake for its beauty and easily accessible access, applying timed parking will limit their time at the lake and/or mean they will have to move their cars when their time is up in hope of finding another spot and doing so in the heat.

- a) A single parent would not be able to move their care whilst leaving their child at the lake, this means they will have to take their children back to the car, move it to another park and walk back to the lake.
- b) Both elderly and disabled people would have the same difficulty as discussed in point 4.

5. An alternate option for a parkland at Lake Ainsworth could be including BBQ's with shelter and tables along the foreshore of the beach. This would entice both locals and visitors to areas other than Lake Ainsworth and therefore decrease the flow of traffic congestion at the lake and instead spread it evenly throughout the community. The lake is shaded which is why a lot of people migrate there, if we had the same set up along the beach foreshore people wouldn't be limited to only the Lake for shade.

In conclusion the foreshore access with informal parking at Lake Ainsworth is beneficial to local residents, visitors and the sport and recreation centre. A community driven holistic coastal management program should be implemented before council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, or Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my request.

Yours Sincerely, Alana Russell

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25 January 2018

The General Manager
40 Cherry Street
BALLINA N S W 2478

Dear Sir

**Re: Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works**

I write in support of the above proposal to develop a parkland to the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth and provide emergency vehicle only access along the existing eastern road.

When implemented, this proposal will deliver to Lennox Head a sorely needed picnic and family area safe from the onslaught of motor vehicles and provide an extensive location adjacent to the Lake protected from the strong on-shore winds we experience, particularly during summer months.

Much has been written and said about reduced vehicle access, additional distance to traverse and claims that persons with limited mobility will no longer be able to access the northern end of the Lake.

These claims often hark back to the times of the writers' or speakers' youth when there were less vehicles and less people attempting to share the precious, popular spaces – perhaps the 1970s or 1980s. In those times of course, we could also drive to Lennox Point, park on the dunes at The Pass and Lighthouse Beach and have direct access to waterways in many locations. With increases in population and demand this is simply no longer possible.

Demands for parking will continue to increase, and as a longer term strategy, I look forward to solutions being developed to address these concerns in a formal manner, with shuttle transport between the northern and southern ends of the village. Perhaps as a component of the Village Renewal project, consideration might be given to a multi storey carpark on the existing site west of the Community Centre with restaurant on the roof and bridge to the Community Centre.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and I eagerly anticipate its implementation at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely



Robyn Hargrave

26 January 2018

Sam Casey
Lennox Head NSW 2478
0413227091

Attn: Paul Hickey General Manager

Retain & Maintain Significant Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head NSW 2478 – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

Areas of Concern

- Reduced safety for children, families and community members
- Making the communal area unavailable to members of the community who cannot afford to pay for parking or fines occurred from exceeding time limits
- No foreshore on the Eastern side of the Lake, due to lack of maintenance
- Restricted access for emergency services, which puts lives at risk in dangerous moments.
- Non-compliance to the existing Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002

Reduced Safety for Children, Families and Community Members

The closure or removal of any road access to areas around the lake is a compromise to the safety of the community.

Children in the community often use this area for recreation after school hours and in holiday time, this is policed by the public and mainly parents and families of the children.

The easy road access allows our law enforcements to create a subtle yet consistent presence that gives a sense of security to this area, making it a safe and peaceful area for the entire community to congregate.

Closing the road would create isolated areas, and increase the likelihood of accidents going unnoticed, urgent medical attention delayed, and offer a screen and venue for anti-social behaviour. I would also like to mention the fact that the previous bushfires were quite dangerous, any action to restrict access to services that could save lives would be concerning and questionable.

(page 45) Traffic Management illustration 5 states: "Realign existing road to the east and relocate recreation facilities to the lake side of the road (where possible). Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming."

Making the communal area unavailable to members of the community who cannot afford to pay for parking or fines occurred from exceeding time limits

Lake Ainsworth is renowned as being a recreational area that is open to the public. This is a communal area and not the property of the Ballina Shire Council. Any action to install methods of extracting money from visitors such as time limit restrictions that result in fines or paid parking should not be considered.

No foreshore on the Eastern side of the Lake, due to lack of maintenance

Failing to maintain a foreshore along the eastern side has created erosion, thank god for the road as it has created a block and the eastern lake side that is buffered by the road has not experienced as much erosion as the southern end has over the last three years.

Council ceasing to retain the foreshore and drag back the sand that is pushed back into the lake over peak periods or washed back in due to weather restricts access to people with disabilities, and creates a dangerous drop that I have seen people fall over. This also decreases the established recreational area that is enjoyed regularly.

(Page 42)"By implementing the management measures shown in illustration 5, the issues of safety, erosion and continual access to the various facilities to the areas around Lake Ainsworth can be addressed" "By formalising the access roads and car parking, the erosion caused from vehicles parking into the dunes and driving off the road can be minimised or avoided."

Restricted access for emergency services, which puts lives at risk in dangerous moments

Recent fires in the area have proven the high level of danger that can occur in the Lake Ainsworth Area. Any person, especially ones who are responsible for the community efforts to purposely restrict vehicle access for emergency services to these areas is questionable. One road in and out the area is a recipe for disaster and a negligent approach to community wellbeing and safety.

Non-compliance to the existing Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002

Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002, stipulates procedures and care plans that are meant to be carried out. The council fails to do so and is ignoring the existing guidelines. The instructions to “Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming “ does not mean closing or restricting any road access.

If the road was maintained and the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002 was carried out, we would not be in this predicament.

Furthermore, as observing the corner formalised carpark at the southern end of the lake receives next to no maintenance, and looks very neglected. Placing the already aesthetic ambience of Lake Ainsworth at risk of receiving less maintenance and looking neglected would be a mistake.

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 21 January 2018 4:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/21/2018 3:33:42 PM Response End Time: 1/21/2018 4:04:01 PM IP Address: 101.175.29.2
Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth South Easter Precinct Project - Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Alice Moffett

3. Phone number (optional)
0431 649 091

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) alice@selfseed.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

As a resident of Lennox Head, I see great worth in protecting the Lake and the long-term recreational access by closing the Eastern road and rehabilitating the vegetation. The current Eastern road is falling into the Lake and the pollution from cars driving by as people swim make for a dangerous setting for children and a polluting atmosphere for adults and families. A parkland on the Eastern side will support a healthier Lake and ensure that our community can enjoy it for years to come. In addition to removing traffic, I think it is very important to include interpretative signage educating swimmers as to the detrimental impact of urinating in the Lake or wearing non-natural sunscreens. Something like: 'Want the Lake to be open all Summer? Don't wee in the Lake - the nitrogen from urine changes the pH levels of the Lake, removing dissolvable oxygen, causing blooms of Blue-Green Algae - meaning the Lake will be closed and unsafe to swim in. Keep the Lake healthy by a) urinating in the public toilets and not in the Lake, 2) not allowing dogs to enter the Lake as the pesticides (flea treatments) on their skin and fur enter the Lake and impact the biology 3) only entering the Lake with natural forms of sunscreen - chemical based sunscreens cause a film that pollutes the water"... "Together we can look after our lake for our children and our children's children". Also, nutrient and pesticide, herbicide run-off from surrounding agricultural practices needs to be monitored and removed if occurring. And the allowable activities of the Camp Drewe area need to be tightly restricted to activities that do not impact the health of the Lake and do not attract greater number of people.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes. As a resident of Lennox Head, I see great worth in protecting the Lake and the long-term recreational access by closing the Eastern road and rehabilitating the vegetation. The current Eastern road is falling into the Lake and the pollution from cars driving by as people swim make for a dangerous setting for children and a polluting atmosphere for adults and families. A parkland on the Eastern side will support a healthier Lake and ensure that our community can enjoy it for years to come. In addition to removing traffic, I think it is very important to include interpretative signage educating swimmers as to the detrimental impact of urinating in the Lake or

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8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I think it would be kind to extend the off-leash dog beach zone south to the surf Club. This will make the dog-walkers happy as they can more easily access the area where their dogs can run off-leash. And it will reduce the amount of dogs going through the new parkland and reduce the risk of people allowing dogs to go in the Lake for a 'quick rinse' after a beach walk. Also, installing dog-washing and go water bowels at taps around the surf-club entrance to the beach will encourage dogs to enter and exit from that area.

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Sue Wade

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2018 9:20 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: FW: Submission for DA 010.2017.00000216.000

Dear Ballina Council,

I'm writing to voice my SUPPORT for the current DA for the proposed Lake Ainsworth Upgrade Works.

As a Lennox Head resident who visits the lake daily, sometimes twice a day, I strongly SUPPORT the proposed parkland and the closure of the eastern road alongside Lake Ainsworth for a number of reasons:

- I love the idea of increased public green spaces for recreation and picnics alongside the lake - we need more car-free spaces in our region, to encourage us all to walk more, and Lake Ainsworth is a great place to start. I don't live within walking distance of the lake, but am confident that Council has allowed for car parking and access to make up for the impending road closure.
- I swim in the lake almost every day and am tired of having to "look both ways" as soon as I get out of the water to avoid being hit by a car. I also want to be able to sit by the lake without having cars cruise past close enough to touch.
- I am looking forward to the eroded foreshore of the lake being restored to ensure that the lake remains healthy and doesn't suffer from runoff of petrochemicals from passing cars (among other pollutants). To me, the future of the lake is more important than being able to drive right to the water's edge.
- I believe the parkland will make the lake safer to visit and more accessible for everyone, including those with prams and disabilities.
- This issue has lingered long enough and caused an ugly divisiveness in our beautiful little town, and I hope it can finally be laid to rest with this DA and the new parkland created as soon as possible.

In terms of suggestions, I hope the lakeside park will be as natural as possible - a few seats and picnic tables perhaps (I love the idea of sandstone blocks to sit on) and a smooth walking path, perhaps a few solar-powered lights for safety, but not much else.

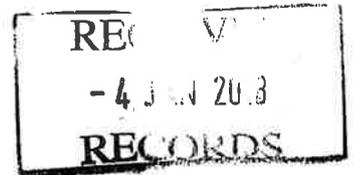
Thank you for your hard work on this issue.

Louise

Louise Southerden
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The General Manager, Ballina Shire Council
P.O. Box 450 Ballina
N.S.W. 2478



Dear Sir,

RE: PartV 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

I am writing in support of the proposal for a parkland on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

My support centres around the idea of providing increased recreational space which can be available for people of all ages and states of mobility free of concerns brought by motor vehicles and without the accompanying hard surfaced infrastructures that inevitably accompany cars.

The proposed parkland would present a more democratic opportunity for citizens to enjoy unimpeded the vistas of the land and the sea. The provision of recreational spaces both shady and open is necessary for various visitors to take full advantage of the future parkland.

The inclusion of solar lighting and a reliable free wifi availability will contribute to making this area safe and attractive to all.

I would further support any creative permanent participation of Indigenous cultural connection to the North Coast with the employment of Indigenous Aboriginal Park Rangers who could provide walks and talks of the First Peoples connections to the parkland.

My personal use of this parkland will be to take any opportunity to paint the natural vegetation, land and seascapes provided by this amenity.

Thank you for the vision of Council in the producing this plan to improve the important infrastructure required to maintain the health of Lake Ainsworth and its surrounds. Without a healthy lake then we have nothing to draw people and wildlife as well as we all would lose a gift which has been provided by nature for thousands of years.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.L. Greenop". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name.

K.L. Greenop
Mobile 0413411026
30 December 2017

Sue Wade

From: shahab.khan@oocl.com
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 9:37 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

To whom it may concern

I wish the lake and its surrounds to be protected and preserved in the safety and survival of the wildlife living in and around it and so that our future generations can continue to enjoy its natural beauty. The lake is a tourism destination that we need to ensure is kept clean and safe for visitors who contribute to the local economy. Pedestrian safety, increasing recreational space, enhancing visual amenity, improving foreshore environments, updated stormwater infrastructure and better access for the elderly and disabled are all good reasons to support this proposal. Lake Ainsworth, a tea-tree stained dunal lake, is popular for Sydney siders like us.

All picnic facilities need to be fully supported with rubbish collection and recycling facility and with proper subversion to penalise those dump rubbish in undesignated area and disturb wild lives. May can consider specially designed pathway for disabled access.

May also consider designated area for pet of the visitors so that dog have their own fun without being able to chase the wild life

Thanking you in advance.

Best Regards
Shahab Khan

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Sue Wade

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Sent: Saturday, 30 December 2017 2:28 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/30/2017 2:26:07 PM Response End Time: 12/30/2017 2:27:53 PM IP Address: 144.139.174.203 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

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2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Anna dicker

3. Phone number (optional)

0415642867

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

annadicker@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Look at enforcing no overnight parking in the vicinity of the lake

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

Anna Dicker
3A Ross St
Lennox Head
NSW 2478

30.12.1917

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

Submission in support of the improvement works on display, including the Eastern Road of Lake Ainsworth.

I have lived in this area for the past 28 years and have seen the use of Lake Ainsworth grow exponentially in that time. I have also observed what I believe is the deteriorating health of the lake with pollution and erosion being the main issues.

With increased highway access for the northern regions, huge land development in the surrounding areas and free access to a wonderful natural assets the lake usage is within reach of countless people.

Future land development such as Epic, Stewart's land, Ross Lane and Cumbalum will all lead to an increase in lake visitor numbers.

Closing the Eastern lake road will give well needed access for visitors to picnic and allow their children to play safely, instead of dodging the dense traffic situation that arises every weekend and the whole summer long. We desperately need beautification of the area and a limitation of pollutant factors.

Although parking spaces for 100 cars will go it is a fact that not all visitors in cars will ever be able to be catered for. The more development and access that is available the more cars will present to allow visitors to access the resource. Even a multi storey carpark would eventually get filled up.

The car parking that is adjacent to the southern borders and the area between the surf club and Ross St is (in summer) largely filled with caravan park visitors who have two cars and only allowed one on their sites. Thus that visitor carparking is not available to the public.

I would also like to encourage council to look at parking solutions outside the box, such as restricting parking in existing car park areas to no overnight parking.

Anna Dicker

Ba HSc (Nursing), Ma Community Development Emergency Management

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From: Faye Smith <efayesmith7@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 11:27 PM
To: ballina@nsw.gov.au; Councillor David Wright; Councillor Jeff Johnson; Councillor Sharon Cadwallader; Councillor Phil Meehan; Councillor Nathan Willis; Councillor Stephen McCarthy; Councillor Keith Williams; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Ben Smith; Councillor Sharon Parry; Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project Part V 22.2017/12

I write to support the proposed park land proposal at Lake Ainsworth.

Ballina Shire and Lennox Head offers something that other coastal towns do not - a beautiful clean ocean and a fresh water lake. This sets Ballina Shire and Lennox Head apart and makes them unique and special for local residents as well as visitors.

Both need to be kept clean and preserved in order for Lennox Head residents and visitors to continue to enjoy its unique natural resources.

An extended green space between the lake and the ocean which is free of traffic would be an asset to residents, visitors and the lake. It would create visual amenity, reduce pollutants entering a lake which is under environmental stress, and a peaceful place for people to gather or to enjoy alone.

Public comments indicate that there are issues to be addressed. Identifying and addressing issues is part of good planning and risk management. It is not a reason to abandon a worthwhile project which will be an asset to the Shire and the Lennox Head township now and in to the future.

Below I raise those issues and propose solutions.

Parking

Residents have become accustomed to the additional car parks already created by Council in anticipation of this park land going ahead some time ago. Residents are used to this new parking in addition to the parking which will go when the road is closed. While it is understood that additional parking will be created along the other side of the lake, it seems clear that there will never be enough parking with the extensive additional housing development and approvals and increasing popularity of Lennox Head, especially as Byron Bay has become traffic congested and paid parking has been introduced.

Proposed solutions

1. Make the area along the southern boundary a parking free zone overnight. This will have the benefit of: all parking areas being available from early (say 5am) for lake users; eliminating valuable car parking spaces being taken up by visitors and guests to the caravan park; and preventing overnight campervans and other vehicles from residing temporarily in this space. This would only work if it is enforced through surveillance, consultation and fines of sufficient force to not make it worth while risking the fine.
2. Introduced timed parking in the immediate lake area. The minimum length of time should be three hours. Again, this would only work regular surveillance is understated and if fines are introduced.
3. Consider timed paid parking, with Ballina rate paying residents exempt from paying but not exempt from the time limit. As in points 1 and 2, this will be effective only if it is enforced. Perhaps this option could be considered if a problem manifests itself in terms of parking availability.
4. Negotiate with the caravan park for more car parking. As Council owns the road going through the caravan park there is room for negotiation.

5. Introducing a shuttle bus which traverses the local area and drops off people at the lake. As cost may be a factor, the shuttle bus could operate at advertised peak periods such as school holidays, public holidays, festivals and weekends. For this to be effective the bus would need to collect people from the existing areas such as the Greenfield Street vicinity, North Creek Road vicinity, new developments and, possibly, Fig Hill. It would be best if this were free of charge but if a fee is required it should be inexpensive to encourage individuals, couples and families to use it. If the shuttle bus takes too long to do a loop it will not be used - a maximum of 30 minutes is recommended, preferably less, and pick ups would need to occur regularly. This may mean having different routes. A less desirable option (because of cost to commuters) would be a private company running this shuttle bus.

Safety

The proposed new parking is opposite the caravan park where families stay at peak periods.

Proposed solutions:

1. Parking may not be required at the lake if the shuttle bus option is adopted.
2. If parking in this area is to go ahead whether or not a shuttle bus is introduced, adequate traffic calming would need to be introduced from the outset. The volume of cars and their speed must be controlled.
3. The car parking area be designated as a pedestrian priority area. There should be a number of pedestrian crossings with pedestrians having right of way.
4. The caravan park should place a high fence between its boundary and the parkland, controlling access to the parkland at safe places, with pedestrian crossings.

Rubbish and Litter

As this area becomes more popular rubbish and litter will increase.

Proposed solutions:

1. Many more rubbish bins be provided which are emptied daily.
2. Council has daily clean ups of the area in addition to the valuable work that Landcare and other community volunteers provide already.
3. The cafe at the SLSC be required to use china and crockery as the amount of rubbish and litter created by one use take away cups and plates is environmentally irresponsible and creates a rubbish and litter issue.

Toilets

Increasing use of this area will mean that the existing toilets must be kept and maintained in an attractive way.

Proposed solution:

1. Toilets must be maintained and cleaned at least daily as this area will become used more.
2. Council communicates clearly to locals that the toilets will remain to counter incorrect beliefs that one toilet block would be removed.

Behaviour

If this is to become a shared peaceful green space it is important that appropriate behaviour be encouraged and enforced. It is not appropriate for individuals or groups to play music which affects the quiet enjoyment of others, for alcohol to be consumed in this area which could lead to inappropriate behaviour, for duff duff parties to be allowed to gather here, for residents or visitors to camp or engage in anti social behaviour here at any time of the day or night or for dogs to be off leash in the parkland lake area, Respecting other lake users, residents and other native animal species is important.

Proposed solutions:

1. Friendly arty signage illustrating that private music, parties, camping, overnight parking, off leash dog walking and dog swimming, alcohol consumption and anti social is not allowed and encouraging

positive use eg swimming, picnicking, stand up paddling, canoeing, walking, birdwatching, reading, and on leash dog walking away from the lake.

2. Community education staff interacting with people in a friendly manner on a regular basis to explain the reasons and, if necessary, enforce appropriate behaviour.
3. Community engagement and education with locals to explain the reasons for these decisions and to actively engage us to accept them.
4. If required, Police patrols and daily police walk through/cycles.

Habitat protection

The area along the caravan park side of the lake attracts a considerable amount of wildlife - birds, macropods, reptiles, amphibians and insects. This wildlife must be protected and kept safe. Maintaining biodiversity is essential to a healthy environment.

Proposed solutions:

1. Introduce a shuttle bus to eliminate, or at least reduce, the amount of traffic.
2. Ensure that sufficient rubbish bins are provided so that plastics and other litter do not enter the lake or get ingested by wildlife. This will mean that the bins will need to be covered and emptied regularly, preferably daily.
3. Limit the amount of parking so that it does not encroach on sensitive areas.
4. Continue to work with Landcare and other community groups to care for the area and prevent the creation of unofficial access points to the lake.
5. Employ Council staff or local contractors to survey the area, clean bins and toilets, collect litter, engage with visitors to encourage appropriate behaviour.

Cost of maintenance to local rate payers

Any asset which is enjoyed by visitors and non-rate payers should not become a liability to rate-payers.

Proposed solutions:

1. Active education program to encourage appropriate behaviour.
2. Clear signage about using bins, no music, no alcohol.
3. Paid parking by non rate-paying residents be used to employ staff or contractors to keep the area clean, safe and environmentally friendly for people and other species.
4. Businesses directly benefiting from the parkland and lake be required to pay for the privilege and to actively engage in lake community enhancement activities and programs. The money raised from this be used directly and transparently to maintaining the valuable asset for all.
5. Encourage visitors to make purchases in Lennox Head eg purchasing BBQ or picnic food and supplies locally and visit local cafes, shops and restaurants.

Lake Ainsworth is a valuable asset to everyone. It should be enjoyed and protected. With good planning, considered risk management strategies and sufficient resources from the outset, this proposed valuable parkland can be loved and well respected by local residents and visitors.

Please support the eastern road closure and support environmentally sustainable development proposals to protect the unique and beautiful Lake Ainsworth.

(Elizabeth) Faye Smith
Lennox Head resident and rate payer

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**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition / concerns about the following aspects of the proposal (give your reasons for each aspect you list)

- to protect the lake and extend its protection into the future.
- public safety for swimmers along the eastern side of the lake.

I would like to see the following included as well.

- A strong focus on measures to increase the water quality for the protection of swimmers

Yours

(Name) Mark Carthew.

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

1 Survey Street, Lennox Head.

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 2:18 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 2:06:12 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 2:17:52 PM IP Address: 124.149.38.143 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Julie McVeigh

3. Phone number (optional)

0404303934

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

julie.mcveigh@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

The attachments could have a precis which does not have to be downloaded. This is time consuming and is a deterrent to reading all the relevant supporting documentation.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes.

I look forward to the health of the lake and the foreshore being improved, the access to the water for elderly and or incapacitated people to be made easier and safer, the closure of the road for the safety of the community, and health and aesthetics of the lake and its surrounds, improved and enlarged area for enjoying the foreshore, including additional facilities for the enjoyment of the whole community.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I fully support the closure of the eastern road, and look forward to the enlarged space for people to enjoy the foreshore of the lake.

I note that the car parking spaces that will be lost as a result will be replaced by other provisions in close proximity to the lake.

I think the provision of alternate parking spaces in the same number as those being lost is a critical issue.

I support your proposal regarding the car parking spaces adjacent to the caravan park being unavailable from late evening to sunrise.

In brief, my concerns are

that the provision of toilet facilities are inadequate. I understand that the toilet block near the surf club will be retained. However, a change room space and additional toilets are needed now, but will be even more needed

with the enlarged population of residents, as well as the increasing visitors to the beach and lake. Provision for happy change facilities, as well as nappy disposal bins could be provided. This may encourage parents to guide their children to use the toilet instead of the lake, as well as dispose of nappies in a facility for the purpose of disposing of human waste.

that excellent lighting is provided all along the new access path/road that the lake foreshore in its entirety remains a dog free place, and that people with dogs who are accessing the dog friendly section of the beach are required to keep their dog on a lead while doing so.

I would like to see a greater ranger presence in the lake foreshore/surf club area, more signage re dogs, and re fines for dogs and littering, and that 'on the spot' fines are issued.

Adequate provision of bins that are emptied daily in peak season is essential.

Planting, protection, and nurturing of native species of trees and shrubs is essential.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 11:50 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/13/2018 11:30:33 AM Response End Time: 1/13/2018 11:50:05 AM IP Address: 1.144.111.9 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Tara McGready

3. Phone number (optional)
N/A

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
tara_mcgreedy@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Moderately

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
N/A

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I greatly support the proposed plans and thank Council for spending resources to do this for the following reasons:

- Reprioritisation of people over cars. The current main use of the eastern road is for car parking and movement. The parkland plans will reclaim this land for much needed recreational space. The current amount of recreational space is inadequate for the large numbers of visitors to the lake.
- The proposed southern road works will provide some of the carparks lost from the eastern road.
- Health and behaviour change for the better - a certain proportion of lake visitors live within comfortable walking or cycling distances from the lake but will drive their cars there due to convenience and laziness. The changes will encourage modifications in behaviour in some of these nearby living residents to travel to the lake by bike or foot, especially if they believe that car spaces will be harder to find.
- The environmental benefits of the eastern road closure and upgrades to the southern and western roads should be a high priority.
- The improved accessibility for people of all abilities is greatly supported.
- the aesthetics and amenity of the eastern road without cars will be a great benefit and will allow greater enjoyment by people of the lake. It will certainly allow parents to relax much more by not having to worry about their children being run over by a car. This provides mental health benefits to many parents ;)

I realise the concerns of some residents that convenience in terms of less parking, will be lost, however I believe there will not actually be that much parking lost, and it will encourage healthier behaviours in nearby residents that currently take the lazy option out 9me included!) and drive to the lake instead of walk or bike.
- It will be important to ensure adequate end of trip facilities - namely bike racks -at the lake as I believe there will be greater bike usage to get to the lake should less car parking spaces become available.

Thanks for considering my submission.

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Sue Wade

From: Anita Wolf <anita.wolf@fusionhealth.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 2:46 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Hi,
>

> We use the Lake Ainsworth Eastern Road daily to take our dog to the off-leash exercise area. When I first heard about the road closure I was against it due to elimination of the off-leash access. However I can see the reason for wanting to turn the road into parkland to improve the lake experience. Therefore I suggest that the off-leash area is increased to the South, to include the current on-leash area. I appreciate that we can walk through the on-leash section to the off-leash area, but we have a small dog and by the time she reaches the off-leash area it will be time to turn around and walk all the way back to the car again if we can't drive to an off-leash access point. Also, if we want to take umbrellas etc to the beach, it is too far to get through the on-leash area to the off-leash area when carrying a load.

>

> Perhaps this has already been included in the plan but if not I hope you will see it as a reasonable compromise that might help to appease many locals. Or if you've come up with another solution to this concern I would be very happy to hear about it.

>

> Thank you and kind regards,
> Anita Wolf
> Lennox Head Ratepayer

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Sue Wade

From: Marika Ilic <milic@ncphn.org.au>
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2018 3:03 PM
To: Councillors
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' (Closure of Eastern Road)

Dear Councillors,

I wish to support Council closing the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth.

I feel that traffic along the eastern road is a danger to pedestrians, particularly children.

I believe the health of the lake suffers because of the road and the by-products from cars.

I think a parkland there would be beautiful and enjoyable for the public.

I do however have concerns over possible parking problems caused by the closure of this road and trust council will organise to provide more parking as well as ensure that the increased traffic on existing roads does not become a danger to the public.

And finally, I understand that the eastern road has been a convenience to the elderly to access the lake and I would not like them to be forgotten in the new plans.

I trust that council will base their decisions on the long term health of the lake, whilst considering the elderly and disabled as a priority to access it.

Thank you,

Marika Ilic
2/1 Ross St
Lennox Head NSW 2481

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 6:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/23/2018 6:07:16 PM Response End Time: 1/23/2018 6:49:31 PM IP Address: 124.149.58.64 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Brian Wilson

3. Phone number (optional)

0266864332

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

willfly@ozemail.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

The eastern road must be included into the plan and kept open for the benefit of all the aged and handicapped people in not just Ballina Shire but also all the surrounding areas of the north coast of New South Wales

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I work with the aged and handicapped people in Ballina, Lismore and Byron Bay. I take them in a bus to the eastern precinct of Lake Ainsworth on a daily basis. I can take them in any weather conditions for their enjoyment of the beauty and birdlife of this area and enjoy a cup of tea whilst remaining in the bus. These people do not have the luxury of other carers to push their wheelchairs when the road is closed. The plan that is being put forward will only benefit the few privileged aged and handicapped people with family or carers and then only used when the weather is not too hot, not too windy, not too cold and not raining. Whereas I can take many people in any conditions to enjoy the peacefulness of the area. I am only one of many workers in the area that do this on a regular basis. By closing this road you will be denying the access and enjoyment of hundreds, and in the future thousands of aged and handicapped people to the eastern precinct that most have enjoyed their whole life

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: Nancy Hoerman <nandho@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 2:32 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Hi There,

I am in favor of the eastern road closure and proposed parkland at Lake Ainsworth.

My main reason is the environmental health of the lake and the surrounding area. I have been at the lake when it's pissing down rain and seen all the runoff, litter, car pollution & animal urine from the road run straight into the lake. I do not wish to see the lake further polluted as if humans continue to, no one will be able to use it at all. There are many fragile ecosystems around the lake and I think it is very important to preserve them.

It is important to provide many amenities for proper rubbish disposal and make sure they are emptied by council. If you dont make it easy for humans to do the right thing and pick up after themselves they generally cannot be bothered to go out of their way. Placing the picnic areas farther away from the shore of the lake could also help small fragments of litter from going straight in. Placing fencing or barriers around bush regeneration areas and making clear obvious paths to the water will keep humans from roaming into those areas and give wildlife a place to hide.

Putting up signs that clearly explain to humans that sunscreen has an effect on the water quality of the lake would be helpful. I know you cant tell them not to use it but stating other alternatives such as wearing rash vests and putting on sunscreen half hour before they go swimming might help people think outside of the box.

Signs showing what kind of animals live around the lake and where and what humans can do to help preserve their habitat would educate people on how to care for the environment.

What is going to be done about the western side of the lake? Placing fencing and barriers around sensitive zones and providing clear obvious paths over there would help as well. Better not to give humans the access to sensitive areas where animals live as we all know what will happen if we do. What about limiting car access to the western side by installing a boom gate. If you will be providing disabled access on the other sides then there really shouldnt be any reason for people to drive over. Obviously the camp will have to have access. If you prohibit vehicles on the beach there would be no other reason why anyone would need to drive over there. More wildlife would be protecting like shore birds and turtles.

I believe it is important to care for both sides of the lake or the the west side will just be demolished. Does council really care about the health of the entire lake and preserving it? If you do then you need to do whatever possible to prevent humans from destroying it. You cant give humans the benefit of the doubt that they will do the right thing, we need to be shown how to.

Thanks,

Nancy Hoerman



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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 10:39 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/25/2018 10:12:30 PM Response End Time: 1/25/2018 10:39:15 PM IP Address: 122.148.15.187 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

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Part 5

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Louise Atkinson

3. Phone number (optional)

0403727853

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

latkinson@optusnet.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes, it is very detailed and commendable that aboriginal people were involved and consulted

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

It does not state whether the representatives will be at the works site when work begins, or whether the melalueca trees will be undisturbed as Lois has stated. She has informed that the Eastern side of the Lake is a womens' area and the trees should remain intact.

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?

No, I believe the use of the Eastern side of the lake is practical and functional for people with disabilities, people with dogs and vehicles and all use in a safe manner, just as it is now. My partner (now dcd) could use his 4WW to walk from the car into the Lake when I could park very near the lake and he was saved the embarrassment of many people watching him.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

There is no rubbish left at the lake, the provision of picnic areas and bins will promote rubbish, vermin, bugs and insects which are not a problem now. Also if people have to walk their dogs up this recreation area to the dog beach it may mean dogs are defaecating on the way to their destination, the dog beach. At present the Eastern side of the Lake is a happily shared and clean area. The South end of the Lake is mostly used by the caravan campers. Can you not "improve" the Western side of the lake. The Eastern and Southern sides of the Lake are very functional as is.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 8:04 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/25/2018 7:44:18 AM Response End Time: 1/25/2018 8:04:10 AM IP Address: 103.39.85.15
Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lennox Head Lake Ainsworth

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Tony Bindon

3. Phone number (optional)
0412687675

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
tbindon@trinitylismore.nsw.edu.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
It is relatively simple to read but lengthy.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I cannot see the advantage of completely closing the road as it will limit access to many and will create further dangerous road crossings because people will have to park further from the lake, especially during the busiest times.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

I totally disagree with the closure of the eastern road to traffic. I have been a resident here for 29 years and prior to that a visitor and camper from Lismore since 1962 (my father Jim Bindon was the first treasurer of the Surf Club and I was a member of the first patrol) In that time I have seen a lot of changes to the lake and its surrounds. I firmly believe that there is sufficient room for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Those who suggest that the current conditions are "dangerous" should think about the danger that will occur when people have to park a distance from the lake and then have to walk across even busier roads because traffic has been redirected mostly along the southern road. Also by having to park even further away from the lake, families with children and elderly people will have to cross more than 1 road to gain access to the lake. Surely council can foresee that people will begin to park along and in the surrounds of the western side of the lake....same issue will occur. Keep the eastern road open, provide a walking path and install proper carparks along and at the turnaround end and picnic areas

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

Surely both parties can be satisfied and restoration of the foreshore (my number 1 priority) can occur.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 8:22 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/10/2018 8:04:47 AM Response End Time: 1/10/2018 8:21:31 AM IP Address: 1.129.111.161 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

+ REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS - PART 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
+ & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 (as amended)
PROPOSED LAKE AINSWORTH FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS Lennox Head NSW

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Sue Darnell

3. Phone number (optional)

0414707635

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) sdarnz@icloud.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes read and understood.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

The Council is on track to improve this area for generations to come and has had to tread carefully due to the no campaigners.

I hope Council does not give in to this group and instead does what is environmental correct for the Lake and the community.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

YES DEFINITELY I support this wonderful improvement.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

As a Lennox Head resident who uses the dog beach regularly I feel it is only a matter of time before a small child is hit by a car while enjoying the wonderful lake for swimming. The road is far too close to the lake and by making this area a NO CAR passive recreation area it would make the area safer and much more enjoyable for visitors and residents alike.

As the lake drains back toward the swamp not to the ocean this would also stop the car oil slick on the lake's edge in the east side.

I also have a major issue with the no campaigners who approach visitors to our town during the holiday season asking them to sign a petition to stop this wonderful improvement when those people signing had no proper educated and considered opinion to go by.

I believe these names should not be taken into account.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 12:16 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/24/2018 11:54:35 AM Response End Time: 1/24/2018 12:15:41 PM IP Address: 121.218.173.49 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Beth Hansen

3. Phone number (optional)
0407 457 608

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
hansenbeth@bigpond.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
none

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I support the considered opinions of Council staff, elected members and expert consultants.

Please do not be influenced by the emotional responses from those who proclaim that the historical connections of our parents and grand-parents with the lake outweigh current expert evidence and predictions on climate changes and environmental implications; have made personal attacks on staff, elected members and consultants; believe the report recommendations are overly influenced by "The Greenies" and keep changing their grounds for disagreeing with Council decisions on the Parklands proposals.

I urge you to proceed with the proposed plans for parklands along the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

Make it into a recreational place that our grandchildren will be proud of.

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Sue Wade

From: Graham Shaw <Graham_Shaw@directgroup.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 4:44 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission in Support of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Plan: Council Project File Reference'Part V 22.2017/12

To: The General Manager and all Councillors,

It is certainly disappointing that it has become necessary to distribute this submission to you. That the offer by Council to develop a parkland on the eastern sector of Lake Ainsworth, has created such divisions in the Lennox Head Community is both unbelievable and depressing. With its substantially expanding population Lennox head needs as much open space and Parkland as possible. Surely this increased and improved amenity is essential to add to the secure recreational needs of the Ballina Shire.

The Closure of the dilapidated Eastern road will facilitate a broad swathe of Parkland free of cars and thus provide wonderful passive space for relaxation and recreation. Hard surfaces on the perimeter of water bodies hasten bank degradation, erosion and encourage storm water runoff adding to further nutrient levels in Lake Ainsworth. As proposed a reasonable soft and porous riparian zone will remedy this position.

There is no doubt that large numbers of cars in a highly populous and narrowly confined space is an unnecessary hazard. In most areas of natural beauty it is the motivation of authorities to divide moving traffic from the passive recreation precinct. Thus cars are made to Park at the perimeter of the Noosa National Park and from there, patrons safely walk into this beautiful natural environment. It is the same when visiting beautiful water falls all over Australia that cars and people involved in recreating in these areas of beauty are kept apart. Imagine if cars were able to drive to the edge of the Niagara Falls with the vast numbers of people intermixing. It would be a recipe for disaster. Or try parking on the rim of the Grand Canyon!!!! No, there are designated parking areas away from the popular recreational areas of beauty and cars and people are logically separated. Council is to be commended that in preparation for this closure of the eastern road and the development of an extended and improved parkland that significant numbers of additional car spaces have been provided.

It's also clearly obvious in the plans for the Parkland that provision has been made for access for the disabled community and a significantly improved entry for swimming in the lake for the disabled community is offered. The new dog walker access just to the north of the current surf club location is very suitable to enable dogs on leads to gain easy access to the beach and then to the off leash area.

So I commend you all to be favourably disposed to support the redevelopment of the Eastern precinct of Lake Ainsworth as reflected in the DA Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12

I return to Sue Meehan's pithy comment over 2 years ago when she stated, ' If we lodged an application to build a bitumen road on the eastern edge of Lake Ainsworth now, would we be successful?' I'm sure you know the answer to that. Bring on the Parkland!!!!

Graham Shaw

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 11:12 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/27/2018 10:40:40 AM Response End Time: 1/27/2018 11:12:05 AM IP Address: 203.45.113.80 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth south eastern precinct project

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Mr Gregory Gover

3. Phone number (optional)
0414275456

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) lennoxreef@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Not relevant

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
No. I strenuously object to this development. Council just is not listening to the will of the local community and is pushing a development that is unwanted. The Council is pushing an agenda engineered by a few 'not in my backyarders' to ruin an iconic coastal experience. Removal of access and parking will markedly reduce public amenity. There is no capacity to ameliorate this loss. There is loss of car spaces that cannot be compensated for in the proposal. Disabled access and access for families/ the elderly will become difficult. Most families pull up in their car to offload eskies, food, surfboards, canoes, chairs, rugs and all the paraphernalia that makes a Lake Ainsworth picnic. This will become impossible for people wishing to access the eastern lake (the most desirable spot in a North Easter)to do this. I have seen local councillors having picnics on the eastern road, their cars likely nearby, and it makes me wonder at the hypocrisy of their stance on closing access to the eastern lake by car. Further, closure will create focal "wear points" around the lake, and negatively impact upon its natural attractiveness. Removal of the existing road and impact that this will have a very negative impact on the affected area for development with disturbances of the road surface and base, and damage to existing trees. Pushing parking from existing spaces will further pressure parking in the surrounding streets and on the western side of the lake.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Leave the Lake alone.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:11 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/29/2018 12:03:18 PM Response End Time: 1/29/2018 12:11:23 PM IP Address: 27.0.75.169 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS - PART 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 (as amended) PROPOSED LAKE AINSWORTH FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) steve Shearer

3. Phone number (optional)

0467035952

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) shep76@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Not particularly, it reads like typical expensive consultant jargon.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Writing in plain understandable English would be helpful but this is extremely unlikely.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No. Not at all. I strongly disagree with the objectives and content of the document. Closing the Eastern road will result in less access to the lake, most notably for working families and older people.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

This comment from the document: "On balance, it is considered that the proposed works will not have a significant adverse impact on a community and is likely to have positive impacts," is highly contentious and not borne out by the strong community opposition to the proposal clearly demonstrated by the signatories to a petition and attendees at rallies protesting the closure of the road.

It is a clear denial of community wishes and sentiment by an out of town consultant who clearly is not a stakeholder in the lake's current and future usage.

I ask the council to consider the feedback of community users such as myself and many others who will suffer a reduction in access to the Lake, especially during period of high summer traffic when the succour offered by the Lake is in highest demand.

Please consider keeping the Eastern road open and doing the necessary work to fix the road, not close it.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

[No Answer Entered]

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 22 December 2017 2:01 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/22/2017 1:29:51 PM Response End Time: 12/22/2017 2:00:45 PM IP Address: 101.179.231.94 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements and Road Closure

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Jenny Smits

3. Phone number (optional)
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4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
tuckeroo59@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes reasonably clear

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Additional ramp and additional disability car park spaces. See below for more explanation.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes I think the area needs improvement

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

As a parent of a person who is a wheelchair user I am very glad to be able to give my feedback to you. We find the lake a unique swimming spot. Whilst it has been great being able to park so close to the waters edge in the past we are excited at the opportunity of having a ramp to access all the way to the water. Currently my 35 year old daughter needs to crawl the last eight metres or so to get into the water. That is very unsuitable, unsafe and takes away her sense of dignity when in a public spaces.

However after carefully examining your documents I am very concerned about a few points. It's a long, long push for a wheelchair user to use the toilet at the end of the eastern precinct. It is also a long, long push to use the one and only ramp that you have proposed in that same eastern area. I suggest an additional access ramp to the waters edge on the southern side with disabled parks (4) right next to that ramp.

I also suggest that both wheelchair ramps are completely connected to concrete or boardwalk (not as shown in the interpretive photo on your site where there is a grass patch between boardwalk and ramp) and also suggest that the ramps extend all the way to the waters edge (low tide) so that people with disability can go straight into the water without having to crawl or be dragged into the water through sand or mud).

Overall I think you should consider more disabled parks as not only is the ageing population a consideration, this area has a very high number of people with disability.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 9:23 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/24/2018 9:04:37 PM Response End Time: 1/24/2018 9:23:20 PM IP Address: 58.166.73.173 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
File part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Margaret Waugh

3. Phone number (optional)
66877798

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) Elainewaugh@me.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
I am happy with the plan.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I have lived and been a rate payer in Lennox Head since <http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=4991&d=n97o2m95ngh1erQXRTI7Zy40yBlwwTuxa9C6gnYXMA&u=http%3a%2f%2f1983%2eAs> a dog owner we walk from our home in Pacific Parade past the Lake to the dog beach every day. Particularly during holiday time traffic congestion makes it unsafe to walk safely and I fear that it will just be a matter of time until a child is <http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=4991&d=n97o2m95ngh1erQXRTI7Zy40yBlwwTuxa4DvgX4UYg&u=http%3a%2f%2finjured%2eHow> wonderful it will be to have a parkland where families can play safely. I hope the plan will come to fruition and the petition against the proposal will be examined carefully as many people were told mistruths to gain signatures.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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SCOTT STEZ
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SKENARBS HEAD

15 /01/2018

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
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Ballina, 2478

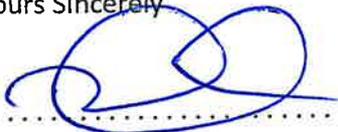
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited timed parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely



Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2018 7:27 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/11/2018 7:17:55 PM Response End Time: 1/11/2018 7:26:38 PM IP Address: 139.218.49.91 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Michael Taaffe

3. Phone number (optional)

66876185

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

miketaaffe1@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes - it is clear

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

n/a

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I believe the improvement to the foreshore will provide an amenity to both locals in Ballina Shire and tourists. It meets environmental considerations for the lake, and creates a space that is more in sync with leisure requirements. Currently cars using that road are in conflict with pedestrians, and so this choice supports foot traffic over vehicles - which I support. Objections to this proposal seem to change over time - but it appears it may be framed by users of the leash free dog beach, as they would have to walk an additional 200m to use this. Apart from this, any objection would be at odds with the current environmental swing of the Northern Rivers. A caveat - I believed my successful vote at the last council election was a method of mandating this change.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:23 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/29/2018 11:13:52 PM Response End Time: 1/29/2018 11:23:18 PM IP Address: 114.74.205.99 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Jason Earley

3. Phone number (optional)

0418394312

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) jearley86@yahoo.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

A map?

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

As a primary school teacher with a passion for science and the ocean, I believe the only future for our children and communities to ensure the preservation of our parks and wetlands. It is imperative for our natural ecosystems and our cultural development. Lennox Head, Skinners Head and Cumbalum is experiencing massive development and our region is growing. It is important to support our communities by providing public places that preserve and represent the natural environment. Let's provide access to families, to elderly, to children, to backpackers, out-of-state holiday makers - and let's do it responsibly - so as not to harm or hinder the natural beauty of the Lake.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: David Santamaria <dsantama111@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 8:35 PM
To: Councillors; Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' (Closure of Eastern Road)

Dear Ballina Council / Councillors

I wish to indicate my support for closing the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth and adopting the proposal as set out by Council.

Reasons why I'm supporting road closure.

1. Observation of peak traffic flows and parking congestion: At the moment it is bad and will get worse. With increasing popularity of the area and increased population with the new developments in Lennox Head, issues with congestion (traffic, ambience, pollution) will spoil the area.
2. Physical geography of the location. Its a very fragile system. A narrow parcel of land between a lake and ocean separated by dunes and coastal vegetation. Seems illogical to populate it with bitumen and all the pollutants that come with cars. ie fumes, oil run off etc.
3. Environmental standards today would probably not allow for such a road to be placed there.
4. Its not a scalable solution for the car parking issue. i.e. if you needed more parking areas you would need to create them elsewhere. The southern road offers that.
5. Without cars it seems like the space would have available for more people to enjoy the natural aspects of the lake with the uninterrupted parkland proposed. At the moment on the eastern bank there is very little room to use and its exacerbated by the constant traffic flow.

I tend to think that the southern road will need to be formalized whether the eastern road stays or not. Putting parkland on the eastern side will at least guarantee retention and enhancement of some natural space that the general public can enjoy for a long time to come.

The "Keep the road" group, from my observation, have ignored the issues of increasing congestion and seem to sensationalize issues that would be present if the road was here or not. (i.e. the possibility of paid parking). They also seem to have attempted to attain signatures for their petition based on a sample set of skewed sources (i.e. people in cars using the road or carpark) and informing the subjects with misinformation.

I have faith that council will decide on this issue considering primarily the long term health of the lake and its surrounds and secondarily with the public amenity.

Yours Sincerely

David Santamaria
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**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition / concerns about the following aspects of the proposal (give your reasons for each aspect you list)

- I support the proposed plans & would encourage
- BSC to proceed as soon as possible. A 'drop-off
- area &/or disabled parking spaces as close as
- possible to take would assist those with disability

I would like to see the following included as well.

• 'as above'

•

Yours
(Name)

truly
Peter Regan, 19A Dress Circle Drive LENNOX HEAD

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

Sue Wade

From: Rich and Rob <robrich@spin.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 9:13 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'.

Hello,

I would like to make a brief submission on the on the Lake Ainsworth Parkland proposal.

I am very much in favour of removing the current road access and car parking facilities on the Eastern side of the Lake and replacing it with park like native vegetation.

Having looked this for some time at information provided by programmes like Beachwatch, the Lake has, until very recently, been worse off than far more obvious run off targets like Shaw's Bay in Ballina in terms of faecal pollution. This is the price to pay for current car first, vegetation second approach. Clearly a riparian zone needs to be establish to reduce and filter run off, not to mention it's aesthetic and peaceful appeal. This is currently impossible as in many parts of it, the road is literally a spit distance off the Lake.

There are also aspects the Council had not considered, like paying for a study to measure the rate of Lake outflow to the ocean, beneath the road. Has that been reduced, perhaps by leached clay aggregates below the road asphalt? The Lake has higher levels now, despite low rainfall (seen the old pictures of wide beaches on the Lake edges, years ago?). Why?

Finally, the safety and aesthetic concerns. Cars on the road and children of all ages picnicking with their families in a very immediate vicinity can not be defined by anyone as a satisfactory situation, no matter how slow these cars are moving. Aesthetically, what would you prefer - having a BBQ or laying on a towel and have an endless stream of vehicles pass you by at a very uncomfortable proximity. Or, far enlarged picnic facilities, surrounded by vegetation (which also importantly filters run off), with the Lake in proximity, the view of which is uninterrupted by the dissonance of constant traffic flow right in your face.

Yes, there are issues like access for the disabled (although how easy is this now with the traffic) - surely these can be worked out in a car road free milieu.

Finally, the parking, that is now swallowing so much space from access to other activities like picnicking or just lounging in the newly enhanced environment. Well, there is likely to be never enough parking, at super peak times, no matter what. The new parking across from the Surf Club has made a big difference and it should be more than sufficient outside peak times. Perhaps other options may be arrived at as well, in future.

I do not think that parking, as it exists on the Eastern road, should take precedence over environmental concerns, nor the aesthetic joy in having adequate provision of relaxing and adequate space amongst nature, not to mention safety for all, especially the kids. Just like in the good olde days.

Richard and Robyn Grzegorzulka

76 Fig Tree Hill Drive

Lennox Head

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2018 5:10 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/12/2018 2:10:53 PM Response End Time: 1/12/2018 5:09:48 PM IP Address: 101.180.28.116 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Lynda Hauenstein

3. Phone number (optional)
0408212388

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) lhauenst@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Until the council can provide additional parking for 100 plus cars the proposal will endanger people moving to the lake from roads further from the lake which have no safety walkways etc. The proposal and lack of parking will adversely impact on local residents.

The style of the development is 'Gold Coastish' and does not reflect the uniqueness of Lennox Head. Flasher does not represent better and visitors and locals alike love the simpleness of lake.

In the late 80s a dedicated group of locals cordoned off areas around the lake and planted many of the existing tree. I was working at the camp (Lake Ainsworth) and would often have my students give a hand. So I am not against working on the lake to maintain its integrity environmentally but I am strongly opposed to the indicated proposals.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
No

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

If the council is committed to improving the lake foreshore a great way to start is by providing more recycling bins. Going to the lake approximately 5 times a week I observe enormous amounts of recyclable materials being placed in the bins there which is my understanding going straight to landfill.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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LENNOX HEAD N S W 2478

Email: geoffwegg@bigpond.com
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25 January 2018

The General Manager
40 Cherry Street
BALLINA N S W 2478

Dear Sir

**Re: Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works**

I strongly endorse this proposal for developing a parkland on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth incorporating access only for emergency vehicles on the current eastern road.

Of particular interest to me in recent times since an incapacity to my back prevents me walking any distance without the use of a walker, are disability accesses to the Lake. From an examination of the plan included in the most recent edition of Community Contact magazine, it appears there are two access locations leading to the water.

My suggestions would be to construct further water accesses and provide racks to enable mobility devices to be securely stored nearby. This could also extend to bicycle racks to minimise risk of theft.

In addition to other benefits deriving from the parkland proposal, I am particularly pleased that space will be made available for family friendly gatherings protected from the strong on-shore winds we experience at Lennox Head.

Introduction of the parkland facility, formalised parking and greater protection for our valuable Lake infrastructure will be a great bonus to Lennox Head with its many and increasing number of visitors. Many of these are from metropolitan areas and are pleasantly surprised with the current easy-to-find no-fee parking available in nearby streets.

Yours faithfully



Geoff Wegg

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Lennox Head NSW 2478

25th Jan 2018

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P.O.Box 450
Ballina NSW 2478

Dear Sir,

RE: Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

I SUPPORT the above referenced Plan of Works for Lake Ainsworth.

Summary

- 1.Introduction - overview
- 2.Environmental benefits
- 3.Social Amenity
- 4.Economic factors
- 5.My suggestions
- 6.No ecologically sound alternative
- 7.Conclusion.

1.Introduction – Overview

The Lake has constraints both environmental and from past human actions. Given these, Council has done well to produce what will be a wonderful lakeside park that will benefit the Lake and users of it now and into the future. The implementation of this Plan will be part of the review of the CMP and will enable it to be completed in a timely fashion and to allow the main emphasis remaining within it to go to water quality issues where we still need data.

The Plan has addressed all the significant issues for the foreshore on the east and south. These have been consistently expressed in consultant and expert advice, including ecological, flora and fauna and cultural heritage studies undertaken in support of this Plan, and supported by Council over many years now namely,

2. Environment Benefits

It gives detailed attention to essential environmental needs which will have an important role in water quality into the future, namely

- Modern best practice Storm Water Management
- Erosion control now and on going in an appropriate, non invasive, natural Lake processes friendly way
- Revegetated riparian zone with the establishment of and on going maintenance help from the skilled and dedicated Lennox Head Land Care team.
- On going maintenance of critical infrastructure is built in. This is particularly important.

3. Social Amenity

The social amenity improvements prioritise Lake health and people access over vehicles and, although it does not neglect them, over users heading for the beach not the Lake.

- It is cultural heritage appropriate
- The road and pathway network creates better access for all people with all needs. Particular attention has been given to provide for disabled and elderly people.
- Grassy but shady open space is increased without artificial means such as dredging or filling (not likely to be approved anyway).
- It creates more effective passive recreational opportunity which is beneficial to human health and well being
- Visual amenity will be much improved
- Pedestrian safety has been a priority with the new path network and separation of vehicles from people a strong safety feature.
- It continues the dog walkers access to the beach.

4. Economic benefits

Economic benefits are that

- The Lake will continue to attract tourists.
- A more formalised structure to the roads will, after the initial outlay be more economical to maintain.

5. My Suggestions.

5.1 Maintenance requirements are built in. Community skills and knowledge will be utilised which is excellent.

BUT It is essential that Council create an annual budget sufficient for the task.

5.2 Informality and ambience

I support informality and attention to ambience. Much of the ambience will be remain because it comes from the views across the Lake to the Western side and the provision of grassy, shady parkland. Removal of the bollards will help. Retention of the melaleucas will also assist in softening the solid concrete path and its clearance corridors on each side.

I suggest Lennox Land Care be encouraged to design the vegetation placement to create a more "bush like" environment as opposed to a manicured one.

The furniture needs to be soft and natural to these surroundings. For example, I would prefer wooden stumps to sandstones for sitting. Shade trees rather than artificial shelter (although some may be used).

5.3 Appropriate Signage

A shelter like National Parks use could be used with information about the Lake processes, flora and Fauna, Aboriginal cultural information, and settlement history.

Signage should also be used to advise appropriate behaviour at the Lake eg cover up – sunscreen may be damaging the lake, pick up your rubbish especially cigarette butts, ash and use the toilet before swimming etc.

5.4 No rubbish bins

I would like to have a trial of no rubbish bins on the eastern side. Elsewhere in the world people learn the value of an asset by being asked to "leave nothing but a footprint"

6. No Ecologically Sound alternative

BEST PRACTICE ON ALL FRONTS IS COUNCIL'S PLAN STRONG POINT.

It is important to note that THERE IS NO WORKABLE ALTERNATIVE PLAN THAT CAN ACHIEVE THE BEST PRACTICE INITIATIVES OF THIS PLAN ON EXHIBITION. DESPITE CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY on the eastern side there is insufficient room for a modern road which would be required, a pedestrian path, formalised parking, urban sensitive storm water infrastructure, and a functioning riparian zone.

Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc (and its predecessor) has not managed to produce a Plan from three tries to date with each silently disappearing not long after launching, Plan B being the latest. PLA Inc has produced some interesting euphemisms for disguising the dreaded word Dredging which is common to all its ideas, "Retrieving the foreshore" and "when the bottom of the Lake comes to the foreshore" are recent examples.

PLA Inc has produced rather more distraction than genuine constraints. The western road, for example, has a functional riparian zone; is already cared for by Land Care with support from Council which has tried and trusted techniques for managing inappropriate people use, and will NOT have thousands of extra vehicles on it as evidenced by the 2017 vehicle study. Most vehicle movement on the east is NOT through traffic. The Blackwood ecological study 2017 rubbishes the idea that flora and fauna will be endangered. The eastern road has been closed sometimes for extended times in the past for example six months in 2011 by flooding, and chaos in excess of what currently occurs was not evident.

Council has produced a Plan showing road, path and parking - there is no space for appropriate riparian zone and scarcely any public amenity.

The 2002 Management Plan does not propose informality or unrestricted access. Its plans for restricting cannot work - the closure of 4WD access from the east made no discernable difference to the continually increasing vehicle usage. The PoM proposes all parking be designated.

Traditional informality has been a disaster for the Lake, not the golden age as lately claimed. Parking on the Lake edge caused compaction and erosion - ugly bollards now used and still people park there; people use included washing clothes and hair and some still do; desire for better water skiing resulted in removing reed beds and erosion from the wash, commercial activity caused denuding of foreshore vegetation and inappropriate catchment usage. The first significant issue listed in the Summary of the Processes Study 1996 is "Alienation of Crown Land. Restricted public foreshore use due to the proximity of the caravan park" (pp14). All present eastern use is literally on the Lake edge.

I could go on but the point is clear, harking on about a past and present unregulated use as having no adverse impact is false as Golden Age thinking

usually is. It was and still is contrary to ecologically sound principles and public safety as all the reports and studies have consistently advocated..

7.Conclusion

Councils Plan for Foreshore Improvement is as the title claims - a significant improvement.

It is ecologically sound, improves social amenity, has economic benefits and there is no sustainable alternative plan whereby people can have it all. The road and parking must go to make room for all the wonderful benefits.

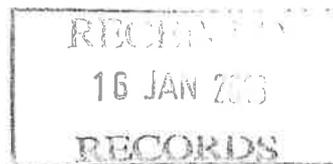
I strongly support it. I urge Council to pass the Plan and implement it as soon as possible. Lake Ainsworth needs it. The community will thank you.

Sincerely

Dr Lyn Walker

Name. David Kilford, Sarah Kilford
Address. 28 Ross Lane
Tintenbar 2478

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Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited/paid parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Kilford

removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth,

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 10:45 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Merle Rankin

3. Phone number (optional)
0447066488

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
jamar@southernphone.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I have lived in this area since 1973. My husband grew up in Casino and had happy memories of Lennox Head before the main beach became so eroded. His grandfather was at one time Mayor of Ballina (Joe Barlow) and his mother grew up there. Our family and extended family have enjoyed Lennox Head and Lake Ainsworth for many years. I have lived in Lennox Head for two short periods - once in Blue Seas Parade and once in Barrett Drive. These properties are still owned by my family. I support any move to ensure the continued viability of the Lake and support Council's current proposals.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: Lyn Sullivan <lynettesullivan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 8:11 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

To the General Manager

I support closing the Lake Ainsworth Eastern Road for the following reasons ...

By closing the road we are righting a wrong, the road should never have been built there.
If the Eastern Road was not there, and one was proposed now in 2018, it would never be approved.

For your consideration ...

Healthy Lake Ainsworth priority number one!

I will leave this to the experts
Landcare

Parks for people not cars

With consideration to new housing developments underway, and those planned in the future from Ballina to Lennox Head and beyond, plus the inevitable spill over from Byron Bay, I believe there will never be enough parking to accommodate everyone who wants to park lakeside.

pedestrian safety is an issue on the eastern road

more recreational space for people please

improvement of foreshore environments long overdue

Western Road

Wildlife Crossing signage, Slow Down traffic speed limit 30

no parking along the whole western side of lake
perhaps a fence may be required alongside the road in the future
Landcare

Dogs

in addition to the existing dog beach access, via the surfclub route requires garbage bins for dog poo collection, this should be well away from the surfclub & cafe and picnic areas
a shady picnic area in the parkland away from the lake allowing well behaved dogs on leads to sit & hang out with their family, tap for water.

Education / signage

type of lake, not flushed by the ocean, fills by rainwater only, its history, age of the lake

recycling stations

plastics & wildlife

no balloons in parkland, no balloons in Lennox!

no glass in water

sunscreen slick, petrochemicals, limit sunscreen usage, rub it in, promote wearing a rashie & hat

no poop in lake

algae blooms

native flora & fauna

weeds

paths & facilities

soft solar **night lighting** along the pathway & at picnic spots & toilets
drinking water fountain
more garbage & **recycling stations**
all structures pref a **natural look**, easy clean
need solid **all weather shelters**, protection from the elements, the rain & sun
more seating & tables under shade of trees
new toilets, solar lighting, airflow

Amenities & access for the frail & people with disabilities

more access points to lake on southern side
ensure flat area picnic spaces near toilets with easy access
direct access to the dog beach via the surfclub route, needs to be more carefully considered, a dedicated flat path from car drop off point to beach is required, no steep incline onto sand, steep incline is difficult for some dog walkers to manage, wheelchair access would be great.
beach wheelchair for hire at surfclub

Lake Ainsworth Parkland Supporter

Lynette Sullivan
Gibbon St
Lennox Head



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Sue Wade

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Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:41 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Ballina Shire Council Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement

Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Robyn Ludeke

3. Phone number (optional)

0411146369

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

robynjludeke@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I feel that there will not be enough car spaces provided to make up for the closure of the road from the Surf Club up towards the Fitness Camp. This will impact upon our residences near the Lake as the closure of the road will increase the traffic and congestion for the local ratepayers who live close to the Lake. it would then in turn create safety issues for the residents with the increased parking congestion.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Any proposed improvement should be useful of the area, but this plan will increase safety issues for the residents close by.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

More car spaces need to be provided around the Lake area.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

No! don't need this to be confidential

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Anne Nalder

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Ballina Shire Councillors & General Manager

Ballina Shire Council

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Ballina 2478

Re: Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12)

Dear Sir/ Madam.

Councillor Meehan's, "No Majority" letter in last week's Advocate, actually made me wonder how many of Council's other, recent decisions have been based on a whole Shire majority vote. Secondly, how well informed are Councillors, prior to their voting on issues? The Swimming Pools Saga immediately comes to mind.

Have all our Councillors sufficiently familiarized themselves with the difficulties which will follow on from the Road's closure? These were most comprehensively outlined by Mr Don Opie in his letter to the Advocate on January 3rd

I am actually a Lennox Head Resident who uses the Lake Road access on a weekly basis. There are always significant numbers of vehicles parked in this shady area and my observations have been that drivers respect the speed signs and act in a most courteous manner to others in the vicinity, whether vehicular or pedestrian.

On the few occasions I have needed to drive around the Lake, to enter The Sport and Recreation Centre I have been dogged by dust and smoke. Twice, the road has been closed at Lake Frew, due to Bush fire in the adjacent scrub.

My other concern is with the small children using the Toilet Facilities alongside the Caravan Park. I have seen them run straight out onto the road without looking; this truly is : A disaster waiting to happen.

Please DO NOT CLOSE the EASTERN ACCESS ROAD

Yours sincerely



Anne Nalder (Mrs)

Sue Wade

From: Jan Webster <janbill6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 8:36 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: PartV22.2017/12'

I have been meaning to write to Council for a long time and I'd like to take this opportunity . I had no response to my letter prior to 2016 when I pointed out the fact that the tree roots were being undermined by children digging in the sand and causing over a metre deep ditch for someone to fall off and injure themselves(Southern end-opposite surf club.These same trees have lost approx. 3 mtrs more of surrounding grass since then and more roots are exposed. Yes there is the big "hoo har" about the Lake and its future plans and how much we all love it-surely this is maintenance before any further erosion occurs.

I have lived here(Lennox Hd) since the 70's and while I agree management plan of some sort needs to implemented, before we all "love it to demise", there are just a few issues of my concern.

1/ Closing the road would be lovely if people behaved and did not have illegal Doof Doof parties, thinking they are inaccessible,(as happened at the Point New Year). We often take a walk around the lake picking up bags of debris and trash- glass as well. I hate to think what is beneath the water sometimes-

2/The serenity the lake offers will be lost if the Western side is opened up for all and sundry- as it is bike riders have tracks all around. The sand usually manages to drain very well but not if the Western road is sealed- this is known to cause channelled water damage to road edges, into the lake.

3/PARKING is a nightmare weekends and holidays -I agree safety is a high priority, but I feel we will have the same (if not more -as more come every year) numbers of cars and people over the western side. Most of Council's car parks are too short for FWD vehicles and their tow bars that stich out into most of the roads around the lake and the beach. I know for a fact that at least 50% of vehicles overnight along the caravan park fence line are from the park. I am also finding many overnight stayers in the car park near the surf club.

About the fix, is too hard to accomplish all at once and signs go only so far -but I feel a more consistent presence to catch the dogs in the lake, and keep people accountable (otherwise there will be a lot of camping overnight that no one will see).

Hope you find my letter helpful in some way....Jan Webster

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Sue Wade

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To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Part V

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) John Eddy

3. Phone number (optional)
66875306

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
walkeddy@bigpond.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
All OK

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I strongly support the proposal to remove public road/vehicle access on the eastern side of the lake and associated landscaping. Vehicle access is not compatible with a relaxed environmentally sensitive recreation space. This will greatly enhance the amenity of the lake. People need to be encouraged to leave their vehicles and walk/ride etc a little way to a quiet space. The objections to this proposal appear ill-informed on the preservation and enhancement of a unique space that is under increasing pressure from local population growth. Arguments based on the historical access and use are no longer valid as the usage and visitation has increased markedly and the lake needs to be preserved and enhanced by the promotion of non-vehicle open space.

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Sue Wade

From: Marian van Daalen <marianvandaalen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2018 11:48 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

To the General Manager of Ballina Shire Council.

I write to you to express my support of the proposed parkland on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

I have a dog that I walk just about every day on the beach, all year round. And in order to do that 95% of the time I park by the dog access. Outside of school holidays normally that is no problem. However during school holidays and especially in summer, the situation on the road on that side of the lake is outright dangerous. So many cars, buses, surf school vehicles and people trying to share the road is not feasible. People sitting by the side of the lake only meters from cars passing by and crossing the road to get to their parked cars - it seems like an accident waiting to happen.

And I'm not even speaking of the environmental stress on the lake from that road, which I also support in minimizing.

Of course I will miss the easy access from that car park to the beach. But I believe more is at stake here than my convenience. I do hope that you will consider sealing the road on the west side of the lake and putting in some extra car spaces either by the car access or by the horse access, in order to look after the local people that walk their dogs on the beach, wind, hail or shine. That takes some pressure off the people wanting to park by the surf club for either beach or lake access, and it makes it a bit easier for us on our daily outings.

I prefer to go onto a beach that is off lead walking, as my dog behaves a lot more relaxed towards other dogs when she is off lead than when she is on lead. And if I were to access the beach from the surf club that could cause quite a bit of stress for her every day. So that is a personal reason for asking to provide good access to one of the other beach entrances.

Kind regards,
Marian

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2018 7:40 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Megan Taaffe
3. Phone number (optional)
0402405104
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) taaffes@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
none
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I like the proposal as it will make the Lake a safer and more usable space for my family. Frequently I have walked with my children along the lake and had to dodge cars. I support the concept of parkland there - anywhere else in the region would have torn down a road long ago. It's good to see Council trying to create more green space instead of pavement. Keeping the road there will additionally provide more space for van packers who can no longer stay in Byron due to the parking fees and hassle - if opponents insist on keeping the road they will have to also address the amenities required to support this new population.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:12 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works: Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Dominique Quitoriano

3. Phone number (optional)

0417271212

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

niftydandy@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

N?A

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

As a visitor to the lake, I support the Council's proposed parklands project.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I hope for the preservation of the natural state of Lake Ainsworth for my generation and future generations. By preserving this area, you will provide Lennox Head with an attractive and community-centric space, that will not only appeal to residents but to visitors also. Protecting the parkland ensures tourism. Tourism translates to revenue for the community.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 6:41 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/31/2018 6:35:58 AM Response End Time: 1/31/2018 6:40:58 AM IP Address: 121.217.118.7 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Road Closure

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Faye Duncan

3. Phone number (optional)
6686 6585

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
fayeduncan1608@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
no suggestions enough tie has been spent on the planning

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
yes, definitely

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
If the situation was in reverse, a park and public place was existing and Council wanted to put in a roadway, that would be the need for such protests.
A disappointment that it is taking so long and been so difficult to get on with.

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Sue Wade

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GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

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Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Lake Ainsworth Eastern Road Closure

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Jeannette Clark

3. Phone number (optional)

0412 477783

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

jeannetteclark@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I am very happy with the Council's proposal. It addresses both the need for more community space around the lake and also the environmental issues for the best management of the lake's resources.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes, definitely. It is essential that the Eastern road is closed for the benefit of the community and the health of Lake Ainsworth. Please do not change your decision!

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

Councillors need to be aware that in my experience, most residents support the decision to close the road. There has been so much mis-information by the group managed by Mr Pip Carter that it has been difficult locally to keep focused on the facts. Abuse and intimidation has unfortunately been very common from that group too.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2017 11:48 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Part V Assessment of Environmental Impact of Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements Works

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Greg Holihan Head Teacher of Horticulture and Natural Area Restoration Wollongbar Campus of TAFE

3. Phone number (optional)

0416127588

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

greg.holihan@tafensw.edu.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

None.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

I fully support the project and believe the works are long overdue.

I believe the ecological advantages to this project should far out way the self centred concerns of the objectors.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I hope the councillors maintain their resolve to get this project complete as outlined in the current Part V Plan.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Dr Matt Landos

3. Phone number (optional)
0437492863

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
matty.landos@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None. Simply proceed with the works, as multiple commissioned reports have advised to do, and close eastern road. The further delay of works hoists further costs onto ratepayers.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Whilst it is difficult to explain to some of the public that what they want, is not in the best interests of the health of the lake, this does not mean that the commissioned expert evidence should be disregarded.
In years to come the concerns raised by some local citizens around perceived loss of access will fade. And the area will continue to be known as a great treasure for the area for many.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 7:41 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/14/2018 7:36:04 AM Response End Time: 1/14/2018 7:41:24 AM IP Address: 121.216.197.165 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
PROPOSED LAKE AINSWORTH FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Fiona Kable

3. Phone number (optional)
0410274106

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) fiona@kable.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
I am impressed with the plan and happy that it addresses the health of the lake as a priority.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes I do. The lake is a precious part of this town that was here long before people began to populate the area and use it for recreation. It is our responsibility as a community to look after it and protect it where we can. There are no grounds to argue that the road should remain open if those arguments are based on human convenience and not the health of the lake. I fully support this plan and I hope to be able to contribute to saving this beautiful natural wonder for generations to come.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
[No Answer Entered]

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 29 December 2017 8:06 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/29/2017 7:22:32 AM Response End Time: 12/29/2017 8:05:38 AM IP Address: 121.44.4.57 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works (Council File Part V22.2017/12)
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Graeme McKenzie
3. Phone number (optional)
0414863154
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
graememck@hotmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I fully support the proposed works and especially the removal/ closure of the existing eastern road pavement (and provision of a corridor for use by emergency / maintenance vehicles only).
This will greatly increase the beauty, ambience, and safety of the area, apart from the critical environmental protection of the Lake.
Instead of a quasi parking lot the area will become an attractive park and recreational amenity.
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 5:06 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/25/2018 4:59:34 PM Response End Time: 1/25/2018 5:05:31 PM IP Address: 60.227.90.31
Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvements

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Phil Bevan

3. Phone number (optional)
0419 602 508

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
philbevan2@bigpond.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
It is fine as it is.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I couldn't agree more with the conclusion comment: "Significant public benefit will flow from the proposed work, including improved amenity and safety for residents and tourists, improved water quality, bank erosion repairs and improved stormwater management measures."

The current road is a dangerous mix of cars and people - and is also polluting the lake. The new plan is a significant improvement.

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Sue Wade

From: Jan Herbert <jesh3941@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2018 12:45 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parkland: Reference Part V 22.2017/12

I unconditionally support the Lake Ainsworth Parkland proposed by the Council. In doing so I would like to point out that some months ago I was asked to sign a petition against the proposal and, having only heard 'one side of the story', I did so. Normally I would look into the proposal more carefully before signing however I was approached at home at around 6 pm in the evening, not the best time for discussion. I regret doing so as I am now counted as 'one of the 4,000 people opposing the parkland'.

My support is based on a desire for increased recreational space which I believe will enhance the environment and quality of life for users. Pedestrian safety will be improved and the short, additional walk for users should be considered a benefit, not a problem. I believe access and enjoyment for the elderly and disabled will, in fact, be improved with safer paths and upgraded facilities.

Dr Jan Herbert, FACN
Gerontologist
1/30 Kell Mather Drive
LENNOX HEAD
NSW 2478
Tel: 0427 281 703

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 3 January 2018 12:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/3/2018 11:47:53 AM Response End Time: 1/3/2018 12:08:12 PM IP Address: 49.180.133.238 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Assessment of the enviromental impact of the Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvement works

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Doug Webber

3. Phone number (optional)

0412299625

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

dougweb@optusnet.com.au

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Leave the bloody lake alone.

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?

No

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

Why does the Council continually want to ruin what we have had for years without problems. Then the council get their bright ideas to supposedly make things better but only stuff them up. Leave the bullrushes in the lake they are the best natural water fillters in the the world.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 7:51 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 7:41:03 AM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 7:50:58 AM IP Address: 1.129.108.190 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Phil Bradley- ratepayer 224612

3. Phone number (optional)
0498588749

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) philnrad@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Reasonably

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Only one side of the argument is given.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes- rehabilitating parts of the foreshore of the lake is important but has been ignored during the 19 years I have used it. The main grassed area opposite the surf club has progressively got worse through erosion and should be fixed.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
The issue of traffic on the road applies to the traffic on all roads around the lake on busy days not to mention in Lennox Head itself. Taking over 100 car park spaces will be disastrous for the congestion.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 3:28 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 2:48:28 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 3:27:49 PM IP Address: 139.216.1.29
Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Garry Owers
3. Phone number (optional)
0266834065
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
gowers10@dodo.com.au
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Higher resolution pdf would allow REF maps to be blown up & map text made readable.
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes, overall the plan should deliver a safer area for the community with some environment benefit in the form of decreased erosion and improved shading, habitat and water quality.
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Community opposition seems to be pushing misinformation, this often happens in communities where some will push their particular agenda without regard to the facts. I believe once in place the community will embrace the area and wonder what the fuss was all about.
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 4:55 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 4:53:32 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 4:54:33 PM IP Address: 121.217.117.168 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
17_96019_Part_V_2017_12_Planning_and_Assessment_Act_1979_as_amended_for_proposed_Lake_Ainsworth_Foreshore_Improvements_by_DAC_planning_Pty_Ltd_November_2017
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Jane Gardiner
3. Phone number (optional)
6628 3925
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
gardiner2477@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
It's okay
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes, I do.
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Please get started on this.
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: Helen Favelle <hfavelle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 5:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Project File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Parkland

Dear Ballina Council,

I write to support the implementation of park improvements surrounding Lake Ainsworth. In particular I support park on the eastern side of the lake and restricting vehicular access.

Public open space should be safe, maintainable, accessible and function as park. It is reasonable to provide all abilities access via pathways and seating at regular intervals.

I have been visiting the lake for many years and have noticed that the increased use and vehicular access is now detracting from the overall quality of the experience.

As a child in the late 1970s I camped at the base of Ayers Rock in the NT. In recent years I have enjoyed a return visit to Uluru even though I could not drive right up to the rock or camp at its base. Change was needed as visitor numbers were impacting on the visitor experience of this important cultural and recreation asset.

Similarly, I support the parkland improvements at Lake Ainsworth as they will ensure that with growing numbers of visitors this important cultural and recreational asset for Lennox Head will be protected for existing and future visitors.

This project is soundly based in sustainable development principles and even though there will be detractors, please follow best practice and implement it as soon a possible.

Thanks, Helen Favelle
17 Skinner St
West End Q 4101
0419743048

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 4:51 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 4:21:52 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 4:51:26 PM IP Address: 101.175.213.1 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth rehabilitation

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Katherine Holford

3. Phone number (optional)
0433732836

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
Katherine.holford@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes, the plans look great, the objective of the rehabilitation is very necessary. Stopping the car access is also a safety issue and will be much better for all of the young families who enjoy the lake, including mine. There are lots of car spaces, but we ride bikes anyway.. much more family friendly!!

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
[No Answer Entered]

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 4:37 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 4:34:09 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 4:37:09 PM IP Address: 121.217.117.168 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
17_96019_Part_V_2017_12_Planning_and_Assessment_Act_1979_as_amended_for_proposed_Lake_Ainsworth_Foreshore_Improvements_by_DAC_planning_Pty_Ltd_November_2017
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Geoff Gardiner
3. Phone number (optional)
0266283925
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council) gg2477@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None required
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
YES
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
This project should have been started 20 years ago.
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 2:48 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/26/2018 2:44:07 PM Response End Time: 1/26/2018 2:47:47 PM IP Address: 101.175.36.3
Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth eastern road closure

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Peter Clark

3. Phone number (optional)
0427942503

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
rivcompc@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
development plans to close the road and improve public areas are great.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes, it is imperative that the park land is provided around the lake. We should not give up picnic areas for carparking!

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
PLEASE continue with the road closure - we will get one chance at improving public access to the lake and providing parklands. PLEASE do it now!!

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 9:21 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/30/2018 9:15:08 PM Response End Time: 1/30/2018 9:20:57 PM IP Address: 121.44.130.201 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Southeastern precinct
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Thomas Mckenzie
3. Phone number (optional)
0481394025
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
Tp_mckenzie@hotmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
N/a
7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
I fully support this project
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
[No Answer Entered]
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2017 8:15 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/18/2017 8:12:03 AM Response End Time: 12/18/2017 8:15:29 AM IP Address: 101.161.128.84 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Lake Ainsworth

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Richard Hayllar

3. Phone number (optional)

66860890

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

r.hayllar@bigpond.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

No

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes, very happy with a much larger park.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

As an older person who uses a walker. I will be able to move along the path. We were there with the family last weekend and I couldn't look at the area because of cars.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 22 December 2017 3:34 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/22/2017 3:18:22 PM Response End Time: 12/22/2017 3:33:47 PM IP Address: 121.44.26.173 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Project

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Loretta Bravin

3. Phone number (optional)
0401355586

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
bravco@internode.on.net

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
It all looks good.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes 100%.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
The whole area is a nightmare all the time, particularly during holiday times with too many cars and people trying to negotiate the whole area, making the whole eastern road dangerous for everyone, especially children and the elderly and it will only get worse as Lennox continues to grow in population.
Also, the constant use of cars is causing damage to the lakeside and the redevelopment to a park area would improve the whole area and make it a more enjoyable place to spend our leisure time.
I urge all the Councillors to support this project.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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**Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my ^{U7M} support for the plans currently on exhibition / concerns about the following aspects of the proposal (give your reasons for each aspect you list)

- The most important elements to preserve this unique
- foreshore location in its most pristine state.
-

I would like to see the following included as well.

- A drop-off location for Owen flow.
-

Yours
(Name)

U7M. Antony Peloso

5/218 Bowen Terrace
New Farm Q 4005.

(you must supply your name but can request that it be kept confidential and not available for public view)

Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2017 11:10 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/7/2017 10:52:02 AM Response End Time: 12/7/2017 11:10:00 AM IP Address: 121.44.28.109 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Ballina Shire Council - Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Warren Taylor
3. Phone number (optional)
0417876434
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
wdtaylor@bigpond.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
The advertisement is good. The Part V 2017/12 is long and repetitive but thorough. Included graphics can be too low in resolution to read. So one must also go to the annexures.
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Good
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Very much so. The Lake pretty badly needs much more protection and the closing of the road in particular is necessary. No detriment to users can be reasonably claimed.
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
[No Answer Entered]
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 8:18 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/29/2018 7:59:59 AM Response End Time: 1/29/2018 8:17:43 AM IP Address: 101.161.6.157 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

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Re all documents relative to changes to Lake Ainsworth precinct

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Peter Power

3. Phone number (optional)
0266811248

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
petejpower@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Its ok

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
nil

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
I do not believe the changes suggested will improve the quality of the lake environment, or benefit those who currently partake in what the environment offers them.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Maintenance of the current environ will suffice, ie road maintenance,foreshore planting and stabilisation.

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 11:14 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/29/2018 1:26:23 PM Response End Time: 1/29/2018 1:28:10 PM IP Address: 121.44.150.124 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Council Project File Reference Part v 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Anne Mckenzie
3. Phone number (optional)
0428283953
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
mckenzietrip@hotmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None
7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
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Sue Wade

From: Records <Council@lismore.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 January 2018 11:03 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: FW: Lake Ainsworth Parklands

FYI

Tim Robertson | Records Management Coordinator | Lismore City Council PO Box 23A, Lismore, 2480 | T 02 6625 0522) | F 02 6625 0400) |
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-----Original Message-----

From: Claudine Grantham [<mailto:claudine.grantham@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, 30 December 2017 6:23 PM
To: Records <Council@lismore.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parklands

To whom it may concern,

I fully support the development of the parkland on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth. The immediate/current erosion is shocking.

Regards,

Claudine

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 1:33 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/10/2018 1:27:10 PM Response End Time: 1/10/2018 1:33:11 PM IP Address: 49.182.65.110 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Redevelopment project
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Greg Allman
3. Phone number (optional)
0412878386
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
greg.allman@bigpond.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Nil
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
Please proceed with the road closure.
The improved safety of pedestrians, health of the lake and general beautification of the area
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 18 March 2018 1:28 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Respondent: Anonymous

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 5:26 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 1/28/2018 5:22:58 PM Response End Time: 1/28/2018 5:26:04 PM IP Address: 49.180.146.133 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Lake anninsworth upgrade

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Carlie jupp

3. Phone number (optional)

0410477576

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

Carlie.jupp@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Nil

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?

Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

I look forward to the lake upgrade and the ability to allow children to run around and enjoy the park and lake safely without the risk of cars.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

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Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 1:28 PM
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Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

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Council Project File Reference Part v 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Anne Mckenzie
3. Phone number (optional)
0428283953
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
mckenzietrip@hotmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 12:49 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

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Response Start Time: 1/10/2018 12:46:56 PM Response End Time: 1/10/2018 12:48:49 PM IP Address: 121.217.106.139 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Project
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Dennis Squires
3. Phone number (optional)
0400 050 703
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
dennisquires4@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Nil
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2017 8:19 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/18/2017 8:16:45 AM Response End Time: 12/18/2017 8:19:25 AM IP Address: 101.161.128.84 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth plan
2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Susan Hayllar
3. Phone number (optional)
0431287444
4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
SusanHayllar1@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Just get it done!
7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
Yes.
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
This will allow for a beautiful park, plenty of parking and access to dog free part of 7mile. Win-win-win!!!
9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
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Sue Wade

From: Stephen and Sam Manley <ssjc07@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 11:26 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' - submission supporting the proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

To the General Manager, Ballina Shire Council,

I write in support of the proposal to improve the Lake Ainsworth foreshore by closing the current road along the eastern shoreline to vehicular traffic, improving the drainage arrangements impacting on the lake and improving the amenity of the precinct by rehabilitating the shoreline, parkland and recreational areas.

The opportunity to provide a parkland between the eastern shoreline and the coastal dunes will make this precinct a fantastic and cherished asset for local residents, regional and international visitors.

This precinct needs to be actively managed to ensure that the flora and fauna can survive and thrive while recreational access for people is enhanced.

Car parking solutions should be found to cope with maximum usage and this should include optimising the parking arrangements along the southern edge of the lake bordering the caravan park.

There should be no overnight parking in the area by the public or caravan park guests.

Access to Seven Mile Beach for dog-walkers needs to be maintained and articulated to the public. This could include general access through the eastern shore parkland or via the existing pathways at the northern end of the LHASLSC grounds. Public toilets need to be upgraded at the existing locations.

I look forward to this plan being enacted so that the existing degradation of the parkland and southern shoreline can be addressed for immediate improvement to the area while the longer term works are underway.

Regards
Stephen Manley
Lennox Head

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Angela Dyer
8 Killarney Crescent
Lennox Head NSW 2478.

13 /01/2018

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. I/we do not support limited timed parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely



Sue Wade

From: Tim Harrison <tim.harrison55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 9:07 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Dear Council

I write to support Council proposals to close the Lake Ainsworth Road and develop the area as a parkland free of vehicles.

I am a Ballina Shire resident of 35 years and have seen the area grow significantly over that time. One aspect of increased population is the pressure it can place on natural resources highlighting the need for their protection. The plans that Council is proposing I believe move to achieve that need.

Many afternoons I have swum and enjoyed the lake environs but certainly the movement of traffic up & down the road on the eastern side of the lake is a significant detraction. Developing the area as a parkland will increase the amenity of the lake, provide a safe public space, improve lake health and improve the visual appeal of the lake environs.

If I may make any suggestion, it would be to either retain or utilise natural materials as much as is possible in the parkland development. Council has placed seats on walking/shared paths in other areas of the shire that are a metal construction, possibly aluminium. While the durability of this material may be greater than natural materials, I, for one, love the timber that has been used on the seating associated with shared path from the boardwalk to Pat Morton at Lennox. In other ways maintaining a rustic appearance in the development, I believe, would be preferable.

For some time now there is a movement on the part of planning authorities to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles and give people priority. Council proposals for the Lake Road and Parkland are consistent with that theme.

Yours faithfully

Tim Harrison
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: andrea hart <angienz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 12:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission Part V 22.2017/12

Regarding COUNCIL PROJECT FILE REFERENCE PART V 22.2017/12

I live in Lennox head village, walking distance to the lake, with my husband and 2 little children. A couple of years ago I had a very close call with my 3 yr old girl at the lake who suddenly ran from the sand where she was playing to the edge of the road to grab her ball. A big 4 wheel drive car was backing into a space beside the lake just 2 meters from where she was playing, I wouldn't have been able to get to her in time as I was holding my younger baby. If it wasn't for someone grabbing her for me she would have been hit. I was so excited to hear the council had decided to close the road on the eastern side of the lake and turn it into a recreational area accessible only by pedestrians, wheelchairs, bikes and prams.

It is what forward thinking, community focused, environmentally minded councils and governments are doing...putting in more footpaths, bike paths, and community spaces-getting people out of their cars, off the couch, helping to fight obesity and reliance on fossil fuels, and having more beautiful natural spaces that everyone can enjoy.

Having a road so close to the water where kids are playing is just an accident waiting to happen, it just about happened to my daughter. The road is really ugly, congested and like a main road in summer. I don't go down there at all anymore when it is busy, it is just too dangerous and stressful, not to mention just plain unpleasant with all the traffic moving around.

I do think the potential for people using the western side of the lake more if the road closes is a possibility and perhaps could be mitigated by no stopping sides along that side to protect the bush.

I fully support the parkland. I think it will be beautiful and the generations to come will thank us for it.

Please continue with the plan to close the lake road, be the council that makes a difference.

Thanks, Andrea Hart

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Sue Wade

From: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 22 December 2017 11:22 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: New response for survey 'Feedback for Documents on Exhibition'

GENERAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Response Start Time: 12/22/2017 11:16:35 AM Response End Time: 12/22/2017 11:21:37 AM IP Address: 124.149.39.208 Completed Survey: Yes
Respondent: Anonymous

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.
Lake Ainsworth Part V 2017/12

2. Your name (anonymous submissions may be disregarded by Council) Roy Flavel

3. Phone number (optional)
0403989584

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)
FLAVEL@HOTMAIL.COM

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
None

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
Yes

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.
I fully support the proposals. I'm glad council is improving pedestrian access and reducing the impact of vehicles in this significant natural area.

9. If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.
[No Answer Entered]

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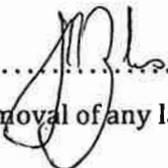
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Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely


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Sue Wade

From: Mark Corbett <markcorbett@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 2:37 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ref part V 22.2017/12 support for lake ainsworth plans

Ref council part V 22.2017/12 , Lake Ainsworth Developments,, road closure

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition. I use the lake area every day (for the last 12 yrs) and walk my dog from the north eastern area adjacent to the toilet block. I also regularly swim in the lake . I have observed steadily increasing traffic numbers over the last 10 years . The time has come to close the area of cars and give Lennox a parkland an area we can all be proud of . A parkland adjacent to the lake , amongst the trees will be a beautiful area for people to gather and picnic .
close the eastern road to make the area safe for pedestrians , too many times I have witnessed near misses with cars and young children. How often do you see a road inside a public pool area next to the water ??? , Never !
Close the eastern road to protect the health of the lake , we ALL KNOW the health of the lake will continue worsening, whilst ever there is a road with its attached vehicle pollution WITHIN 2 METERS OF THE WATER !!!
carry out all stormwater works and wetlands etc to protect the health of the lake .
You have addressed all the improvements needed to satisfy disabled access and parking

Yours Faithfully , Mark Corbett,
3 Lakefield ave
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Keren.Byrne@csiro.au
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 5:39 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Project File Ref. Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Parkland

Dear Ballina Council,

I write to support the implementation of park improvements surrounding Lake Ainsworth. In particular I support park on the eastern side of the lake and restricting vehicular access. It is important that public open space should be safe, maintainable, accessible and function as park. It is reasonable to provide all abilities access via pathways and seating at regular intervals.

I have been visiting the lake for many years and grew up in Ballina. I am a frequent visitor to the lake even though I now reside in Brisbane. I have noticed that the lake water quality and foreshore have deteriorated over the 45+ years that I have been visiting. The increased use and vehicular access is now detracting from the overall quality of the experience.

I support the parkland improvements at Lake Ainsworth in particular the foreshore improvements, recreational space, the reduction in car fumes around picnic spots, better access for elderly and disabled. This will ensure that with growing numbers of visitors this important cultural and recreational asset for Lennox Head will be protected for existing and future visitors.

This project should have been implemented years ago. Change is always difficult, and if you cannot walk that short distance to get to the lake, then perhaps you need to use to a wheel chair on the newly constructed disabled access ramps.

Thank you
Keren Byrne

17 Skinner St

West End Q 4101

0418898821

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Sue Wade

From: Ben Taylor <bentaylor1979@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 4:10 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: SUPPORTING Lake Ainsworth Improvements 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Hello,

I wish to lodge my support of the plans for the improvements to be made at Lake Ainsworth.

I believe the plans offer an increased immentity to the Lake for the local community, while helping to protect the Lakes environment for future use.

The removal of the Eastern Road is immensley important to provide a safe place for children who use the Lake, and the plans also offer more acecssibility for people with disabilities.

Green space is so important for the future of a healthy community, and is such a rare thing to be able to have the chance to create.

Some of the world's most amazing spaces are 'car free', and I believe this new plan will add one more to that list.

I also want to add that we live in the surrounding streets to the Lake and have no concern about any potential parking problems. I believe with the additional parking allready created by Council on Ross St, combined with the availability of on street parking, will be sufficient to allow people to access the area.

Regards
Ben Taylor
1/77 Stewart st Lennox Head Nsw 2478

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Sue Wade

From: Ross Pickering <bigroscoe44@bigpond.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 11:32 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Denis Magnay; Ken Johnston
Subject: Proposed road closure.

BALLINA & DISTRICT CITIZENS & RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION Inc.

Inc No. 9891926

January 27, 2018.

The General Manager,
Mr. Paul Hickey,

Dear Sir,

I write to you in my capacity as President of the above association, In relation to a motion that was passed unanimously at our last general meeting held on the 20th of this month. The meeting voted to oppose the proposition by council to close and remove the road on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, it was felt that this would amount to removal by council of an amenity enjoyed by users of this area for over 60 years. Quite apart from the stupidity of the loss of so much parking, is the inconvenience to elderly and/or disabled people who use this area. It is ridiculous to expect people of advanced years to walk great distances to use this facility.

Yours Sincerely,
Ross. M. Pickering.
PRESIDENT B.D.C.R.A.

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Sue Wade

From: Jann Rowe <jfr.latham@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 7:42 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth

Dear Councillors

I have been coming to the lake with my family since 1956 when I was a year old. My aunt and uncle owned one of the fibro cottages in Pacific Pde till the 1970s when they moved from Lismore to Brisbane. We had many Christmas holidays there and even after I left to go to University in Sydney a trip to the lake was a must every time I came home.

Council's reasons for closing the eastern road and improving the grounds for picnics and foot access are to be commended.

Please do not change course now, enough studies have been done.

It is now time to take the bit between your teeth and think to the future and what is in the lake's best interests.

A degraded lake with no swimming would be a terrible outcome for everyone.

Please do what you can to implement the best science and plans for the health of the lake.

Since I returned to work in the area in 2005 I have continued to visit the lake to swim, relax and show it off to visitors.

Jann Rowe
9 Remnant Drive Clunes 2480

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Sue Wade

From: Jennifer Bewley <jcbewley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 6:20 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12 SUPPORT FOR BSC PROPOSAL

I would like to support the parkland proposal for the following reasons:

- Pedestrian safety,
- better access for the elderly and disabled
- a safe, family friendly area
- a positive asset for the Lennox Head community and tourism
- enhanced visual amenity
- improved foreshore environments (lake health)
- Updated stormwater infrastructure
- Increased recreational space

SUGGESTIONS

Change room facilities would increase the usability.

Jennifer Bewley

Lennox Head

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From: Jennifer Bewley <jcbewley@hotmail.com>
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Alan Bewley

Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Fred Goodman <fgoodman8@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 1:31 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Proposed Lake Unsworth Parkland

The General Manager,
Ballina Shire Council.

The proposal for a parkland at Lake Ainsworth has merit BUT the method of achieving it is wrong. Restoration of the foreshore is what is needed to reclaim the area between the road and the lakes edge . There used to be a grassed foreshore but it has been allowed to be eroded and become part of the lake. The present space between the lake and the beach is quite narrow and the main obstacle preventing further erosion is the road, especially in the case of a cyclonic event.

The proposal to remove the road is opposed for a number of reasons. It is obvious that removing the road will remove a substantial number of parking places They cannot adequately be replaced within the proximity of the proposed parkland. Removing the road will place a high risk and danger on the Camp Drew Road on the Southern side of the lake as more traffic and parking will be placed there. Removing the road will not make any difference to the health of the Lake which has remained stable for over 50 years.

In summary, creating a parkland requires substantial reclamation of lost foreshore and the retention of the road and parking facilities to ensure the Lake is accessible to all including the disabled, families and visitors.

Yours sincerely,
Jill and Fred Goodman
6 Rayner Lane
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Mary Lack <marylack002@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 12:35 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

The General Manager, Ballina Shire Council

I support the Council's parkland proposal for the eastern foreshore of Lake Ainsworth. In my view, the proposal represents a vision for the future of the precinct that will serve the needs of users of the Lake and the foreshore in the long-term. The proposal will facilitate access to, and enjoyment of, this unique natural resource by all users while reducing many of the risks that threaten the future of the resource itself.

Reducing vehicle access to this area is a major part of the plan. Understandably, those who currently drive to this area are concerned about their continued access. Encouraging use of alternative transport, such as bicycles, should be a priority. The provision of adequate and secure bicycle parking infrastructure at the Lake could serve to allay concerns about parking, while also contributing to better health and climate change outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

I wish my submission to remain anonymous.

Mary Lack
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: christina peebles <christinapeeblesm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:35 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission Lake Ainsworth Ref.Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Councillors,

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition for the improvement works for Lake Ainsworth.

The reasons why I wholeheartedly support the upgrade of the Lake are as follows:

1. The health of the water of the Lake itself.
2. The eastern road is unsafe, crowded and almost inaccessible in peak times for emergency services.
3. Having organised picnic areas and walking tracks without vehicles.
4. Less rubbish left as people have to carry in what they need.

I would like reassurance that Council is not planning developing the land to the west and north of the Lake and that there are adequate recycling/rubbish bins available. Perhaps Council would consider installation of composting public toilets.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Peebles
68 Fig Tree Hill Drive
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Mark Walshaw <mcwals@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 8:49 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement

Dear Council,

I would like to reiterate my support for council's Lake Foreshore improvement proposal in its entirety.

It will gift to all users, but particularly children, a safe (car free) parkland to enjoy this iconic coastal lake. Whether playing by the lake, or moving between the beach and lake, people will be able to relax without needing to weave through the car procession.

Joni Mitchell sang "take paradise and put up a parking lot", about the trend of inappropriate development. Congratulations Ballina council on turning that phrase around, moving the 'parking lot' on the Foreshore to the urban zone, and creating a park paradise by the water as there should be.

The parking objections have been addressed. Lennox is filling fast. We need more greenspace.

Kind Regards,

Mark Walshaw

Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Cassie <cassie82@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 6:56 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12 - closure of road on Eastern Side of Lake Ainsworth

To the General Manager

I am writing to express my support for the closure of the road on the Eastern side of Lake Ainsworth. I have been a resident of Lennox Head for three years and frequently enjoy all that Lake Ainsworth has to offer.

As a mother of two small children, I am concerned about pedestrian safety on the Eastern Road. It is virtually impossible to walk along that road safely with young children without having to get off the road several times to make way for cars.

I strongly support the creation of a parkland area that will increase recreational space for everyone to enjoy.

I am concerned about the health of the Lake and support closing the road to improve stormwater infrastructure.

Please close the road to make way for a wide pathway that can be enjoyed by pedestrians and cyclists, picnic facilities and safe grassy areas for children to play.

Kind regards

Cassandra Locke

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Sue Wade

From: Angela Beglin <abeglin2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 6:51 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission for Ballina Shire Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Council,

Re. Support for the proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works.

I support the Closure of the Eastern Road and rehabilitation of the area; Reconstruction of the intersection; Reconstruction of the Southern Road including formalisation of parking areas; and Environmental management works including bank stabilisation, limited ability/disabled access, water sensitive urban design, and open space recreational enhancements.

I support the proposed works for the following reasons:

- to increase public recreational space;
- to improve the visual and aesthetic amenity;
- to remove vehicular access from a fragile ecological habitat;
- and most importantly, to improve the lake, foreshore, riparian and coastal dune environments in a manner that meets modern environmental standards that can be managed for ongoing, future ecological sustainability.

I would also like to suggest:

- parking restrictions (no overnight parking);
- bins to include green waste (not just recycling and general waste);
- signage/information on local aboriginal cultural heritage (as brilliantly done on the Ballina Coastal Recreational Pathway);
- a dog shower/wash area near surf club;
- feasibility studies re. sealing of Western (Camp Drewe) Road - including use of crushed glass sand from Northern Rivers Waste (https://www.northernriverswaste.com.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-IVQ-12-05-77);
- feasibility studies/planning for raised boardwalk pathway through Western side of the lake's vegetation areas, protecting the natural environment and providing recreational access in a sustainable manner.

I moved to this beautiful area less than two years ago, leaving Sydney/the Central Coast to study and for a change of pace. I previously lived in areas with similar recreational water bodies, such as Narrabeen Lagoon and Brisbane Water. The first time I walked down the Eastern Road to swim in Lake Ainsworth, I was honestly shocked that a road even existed so close to a freshwater lake.

I am now a member of Lennox Head Residents' Association and also a Landcare volunteer, and have met some wonderful dedicated members of the Lennox community. Over the past few weeks I have spent some time helping out at the Parkland information stall and have learnt a great deal regarding the history

of this beautiful lake and surrounding areas. I have also been pleased to speak with members of the public, listening to their opinions or concerns and explaining details of the proposed works to them.

Councillors I would like to thank you for your time considering my submission.

Yours,

Angela Beglin
0414 430 353

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Sue Wade

From: Margaret Walker <lucy10@inet.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 10:11 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Helen Robinson
Subject: Road Closure at Lake Ainsworth

Dear Sir,

As a ratepayer I vehemently object to the closure of the Lake Ainsworth road access, DP755725.

I use this road to access Seven Mile Beach to walk my dog daily, summer and winter. I have not witnessed any accidents or unsafe driving in the vicinity. I honestly believe it will have a detrimental effect on the businesses of Lennox Head and a major shortage of parking space.

Please consider my objections.

Thanking you,

Margaret Walker

20 EYLES DRIVE

EAST BALLINA 2478

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Sue Wade

From: lan walker <tash12@iinet.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 4:00 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Sir/ Madam

I wish to object to this application on the following grounds:- 1. The road closure will result in inadequate parking available to the people currently using the Lake and those who seek access to the dog walking area at the northern end of the existing road.

2. People with disabilities and with small children will not have direct access to the eastern side of the lake.

3. The detrimental financial impact on local business will be significant when the visitor numbers decrease due to the lack of direct access.

4. The closure will cause chaos in summer as there are already problems trying to park near the surf club and this will result in more pedestrian traffic as people park further away from the beach.

We are rate payers and daily users of the current road and there have never been any safety issues with pedestrians or parking. We do agree that the lake area should be refurbished but surely a compromise would be possible by allowing both the beautification and the current road to remain open.

Kind Regards

Ian Walker

15 The Grove

Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Leanne Lockrey <llockrey@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:53 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth

I am strongly against the closure of the road and think that council should be doing more work on the upkeep of the foreshore surrounding the lake. It is a total disgrace to see a large part of the bank eroded eroded on the southern end With no maintenance taken let alone the rest of the lake. Why can't council drop sand along the shoreline?

We've lived here for 30 years and we've never seen the shoreline looking so neglected 🐼 📱
Regards R & L Lockrey

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Sue Wade

From: Sarah Robin <sarah_robin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:16 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth submission

Dear Council

This is in support of the proposed parklands at a lake Ainsworth.

The population of Skennars and Lennox is growing fast and it's important that we invest in developing the things we value - green space, communal space and nature. This will protect our community and our lifestyle as we grow into the future.

Cars should not be able to drive up the east side of the lake. This area should be made into green space with grass, bbqs, tables etc. as has been long planned.

Let's just get on with this obvious no-brainer!!!

Perhaps a new car park on the west side of the caravan park and make the whole lake area car free too?

Regards

Sarah Robin

Sarah Robin
0405 224 885
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Sue Wade

From: wendy channon <wezachan@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2018 11:56 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Keep road open!

Dear Councillors,

PLEASE do not close the road at Lake Ainsworth!

1. The congestion of people and cars at the southern end will be intolerable. People are lazy - they will not spread out along the parkland as you think! It will be too hard for elderly, families, disabled especially..
2. The UNSEALED western road will create a major dust problem for residents of Barrett Drive.
3. YOU have been hoodwinked by the greenies who were heavily influenced by the then chamber of commerce beginning in 2007! Moving the market was your first mistake and it spiralled out of control from there.

Wendy channon

39 barrett dr lennox head

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Sue Wade

From: Penelope Gibson <pgibson@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 9:00 AM
To: Councillors
Subject: Submission re Lake Ainsworth.

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to state my opinion on the development of a new precinct on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth

I agree to the councils development plan.

A good balance has been struck for human activity and to revive and maintain the natural health of the area. All people, families, oldies, tourists and friends and relatives of people in our shire will all enjoy the feel. We don't need nor should not want cars, dogs and a continual flow of movement that traffic provides. We may not have had accidents along the road that is there now but you have to be continually on the lookout. Our lives need places where we can chill out. Traffic is not part of that scene.

Parking provisions have been made and with everywhere you go ,during peak periods there will always be times when you have to walk a little extra distance. You can't want extra tourists without some inconveniences like parking right there with little walking involved.

The surroundings will look beautiful. I am so looking forward to seeing a healthy riparian zone with beautiful paperbarks around. Children will be in seventh heaven.

Congratulations on your plan. Now let us see it go ahead.

Thanking you.

Penny Gibson

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Sue Wade

From: John and Christina Peebles <peeblesjewels@aapt.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:14 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: lake Ainsworth submission

Council Ref. Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Councillors,

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the plans as on exhibition in the library.

The main reason I have is that the current road is unsafe, unsightly and in the future will be jam packed to the point of being unusable.

I tend to look 5 or 10 years into the future, and we can be sure that traffic will be vastly increased, and no doubt the existing road, if left, will become impossible, as an endless parade drives down, turns around and drives out with nowhere to park.

Its a much more pleasing result to have organised walking and picnic space, with no vehicles!!

The only concern I have is for the prospect that council have the ulterior motive of developing land to the west and north of the lake, I would strongly object to this.

Kind Regards,

John Peebles

Figtree Hill Dve,
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Charlie Hewitt <charlie@charliehewitt.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 6:08 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference - Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Council,

I support the closure of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth for reasons of improved pedestrian safety, recreational amenity and environmental protection of this extremely important natural asset.

Regards

Charlie

CHARLIE HEWITT
0421 098 267
PO Box 442, Lennox Head 2478
www.charliehewitt.com.au

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Sue Wade

From: gillian griffiths <gillian2214@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 5:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference - Part V 22.2017/12

To Ballina Council Members,

Good afternoon, (Time being 4.03pm Sunday 28th January 2018)

I would like to make a submission, regarding Councils project File Reference -Part V 22.2017/12 re Lake Ainswort, due by 4.30pm Monday 29th January 2018.

I wish to voice my support for Ballina City Council's plans regarding Lake Ainsworth's future, which include the removal of Eastern Road Access to all vehicles except Emergency Services.

The issues I wish to address are:

A) -The closure of Eastern Road to all vehicles except Emergency Services, this is in line with Council plans. I believe this is essential to the future of life and quality for Lake Ainsworth. The NSW government guidelines state that a road must be a minimum of 40m from the water's edge. In the case of Lake Ainsworth, the water's edge is only 1m to 5 m from the road.

B) - Restoration and re-vegetation must take place to ensure the viability and quality of Lake Ainsworth and surrounding areas for all people to enjoy in the years to come.

C) - The provision of a walking path to provide safety for all people. The upgrade is essential to allow access to people with disabilities and mobility issues. This area must be made available to all.

- WITH THE CLOSURE of Eastern Road this will be possible. People will no longer have to risk safety by competing with vehicles and those with ambulatory issues will have safe access

D) -To offset carparks lost in Eastern Road, replacement carparks to be made available along Southern Road, and additional parking in Ross Street.

E) - Improve appropriate drainage systems that are in place, to stop further erosion and damage to water quality and the lake's banks.

At present storm water runoff feeds into Lake Ainsworth, and damages surrounding banks. This affects the quality and life of plants and causes erosion. This in turn affects the quality of water.

I support, in co-operation with Ballina City Council, Lennox Head Landcare use local native plants to restore and re-vegetate damaged areas, and bring them back to life.

With the closure of Eastern Road all of the above is attainable.

Today, many of our waterways have been lost to erosion, pollution, and neglect, but we have a chance to save ours. With the improvements, access will be given to all, both disabled and non disabled in a safe manner, to give enjoyment of the beautiful lake and surrounding areas for many years to come

Thank you

Yours Faithfully

Gillian M Griffiths
A resident of Skennars Head.

Sue Wade

From: Eve Finn <evebewley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 8:05 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Support for lake parkland Part V 22.2017/12

Dear General Manager,
Re: part V 22.2017/12

I am a lennox Head resident and rate payer. I wish to express my support for the redevelopment of the parkland at Lake Ainsworth for the following reasons:

1. Safety for children, the cars and traffic on the road East of the lake create a hazardous environment for children and pedestrians. The proposed parkland would eliminate this problem
2. Increasing and improving recreation space for everyone to enjoy
Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
Eve Finn

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Sue Wade

From: tchambers@dodo.com.au
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 5:18 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: tchambers@dodo.com.au
Subject: Attn: General Manager, Paul Hickey Re: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12
Attachments: lake ainsworth submission.doc

Please find attached and copied below my submission for : Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

for the attention of Paul Hikey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council

Thankyou for your consideration

Tracy Chambers
0422 752 705

To The General Manager - Paul Hickey 25/01/18

Re: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to the above proposed works planned for the foreshore area of Lake Ainsworth.

I am a long time resident of Lennox Head (over 25 years) and I come from a professional Aquatic Ecology background. I have a number of reservations and objections to the proposed works.

While I commend any properly researched ideas for minimisation of run-off into the lake, extension of riparian zones, better use of lake environ including control of dogs entering the lake waters and surrounding area, I do not support the plan as it is presented.

In summary the eastern road closure is not supported. Increased use and future sealing of Camp Drewe road is not supported,. Increase in 'furniture' (eg bbq's and hand railings and a very wide sealed pathway, is not supported. My reasons for these objections are given below:

1. Replacing a semi-sealed road surface with a very wide sealed pathway (wide enough for emergency vehicles makes it very wide) is replacing one for the other.
2. For dog owners to access the current 7 Mile Beach dog access point north of surf club will require them to walk through the park with their dogs, defeating the purpose of increasing wildlife habitat. The smell of the dogs alone repels most wildlife, not to mention droppings not collected and urination which is not collectable, of course. As many dog owners are guilty of currently doing, dogs swim in the lake with all the related chemicals such as tick and flea controls like Front-line.
3. I don't support the large extension / additions of carpark space to include large unsightly car lots requiring lake users to haul their belongings and children a long distance to find space. Some tout the eastern road as an accident waiting to happen. In truth an accident has not happened and could just as easily happen in a crowded parking lot if a child is poorly watched or any person not mindful while in this space.
4. I do not support the creation of a Lake Ainsworth Parkland...the current proposed plan looks like an urban playground with the addition of lots of furniture in the form of bbq's, seating, hand- railing etc. I have witnessed many disabled people access the lake because they can drive right up to the lake's edge. I do not support ramps and handrails. This is not why we come to the lake. People visit to be in nature, to spread a picnic blanket and sit on the grass and enjoy the lake as a natural environment. If people require the services of a playground for their children then there are so many to choose from within the shire.
5. By all means improve storm water runoff and improve control of dogs, horses etc that currently enter the lake. Please improve opportunities for recycling bins etc but PLEASE leave the lake as natural as possible.

6. I support keeping the eastern road open. The alternative offered of using the western Camp Drewe Road is also NOT supported in this submission. The coastal heath at the western side of the lake is one of the last remaining intact wildlife reserves of it's kind and of a size to be useful habitat. Many important species use this area including the Freshwater Turtle and it's hatchlings. They travel over Camp Drewe Road, and this wildlife corridor will be at great risk with the increased traffic proposed and especially during peak Summer times and holidays. Hatchlings have been often sighted during day time and helped to cross over by many people. Numerous other wildlife cross during daylight hours including swamp wallabies, bush turkeys, ground marsupials etc. This option is completely unacceptable. By opening Camp Drewe Road to greater intensification of use you are swapping any possible road run-off from one side to the other.
7. The visual amenity of the lake area will be reduced considerably with these proposed changes. We do not want a Parkland like the Gold Coast here.

I support measures to improve water quality that do not detract from the beautiful visual amenity and access currently available to all in the existing Lake Ainsworth scenario.

As an aside on the Blue Green Algae issue. As you are aware this is mainly due to increased nutrients and reduced oxygen levels in the lake (due to natural stratification). The current eastern road contributes little to this scenario. Rather it is how the lake is used, or for a better word abused, by those that swim in it, wash utensils, pee or worse in it and swim their animals that matters most to the lake health. I see a better use of money spent on educating lake users how to treat it respectfully and understand its fragile nature.

Thankyou for reading my submission. Please call if you have any questions

Kind regards

Tracy Chambers

mb: 0422 752 705

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Sue Wade

From: brown family <michaelbrown@feelgood.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 January 2018 6:47 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Mr Hickey,

I write to you as a supporter of the council's plan for Lake Ainsworth and the removal of the eastern road. I find myself part of the silent majority who need speak up.

Vehicular movement along this road increases every summer. It has become a dangerous cocktail of pedestrian and cars; an accident waiting to happen.

Well done BSC on the initiative to remove this road.

regards

Michael Brown

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Sue Wade

From: Penelope Brown <elkhorn.penny2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 2:45 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12

Close road and develop into parkland.

I would like to commend the council's long overdue plan to close the road on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth. I have lived in Lennox Head since 1990 and spent many hours in the lake swimming and windsurfing and meeting friend's for barbecues and picnics.

Over the years, the area has become more popular as the population has grown and I now believe the eastern side has become unsafe for pedestrians. By closing the road, the amount of space for recreation will increase and it will be a much more attractive and spacious area. Then plans for parking are in place to cater for this change. Some people may have to walk a little further but that is not a bad thing. Access for disabled and elderly has also been addressed so I will be very pleased to see this new space.

I also believe that some people who are opposed to the road closure have been pressuring others and using false information to get the result they want. This is unacceptable.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Brown
27 Patricia Pde
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: margaret shaw <shawmargaret@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 9:21 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re Part V 22.2017/12

I support Council's plans for closing the road and developing a parkland at Lake Ainsworth. We need more safe space free of cars for people to enjoy our special environment. Lake Ainsworth is desperately in need of rehabilitation now and Councils plans will provide the opportunity to achieve this with due respect to environmental and cultural concerns. I urge Council to put these long held plans in action as soon as possible. Do not be swayed by a noisy rabble who have used ugly methods to malign Councillors and misrepresent the facts that have been clearly presented by Council through various mediums.
Margaret Shaw
Rate payer and long time supporter of the parkland.

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22/12/2017

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
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P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

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Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely

Sue Wade

From: Jane Burges <janeleete@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 3:55 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council; Councillors; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Stephen McCarthy; Ballina Mayor; Councillor Ben Smith; Councillor Keith Williams; Councillor Sharon Parry; Councillor Sharon Cadwallader; Jeff Johnson External; Councillor Phil Meehan; Councillor Nathan Willis
Subject: Extract from 2014 LHRA submission re proposed infrastructure improvements Lake Ainsworth

Dear Council team and Councillors,

In preparing for my submission re Part V Lake Ainsworth works today, I came across a copy of the Lennox Head Residents Association submission from the original proposal in 2014. I felt it may be helpful to remind second term councillors and possibly inform newer councillors of the extensive consultation process in 2014 which has been completely denied by many "save the road" advocates over the past couple of years. This has been extremely frustrating, especially to all those who set aside considerable time and effort to provide opportunities for stakeholders to obtain information about the proposed infrastructure works at the Lake. This is documented succinctly and accurately in the extract below from the LHRA submission in 2014.

**LHRA Submission Based on Complete Urban Proposals
and Ballina Shire Council's Preferred Options for the
Lake Ainsworth Precinct November 2014**

Preamble to the Submission

The compilation of this submission has relied on a number of consultative elements which have informed this response and facilitated the articulation of a balanced and objective position. The consultative elements comprise the following:

- Presentation by Council officers of the varying scenarios offered in the Complete Urban Report and the nature of Council's options
- A question and answer session attended by council officers and Councillor Cadwallader where a range of issues were raised. Approximately 50 residents attended this meeting
- An ongoing conversation on the Association's Facebook Page

- Community open day Information and Engagement sessions at stalls set up outside IGA and Lake Ainsworth on Saturday and [8 November](#) and again at IGA [on Sunday 9/11](#). The sessions on Saturday were attended by Council Staff where explanations of the Options were explained and informational materials distributed and further community input noted.
- Numerous information pieces published in the local news media

Results of Community Information Sessions and Consultation:

- Keep lake area natural.
- No new attractions such as viewing platforms, playground equipment or exercise stations. Paths should be natural surfaces such as grass pavers rather than concrete.
- Many dog walkers happy to park to the South of the precinct and walk their dogs on a leash to the off leash beach strip; some however unhappy.
- Most strongly wanted the eastern road closed; fewer felt it should be open for everyone; little support for providing sole access to Sport & Rec.
- General support for having restaurant/café facilities at the new surf club.
- Most were satisfied by a 1:1 replacement of lost parking spaces; some concerned the plans wouldn't achieve 1:1. Some Ross St residents concerned about the management of spill over parking in Ross St.
- Eastern foreshore should be used to disperse people entering the water and reduce the concentration of usage in the SE corner.
- Should allow for disabled access to the Lake

With kindest regards,

Jane Leete

Sue Wade

From: Callum Sawras <lisa_mcgilvray@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 7:46 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12

To whom it may concern,

I would just like to register my support in creating a beautiful park space down at Lake Ainsworth. We don't need a new road and we certainly don't need the existing road. We as a community are so lucky to have access to such a wonderful natural resource. It's an absolute shame that this time every year the lake becomes so disgusting that you are risking your health if you swim in it. I believe removing the road and creating parkland will be absolutely beneficial to preserving this beautiful resource. Lennox Head will suffer terribly if the lake becomes permanently unsuitable to swim in and I think certain members of the community are being selfish in wanting to keep the road.

I believe the plan is comprehensive and those who want to believe untruths are deluding themselves. This issue has dragged on for way to long it's become like the never ending story. We need to follow the original decision and get these works started before there is no lake to fight for.

Regards
Lisa Sawras

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Sue Wade

From: pat_deb@exemail.com.au
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 10:38 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: part v 22.2017/12 lake ainsworth development.

as a resident and ratepayer of lennox head for the last 30 years,i would like to give my support to the closure of the eastern road at lake ainsworth and the development of an open space parkland.

over the years i have watched the increased use of the eastern road and now consider it dangerous to children crossing to cars and the increase of housing in the area will only lead to more use.i feel this use has to be controlled to save the lake and the surrounding precinct.

my only concerns are access to the dog walking beach area and protection of fauna on the western side of the lake.

i have confidence in ballina council to turn the eastern side into a great park area for all visitors.

good luck and lets get this done....more open spaces.

patrick tierney.

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Sue Wade

From: Cheryl Beatty <chezbeat56@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:29 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12 Inbox x

Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works - Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition.

The parkland area that will be created will provide a much needed safe environment for everyone, especially families with children, to access the lake and its foreshores. It will also provide an important continuous car free greenway link between the lake and the ocean.

The lake has always been a very special place for my children. When they were young it was often difficult to find a picnic spot on the foreshore that did not require constant vigilance so as to avoid hazards created by the close traffic.

As a regular volunteer with Land Care, I am also keen to encourage you to proceed with updating the stormwater infrastructure of the area to ensure the dunes remain in tact and well vegetated, and pollution from runoff into the lake is kept to a minimum.

I also welcome the planned better access for the elderly and disabled.

We have been waiting for these improvements for many years now. Please do not delay any longer.

Yours



Cheryl Beatty
56 Survey Street
Lennox Head

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26 January 2018

Seini Pitt

Lennox Head NSW 2478

0433604230

Attn: Paul Hickey General Manager and members of Ballina Shire Council

Maintaining Lake Ainsworth, for its natural beauty, ecosystem and non-discriminatory recreational area for the community –Ballina Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

Community Concerns and Objections

- Closure of any roads that restrict access to lake
- Development of any project that would complicate or compromise the already existing accessibility to the lake for people that are not able to move freely and effortlessly i.e elderly, wheelchair bound, in need of walking support systems etc
- The destruction of the Lakes Natural Ambience and Beauty
- Removal of Heritage and community meeting places
- Dangerously upsetting balanced ecosystem supporting flora and fauna
- Nil consideration for indigenous heritage and beliefs
- Lack of access creating hubs for anti-social behaviour
- Spreading of the lakes recreational population to other areas of the lake that experience significantly lower traffic than the eastern side.
- Loss of existing peaceful non-discriminatory community recreational interactions
- Directing unnecessary funds towards developments that compromise Lennox Heads attraction and ambience, and ignoring town maintenance that has been constantly requested from public.

Restoration Requirements

- Restoration of the lake foreshore along the eastern and southern ends
- Restoration of lake edge base by dredging or pulling back of sand, to increase foreshore and cleanse base

Maintenance Requirements

- Access and use of Lake Ainsworth
- Natural Lake Ambience and well shaded areas
- Informal parking/multi use areas

Serious Council Considerations

- Stop neglecting the basic maintenance required at Lake Ainsworth
- Maintaining developments that have been added to the area
- Listening to the majority of the community and taking facts along with evidence provided into serious consideration for any future developments, and acknowledging the healthy water state that is evident in council documentation.
- Take serious consideration submissions and letters presented in regards to the matter.
- Respect the Lake management plans that are already existing, rather than ignoring them
- Not gain any personal financial income as a result of any development or changes to the infrastructure

Council transformation DOES NOT:

- Take in to consideration any plans to make it any safer for the heavy pedestrian traffic on the southern side.
- Addressing the Lake Health, if this was a serious concern we would be talking about pre cleansing before entering the lake by installing shower facilities and prohibiting sunscreen as so many other countries have done so.
- Spreading of traffic and seriously compromising the western lake sides established flora and native animal habitats
- Acknowledge the request by law enforcements to leave the road open for the public safety as closing will heighten and encourage the high likelihood of creating a hub for anti social behaviour
- The community's right to enjoy their recreational environment free of charge i.e introducing time limited or paid parking

Public Interest to Maintain Natural Attraction

Lake Ainsworth is a community area, there is no evidence to support that restricting access to the public will be beneficial. The maintenance of this area is crucial to the fragile balance of the lake ecosystem, and to the community as a recreational area and tourism icon.

Measures such as installing showers and restricting sunscreen use would be beneficial, however even though people enter the lake with sunscreen and without showering the council water health documentation bring back proof that the lake water is still healthy.

This area needs to be retained and maintained, not restricted and developed. The informal parking provides a large space for multi purpose use, and should not be formalised and quarantined as a penalised parking lot.

(page 45) Traffic Management illustration 5 states: "Realign existing road to the east and relocate recreation facilities to the lake side of the road (where possible). Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming."

Sue Wade

From: Les Lee <leggoles101@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 1:20 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Lennox Head

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing in support of the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth parkland development.

Sincerely yours

Leslie Lee (Lennox Head)

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BRENDANT POLLOCK
P.O. BOX 7210
EAST BALLINA NSW

20/12/2017

Ballina Shire Councillors &
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450
Ballina, 2478

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Thank you for considering my/~~our~~ request.

Yours Sincerely

B. Pollock
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Name..... GREG JOYMAN
Address..... 13 Lobbey Lane
Lennox Head
15 / 1 / 2018

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Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely


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Sue Wade

From: Milinda Rodziewicz <puretouchmassage1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 21 December 2017 12:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re -PartV 22.2017/12

I support Council's plans to create a parkland at Lake AinswoRuth

I believe it is the best way to provide a family friendly, safe environment for all the community. I note the time and consideration that Council has given to all the environmental, parking and access issues and commend Council on the consequent plan.

kindest regards
Milinda

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Milinda Rodziewicz
Pure Touch Massage, Meditation and Mindfulness

Mobile: 0413 299 496
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Sue Wade

From: Simon Finn <sifinn64@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 8:31 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Support for Lake Parkland Part V 22.2017/12

Re: Part V 22.2017/12

Attention to: Ballina Shire Council General Manager,

I am a Lennox Head resident and rate payer. I wish to express my support for the road closure and redevelopment of the parkland at Lake Ainsworth.

In particular

1. Safety for children, the cars and traffic on the road East of the lake create a hazardous environment for children and pedestrians. The proposed parkland would eliminate this problem
2. Increasing and improving recreation space for everyone to enjoy

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Simon Finn



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Sue Wade

From: lynettesullivan <lynettesullivan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 9:49 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY S5

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To the General Manager

I support closing the Lake Ainsworth Eastern Road & the creation of a parkland.

Jeanette Sullivan
Gibbon St
Lennox Head



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From: lynettesullivan <lynettesullivan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 9:40 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY S5

To the General Manager

I support closing the Lake Ainsworth Eastern Road & the creation of a parkland.

Desmond Sullivan
Gibbon St
Lennox Head



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Sue Wade

From: Valerie Curtis <vcurtis@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 1:30 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Fw: CM Council Project part V 22.2017\12

RE; PROPOSED PARKLAND AT LAKE AINSWORTH

I write to support the proposed parkland at Lake Ainsworth.

Lennox Head is a very special place with a beautiful clean ocean beach and a freshwater lake very close together. This combination sets Lennox Head apart and makes it unique and special for local residents as well as visitors.

Both need to be kept free of pollution and be preserved in order for Lennox Head residents and visitors to continue to enjoy its unique natural resources.

An extended green space between the lake and the ocean which is free of traffic would be an asset to residents, visitors to the lake itself. It would improve the visual beauty and reduce pollutants from entering a lake which is already under environmental stress.

Car parking remains a big problem. Additional car parks have already been created by Council and I understand that additional parking will be provided on the other side of the lake. These parking areas need to have a time limit imposed and be monitored with fines introduced for overstaying. Also any overnight parking should be banned thereby preventing the illegal overnight camping by recreational vehicles. Perhaps the carparks should be closed overnight say from dusk to dawn.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue

Valerie Curtis

Byron Bay resident and ratepayer. (PO Box 2275, Byron Bay, NSW 2481)

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Sue Wade

From: ed murphy <ed.murphy@banksiaview.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 9:59 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: BSC Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

BSC General Manager,

The purpose of this email is to advise that I have reviewed the proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works identified as Part V 22.2017/12 and I unconditionally support BSC's development initiative.

Clearly the development initiative will greatly improve pedestrian safety around Lake Ainsworth whilst also improving the recreational amenity of the eastern side of the lake whilst significantly reducing recreational-congestion at the southern area of the lake.

It should be noted that **I reject** the claims made by those that are actively fighting for the eastern road of Lake Ainsworth to remain open. Pedestrian safety should be a priority of the development initiative giving cognisance to the improvement and preservation of the health of Lake Ainsworth. The removal of non-emergency vehicular traffic from the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth is essential.

I would have liked to have seen additional BBQ facilities along the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, however, there is probably an environmental reason for not including BBQ facilities along the eastern foreshore.

For your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Ed Murphy MIEAust
Banksiaview Professional Engineering Services
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ed.murphy@banksiaview.com.au

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Sue Wade

From: M Schreiber <msc33062@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2018 12:55 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Proposed upgrade of Lake Ainsworth's eastern road

Dear Mr Mayor and the Ballina Council

My husband and I support the proposal for the upgrade of the Eastern road along Lake Ainsworth. We sincerely hope that it can be carried out without further delay.

Morris and Marina Schreiber

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Yours Sincerely

Imelda Pollock

Sue Wade

From: Lyn Walker <lynwalker@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 5 March 2018 3:56 PM
To: Councillor David Wright; Councillor Sharon Cadwallader; Councillor Ben Smith; Councillor Jeff Johnson; Councillor Keith Williams; Councillor Nathan Willis; Councillor Stephen McCarthy; Councillor Phil Meehan; Councillor Eoin Johnston; Councillor Sharon Parry; Paul Hickey; Paul Hickey
Cc: Paul Hickey; John Truman
Subject: Opposition to closing the eastern LA road

Dear Councillor,

Re: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Ref Part V 22.2017/12..
Below is a letter to the Advocate which will probably appear this week.

All the contradictions that LAIG has found in the PLAInc form letter have not been included in the analysis and neither have those made by Councillors. However what my analysis does show is that people who signed the form letter have either been misled or have decided to go along with the misleading statements. These would also be the responses from some people you may have talked to. I have not included the witnessed misleading statements that accompanied persuading people to sign.

I am surprised that so many ask you to respect the 2002 Management Plan whilst themselves asking for the opposite of most of its requirements.

I look forward to doing a random sampling of the form letters received by Council when they are released to the public. I note the disappearance of the petition.

I draw your attention to the requirement that you as a member of the Reserve Trust Manager must not make local interest determine your decision making.

sincerely
Lyn
(Dr Lyn Walker)

Contradictions and confusion to Council's Plans for foreshore improvement works at Lake Ainsworth are common to both Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc (PLAInc), Ballina & District Citizen and Ratepayers Association Inc (BDCRA) and the two councillors most vocal in opposition, Cr Smith and Cr Williams. They have been unable to come up with any Plan based reasons for their opposition instead engage in speculation and false news.

To illustrate I will discuss below those "reasons" in the form letter by PLAInc.

1. PLAinc claims the 2002 Plan of Management is gazetted, therefore law. The Office of Environment and Heritage could not find such an entry. Council's lawyers recently opined that it was a statutory document. However, a legal opinion, whilst sufficient for Council to act on, is not law. Only a court could decide its status. Alternatively PLAInc, if you know where such a gazette entry can be found please do tell.

2. PLAInc argues that the PoM should be respected yet repeatedly disrespects it. The PoM requires that:

a) traffic on the eastern road be restricted. PLAInc asks for undiminished access.

b) a bypass road be built to the west from Gibbon/Ross St junction. PLAInc vigorously opposed this.

c) parking be formalised. PLAInc demands informal parking.

3. PLAInc argues that all work should wait until a holistic new Management Plan (CMP) for the Lake is finished. PLAInc however does not wait. It speculates that the lake foreshore has fallen in because Council did not maintain it and that the solution is to 'retrieve' the foreshore –(read dredge lake sediments). Council's Plan is based on bringing the PoM up to date with the already formally approved Ballina Coastal Precinct Plans. To delay action for up to five years for either a CMP change or to adopt these speculative solutions now is unconscionable.

4. PLAInc opposes timed parking. There is no timed parking in Council's Plan. A suggestion for no parking between 1am and 5am is for the (independent) traffic committee to decide. Yet limited parking of two hours duration was presented as a fact at the PLAInc Jan 13 rally.

5. PLAInc claims authorisation to speak for visitors, residents and S&R.

S&R however, officially has a different policy, Council alone is authorised to decide on behalf of residents and visitors should be left to speak for themselves unbidden. Crown Lands, additionally, is responsible for representing the interests of all residents of NSW.

PLAInc is entitled to speak only for itself.

In short, PLAInc offers no substantial reason for its opposition to Council Plans, only contradictions and confusion.

Dr Lyn Walker

For Lake Ainsworth Interest Group

(Ballina Environment Society Inc; Lennox Head Land Care Inc; Lennox Head Residents Association Inc)

Sue Wade

From: Luke Darnell <lukedarnell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 1:43 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12

I'd like to add my support to proposed parklands on the eastern side of the lake.

I think the existing road is ugly.

And transforming it into parklands would create a fantastic space in one of Lennox Head's most beautiful locations.

Luke Darnell
3 Stonehenge Place
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Edward Murphy <banksiaview@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 10:07 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: BSC Part V 22.2017/12 - Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

BSC General Manager,

The purpose of this email is to advise that I have reviewed the proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works identified as Part V 22.2017/12 and I unconditionally support BSC's development initiative.

Clearly the development initiative will greatly improve pedestrian safety around Lake Ainsworth whilst also improving the recreational amenity of the eastern side of the lake whilst significantly reducing recreational-congestion at the southern area of the lake.

It should be noted that **I reject** the claims made by those that are actively fighting for the eastern road of Lake Ainsworth to remain open. Pedestrian safety should be a priority of the development initiative giving cognisance to the improvement and preservation of the health of Lake Ainsworth. The removal of non-emergency vehicular traffic from the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth is essential.

I would have liked to have seen additional BBQ facilities along the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, however, there is probably an environmental reason for not including BBQ facilities along the eastern foreshore.

Please note that I am a rate paying resident living at 7 Sunrise Crescent Lennox Head.

Kind Regards,

Michaela Murphy

Registered Nurse

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James Gilchrist

24 January 2018

Ballina Shire

Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

I object to the above mentioned DA in its current form for the following reasons

Traffic and Parking

The traffic report is incomplete as it does not take into account the significant traffic flows which will be diverted down the southern and western road ways. Nor does it deal with the parking problems that will be created by this proposed development.

Emergency Evacuation and Rescue

Insufficient access or egress has been provided to enable the large vehicles of emergency services to pass each other on the access proposed to be installed.

Western Road and Western entrance to Sport & Rec facility.

No detailed planning and budgeting is included in the documents enabling effected residents to come to a conclusion as to the benefit or otherwise of the required works.

Recovery of eroded foreshores

Because of Councils failure to maintain the foreshore as required by the Management Plan significant erosion of the foreshore has occurred. No provision has been made for the rectification of the foreshore to there original location.

Foreshore along the Western road.

Visitors and residents visiting for a picnic will be forced to park well away from the proposed park and close to the western road.

Visitors will then set up on the western side of the lake in an area with inadequate protection for the flora and fauna.

Residents rejection of proposed works

Residents have clearly demonstrated their objection to the proposed works and I agree with this view.

James Gilchrist

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General Manager
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20th January 2018

Dear Paul,

**Re: Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works –
Council Reference Part V 22.2017/12**

I wish to express my **SUPPORT** for council's current plans to improve the Lake Ainsworth foreshore by removing the eastern road and increasing the parkland area available for public access. Council should be congratulated on this plan, it's been long awaited and is an insightful improvement for the lake, it's surrounds, and all lake users.

There are many good reasons why the road should be removed and, as I see it, very few reasons why it should stay. When compared, the points for closing the road far outweigh the points for keeping the road open. It appears the major arguments against the closure relate to removal of parking spots causing crowding in Stewart and Gibbon streets. This is legitimate, however I acknowledge that council have been proactive in establishing alternative parking as well as formalising new parking on the southern lake road which counteracts any loss of parking when the eastern road is closed. I understand council is also looking to procure more land to address ongoing parking requirements. Again congratulations on this proactive work.

The only other issue I have heard about, and it does sound barking mad, is that pet owners are required to walk their dogs further to get to the off-leash area. I'll bet their dogs don't mind the extra few hundred metres walk.

As a minor improvement to the plan, I would like council to consider:

- A drop-off bay adjacent to the surf club where families and their belongings can be safely dropped while the driver parks
- Formalised fencing on the western road to inhibit people enlarging the foreshore on the western side of the lake or making new tracks to the lake. This is a sensitive and well-preserved area that should stay that way. Signage may help in this endeavour.

I applaud council's design and its intention to improve the health of Lake Ainsworth. Twenty years is too long to wait for this iconic place to get a make-over. Residents deserve a safer environment around the lake and the lake deserves better care. I urge all councilors to support this initiative and I encourage council to commence work as soon as possible.

mike heesom (spider)
23 Greenfield Road, Lennox Head, NSW, 2478.

Sue Wade

From: Kelly Saunderson <kelly.saunderson@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 2:33 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: RE: Supportive Submission, Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works - Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

To The General Manager, Ballina Shire Council,

RE: Supportive Submission, Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works - Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Please accept this as my submission for the above mentioned works.

Firstly, I would like to state my general **support** for the proposed 'Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works'. Specifically, I am supportive of the stormwater management works, riparian restoration works and the removal of cars from the eastern side of the Lake which I feel would greatly enhance the overall amenity and recreation value of the area.

I have a few points which I would like considered as modifications to the current plans;

1. Drop off zone

- The addition of a 'drop off zone' at a place close to the surf club and main picnic area in the south-east corner would increase usability for the elderly, less-mobile and families with lots of gear.
- The addition of a seat positioned close to a drop off zone would be helpful as place for the elderly and less-mobile to wait whilst a vehicle is being parked.

2. Access / emergency path

- The access / emergency path detailed in the plans is at a width of 3m. I feel that considering the current narrow space, this relatively large expanse of concrete will negatively impact on the visual amenity of the area. If there were a way to reduce the width of this path and still maintain emergency access I feel it would be beneficial.

3. Maintain the natural feel

- I support any design elements which complement and reflect the natural beauty of the area, eg timber seats and natural looking picnic areas.

4. Education

- The inclusion of any educational signage which fosters respect for the Lake and its immediate environments and engages Lake users to do their bit to look after the area. I feel this will assist in mitigating negative impacts to the Lake caused by its users.

5. Underground Power lines

- I would like to see the placement of the powerlines underground as a priority for future works. I believe this would enhance the visual amenity of the area.

6. Mitigating risk of wildlife hit

- Whilst I concur with the findings in the Blackwoods Ecological Report that there will be an overall benefit to local fauna through these works, as a matter of precaution I support any measures which help to mitigate any risk to wildlife associated with increased traffic on Camp Drewe Road.

Further, I would like to add that in the interest of alleviating the hostile discourse in the Lennox community on this issue, that any works should happen sooner rather than later.

Yours Sincerely
Kelly Saunderson
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: jacqui judd <jacquijudd@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 3:52 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference:
Part V 22.2017/12 - General Manager- Paul Hickey

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to the above proposed works planned for the foreshore area of Lake Ainsworth.

While I commend any properly researched ideas for minimisation of run-off into the lake, extension of riparian zones, better use of lake environ including control of dogs entering the lake waters and surrounding area, I do not support the plan as it is presented.

In summary the eastern road closure is not supported. Increased use and future sealing of Camp Drewe road is not supported,. Increase in 'furniture' (eg bbq's and hand railings and a very wide sealed pathway, is not supported. My reasons for these objections are given below:

Replacing a semi sealed road surface with a very wide sealed pathway (wide enough for emergency vehicles makes it very wide) is replacing one for the other.

For dog owners to access the current 7 Mile Beach dog access point north of surf club will require them to walk through the park with their dogs, defeating the purpose of increasing wildlife habitat. The smell of the dogs alone repels most wildlife, not to mention droppings not collected and urination which is un-collectable, of course. As many dog owners are guilty of currently doing, dogs swim in the lake with all the related chemicals such as tick and flea controls like Front-line.

I don't support the large extension / additions of carpark space to include large unsightly car lots requiring lake users to haul their belongings and children a long distance to find space. Some tout the eastern road as an accident waiting to happen. In truth an accident has not happened and could just as easily happen in a crowded parking lot if a child is poorly watched or any person not mindful while in this space.

I do not support the creation of a Lake Ainsworth Parkland...the current proposed plan looks like an urban playground with the addition of lots of furniture in the form of bbq's, seating, hand- railing etc. I have witnessed many disabled people access the lake because they can drive right up to the lake's edge. I do not support ramps and handrails. This is not why we come to the lake. People visit to be in nature, to spread a picnic blanket and sit on the grass and enjoy the lake as a natural environment. If people require the services of a playground for their children then there are so many to choose from within the shire.

By all means improve storm water runoff and improve control of dogs, horses etc that currently enter the lake. Please improve opportunities for recycling bins etc but PLEASE leave the lake as natural as possible. Keep the eastern road open

The alternative offered of using the western Camp Drewe Road is also NOT supported in this submission. The coastal heath at the western side of the lake is one of the last remaining intact wildlife reserves of it's kind and of a size to be useful habitat. Many important species use this area including the Freshwater Turtle and it's hatchlings. They travel over Camp Drewe Road, and this wildlife corridor will be at great risk with the increased traffic proposed and especially during peak Summer times and holidays. Hatchlings have been often sighted during day time and helped to cross over by many people. Numerous other wildlife cross here and during daylight hours including swamp wallabies, bush turkeys, ground marsupials etc. This option is completely unacceptable. By opening Camp Drewe Road to greater intensification of use you are swapping any possible road run-off from one side to the other.

The visual amenity of the lake area will be reduced considerably with these proposed changes. We do not want a Parkland like the Gold Coast here.

I support measures to improve water quality that do not detract from the beautiful visual amenity and access currently available to all in the existing Lake Ainsworth situation.

As an aside on the Blue Green algae issue. This is due to increased nutrients and reduced oxygen levels in the lake (due to natural stratification). The current eastern road contributes little to this scenario. Rather it is how the lake is used or for a better word abused, by those that swim in it, wash utensils, pee or worse in it and swim their animals that matters most to the lake health. I see a better use of money spent on educating lake users how to treat it respectfully and understand its fragile nature.

Thankyou for reading my submission

Jacqui Judd

132 Broken Head Road

Broken Head NSW 2481

Sue Wade

From: Lucy Squires <lucy.squires@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 January 2018 5:19 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission for Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Councillors,

I support the plan to close the Lake Ainsworth road and create a park land. I think that with growing tourism and increasing numbers of lake users during peak holiday times, the pressure on the lake itself as well as the current road will be too much. It is already a dangerous road in peak usage times, with small children, families and cars all trying to share a road that is too small and it is dangerous for children. The idea of having more green space around the lake is wonderful and I think it would add to the beauty of the lake. Lennox Head is loved for being such a naturally beautiful location and closing the lake road would improve this natural beauty even more.

I would like to suggest that a small area of the parkland be dog friendly, and would be happy for dogs to be restrained by a lead and not allowed to enter the lake. I would also like to see areas where the lake is easily accessible for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Thanks for your time,
Lucy Squires

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Submission against Lake Ainsworth South Eastern precinct project, the eastern road closure and the parkland.

Ballina Shire Council Submission: file reference Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Mayor Wright, Members of Council, General Manager.

I have read your DA, and carefully considered its implications for the Lake Ainsworth environment.

I am writing this submission to strongly disagree with most of your proposed plans.

Here are my concerns :

The Eastern road has been a very functional asset for Lake Ainsworth goes for over 60+ years, and any plans for the Lake environment should include the road remaining open. The Eastern Road and its easy access to the lake and parking has been a Lennox Head landmark as much as the Lake is.

1. The lake access along the Eastern road and all the parking so close to the lake is essential.
 - 1) We need the access and the parking spaces as they are now for the disabled, for families with all their gear and kids and for emergencies.
 - 2) Even though there will be a few more car parks at the southern end, all the eastern road parking and easy accessibility to the lake will be gone if your project goes through. This does not work. People will have to park up into the side streets and walk with all their gear. The disabled won't be able to do it.
 - 3) The Fire department wants to retain the 2 way access as essential during Bush fires. The police feel the road is important for safety. The ambulance people also feel it is important. Even though there will be emergency access it will take more time and not be as accessible .
I can imagine emergency situations where someone is hurt and needs to have another drive them quickly to the hospital and not wait for an ambulance or police and yet their car will be blocks away.
 - 4) Your proposal for several disabled parking spaces at the south eastern corner are just not very functional. It feels as though you

have proposed these spots and all the wheelchair ramps to look good, and say you are doing something. These few car parks are just not at all helpful for disabled people who want to use the eastern shore beaches. How many disabled persons have you really bothered to consult. The present road and the parking along the Eastern side work. Those who have difficulty walking can park where they want and choose the beach that they want to use, and not be forced into an area that council decides. I know this from personal experience with my sister who loves to use the larger Eastern beach, but would not be able to walk to it if your present plans go into effect.

- 5) How exactly have you planned for the families who come with kids, boards, tents, gear to get down to the eastern beaches. There will be no place to unload their stuff. They will have to park along the side street and walk blocks with all their gear. How is this even a realistic idea. And there are older folks who love to kayak and paddle board who have told me that to park by the lake and carry their equipment a few short steps is the best they can do.
 - 6) The lake is not being impacted by the cars, I have seen the lake water studies. So you can not say you are closing the road to better preserve the lake water.
 - 7) There has not been any accident on the eastern road. People who use this road are careful and courteous. So safety concerns seem to be raised to sound good not because they have any basis in reality. There has been no accident in over 60 + years. Road safety will be much more of a concern, if your plan goes into effect, along the southern road and the side streets near the lake. (as discussed below)
2. You have not properly thought through the traffic impact if you close the road
- 1) The southern road is not accustomed to the extra through traffic it would have where there are so many kids running back and forth to the caravan park.
 - 2) There will be congestion up into the side streets near the lake as people look for parking spaces and this will place greater risk of car accidents where kids play, not being used to extra cars and traffic.

- 3) The western road is a dirt road and is completely not ready to handle all the new traffic. The dust plumes, created from the greater number of cars going to the recreation center, are bound to impact the lake.
- 4) The small turtles who cross the western road will also be impacted.
- 5) More traffic being directed to the western road will eventually impact the western shores of the lake which according to the traditional owners, are not meant for people and recreational use.

3. You are proposing to spend a large amount of money on a project that most people don't want.

I have personally spoken to over 1300 people at the lake over the past month, who love the road and are very upset by the proposed closure of a useful and Beloved Lennox Landmark. For many going to the lake and having the eastern road there for easy access and parking is something they have done for years, and why they return.

Mayor Wright, you claim

that most people you speak to want the road closed. This is astonishing to me. In over a month of personally going to the lake daily, and questioning people at the lake, I have come across 1355 who want to keep the lake road open and maybe 60 who are in favor of your project.

4. You are proposing this fancy expensive project as though you really care for the Lake and yet it is criminal that you have allowed the foreshore beaches to erode year after year. One might be led to believe that you did this purposely in hopes that by allowing the lake surrounds to deteriorate, you could blame it on the road. Personally, with the \$100,000 given annually for Lake Ainsworth maintenance, I can not understand how you have allowed the foreshore to be so poorly maintained.
5. Do not build a round about that is not needed.
6. The so called "Parkland for the Lake" is just not worth it if it means closing down the Beloved road. Even though Mayor Wright keeps suggesting that once created we will love the park, I have to say No I won't. I can't even bear the thought of all the construction disruption to the peaceful lake ambiance that Jack hammering and bulldozing will cause. After almost a century the lake, the road, the cars and the people and in a harmonious flow together, and it works really really well for most of us. Perhaps you can

develop a parkland in another area for everyone to enjoy. But not here at the lake. As many said to me, why are they trying to fix what isn't broken.

Here are my proposals for the ongoing improvement of Lake Ainsworth and surrounds:

1. Start with a new plan.
2. Keep the eastern Road open.
3. Legalize the road.
4. Retain all the parking along the road.
5. Properly maintain the road.
6. Restore the beach erosion and properly maintain the lake beaches. Find the best way to replenish the sand, most likely by bringing sand in and do this regularly. Monitor the erosion and fix it every year if required. Get it all properly tested by scientists so that this can be done safely for the Lake and have someone in charge of this. This will actually enable many of the elderly and disabled to access the lake more easily than so wheelchair ramps. Wheel chair ramps may be helpful for a few, but not the vast majority.
7. Maintain all the trees. Even though you now say you will not be cutting down any trees, I am not sure I trust that this will be the case if your project went through .
8. Bury the power lines in the earth and stop disfiguring the beautiful trees under the power lines.
9. Obtain more input from the elders of this land and respect their knowledge of the lake. Including making the western shores off limits for people as was initially intended from ancient times. The elders have a knowledge and communication with the land they have been a part of for generations. This deserves our respect and honoring in all future projects.

I really love Lake Ainsworth. and I swim there daily. It is a sacred place and doesn't need a park or any more construction. It needs to be properly maintained with respect by those who care and are knowledgeable and with the guidance and wisdom of the elders.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Elizabeth Chandra MD

LAKE AINSWORTH IMPROVEMENT WORKS

We fully support the Improvement Works Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Project ie Eastern Road Precinct, Southern Road Precinct & Roundabout Construction Projects.

Our Reasons For Supporting Ballina Shire Council to Expedite these improvement works are:

- 1) Lake Ainsworth is not only an asset of Lennox Head residents but is a NSW Statewide & national asset enjoyed by visitors from all over Australia & even overseas visitors.
- 2) The Lake is a very fragile environment due to its centripetal drainage & groundwater seepage having no external surface drainage. This means that “whatever goes into the Lake, stays in”.
- 3) Lake Ainsworth is the result of the barrier beach (Seven Mile Beach) formed over the last 7000 years & was almost breached at Lake Ainsworth during the cyclone periods between 1967 – 1974. Sand stabilisation via the Tea Tree Fence was a desperate attempt to prevent the sea breaching into the lake. Sea level rising & storm activity increasing this century will threaten the dunes on the eastern side of the lake. This means the dune buffer zone requires protection & strengthening. Closing the Eastern road and developing riparian vegetation as well as other engineering work will help protect against storm erosion.
- 4) Traffic on the eastern road is a safety hazard to people using that part of the lake.
- 5) The eastern shoreline is ugly & poorly maintained so parkland works & development will enhance the aesthetics as well as improving water quality and access into the lake.
- 6) Any BBQ facilities should be designed to provide cooking access for those people in wheelchairs. Also tables & benches should be designed to allow wheelchairs to access into the tables.
- 7) Cars should NOT be given any priority over people who wish to use the eastern side of the lake. In many other regions people have to walk to picnic sites. Why do we have to pander to lazy people? The 3m wide pathway will allow mobility impaired to access easily as well as bicycles.
- 8) For the benefit of severely impaired people who have to carry picnic items Ballina Shire Council should consider provision of free transport via electric “golf cart” system linked to the caravan park &/or ALH Surf Club. This sort of transport system is used in many tourist areas, parks & gardens throughout other parts of the world, often provided by volunteers.
- 9) Much time & money has been expended on this project which will be a great asset to the region. Those groups objecting to closure of the eastern road are wasting ratepayers’ money by deliberately delaying the project. Many groups in Ballina Shire are asking for some financial assistance & time from council officers but have to go without because of the demands of the group wishing to keep the eastern road as it exists, open.
- 10) The 2002 Plan of Management says,
“restrict vehicular access along eastern road alignment & discourage motorists from entering Sport & Recreation site” (pviii D1 Summary Traffic Management)
“prohibit foreshore parking & provide designated parking areas” (D3 pviii)
“Close part of existing (south) road –and create a new road from Ross St. around back of caravan park” (D4 pviii), “the plan is holistic & must be followed in its entirety.”
There is no recommendation in any plan or study since 1996 that includes dredging or infilling the lake or unlimited vehicular access to the eastern road.
- 11) During Surf Carnivals any distant parking provision should be provided with a free shuttle bus service to cater for crowds. This type of organisation is used widely in Australia & overseas.

Our Submission is for your consideration,

Signed by:

Malcolm Johnson (29 Godfrey Place, Alstonville NSW 2477 – 0467 061 665 / 02 6628 1951)

Judy Johnson (29 Godfrey Place, Alstonville NSW 2477)

Kate Jenkins (18 Suvla St., East Ballina NSW 2478)

Andrew Johnson (4 Gordon St., Oak Flats NSW 2529)

To the General Manager
Ballina Shire Council.

20/01/18

Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvement works council project
File reference Part V 22.2017/12.

Dear Sir,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed closing of the Eastern road.
The approval to proceed with the D.A. was made only by the casting vote of the Mayor.

The Mayor has stated quite openly that he will close the road and has no intension of listening to varia's groups who have tried to discuss and explain the hazards of proceeding with the proposal.

This is certainly not the way to run a Council, we all pay rates for a Council that is prepared to listen to its rate payers not to be run by a dictator who after 30 years of service no longer thinks it is necessary to listen to the people.

I believe the Council is making a devastating mistake which will affect thousands of locals and holiday makers for years to come. The reasons I claim are as follows.

1

The Council receives in excess of \$100,000.00 per year from the NSW Gov and in the last 10 years have spent nothing on the maintenance of the eastern road It is no wonder that is in such a state of disrepair.

2

The Council talks of the safety issue on the road, In the last 20 years there has never been an accident on the road, even so the council has been advised to reduce the speed limit to 15kph from 25 kph many times, but the council has done nothing.

It is almost as if they were hoping for an accident.

3

In the past (and the mayor would be well aware of this) the city engineer would drag the sand back up to form the sandy beaches that we all love. Why can't this happen again?? The Engineer still lives in Lennox and I'm sure would help coordinate.

4

The dog walking drop off point has worked so successfully for years, keeping the walkers and their dogs away from the Surf Club. Why make them have to drive up the western road to find a suitable access point?? If they are allowed to walk through the park, again you have a parking problem.

5

The mayor has stated openly the he does not like people leaving their cars there all day.

But many people come long distances with their family for the day from place's other than Lennox and Ballina.

He has said there should be signs showing timed parking.

6

If the road is closed families will find it impossible to carry all their picnic baskets, tables boogie boards, grandparents and babies to any spots along the eastern side.

Disabled people will not be able to park their cars and use wheel chairs to get to the water along the eastern lakeside. In case of an emergency like a snake bite or a broken bone there will be no way to get to a car other than walk, this puts the responsibility back to the council for lack of planning and future thought.

7

The western side of the lake will become the next swimming spot for tourists creating untold damage to the fauna. Pathways will desecrate the natural wildness let alone destroy so many trees and small animals that live there. There has been no future thought by the council just a determination to close the eastern road.

8

The Camp Drew road is a nightmare now with dust and traffic, it will be many times worse when the eastern road is closed. With people parked along the side to access the western side of the lake this will narrow the road and create traffic chaos. Also, we need to consider road kill with so many animals from wallabies to turtles crossing the road in day or night time the slaughter will be a serious consideration.

8

Rubbish collection will be non-existent on both the eastern and western roads which again will cause more pollution. With no toilet facilities on the Western side of the lake people will allow children and adults to defecate in the bush again causing pollution into the lake.

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Parking

Over all holiday periods there is never enough parking, with Lennox SLSC having more and more nippers joining and more tourists coming to the lake it is pretty obvious that closing the eastern road and losing 120 informal parking spots is going to cause havoc. The mayor has advocated letting the people walk further, but if you are carrying a large Ski and umbrellas etc etc, it is obvious that no thought has gone into this plan.

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Parkland. A classic example of maintained parkland in Lennox is Williams Reserve, The council freely admits that they have done nothing to maintain the park (except for rough mowing) for the last 6 years, If the council cannot maintain 1 park how are they going to maintain two ??

The money from State Gov receive disappears and no one explains where, definitely not to Lennox.

To sum up the council has (so it claims) been trying for 20 years to get the eastern road closed, I would have thought that they would by now have got the message from the people of Lennox they do not want the road closed. I would personally like to know if this proposal to close the road is a D.A. of just an application to simplify the passage through Council.

The mayor moved the markets which has been devastating for stall holders. He was in favour of the Ski jump, please not another disaster.

After coming to the lake for over 50 years it seems a tragedy that one person can have a casting vote to disturb and change forever a beautiful lake with such easy access to its beaches.

In my life time in private enterprise, Over the last 50 years I have had many negotiations with Canberra, Brisbane Ipswich, Gold coast and Logan Council's but I have never come across a Council like Ballina that has no intension of listening or having consultation with the public or even looking at an alternative plan.

John Green

35 Pinnacle row Lennox Head.

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25 January 2018

The General Manager
40 Cherry Street
BALLINA N S W 2478

Dear Sir

**Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works**

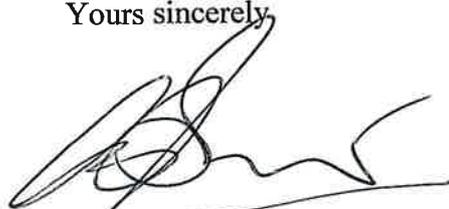
As a recently arrived resident of Lennox Head and long time resident of Lismore, I am very much in favour of opening up the area around Lake Ainsworth as a parkland, providing barbecues and creating a family friendly environment.

The current situation where vehicles and people attempt to share the space is clearly not workable, particularly with the increase in visitors and general population. This will only become more in-demand with new developments in the Lennox Head area, to a stage where dangerous bottlenecks are likely to result in injury to pedestrians or a child struck by a reversing SUV.

My children and grand children visit me here and to date I have hesitated to suggest we visit the Lake due to the risk and general busy-ness of the area.

I look forward to being able to share the new safe space away from strong winds with them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Stuart', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Graeme Stuart

21 January 2018

Sanctuary Village
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LENNOX HEAD NSW 2478

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Mr Hickey

Council File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' – Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

I am writing to **affirm my support** for the abovementioned foreshore improvement works at Lake Ainsworth.

As a regular Lake Ainsworth visitor, I am very concerned by the increasing volume of traffic attempting to traverse and park along the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

Traffic congestion during weekends and holiday periods is already at chaotic levels and as the regional population and number of visitors increase it will become a significant traffic control issue.

I have personally experienced the traffic dangers of walking along the road, and once and only once foolishly attempted to push a pram to a favoured swimming spot.

Improvement of the foreshores is long overdue as is the restoration and re-vegetation of the eroded foreshores. Visually the area looks tired and worn.

Council's proposal to replace the road with Parklands is a fabulous plan and once the project is completed, I'm sure the opponents will see the folly of their opposition.

Well done Ballina Council for the excellent design of the Lake Ainsworth Parklands. I'm really looking forward to enjoying the new facilities.

Yours faithfully



Linda Hill

0488 548 700

Sue Wade

From: Ian Grimwood <igso7188@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 11:07 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: To the General Manager - REF: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works
Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

REFERENCE: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Mr Hickey,

As a property owner and resident of Lennox, I am writing to put forward my objection to the closing and redevelopment of the road and area East of Lake Ainsworth.

Council has eroded the number of parking spaces in Lennox over the years and to lose so many by the closing of the East road will have major impacts on the rest of Lennox.

The impact on the Western road will be phenomenal and contribute to environmental issues that will have major impact on the Lake and surrounds, by all the traffic using one road. This added to the increased traffic travelling between the Lake and caravan park, will present increased danger to park users getting across to the lake.

The reduction in access to the Lake is going to reduce the amenity of the area. Personally, I have a small sailing dinghy, which I launch with ease on the Eastern side and am able to teach my young daughter to sail in a safe environment, to appreciate the Lake and to explore the great outdoors. The changes will limit and make access to the Lake difficult, leading to us not being able to enjoy this activity.

The most ridiculous aspect of Council's plan is that access by road will still be required down the Eastern side for Emergency Service vehicles to access the Sport and Rec facility and to fight any fires that may break out down the far end of the lake surrounds. This makes the environmental impact argument that the road has on the lake, null and void.

I accept the eastern road needs upgrading and I feel the money spent by Council so far, would have been far better spent put into this work to improve the area and negate any environmental impacts of the current road on the lake.

I am happy to discuss any of these issues and can be contacted on: 0458 759 400

Regards

Ian Grimwood

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Response to Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements

The Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements will inconvenience me because I am a member of the dragon boat club housed at the Sport and Recreation Centre so regularly use Pacific Parade. However I fully support the implementation of the current plan including the closure of Pacific Parade with some modifications because of the positive impact it will have on:

- (i) The health of the dunal lake and the riparian zone;
- (ii) Access for pedestrians, cyclists; the elderly, people with disabilities and young families;
- (iii) Maintaining the village climate; and
- (iv) Preserving an asset with significant economic benefits for Ballina Shire.

Lake health

I support that all best practice strategies to ensure the sustainability of the lake in regard to water quality and amenity for users including run off management, weed control, areas available for people access, easily accessible toilet facilities and waste management facilities be implemented as a matter of urgency.

I also support the provision of signage on the lake foreshore at appropriate places to educate users about coastal wetlands including dunal lakes and the riparian zone and ways to ensure the quality of the water in the lake including information about not using the lake for toileting.

Access for people with disabilities

It is pleasing to see that the plan enables people who use wheelchairs for mobility to use the lake for aquatic activities. I support additional access in the southern corner of the lake for wheelchairs.

Dogs

Dog washing facilities, which have been included in previous plans are not included in the current version. I support the inclusion of these facilities in the current plan as it will reduce the number of times dogs are washed in the lake following exercise on the beach.

The southern off-leash boundary on the beach needs to be extended further south to make access easier for people who exercise their dogs off leash. An appropriate buffer zone between the surf club and the southern boundary will need to be considered to separate beach users and people exercising their dogs.

Safe open space

I support the need to separate people from motorised vehicles in recreation spaces in line with international best practice. This will increase the amenity of the site for all users.

Natural feel of the area

I support the maintenance of an informal green space incorporating shade trees and understory plants indigenous to the local riparian zone rather than a typical urban parkland being created. Weed guards between recreational areas and bushland spaces should be incorporated as part of the plan.

The plan should include the capacity to continued to support the Lennox Landcare Group's revegetation and weed removal works and closing off any informal access tracks to the lake foreshore as they are created.

Vehicular parking

Parking is a vexed issue in regard to this project. Council has been responsive to community concerns while still being able to maintain the integrity of the proposed improvements.

Any additional parking must not compromise the natural feel of the area. I support the use of permeable infiltration parking surfaces and landscaping to replicate the informal nature of the green space. The use of tarmac should be avoided at all cost.

Drop-off zone

I support the provision of a 5-minute drop-off zone to unload/collect people and gear and seating nearby at the entry to the eastern foreshore.

4WD permit dispenser

I support the relocation of this dispenser to another site to alleviate congestion caused by its current location near the corner of Pacific Parade and Camp Drewe Road. I also support the addition of signage that clearly identifies the purpose of the dispenser. People including myself thought the dispenser was for paid parking in the area.

Camp Drewe Road

I support the implementation of strategies to limit the use of the road to vehicles with a legitimate purpose such as accessing Sport and Rec or Camp Drewe. Signage before the southern side turn-around bay should clearly indicate this. As an extension of this the existing parking along the road be removed to discourage campers and others entering the lake foreshore from the west.

I also support the speed limit on this road being set at 50km per hour.

As well, I support as a matter of priority the sealing of Camp Drewe Road, as it will become the access road to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation facility. When the road is sealed a shallow grassed or vegetated channel needs to be constructed to capture, detain and treat surface water enabling it to infiltrate into the soil, thus reducing the volume of runoff needing to be piped away.

Preserving Lake Ainsworth

The lake is an asset that makes a significant economic contribution to Ballina Shire. The Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvements are designed to preserve the value of the precinct into the future.

I commend the efforts of Council and the work of Ballina Environment Society, Lennox Landcare and Lennox Head Residents Association for their dedication to see that the proposed Lake Ainsworth Improvements become a reality.

Margaret Pickup

2 Sunway Place

Ballina NSW 2478

Sue Wade

From: Alana Russell <alana_star@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 4:28 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection to eastern road closure at Lake Ainsworth

Dear Sir/Madam,

My submission is an objection for the proposal of Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvement works, Council project file reference Part V 22.2017/12.

The reasons for my objection is as follows:

1. The reduction in car access on the eastern side due to closure will result in an accumulation of cars at both the southern and western sides of the lake resulting in various significant impacts.

These significant impacts will include:

- a) safety of people on foot, especially children going back and forth between the lake and the caravan park.
- b) Wildlife being threatened, especially Echidna's, fresh water turtles and bandicoots as they are slower to cross the road. Camp Drewe road is a wildlife corridor with fresh water turtles nesting that occurs across this corridor on the western heathlands side and hatchlings have been sighted during daylight hours and helped to cross the road by people.
- c) People will be parking as close to the lake as possible on Camp Drewe Rd so they do not have to lug all their stuff in the heat of the day. This will result in people trampling through the sensitive bushlands to gain access to the lake. The western bushland is relied upon to produce the Tea-Tree from the melaleuca trees as it is the only bushland remaining.
- d) The increased vehicles will increase the amount of rocks and dust flicking up and damaging the bushlands.
- e) Snake bites could increase as people try and make pathways through to the lake on the western side.
- f) When all the parks are taken at the lake the surrounding streets will be congested with cars which has a significant impact on the safety of people on foot, bikes, scooters etc. A lot of families ride to the lake and an increase in cars to the surrounding streets of the lake will could mean an increase in car related injuries.

2. Access for elderly people, disabled and families will be reduced with only the southern and western sides becoming an option.

- a) A lot of elderly will not be able to walk down the eastern side so will only be able to have access on the southern and western sides provided they get a park close enough, which reiterates the significant impacts listed in point 1.
- b) A lot of disabled people need to park their vehicle as close to the lake as possible and therefore will not be able to park on the eastern side again limiting their access to the southern and western sides providing they get a park close enough to access the lake.
- c) Families with their children, eskies, water toys etc will find it difficult to walk down the eastern side and will therefore park as close as possible to the lake. With all their stuff in tow they will not want to park far away and have to walk in the heat to & from the lake.

d) With the reduced access for these people it highlights the significant impacts i addressed in point 1. The movement of people accessing the lake will be driven to the southern and western sides causing congestion and threatening the wildlife.

3. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to the lakes beauty by council. The council have not carried out consistent foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works which shows the gazetted plans of management have not been adhered to or respected.

4. Timed parking should not be added to the plans of Lake Ainsworth. People travel to Lennox Head to visit the Lake for its beauty and easily accessible access, applying timed parking will limit their time at the lake and/or mean they will have to move their cars when their time is up in hope of finding another spot and doing so in the heat.

- a) A single parent would not be able to move their care whilst leaving their child at the lake, this means they will have to take their children back to the car, move it to another park and walk back to the lake.
- b) Both elderly and disabled people would have the same difficulty as discussed in point 4.

5. An alternate option for a parkland at Lake Ainsworth could be including BBQ's with shelter and tables along the foreshore of the beach. This would entice both locals and visitors to areas other than Lake Ainsworth and therefore decrease the flow of traffic congestion at the lake and instead spread it evenly throughout the community. The lake is shaded which is why a lot of people migrate there, if we had the same set up along the beach foreshore people wouldn't be limited to only the Lake for shade.

In conclusion the foreshore access with informal parking at Lake Ainsworth is beneficial to local residents, visitors and the sport and recreation centre. A community driven holistic coastal management program should be implemented before council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, or Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my request.

Yours Sincerely, Sean Tougher (Lennox Head resident)

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Sue Wade

From: peter briggs <peterloganbriggs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2017 3:06 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: lake ainsworth proposed development ref partv 22 2017/12

I fully support the proposed road closure but would like to see more parking maybe in front of surf club with smaller car parks. Another disabled ramp would be good also.
sincerely peter briggs



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Sue Wade

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Monday, 22 January 2018 12:08 PM
To: Civil Secretary Mail
Subject: FW: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

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From: susi cody [<mailto:scody8@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, 22 January 2018 11:56 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

dear Sir

I want to thank the Ballina Council for supporting the road closure at Lake Ainsworth.

In response to the huge amount of suburban development we are experiencing, the Council would be wise to promote community car free open spaces to accomodate the increasing population.

I support the road closure for the following reasons-

- *Making the east side of the Lake a car free zone creates a safe place for community members of any age to play and relax, without the intrusion of car noises and fumes and pollution that runs into the Lake.
 - *Caring about the future health of this unique and very popular waterway makes good sense.
- Environmental works to ensure the health into the future need to begin now.
- *The visual amenity of the foreshore will be enhanced by taking the cars and carparks out of this sensitive area. Sweeping grassy picnic areas for all to enjoy are a much preferable option.

The Council may like to consider these suggestions when planning the open spaces-

- 1 Try to maintain the natural feel of the environment by planting suitable grasses and trees and protect the trees that are already on the dune and around the lake foreshore.
- 2 Use natural materials such as hardwood to build seats and tables and any structures.
- 3 Underground electricity wires.
- 4 Plan suitable and alternative parking spaces for the users of the western lake foreshore to ensure the health of the ecosystems along the road. Create and maintain walking tracks from western road to the lake's edge to help preserve the existing fauna and flora.

Once again, I encourage the Council to get on with the works, which have been decided as being in the best interests of the Lake and the broader community into the future.

Best regards
Susi Cody
Ballina Shire ratepayer

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W.A.T.E.R.
WATER ACCESS TO ENCOURAGE RECREATION

Please forward all correspondence to Denis Magnay
148 Tamar Street, BALLINA NSW 2478.

January 26 2018

General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
Cherry Street
BALLINA NSW 2478

**RE: SUBMISSION FOR PART V ACTIVITY: LAKE AINSWORTH
FORESHORE IMPROVEMENT WORKS: FILE REFERENCE PART V
22.217/12**

Please find our Submission relating to the above activity.

We are totally against the Proposal to remove the existing bitumen road and all car parking from the Eastern foreshore of Lake Ainsworth.

Many of our members have been using this area all of their lives.

Many of them are now Senior Citizens and or handicapped to the extent they cannot walk the long distance from any proposed other car parking area.

The use of a motorcar to access this area must be obvious.

We understand the present Plan has been around for a very long time and is now outmoded because of fresh ideas having emerged.

Our members are concerned that Council is in effect restricting access to the waterfront not only of the Lake but also part of Seven Mile Beach.

Thanking you

Denis Magnay

.....*D. V. Magnay*.....

President

Sue Wade

From: noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 9 January 2018 5:17 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Feedback Received Tuesday, January 09 2018 at 5:17:17 PM

My Feedback Is:

Re: Lake Ainsworth Development Part V.

Like other areas of great natural beauty in this state, Lake Ainsworth has become a victim of it's own popularity. It's over use by the eager general public is now causing degradation of the very assets that people come to see and use. The current situation is not sustainable. Lake Ainsworth is not a public swimming pool and it was never meant to be a car park for hundreds of cars. The overcrowding and traffic congestion needs to be managed to save the lake for future generations. Unfortunately , you and past council members have sat on your hands for decades on this matter. Due to your latest inaction, the debate has now been hijacked by factional self-interest groups and death by mindless petition signings. But all is not lost. You have already engaged expert opinion on this matter. You have come up with a very good plan of action. You have the funds. The last council election was fought and won on this issue. Now do something.

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Sue Wade

From: noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, 3 January 2018 10:34 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Feedback Received Wednesday, January 03 2018 at 10:34:28 AM

My Feedback Is:

As a longtime local resident of Lennox Head, I wholly support your Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works as detailed in Council File Ref: Part V 22.2017/12. The area and facilities around Lake Ainsworth at the present are a disgrace which is sad. I no longer walk around that area due to it's over use, degradation and traffic congestion. The time for procrastination is over. We need action now. Please do what we have elected you for. That is to make hard decisions for the good of the community and follow them thru. Your plans for this once beautiful area are sound. Do not be bullied by the noisy minority into further delays.

My Contact Details

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Lennox Head. NSW. 2478

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Sue Wade

From: noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 5:15 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Feedback Received Sunday, January 14 2018 at 5:14:35 AM

My Feedback Is:

I have been Lennox resident for almost 30 years and have watched Lake Ainsworth slowly being destroyed as a consequence of the Eastern Road usage. Consequently I was very pleased when the decision to close this dangerous and unnecessary road was taken I have been appalled at the spurious argument used by some to retain the road and hence deny the opportunity to restore the Lake and to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy one of the great attractions on the Northern Rivers I would urge you very strongly to now push on very rapidly with the published proposals, ignoring the shrill and reactive nonsense (driven by unstated agenda's) that surrounds this issue I am confident the Council will show real leadership here and get on with this crucial project John Hill -The Quarterdeck 11/13 Pinnacle Row Lennox Head

My Contact Details

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Sue Wade

From: andylems@bigpond.com
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2018 1:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: File Reference "Part V 22.2017/12" - Lennox Lake Road closure support

I wish to add my support to the Ballina Shire's plan to close and improve the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head.

My husband & I have swum in this lake for many years (himself - 49 years, myself - 27 years) & feel that the council need to act, help fix the quality of the lake once and for all, for the safety around it and to move on so that future generations are not left with this never-ending mess.

Unfortunately with the "keep it open group" their arguements are based on nostalgia (why change it, leave it how it is) & falsifying facts! The false facts that are around (paid parking, loss of carparks, no disable access etc) are what I feel are causing the general public to be very wary of what the council wants to do with the lake.

The two main false ones are that the MAJORITY of Lennox Head/Ballina Shire want to road left alone, and that they are loosing anything between 140 - 200+ carparks.

Lennox Shire has 7741 residents as per the 2016 Census. Stating that the majority doesn't want the road closed would mean by simple math that 3870+ people would have had to either put in a submission or have signed a petition. 200 at a protest rally plus another x amount on a petition even is laughable, and nowhere near ½ of the population to say that it is a majority!

Lost carparking with the future closure of the eastern road is an issue though still & needs addressing, but there is nowhere near the 120-140+ stated being lost. I physically drove down the eastern road and counted approx 84 cars/legal carparking spaces from the surf club to the Sport & Rec entrance on both sides including the turn-around area and 86 would be a generous count.

The eastern side is no longer safe for children who insist on weaving in between and following behind cars on their bikes while using this road. I have witnessed numerous near misses with cars reversing out only to slam on their brakes to miss a child or another car. The new carpark near the holiday park is great but nowhere near covers how many carparks are now needed for an over-populated swimming hole.

Disabled carparking to the south is great but more spaces are needed there to allow for the fact the council are removing car access for them up the eastern side. The foreshore of the lake needs serious attention on both the eastern & southern sides, and the environmental works and stormwater infrastructure are long overdue. The road (& its banks) are narrow, crumbling into the lake and is not able to accommodate two-lane traffic & cars parking on both sides of it (with illegal parking when it is busy) anymore. I love the idea of a proper grassed safe area for children, families (yes they can carry all their stuff less than a 100 meters, I do with my child) and the elderly without having to dodge cars. More seating/picnic tables (not in the sun) is needed than in the plan & is a great idea as well.

In closing, I wish that the court threats from various little groups are ignored by Council, for Councillors to vote finally in favour of closing, fixing and beautifying the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth, and to just get on with it. please!

Kind regards, Andrea Lems.
0434053309
(8 Mulloway Place, Ballina)

Sue Wade

From: Brad Pollard <brad@fatdigital.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 10:52 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: SUPPORTIVE Submission Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works (Part V 22.2017/12)

Dear Council.

I would like to make a SUPPORTIVE submission in relation to the Lake Ainsworth Improvement Works (Part V 22.2017/12)

The main reasons for my supporting this proposal are that the improvement works will :

- make the lake area more beautiful and accessible
- protect the current & future health of the lake
- prioritise open space to sit and enjoy the lake safely
- encourage more wildlife on the Eastern side of the lake

I would like to make the following suggestions in relation to the improvement works:

- educational signage that makes people aware of the lakes sensitivity to overuse
- install eco barriers and/or signage on western side to discourage people parking near and using western side of lake

In closing I'd like to encourage councillors and staff to approve and start work on these improvement works as soon as possible.

The majority of people I speak to on this matter are supportive of it and now just want to move on.

Thanks and regards,

Brad Pollard
Tallow Wood Place
Lennox Head NSW

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Sue Wade

From: Anna Cristina Pertierra <annapertierra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 11:09 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission re Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works.

To the General Manager

I am writing to express my strong support for the Lake Ainsworth parkland referred to in **Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works**.

I have been a regular visitor to Lennox Head for more than 25 years, visiting from Sydney as a tourist and enjoying the area's unique combination of beautiful natural sites. During that time, I have observed over the years the very large growth of population in the area and the growing pressures on existing amenities.

Lake Ainsworth is always one of the highlights of my time spent in the area, and I find the special qualities of the lake as well as the natural space surrounding make it a wonderful place to visit. However I am also aware that it is a sensitive ecosystem that needs to be managed respectfully. Keeping the area as assured parkland will be a great gift to residents and visitors, not only now but into the future. I hope to keep visiting this beautiful place into the future with my daughter.

I would like to suggest that the following amenities are important to the parkland area so that it can be used safely and pleasantly with minimal disruption to the natural environment:

Safe and clean toilets with disabled access and nappy changing facilities
Picnic area with adequate waste disposal facilities
Showers to wash off sand from the beach before swimming in the lake
Safe pedestrian access for people with varying levels of mobility - but no cars right near the lake please!

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my support for the Lake Ainsworth parkland.

Regards

Dr Anna Cristina Pertierra
Redfern, Sydney.

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Sue Wade

From: wayne russell <waynenshazzy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 4:26 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection for Eastern road closure at Lake Ainsworth

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience – Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council is proposing the removal of any lake road access, foreshore access and informal parking at Lake Ainsworth, which are so very beneficial to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre. Please maintain undiminished public access, public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and its informal lake ambience. we do not support limited parking, the closure of any lake foreshore or road accesses or Council's beach embellishment works etc. Could Council please carryout complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works, respect the gazetted plans of management and commence road legalisation works soon. Residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these assets for many decades and wish to retain the same into the future as a traditional right of away. There has been much maintenance neglect of Lake Ainsworth along with a piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake by Council which must stop urgently. A community driven holistic Coastal Management Program is required before Council commences works. The Crown Land Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Thank you for considering my/our request.

Yours Sincerely

Wayne and Sharon Russell

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22 January 2018

29 Kell Mather Drive
LENNOX HEAD NSW 2478

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Mr Hickey

Council File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' – Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

I am writing in SUPPORT for the abovementioned foreshore improvement works at Lake Ainsworth.

As a regular Lake Ainsworth visitor with my young family and friends, I am very concerned by the volume of traffic along the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth and I feel unsafe and uncomfortable walking with my child anywhere near it.

Traffic congestion during weekends and holiday periods is already at chaotic levels and as the regional population and number of visitors increase it will become a significant traffic control issue.

I welcome a space for people not cars, a safe space for families to play and a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy. Improvement of the foreshores is long overdue as is the restoration and re-vegetation of the eroded foreshores. Visually the area looks tired and worn.

Council's proposal to create the Lake Ainsworth Parklands is fantastic. Thank you Ballina Council for considering future generations and for the excellent design of the Lake Ainsworth Parklands. I'm really looking forward to enjoying this space with my family and friends.

Yours faithfully



Melissa Nesbitt
0468 793 040

Sue Wade

From: Shaun Eastment <shauneastment@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 5:15 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Interest Group (LAIG) submission re Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

Apologies for the time of sending. We have been experiencing erratic internet all day.

The Lake Ainsworth Interest Group (LAIG) exists to give voice to the position of 3 community groups, Lennox Head Residents Association Inc, Lennox Head Landcare Inc and Ballina Environment Society Inc on issues involving Lake Ainsworth and it's surrounds. As such, LAIG supports the 'Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works' exhibited by Council under the above reference no. and fully endorses the submissions made by each of these organisations in respect to detail.

Specifically LAIG are supportive of the following key elements of the proposal;

1. Removal of vehicles and thus the reduced risk associated with vehicles and lake users, from the eastern foreshore area.
2. Stormwater management works and works to restore riparian areas, and the associated benefits these will have to water quality.
3. Improvements to the overall amenity of the area and the enhanced recreational experiences this will provide to Lake users.
4. Increased open space areas and the associated benefits this will provide to lake users and the broader community.

It is the position of LAIG that the proposed works and closure of the eastern road is in best interest of the Lake and the broader community into the future.

Monica Wilcox
President Lennox Head Residents Association Inc

Shaun Eastment
President, Lennox Head Landcare Inc

Lyn Walker
B Ward representative, Ballina Environment Society Inc

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Sue Wade

From: noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 31 December 2017 1:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Feedback Received Sunday, December 31 2017 at 1:50:06 PM

My Feedback Is:

I am writing in favor of the Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Project. I have used and valued Lake Ainsworth for many years especially since I retired to Lennox Head in 2003. I appreciate the work done by many Councillors and shire staff on closing the eastern road and developing the parklands. I am sure the community will be delighted when the project is completed and further work is done on water quality in the Lake.

Thank you

My Contact Details

Name: Barbara Sparrow
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Phone: 66875609
Fax:
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Preferred Contact Method: Email
Reason for Feedback

Compliment:
Suggestion:
Request:
Complaint:
Feedback Relates To the Council Service(s)

Building Services:
Cemeteries:
Companion Animals:
Council Staff:
Customer Service Centre:
Development Applications:
Health Services:
Parks and Reserves: on
Rates and Charges:
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Sue Wade

From: James Gatland <james.gatland@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 1:40 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Tamara.Smith@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Dear Councillours

I write to you today **in full support** of the current DA for the closure of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth. My main reasons for this are:

Recreational: The small existing recreational area at the southern end of the lake (directly opposite the surf club) is the only formalised grassed/picnic/BBQ area and, as such, is often very busy and crowded. This demonstrates the demand for such recreational facilities and the associated open grassed space. To expand on this around the western side of the lake would, I'm sure, ease pressure on existing facilities while also encouraging parents and children in particular to enjoy time together outdoors.

Safety: On several occasions I have come close to clipping both other vehicles AND pedestrians while driving along the eastern road. With high levels of traffic during the busy summer months, narrow (and degrading) road surface and no footpaths, street markings or formalised carparking, this is a recipe for disaster. I am really surprised there has not been more serious incidents there to-date. I consider this road to be a major hazard and view it's closure as a responsible approach to avoiding serious injury.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your persistence in pursuing the closure of the eastern road for so many years, and for the obvious recreational and safety benefits it's closure would bring.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my proposal. My contact details are below should your require any further comment.

Best of luck

Jimi Gatland
0410 174 050
20 Fox Valley Way, Lennox Head

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From: Sherrie Yeomans <sherriesslate@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 1:10 PM
To: Councillors
Subject: Submission to keep the eastern Road at Lake Ainsworth

Sherrie Yeomans Email :

sherriesslate@gmail.com Mob : 0418 388 252

46 Greenfield rd

Lennox Head 2478

Hello councillors,

I am writing a submission to keep Pacific parade open on the Eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

I walk, ride and drive along the Camp Drewe rd. Turtles, snakes, wallabies, echidnas and birds of many varieties are a few of the lakes locals that will be affected by more traffic including buses going to Lake Ainsworth Sports and Rec grounds, there are sure to be losses.

This same road that runs between Reflections Holiday park and Lake Ainsworth is where people including many unattended children

cross constantly. I love seeing this as it is one of the few places left that people feel safe to leave their children to cross without fear of a car or bus cleaning their child up. It is one of the gems that Lennox Head offers in our small safe close nit community and no doubt what attracts many families to our beautiful coastal town.

I have seen a couple of a near misses when children have walked out between parked cars when they have been crossing. Thankfully the cars were driving slowly and stopped in time.

I see to open the Camp Drewe rd to more traffic is a huge safety issue for the children that seems to of been missed in the communications for & against the closure of the road.

I am previously aware and it was re confirmed by our local indigenous elder Lois Cook when she shared the aboriginal heritage of Lake Ainsworth that the western side of the lake is not a place for women and children. I strongly

feel our indigenous ancestors and locals traditions should be respected. They have given and lost so much already.

So I ask councillors to think long and hard before closing the road.

I see the answer to the lakes issues is with care and maintenance of what we have and to retain access for our elderly, disabled, dogs walkers and children.

Thank you.

Sincerely Sherrie Yeomans.

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Sue Wade

From: Jacqui Lachmann <jaclachmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 6:56 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Torsten.lachmann@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Lake Ainsworth Parkland Part V 22.2017/12

To The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

Re: Support for Lake Ainsworth Parkland Part V 22.2017/12

I am writing to express my support for the proposed recreational upgrade of the Eastern Road area adjacent to Lake Ainsworth.

Our family regularly visits Lake Ainsworth to swim, relax, and use the free BBQs. I look forward to the creation of additional BBQs, picnic tables, pedestrian pathways and boardwalks. I am pleased the proposal includes stabilisation and environmental remediation works, because the health of the Lake is important to me. As a mother of young children I am happy that closing the Eastern Road will provide better pedestrian safety.

My one suggestion, if it is not already included in the plans, is to provide bicycle parking racks to make it easier for people to leave their cars at home when visiting the Lake.

Kind Regards,
Jacqueline Lachmann
32 Greenfield Road
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Carol Garcia <carolgarcia51@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 9:59 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parkland Improvement Proposal

RE: Lake Ainsworth Parkland Improvement Proposal

I am writing in support of the road closure and the proposed improvement to the Lake Ainsworth foreshore and reserve. I support the creation and improvement of a lakeside community park and believe it is crucial to remove vehicle access from the proposed parklands.

I have viewed the plans and find them to be in the best interest of residents, visitors and the community. I believe parklands without cars will be MORE attractive to both residents of Lennox Head and the many tourists who visit this special part of the Shire.

Most tourists and locals value Lennox Head for its village lifestyle. This peaceful, natural character of the area is also what attracts visitors to the lake.

The proposal to enhance the natural setting, making it quieter and safer for pedestrians, children, and bike riders is to be supported and commended. To achieve this beautiful peaceful parklands it is very crucial to have the road closed to vehicles.

For parking; there are public spaces at the adjacent Lennox Head caravan park. Vehicles do not need parking next to the lake. However, I would like to see consideration given for further parking spaces in the caravan park should the need arise. I live on Ian Avenue and would not like to see this street (already used in busy times for access to the beach and lake) used to accommodate the increased demand for parking. There is very little safe parking for residents and visitors on Ian Avenue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Carol Garcia
38 Barrett Drive
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Sue Taylor <taylor.sue@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 12:03 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parkland and Improvement Proposal

Ballina Shire Council
Attention:
Paul Hickey - General Manager
David Wright - Mayor
Ballina Shire Councillors

RE: Lake Ainsworth Parkland Improvement Proposal

I am writing in support of the road closure and the proposed improvement to the Lake Ainsworth foreshore and reserve. I support the creation and improvement of a lakeside community park and believe it is crucial to remove vehicle access from the proposed parklands.

I have viewed the plans and find them to be in the best interest of residents, visitors and the community. I believe parklands without cars will be MORE attractive to both residents of Lennox Head and the many tourists who visit this special part of the Shire.

Most tourists and locals value Lennox Head for its 'laid back', 'low-key' village lifestyle. This peaceful, natural character of the area is also what attracts visitors to the lake.

The proposal to enhance the natural setting, making it quieter and safer for pedestrians, children, and bike riders is to be supported and commended. To achieve this beautiful peaceful parklands it is very crucial to have the road closed to vehicles.

For parking; there are public spaces at the adjacent Lennox Head caravan park. Vehicles do not need parking next to the lake.

I support the road closure and the improvement to the Lake Ainsworth Parkland.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sue Taylor
382 Old Byron Bay Road
Newrybar NSW

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Sender: Greg Burgess



1/25 Barrett Drive, Lennox Head NSW 2478 - 29/01/2018

Mobile: 0411445223 **Email:** gregburgess47@gmail.com

Council: Re: Please protect the community's significant Lake Ainsworth public interest, public benefit and Lake ambience - Ballina Shire Council Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12).

It is objectionable that Council (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) is proposing the removal of:

- any lake road access,
- foreshore access and
- any informal parking at Lake Ainsworth

All are so very beneficial and have Heritage value to local residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Council please maintain:

- undiminished and all-embracing public access,
- public use and enjoyment of Lake Ainsworth and
- informal lake ambience.

The community does not support Council's proposed:

- closure/removal of any road accesses,
- closure/limiting of any lake foreshore accesses,
- timed, limited or paid parking or
- Council's limited beach embellishment works etc. and other threats to the lake
- Increased traffic on Camp Drew Road will have pollution, contamination and other detrimental effects on the lake with the massive amount of dust that is stirred up from the gravel road

Council is requested to please:

- carry out complete foreshore retrieval and restoration maintenance works,

- commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith,
- retain the same into the future as a traditional right of way as residents, visitors and the Sport and Recreation Centre have had the use of these historical assets for many decades and wish to retain same into the future as a traditional right of way and, particularly,
- respect the current, gazetted Plans of Management.

Council

- must urgently stop it's negligence of maintenance of Lake Ainsworth,
- must urgently stop it's piecemeal approach to this beautiful Lake,
- Must commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith,
- Start a community-driven holistic Coastal Management Program for the Lake, which is required, **before** commencing any works.

The Crown Lands Act provides for equitable sharing, use and enjoyment, of Crown Land.

Council's lake transformation plans equate to:

- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access deprives the public of direct access to the eastern side of the lake. This access has a long history with significant cultural/heritage connection to the lake.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access deprives lake users of a significant area of foreshore and, for many, their ability to access preferred spots due to the .5 - 1 km distance they would now be required to walk.
- How does my 95yo mother, who lives in Lennox get to her favourite location? I, have taken her there for many, many years, with all her memories. Without transport up near where everyone went and congregated near the picnic area out from the old diving tower. This would be criminal and inhumane.
- Also, all the families with children, picnic baskets, chairs etc going to carry all of their needs? What about all of the elderly, the same as my mother. There are plenty around with their favourite locations.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access potentially relocates those lake users unable to negotiate the walk without difficulty from the eastern side of lake, due to the .5 to 1 km walk required. This destroys the cultural heritage of locals and visitors, indigenous and non-indigenous.
- Closing/removing the Eastern Road access increases the risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Closing the eastern road threatens the southern and western ecological environment due to concentration of usage on the southern side and resultant loss of vegetation on the western side.

- Obviously you have not considered the damage/pollution to the lake with all the dust that will be stirred up with the extra traffic. It is happening now.
- Closing the eastern road threatens the flora and fauna (particularly turtles and filtering reed bed) on the western side. Turtles, young and old cross the road ***during the day***.
- Loss of Eastern Road's informal parking for 120 -140 vehicles pushes vehicle parking onto the residential streets of Ross, Stewart, Gibbons, Barrett, Pacific Parade and the town centre. There will be more parking required with future population increase.
- Council's poor Reserve Trust Management is demonstrated by a lack of compliance to plans of management, negligent foreshore maintenance, failure to establish a management committee to implement the **Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002)** and a single trust management system over the whole of the lake area.

NOTE:

The neglected Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011) provide for public vehicle access, traffic calming/safety measures, foreshore access, informal parking, etc. Council's proposal is NOT consistent with such.

Complete foreshore retrieval and restoration:

Council, by its poor management and lack of foreshore maintenance, ultimately has caused Lake Ainsworth's eastern shore to be significantly eroded, the slump resulting in the lake being silted up. Council's proposal to truck in more sand fill for a partial bank infill will only exacerbate the problem. No complete foreshore restoration is proposed. Council's neglect, as a result of causing the significant erosion of the foreshore, frequently results in some large and sharp pieces of the Eastern Road surface falling into the lake. This can be very dangerous to young children, the aged, and disabled. The final insulting reality of this situation is Council's proposal, to remove the Eastern Road to create more open space, while continuing to neglect the Plans of Management and complete foreshore restoration, with a sand knoll at the northern end of the Eastern Road. Council's neglect of maintenance continues but to date there has had no inclination to rectify the situation enabling a simple, complete foreshore restoration.

The management action required:

Complete foreshore restoration for a safe, community friendly open space, within a formal reserve for the purpose of public recreation. This is restoration of Lake Ainsworth, not a transformation of Lake Ainsworth.

Retain and maintain eastern and southern road access:

Council, as a result of its poor management and lack of respect for Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), proposes to remove the Eastern Road which is a radical change from the adopted plans of

management and significantly impacts the public benefit by withdrawing vehicle and lake user's direct access. Like all bad management decisions it consumes or diverts time, energy, and motivation at considerable cost to the community. Lake users have been deprived of a significant area of foreshore and for many their ability to access their preferred spots due to the .5 - 1 km distance they would now be required to walk. Council's proposal is a significant loss of access and connection to the lake.

The management action required:

"reconfigure the Eastern Road alignment and discourage motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre." Even though they have a gate to restrict access. "The meandering road alignment will slow the traffic and improve pedestrian safety." "This will maintain access to the Sport and Recreation Centre but will reduce traffic flow through the closure of the 4WD track." (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002)

(Page 42) "In reconfiguring this Eastern Road, drainage measures can be implemented such that run-off from the road can be discharged to the-eastern side, collected and treated prior to discharge."

must commence road reserve legalisation works forthwith.

Retain informal parking:

Council, by its poor management and lack of respect for Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002) and Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (2003/2011), proposes the removal of 120 to 140 informal parking spaces on the eastern side of the lake . This is a radical change from the Plans of Management and significantly impacts the public benefit by withdrawing lake side accessible informal vehicle parking, limiting lake users direct access (from the eastern side to the lake) by 40%. This has led to significant distress in the broader community. Lake Ainsworth has a unique relaxed ambience which must be preserved by retaining the Eastern Road, direct foreshore access and informal parking. The informal parking area caters for multiple uses and the enjoyment of an area of Crown Reserve year round, which is consistent with the encouragement of mixed use and enjoyment of Crown Land as provided under the Crown Lands Act. Informal parking in peak season can be utilised as 100% for parking. Outside peak season the informal parking area is a grassy open area that adds to the lake's enjoyment and maintains current lake user's benefits. People want to continue being able to park their car, get their equipment out and go for a swim.

Lake Ainsworth is a State significant asset and is not to be likened to Shaws Bay with its formalised ' parking and curb and guttering that limit the amount of open space. Formalised parking minimises the amount of open family friendly area and designates the area to a single purpose area. Any proposed curb and gutter can be replaced by swales that collect water to be sent to stormwater treatment devices and maintain access to an open area. No hard stand surfaces for parking are required.

The management action required. (Lake Ainsworth Management Plan 2002):

(Page 42) "As indicated above, additional parking is recommended in the south- east corner, utilising a small section of the caravan park. It also recommended that parking in Ross Street be optimised by shoulder widening/sealing (if needed) and line marking."

(Page 42) "By implementing the management measures shown in Illustration 5, the issues of safety, erosion and continual access to the various facilities around Lake Ainsworth can be addressed" "By formalising the access roads and car parking, the erosion caused from vehicles parking into the dunes and driving off the road can be minimised or avoided."

(Page 45) Traffic Management Illustration 5 states: "Realign existing road to the east and relocate recreation facilities to the lake side of the road (where possible). Retain all existing trees and meander the road where possible to achieve traffic calming." Under your new tree preservation order, **NO** tree is to be removed.

Sue Wade

From: H el ene Gatland <helene.gatland@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 8:13 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Councillours

Please receive here my new submission for the Lake Ainsworth DA. You have my **full support** for the current DA for the closure of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth. It will allow:

1. A wonderful recreational space: The huge demand for recreational area on Lake Ainsworth shows that we need more green park. Your proposal is a great answer.
2. More safety around the lake: the current road is really dangerous and often too crowded. It does not allow two cars plus pedestrian to use it. Closing the road will be safer for everyone.
3. Caring about the lake: I believe that your proposal will help the lake and the animals to be healthier.

Thank you for pursuing the closure of the road. I am sure that one day, all of us will look at this great parkland and think that it was one of the best development in Lennox Head.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my proposal.

Regards
Helene Gatland

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Sue Wade

From: balibob <balibob@bigpond.com>
Sent: Sunday, 18 February 2018 12:40 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake submission addendum

Good morning!

Is it too late to add something?

Struck me that I had completely forgotten comments from the information stall, in relation to the path.

Addendum

The path along the eastern foreshore is too straight.

I explained that it was meant to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Classic responses:

1. They're able to take bends & corners on roads.
2. They've got power steering.
3. I'd be worried if they can't take a bit of bend.

Again it's the Lennox scruffy aesthetic coming through versus predictable straight lines.

That's all folks- thank you

Kind regards

Monica Wilcox

2/58 Gibbon St Lennox Head, 2478

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Sue Wade

From: Donna <donnamj22@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 5:59 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Fwd: Part V 22.2017/12

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Donna <donnamj22@bigpond.com>
Date: 23 January 2018 at 4:57:18 pm AEST
To: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Part V 22.2017/12

I support the submission for parkland at the lake. Our family use the lake for recreation on a regular basis. I very concerned for the safety of young children enjoying the facilities free from the danger that motor vehicles create. I am also hopeful that this development will assist with limiting the environmental degradation the lake is currently suffering from. Please act now to save this valuable community resource. Thank you Donna JASZEWSKI.
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Sue Wade

From: Byron Bay Electrical <byronbayelectrical@bigpond.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 4:49 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission- PartV 22.2017/12

I agree with closing the eastern road at Lennox Head and giving it priority for pedestrians.

- 1- A fire escape soft surface road from the Recreation Centre suitable for emergency vehicles should remain on eastern side.
- 2: Wombat crossings or speed limiting devices or design on the western road as vehicles speed along that section .
- 3: No Parking signs placed along most of the western road to stop access to lake on western side .
- 4: No Lake Access signs or fences to stop people using the middle western to north western part of lake edge.
- 5: Loading Zones spread around lake perimeter road to allow for drop off and pick up of people and gear.
- 6: Mobility impaired ramps with associated parking.
- 7: Wildlife Zone and sign for vehicle drivers on western road. Maximum speed 40kmh.
- 8: Vehicle beach access restricted to only BALLINA Shire residents or approved businesses via leases.
- 9: Increase vehicle beach access fees .
- 10: Paid Parking for premium lake perimeter car parks and 4 hour limit 24/7. (To deter campers , caravan park patrons and give all a fair access to lake
- 11: Bank erosion control and fences to keep the public out of regeneration areas
- 12: Soft surface crossings from car parking area to lake . Bitumen is very hot on feet.
- 13: Designate the whole south western road from Surf Club to north caravan park boundary as a Shared Zone . Designed to protect children and give priority to pedestrians instead of cars.
- 14: Nose In angle parking for maximum car parking. Allow for longer camper van parking zone close to Surf Club .
- 15: Allow for a pathway for bicycle riding on eastern perimeter with bike parking racks scattered all around the lake.
- 16: Water bubblers spread around the lake.
- 17: Ensure toilets are available in eastern , western and southern sections.
- 18- Remove all lighting around lake or provide lighting that does not cause 'lighting pollution ' .Apply the appropriate Australian Standards
<https://www.lightingcouncil.com.au/files/Major%20revision%20of%20obtrusive%20%20lighting%20standard%20AS%204282.pdf>

Geoff Bensley , Byron Bay Electrical.
M- 0427857824

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Sue Wade

From: Jenny Reid <jennyreid1965@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 8:43 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ref part v22.2017/12 lake Ainsworth plans

Re council ref Part V22.2017/12

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition for the closure of the eastern road and development t of parkland at lake ainsworth.

I have walked my dog from the north eastern end adjacent to the toilet block and swum in the lake , daily , for the last 10 years .

It is obvious the road needs to close for the following reasons

safety of pedestrians and lake users , too many times I have witnessed near misses with cars and children, where else in the world do you have road within 2 metes of a public swimming pool (the lake is a defect swimming pool for lennox head.

The health of the lake will continue to suffer whilst ever there is a road with attached vehicle pollution WITHIN 2 meters of pristine water area

to improving access for disabled to the lake by providing better facilities is a essential need.

This parkland will be a beautiful area for residents and visitors to relax and picnic WITH OUT having to endure unsafe car movements only two meters away

Yours Faithfully

Jenny Reid

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Sue Wade

From: Melitta Firth <melitta.firth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 28 December 2017 2:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Dear Councillors

Re: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

I am writing in support of the proposed parkland improvements for Lake Ainsworth.

The lake is so incredibly precious, it is wonderful that council is committed to reducing human impact on the lake by increasing the riparian zone, so that we can all continue to swim in it for years to come.

I also agree that the existing road poses a safety risk for kids and have witnessed numerous scary near misses.

I hope that any emergency road access that needs to be included can be done in natural colours (not black!) and as soft a surface as possible for jogging and so on.

I noticed council cutting down many trees at the lake this year and do not understand why this was done? The shade is critical in this climate.

Hopefully the many years of delay in getting the recommendations of the masterplan happening will not continue due to misinformation spread by a noisy few.

Thanks

Melitta Firth
Stewart Street, Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Michele McMillan <michelemcmillan2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 4 January 2018 1:37 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Fwd: Lake Ainsworth

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From: Michele <michelemcmillan2@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2017 at 2:03 pm
Subject: Lake Ainsworth
To: <council@ballina.nsw.gov.au>

To The General Manager, Ballina Council,

Dear Sir,

Please please reconsider the proposed closure of the Eastern Road at Lake Ainsworth. I strongly object to this new proposal. It is a well utilised road that many, many people including myself use for access to 7 Mile beach for dog walking and use for the Rec club. I drive on this road at least once or twice a week and it is always lined with people & vehicles using & enjoying the lake for watersports and easy access unloading kayaks etc, picnics & swimming, dog walking etc. Closing this road would create an enormous parking problem with heavy traffic congestion around the clubhouse area & surrounding roads close by which is in turn going to create safety issues and limit and restrict access for elderly or disabled people needing easy access into the lake. There is going to be a very congested picnic area immediately surrounding the clubhouse and then a lot of wasted parkland which won't be used as people would need to do multiple trips backwards and forwards to the car to get picnic gear etc. At the moment it is so easy to pull up in the car, open the boot and unload straight onto a picnic table along with all the food & drinks, birthday cake, beach and swimming gear, boards etc needed for a family day out. The proposed need to drive around the dirt road to access the rec club and the western side of the lake is going to create enormous amount of dust and wear & tear on that road and create more dust & air pollution which will cover the lake and cars, caravan park etc. This new proposal just makes no sense at all. It would be so much better to spend some money fixing up the already existing Eastern Road and continue the benefits of it which have been here for many generations before us. This is a huge tourist attraction also & brings many people to the area holidaying because of its charm & appeal the way it is. Emergency vehicles will not have easy access either. Also the already existing amenity blocks could easily be fixed up & are there for easy access on this existing Eastern Road.

I feel that Council are not listening to the people who use the Lake & the local residents. Everyone I speak to about this is totally against the new proposal. Please let commonsense prevail !!

Sincere regards Michele McMillan

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Sue Wade

From: Robert Smark <smarkypants@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 8:49 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

Submission: Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12'

I am in favor of the eastern road closure and proposed parkland at Lake Ainsworth.

I am a regular user of the lake. The current state of the road is substandard and dangerous for pedestrians, disabled access and traffic. As a disability support worker, I find it incredibly difficult and dangerous wheeling my clients down that road.

It is important to provide many amenities for proper rubbish and recycling disposal and make sure they are emptied by council regularly.

Placing fencing or barriers around sensitive and bush regeneration areas and making clear obvious paths to the water will keep people from roaming into those areas and give wildlife a place to hide. Signs showing what kind of animals live in and around the lake and where and what people can do to help preserve their habitat would educate people on how to care for the environment.

I would like to see the dog friendly beach access extended to the north side of the surf club to make it easier for access to the dog beach. Please provide clear signage at the lake showing dogs are not allowed in the lake and exactly what the fine is.

Thank you,

Rob Smark

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Sue Wade

From: Amanda Ryan <mands2320@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 4:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvement Ref V22.2017/12

To the General Manager (Paul Hickey)

I am e-mailing a submission today to oppose the closing of the Eastern Rd of Lake Ainsworth. I find in the best interests of the community to maintain the road access and restore it to it's original foreshore that has worked so well for so many years.

I believe that closing the road will discriminate against the elderly/disabled and families that require that road to park and access this area. I believe it will be too hard for disabled people to feel independent as they will not be able to take their esky's, etc, to their favourite spot without parking down that eastern road. The lose of parking will cause chaos along the southern side with everyone trying to find a park there.

Residents and tourists will be frustrated with the pile up of cars trying to drop off chairs, esky's, etc. I also feel young children running back and fourth to the caravan park from the lake will be at an increased risk of being hit by a vehicle with so many more cars using that road. Also I am concerned with the amount of people that will be forced to use the western side of the lake to park their cars and use it to access an area by the lake to take their picnic/BBQ equipment so they don't have to dragging it from Willams St and beyond.

Therefore I am greatly concerned on the increased traffic flow on the western side of Lake Ainsworth and the destruction this will have on the flora and fauna on that side of the lake. It is not hard to see that there will be an increase of roadkill and rubbish left behind. There will also be many more trails throughout the bushland which will eventually destroy the another side of the lake.

Yours sincerely,
Amanda Ryan.
1/53 Stewart Street, Lennox Head
0458027522

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Sue Wade

From: Bill Silvester <sbsilvester@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 11:22 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth development.
Attachments: icon.png

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From: Bill Silvester <sbsilvester@gmail.com>
To: council@ballina.nsw.go.au
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2018 10:57:04 +1100
Subject: Re Lake Ainsworth improvements.

Dear Councillors,

We are in the process of gaining approval to build at Lennox Head and have followed with interest the proposed development of Lake Ainsworth and surrounds. From what we read the plan looks very good and wonder why there is so much opposition to it. It would appear at face of value to be thoughtful and practical. A couple of aspects to consider.

- 1) car parking is always important. Do you plan to accommodate more spaces for parking than now exists?
- 2) Does the new development prevent the access of 4 wheel drive vehicles to 7 mile beach? Not a problem for me but for fishermen I gather this is one of their concerns.
- 3) Access to the Lennox Head surf club is important. It is a great place for many _ particularly the young mums who like the safety of the green space for their children.
- 4) A concern is that the lake is stained by tea tree. Visibility is very poor. Does the plan allow for a short pier that can be used which would carry life rings? If the pier went out far enough so that children could safely dive it would be a good consideration. It does not need to be too wide or long but would be good for parents to be on the pier to keep closer watch when the children were swimming.
- 5) the lake is deep and long enough to hold kayak or rowing races. Could be a great way to have regular events on the lake. The pier at the southern end would allow for start and finish pos ----- Message truncated -----

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From: graham bond <gboznz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 3:41 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File ref "Part V 22.2017/12"

Dear Council,

We are writing in support of the proposed parkland on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

We do not think that a road is appropriate right next to a lake (and would probably not be allowed to be built today) and do not consider that the road and traffic mix well with pedestrians; at peak times recently it has been mayhem and quite stressful down that road, and looks like a gridlock might occur. With the increase in population in the area the traffic is only likely to increase. We believe a peaceful parkland around the lake would be a great asset for Lennox Head residents and visitors.

With regard to the health of the lake, we cannot comment but are happy to leave this in the capable hands of the Council experts.

We visited Paradise Point on the Gold Coast recently and were impressed at the foreshore there - people have to park and walk to the park and it seems to be enjoyed by all. We particularly liked the design of the benches which were made of timber (metal benches although long wearing and economical can be hot and not so attractive).

If not already considered, items that might improve the space at Lake Ainsworth are -

- Bike racks
- Dog washing station
- Excercise stations
- Designated zones for fishing and sailing
- Spraying grass for bindies
- Aesthetically pleasing tables and chairs
- Garbage bins which are accessible for pick up but hidden behind aesthetically pleasing enclosure
- Time limited parking spaces to give more people opportunity to visit the lake

Thank you for your dedication to this project. We are looking forward to the completion of this project SOON.

Kind regards
Graham & Jenny Bond

Graham Bond
42 Alison Avenue, Lennox Head NSW 2478, Australia. Ph. 0439876103

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From: Felismina Jom <felisimina@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 10:38 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Resident Submission : Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to submit my strong support for closing the eastern road of Lake Ainsworth.

My support for the road closure and landscaping of the public reserve comes because I am a mother of 2 young boys who love the lake and who I want to see enjoying it in the safety without having to be constantly aware of cars scouting for car parks down that road. When we initially moved to Lennox Head I drove down the Eastern road thinking I wanted to get as close to the lake as possible but after doing that once or twice I felt very uneasy about the people (esp kids) that I had to be wary of while in my car. Not to mention the carbon monoxide my car was pumping into the faces of those already set up and picnicking there. So I stopped doing that and always park at the southern end or (more lately) in the new car park near the caravan park.

In my view there should be more people, less cars around the lake.

I would also like to make a couple of small suggestions :

- that the management of rubbish is a little more visually appealing than bolted down wheely bins bolted - and that recycling signs are clear
- also some fresh water taps would be nice - to make it easier to refill with drinking water without going to the toilets!
- some informational signage about the health of the lake would also be great to inform - especially our visitors.

Please vote in favour of closing the Eastern road and establishing a clean, safe and car-free public reserve.

Kind regards
Felismina Jom
Tallow Wood Place
Lennox Head
0420 218 292
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Sue Wade

From: Fay Wardrop <wardropfay@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 20 January 2018 10:12 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12

Re:Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12
Lake Ainsworth

I wish to submit my disapproval about the closure of the Eastern Road - The naturally beautiful setting has been used by locals and tourists ever since I can remember and I am 71 now. Why don't you just restore it and then maintain it vigilantly.

What we do not want is timed or paid parking, or a diversion through the Western Side of the Lake which will destroy habitat and lead to the death of our wildlife.

Fay Wardrop

Resident of Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Patrice Allman <patricemallman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 12:28 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth
Foreshore Improvement Woks - Council Ref: Part V 22.22017/12

I am a Lennox Head local that uses the dog beach and the lake multiple times a day, and I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition. I think it will be an fantastic asset to the local area by providing natural green space and parkland for families to enjoy in safety. The emphasis should be on people enjoying the open spaces, rather than cars & parking.

I feel there is real safety concerns with the current road & parking situation on the Eastern side of the lake. I have witnessed many "near misses" involving cars and pedestrians. It concerns me to see families sitting on the edge of the road to enter the water. Meanwhile two cars are passing, whilst another car is parking on the beach-side. On one occasion we witnessed a car reverse out of a car space and drop their back wheel into the lake. They were then suspended on the hump in the road & had to be towed out.

I would like to see the dog beach extended to the surf club, as well as a dog washing area.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission,

your faithfully

Patrice Allman

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55 Gibbon St.

Lennox Head 2478

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From: digger edwards <digga.edwards@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 7:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Subject: submission - against the closure of the eastern road Lake Ainsworth

Subject: submission - against the closure of the eastern road Lake Ainsworth
Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the closure of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth.

Due to the closure of Ballina and Alstonville pools I have spent a lot of time at the lake this summer with a 4 and a 10year old and whilst I have concerns for traffic accidents I feel that the road should remain open and be upgraded with more speed humps and consideration given to some no parking areas down near the dog walking area except for disabled persons or the elderly. Elderly people will find it difficult to walk 100metres down to this area that allows for a gentle walk into the lake (and I realise this could be difficult to patrol). Parking on the eastern road is convenient.

Over the years the western side of the lake has been impacted with more people using that side and with the eastern road closure the vegetation on the western side will be impacted and this may be more detrimental than allowing the eastern road to remain open.

The closure I believe will lead to more cars parking in the residential areas and this will create conflict with home owners and the public.

Should the eastern road remain open, coaches going to the recreational centre and cars towing caravans should not be permitted down the eastern road and also the surf schools who can use the 4wheel drive access track. Coaches going down the road cause damage to the native trees in the area because they hit them. Perhaps access to the centre could be closed from the eastern road granting a small parcel of land to become parkland.

If the parking can be managed with the loss of some parking spots and limited to cars I believe the eastern road can remain open.

regards

Andy Edwards
1/15 William Street
Alstonville NSW 2477

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From: Kiri Dicker <kiri.dicker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 7 January 2018 11:22 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Parkland PV 22.20.2017/12

Dear GM and Counsellors,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed upgrades to Lake Ainsworth, and the creation of a family-friendly parkland on the eastern road of the Lake.

I am a local resident who has lived on Ross Street on and off for the past 30 years. I use this precinct regularly and care deeply about the future of my community. It has been a confusing decision and it seems that both sides are using more or less the same arguments to justify a different course of action.

I have carefully considered the facts of the proposal and listened to information from both sides. I have also attempted to read, or at least summarise, the available documents and make sure that my opinion is based on the facts of the matter.

There are many reasons why I support closing the Eastern road to cars in order to create a parkland, however the main reason is that it is rare, almost unheard of, in a community that is growing as rapidly as Lennox Head, to have the opportunity for MORE green, open space. Normally we are fighting to keep the green space we have, so the opportunity to have more open space is fantastic.

As a mother of a young child I am seriously concerned about safety issues along the Eastern Road, particularly in the summer months. It is not uncommon to see cars driving too fast, backing out of car spaces, with children around. There is currently no footpath or safe place to walk and it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs.

It seems that the thing that is most upsetting to people is the loss of car parks, however I genuinely believe that there will be a never ending demand for car parks and the more you provide, the more cars people will bring to the lake. I hope that people will be forced to seriously consider car pooling or walking to the Lake as it becomes more difficult to find a park.

I encourage Council and Counsellors not to be distracted by the 'noise' and consider the voiceless, including the children and the environment.

I can't wait to see this Parkland finally happen.

Kiri Dicker
3 Ross Street
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: Rod Adams <schlepper39@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2017 9:02 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Enhancement of Lake Ainsworth

Reference Council Project File Reference Number " Part V 22.2017/12"

I have sent this email in support of Council's plans to improve the Lake Ainsworth foreshore by closing the existing eastern road and developing people friendly park lands.

As I see it, the proposal envisages better stormwater management which can only be in the best interest of the lake and its environs.

The proposed pathway would provide better access for the elderly and disabled and at the same time increase pedestrian safety.

The proposal provides for better recreational space and is aesthetically more pleasing than the present environment.

In my mind, the proposed changes are better for the long term health of the lake, even though they may cause short term angst for some people. Who knows, once the work is completed many of them may wonder why they opposed the changes.

While much has been made of the petition organised by those opposing the changes, I consider the petition to be statistically inaccurate.

I signed it when asked to do so at home at a very inconvenient time. I was give no information re alternatives. The presentation was completely one sided and emotional - I would not sign it again.

My understanding is that not all households in Lennox Head were approached and that alone should raise doubts.

It would be nice if Council could just go ahead and do what is best for the long term future of this valuable asset'

Rod Adams
1/30 Kell Mather Drive
Lennox Head 2478

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From: peter@peterfinnarchitect.com.au
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 5:54 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Support for Lake Parkland Part V 22.2017/12

Re: Part V 22.2017/12

Attention to: Ballina Shire Council General Manager,

I wish to express my support for the road closure and redevelopment of the parkland at Lake Ainsworth as a rate payer.

In particular

1. Safety for children, the cars and traffic on the road East of the lake create a hazardous environment for children and pedestrians. The proposed parkland would eliminate this problem
2. Increasing and improving recreation space for everyone to enjoy

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Peter Finn
22 Elevation Drive,
Lennox Head



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29th January 2018

Ballina Shire Councillors

Dear Councillors,

I would like to have a say in what you are proposing to do to our beloved Lake Ainsworth.

Unlike so many others who have recently moved to this area, I have had an association with Lake Ainsworth for 53 years.

My family camped at the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park for 23 years and I have now been a resident of the area for 23 years also. I own 2 properties in Lennox Head area also.

Firstly can I say, it is with dismay, that I look at what you as a council have not done in recent years to maintain our beautiful lake. I know you will have excuses, but it is a disgrace that you have spent no money at all on maintaining the foreshores and have let it degrade to the extent that it has.

Now for the issues that I am aware of

1. Closure of the Eastern road. Why? There has never been any problem with the road. No one has been injured by cars using this road to date. You propose to turn it into picnic areas. Great idea. But who is going to walk that far, carrying their esky, kids gear etc. Let alone the disabled getting there via mobility aids, on crutches, wheelchairs etc. Sorry but having worked with these people, many would rather be able to drive or be driven close to where they can get out of the car. Which means a lot of people who won't use your new area because it is actually too hard to access.

The fact that the road has been underwater for 6 months in the past from natural rainfall ... it is not the road that caused the problem. The lake was full and nature took its course and the lake returned to a normal level.

If you close the road, how are you going to monitor the social issue of groups gathering inappropriately on this side of the lake and the dangers associated with it. I hear the emergency services are not in favour of closing the road either. Out of sight out of mind Especially if young people are involved. Better that the road is open and people do drive past.

Not allowing parking next to the foreshore of the lake is obviously a good idea. Otherwise we'll end up with cars in the lake so no parking along the edge would be good. But leave the opposite side of the road for some car parks please. You can still add a picnic table or two.

2. The issue of car parks. There will be less car parks yet you say you are making more. Ok, you took part of the caravan park where families used to holiday happily and turned it into car parks. So let's not count that. Where do you think people are going to park even with your car park plans that you say will give us more than we currently have (which I seriously doubt)?

I would suggest people will park wherever they can. On residents lawns, driveways to the utmost annoyance of your rate paying residents. This will restrict residents access to their properties.

Also you say it is going to be safe for children with the eastern road closed. What about the southern road across from the caravan park. Are you going to put traffic lights or pelican crossings so children can safely negotiate that road now?? It will be far more dangerous. What do your traffic managers advise here?

I know the Mayor was at the surf club/lake on Friday, Australia Day. Do you really think a roundabout is going to solve the traffic that was there on Friday, buses, police, cars, bikes, people running across the road to get to the lake. Making the southern road to the way to Camp Drewe and the Sport and Rec camp will just mean even more traffic on this southern road. And you have no plans to seal it. Crazy and lack of foresight.

3. The western side of the lake will be in danger of ruin also as more people will trample the current natural vegetation to find an access point to the lake when they have to park further around the southern road. Not a good prospect for the lake health.

Why not spend the money you have to repair the foreshore of the lake first. Do not plant any foreign species. Replenish what has always grown there. Why have you not done this so far anyway? Ballina Council does not treat its "jewel in the crown" aka Lennox Head very well if you were to be judged but the state of the lake foreshore area..

I could go on and on, but no matter what I, or any other of the 4000 people who signed letters asking to not close the road, I am sure you will not listen. For the councillors that are not of our ward, just think if you wanted our vote on something happening in your area, you would expect us to use logic and reason in supporting your town for what THEY want. The argument to close the road seems illogical. Of course parklands sound great but if your council continues on its current projectile there will be no maintenance and it too will quickly fall into disrepair. Ramps into the lake for access. Never been needed before but why not put it at the northern end where it is almost level access. But, no I hear you say, because we are going to close the road. Level access is better than down a ramp from the southern edge of the lake. Ask someone who is disabled ..

In this proposal, no-one in council seems to care what we, the residents of Lennox Head want. You are a council, get together and listen to all sides. I believe you have already made up your minds and have the plans approved to go full steam ahead, so why bother with consulting the residents.

A picnic area sounds lovely, but will not solve the problem of increasing numbers of people wanting to use the lake. You as a council have allowed multiple occupancy of every block of land in Lennox, so the population has trebled. You want visitors to come and use our lovely area but you won't let Lennox Head footprint expand for the increasing needs of these visitors.

Closing the eastern road will not help. Perhaps a better option would be to fence it off and charge admission. Problem solved. No-one would want to pay so they won't come.

Please listen to the real Lennox Head residents and oppose this proposal. Councillors please do the right thing for us.

Yours sincerely

Kristine Berry

62 Killarney Cres Skennars Head

And owner of 15 Fern St.

Sue Wade

From: spider heesom <spiderheesom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 1:59 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works – Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

Hi Paul,

Attached a letter in SUPPORT of BSCs improvement plans to the Lake. Please forward to all councilors and thank staff for their efforts on the plan.

I have a few concerns (addressed in my submission), that I'm sure council staff are aware of, and I have confidence they will be addressed.

Lastly, thanks to BSC once again for the ongoing landcare support on the Point. We couldn't do all this voluntary work without BSCs fantastic input, in particular those of James B and Paul B. I spent a day up at the nursery last week with Paul's staff and found them a dedicated, fun and enthusiastic crew to work with. Please pass on my thanks, formerly, to them.

I hope 2018 sees us enjoying a productive relationship again with regard to Landcare in Lennox Head and Boulder Beach.

All the best to you and the crew for 2018.

spider

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From: Erika Taylor <erikajoytaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 3:27 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: SUPPORTING Project ref file Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth Improvements

Hello,

I wish to lodge my support of the plans for the improvements to be made at Lake Ainsworth.

I believe the plans offer an increased immentity to the Lake for the local community, while helping to protect the Lakes environment for future use.

The removal of the Eastern Road is immensley important to provide a safe place for children who use the Lake, and the plans also offer more accessibility for people with disabilities.

Green space is so important for the future of a healthy community, and is such a rare thing to be able to have the chance to create.

Some of the world's most amazing spaces are 'car free', and I believe this new plan will add one more to that list.

I also want to add that we live in the surrounding streets to the Lake and have no concern about any potential parking problems. I believe with the additional parking allready created by Council on Ross St, combined with the availablity of on street parking, will be sufficient to allow people to access the area.

Regards

Erika Taylor
1/77 Stewart St
Lennox Head

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From: james costaganna <jamescostaganna@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 7:23 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Part 5

Hi

I object to the changes proposed for Lake Anisworth 5 submission.

The only dog beach 'without a leach' is at the end of that carpark area. Therefore if this plan goes ahead, chances of getting a park around the lake would be slim, thus forcing dog walking onto the 'no dogs' beach for the lead up to getting to the actual dog beach. Or worse, not taking the dog for a walk at all, when one becomes agitated over no parks & poor council decisions.

Very minor erosion issues are obvious at the propsoed road closure section, but this can be fixed by simply installing boulders or small 400mm high concrete retaining walls along affected roadside verges.

Kind regards,
Jimmy

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Sue Wade

From: itwalker28 <itwalker28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 4:00 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth

To the Manager,

I strongly object to the closing of the eastern road of Lake Ainsworth. My objection is based on the fact that older persons and people with disabilities will find it difficult to navigate to the northern end of the lake. People with families who like to spend the day with their eskies, umbrellas chairs and other goods will find it difficult to walk the distance with this type of gear. Also, we found over the holiday period parking was a nightmare, so taking away 120 parking spots will only cause more chaos and push more cars into the back streets of Lennox. I do however agree that the lake does need to be beautified but cannot understand why council cannot compromise a little by not closing of the eastern lake road. I am a rate payer and use this part of the lake everyday and have not seen or heard of any issues regarding cars hitting pedestrians. Drivers are very aware of people using the lake, beach and surfclub.

Kind Regards
Christine Walker
15 The Grove
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: itwalker28 <itwalker28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 4:00 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference Part V 22.2017/12 Lake Ainsworth

To the Manager,

I strongly object to the closing of the eastern road of Lake Ainsworth. My objection is based on the fact that older persons and people with disabilities will find it difficult to navigate to the northern end of the lake. People with families who like to spend the day with their eskies, umbrellas chairs and other goods will find it difficult to walk the distance with this type of gear. Also, we found over the holiday period parking was a nightmare, so taking away 120 parking spots will only cause more chaos and push more cars into the back streets of Lennox. I do however agree that the lake does need to be beautified but cannot understand why council cannot compromise a little by not closing of the eastern lake road. I am a rate payer and use this part of the lake everyday and have not seen or heard of any issues regarding cars hitting pedestrians. Drivers are very aware of people using the lake, beach and surfclub.

Kind Regards
Christine Walker
15 The Grove
Lennox Head

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

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**Phillip M. Carter
P. O. Box 334
Lennox Head NSW 2478**

12th February 2018

The General Manager and Councilors
Ballina Shire Council
P. O. Box 450,
40 Cherry Street
Ballina NSW 2478

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Alternatives to closing or removing Lake Ainsworth's
Eastern Road vehicle and public access.**

Following on from Preserving Lake Ainsworth Inc.'s Submission (File Reference Part V 22.2017/12) letter dated 29/01/201 regarding keeping the Eastern Lake Road open at Lake Ainsworth at Lennox Head and the complete restoration of the foreshore.

There are alternatives to closing or removing Lake Ainsworth's Eastern Road vehicle and public access.

These include:

- Discouraging motorists from entering the Sport and Recreation Centre with clearer signage, programmed digital key entry, bollards, gating, etc.
- Improving Eastern Road safety, maintaining the surface and, where possible meander the road to achieve traffic calming measures.
- Eastern Road access and complete foreshore retrieval and restoration.

These alternatives are all in line with the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan (2002).

“It is important to base decisions on evidence-based information and the representative views of the community, rather than for engagement to be dominated by a few vocal community

advocates.” (The Guide to Community Engagement (NSW Government – Office of Local Government web site))
This says it all.

Also, the broader community is ready to be involved in all stages of a holistic Coastal Management Program for Lake Ainsworth.

Council's lake proposals to date will do absolutely nothing to rectify the neglect of the foreshore erosion that has marked their stewardship over the past several decades. Absolutely nothing. See attached photos 1 to 26. This is parallel, until recently, to their performance in Shaws Bay at Ballina.

Comparing photos 1 – 26 of current foreshore erosion of the lake, attached, to past photos of foreshore or foreshore restoration in Photo J, (taken in the early 70's) the difference between the foreshore can clearly be seen.

Photo M shows the south- eastern foreshore in better state than current photos 9 to 23 of Lake Ainsworth.

A significant sand knoll located near the diving tower can be clearly seen in photos A, B, D and H.

The principal problem with regard to the foreshore of Lake Ainsworth remains: Council's failure to redress erosion events with timely maintenance during the past 40 years resulting in depletion of the available foreshore.

Your sincerely

Pip Carter

PHONE: 0466 881 900

PRESIDENT PRESERVING LAKE AINSWORTH INC.

Sue Wade

From: Margaret Gardnir <marggard@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2018 4:56 PM
To: Councillors
Subject: Lake Ainsworth .

To all councillors
Ballina Shire Council

I do not live in Lennox Head. I am one of the persons who drives to Lennox Head to enjoy Lake Ainsworth. I am 76 years old, am not entitled to disabled parking and would find it almost impossible to struggle with my chair , food etc to my picnic spot. My daughter has 4 children and is also not entitled to a special parking spot, so would also encounter extreme difficulty accessing this beautiful area. Ballina Council seems intent on reducing parking spaces. This is ludicrous. I cannot believe that so called intelligent people would even consider this .

This area needs to be preserved and beautified with the access road still in place with added raised bars at close intervals for controlling traffic. I have only ever seen motorists acting in a very cautious and considerate manner in this area.

There have been a lot of unsubstantiated claims on the number of people who are for the road closure . I have spoken with many people with the opposite opinion.

It would seem that there was some very biased reporting of last Saturday' s protest of the road closure.

The organizers must feel very 'cheated'.

Shame on the people who vote to close the road. Let's look at the bigger picture and consider the needs of many, not the whim of a few.

I wish for all councillors to receive this email.

Those for road closure should carefully reconsider before the access is lost to us for ever. I read of false claims regarding digging and filling in the lake. This is only to replace the degraded bank resulting from long term neglect.

Beautify and retain the road. I beg you.

Your faithful ratepayer

margaret Gardnir

marggard@gmail.com

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Sue Wade

From: Teresa Duwenhogger <tduwen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 12:15 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth

Dear Council

i wish to express my support for the current exhibition . Council Reference Part V 22.2017/12

I have lived in the area for over 35 years and want to see the health of the lake improved and preserved for future generations to come. Please do your research in how to best improve water quality by natural planting , water airation and the education for people to use the lake. It is the best asset Lennox Town has to offer and it is crucial to the well being of us living here.

Thank you
Teresa Duwenhogger

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Sue Wade

From: Pam <geopam2@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 1:31 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Att. GM. Re East road, Lake Ainsworth.

General Manager
Dear Sir

I wish to support the Council plan to close the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth. The Lake is an asset to all in the community and must be managed to preserve its integrity, being such a fragile environment. Erosion along the road edge needs attention immediately.

Besides the care of the Lake, care of its users must also be considered. Having visited the Lake many times in my youth, I am astounded by the amount of traffic now driving along that road. There is nowhere for people to sit and enjoy the ambience of the beautiful views because it is jammed with cars. How lovely to be able to sit in parklands and feel safe with your children.

A complaint by dog Walkers, "we can't drive to the dog area". Surely a good walk to there would benefit them both as they are out to exercise the dog.

The planned facilities for elderly and disabled as proposed sound excellent. Water access and tables to accommodate them are all considered.

Costs must be spiralling due to the protest groups who cannot see the forest for the trees. False information adding to people's objections is merely grandstanding by protest groups.

Let's do the right thing for the Lake and get on with it.

Yours faithfully
Pamela Dunn.

Sent from Samsung tablet

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Sue Wade

From: alex pullen <alexpullen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2017 5:07 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth Part V 22.2017/12

Dear Council

I am a frequent user of Lake Ainsworth over the last 6 years. I have 2 children aged 6 and 8. We often swim/paddleboard/picnic by the lake.

On several occasions I have been concerned about the a risk of allowing large cars to drive so close to where my children play by the lake.

The opportunity to remove this risk and turn the whole area into a safe place to for the local community and visitors is too good to miss.

Please do not be put off by the vocal minority who put large cars first.

We have seen off the inappropriate ski jump, now need to beautify the whole area for now and the future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alex Pullen

4/2 Pinnacle Row
Lennox Head
tel - 66874519

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Sue Wade

From: Patricia Docherty <triciadoxy@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 6:53 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12 Submission of support

I support Ballina Shire Council's proposal for Lake Ainsworth Parkland because it will improve the foreshore environment, increase pedestrian priority.

All recreational space including deck access should be disabled and push chair accessible and enhance visual amenity.

Updated stormwater infrastructure is of critical importance as is permeable surfaces that can be easily maintained and planting which helps to clean run off.

Better access for the elderly and disabled parking and amenities must be provided.

Opportunities for improved waste management, cycle parking also need to be addressed.

All materials should be consistent with the nature based passive beauty of Lake Ainsworth.

Patricia Docherty
21A Stewart Street
LENNOX HEAD

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Sue Wade

From: dan ewald <danpewald@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 30 December 2017 1:25 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: redevelopment of Lake Ainsworth and the anti road closure petition

Dear General Manager, Mayor and Councillors,

- 1) I am concerned that a petition being collected by the anti-road closure at Lake Ainsworth group in Lennox Head are pestering many tourists/ visitors into signing the petition. The outcome will be a lot of obliging signatures from non-locals who don't really understand the issues.
- 2) I am concerned that the tight traffic on the east side Lake Ainsworth road and children playing around the lake are a dangerous combination.
- 3) I think expanding the park like area surrounding the lake would be of far greater value to the community and visitors than the existing road.
- 4) People would complain about parking spaces even if the total number was doubled. The extent that car parking is allowed to dominate civic development should be limited. In time people will learn to walk or ride. An adequate number of disabled parking spaces can be preserved for equity of access.

Dan Ewald
Lennox Head resident.

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Sue Wade

From: Jack Claff <jclaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 14 January 2018 5:38 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Fwd: Lake Ainsworth foreshore improvements

Dear Ballina Shire Council,

I am a local resident and visit Lennox Head and Lake Ainsworth regularly and I wish to make a submission regarding the proposed foreshore improvements.

Lake Ainsworth is very special if not unique. My wife and I took our children (now adults) to Lake Ainsworth throughout their childhood. As such I want to register my support for the proposal to close the road on the eastern side and develop it as parkland and recreational space.

The reasons I support this proposal are simple.

. Safety for pedestrians by having less cars driving around the lake foreshore

. More space for recreation by having no cars or fewer cars parking next to the lake

In addition I have read that closing the road will lead to better access for the elderly and disabled.

Hopefully council will plant plenty of shade trees and install more tables and chairs for families to use and a level footpath for walking around the lake.

Thank you for considering my submission,

Jack Claff.

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NORTHERN BEACHES USERS CLUB
SUBMISSION LAKE AINSWORTH

20 January 2018

Ballina Shire Council

Dear Sir/Madam

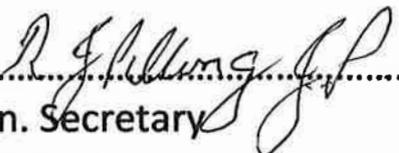
We write relative to the Part V. proposal to close the Eastern Road and close all car parks on the Eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

We wish to advise that we strongly oppose any moves to close the road and car parks.

We also advise that we consider Council's proposal is an attempt to restrict public access to or along the waterfront at this location.

Thanking you

Bob Pilling


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Hon. Secretary

148 Tamar Street

BALLINA NSW 2478

Sue Wade

From: Paul Dicker <pdicker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 12:33 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Council Project File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12 - Supporting lake road closure

To the General Manager,

My family has lived in Lennox Head for the past 30 years and I strongly wish to declare my support for the closure of the eastern lake road around Lake Ainsworth.

I support the closure for a number of reasons namely but not limited to improving the safety of pedestrians, the benefits to the foreshore ecosystem and quite simply the beautiful space that this area will become given the opportunity and council decision. I truly hope that this decision is passed as I look forward to bringing my children to use this space for decades to come.

Paul Dicker

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Sue Wade

From: Patricia Cameron <patricialc@bigpond.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 January 2018 12:24 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: submission

Submission on Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works - Council Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

I wish to express my support for the plans currently on exhibition.

*Parkland where families can picnic and play will be a wonderful amenity for Lennox Head and indeed the area. There is at present very limited area for people to play on the lake shore, and moving the cars will open up this wonderful space to this sort of activity.

*Moving cars from the area will be much cleaner for the lake which is under pressure in a number of ways to keep clean.

*I am told that a number of expert reports are in favour of this development in order to prevent pollution, which is matter of vital importance. If the area becomes too polluted then it will turn from a magic playground into something that no-one will want to use.

LET US KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE CLEAN AND BUSHLAND UNTHREATENED.

Yours
Pat Cameron

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23 January 2018

29 Kell Mather Drive
LENNOX HEAD NSW 2478

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Mr Hickey,

Council File Reference 'Part V 22.2017/12' – Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works

I am writing to you today to SUPPORT the proposed Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works.

As a Lennox Head resident who frequently visits Lake Ainsworth with my family, there have been countless instances when we have felt unsafe due to the large amount of traffic and associated congestion along the eastern side of the lake.

As the residential population and visitors during holiday times increase, the traffic congestion and safety issues can only get worse.

I would like to see the space better equipped for people, not cars, as per the proposed council plans. Somewhere for families to gather and enjoy the full facilities without the need to be looking over our shoulders in the fear of us or our young ones being hit by traffic.

Further, the area is looking tired and increasing concerns over the health of the lake and surrounding vegetation mean the proposed changes couldn't come at a better time.

I would like to thank Ballina Council for putting forward such an excellent solution and I welcome the newly proposed space to enjoy with my family.

Many thanks,

Dirk Terrill
29 Kell Mather Drive
Lennox Head, 2478

Sue Wade

From: Jenny Close <jennyclose88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2018 5:43 PM
To: Councillors
Subject: closure of the road on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth

I would like to protest at the planned closure of the road on the eastern side of the the lake.

You have heard all of the arguments for keeping it open so I dont need to list them again. LISTEN to the locals of Lennox Head. We dont want a landscaped parkland, we want a natural looking area which we can all share.

Work does need to be done as nothing has been done to maintain the lake, the beach or the road for many years. The road could be moved towards the east and the car parking could be on the lake side with a grassy stretch going down to a restored beach. If the cars were parked nose in to the lake there would be no need for people to have to cross the road to get to the water.

Keeping the road open provides easy access to the Sport and Rec Camp and in the event of an emergency vehicles would be able to drive in as they are able to at present.

DONT CLOSE THE ROAD.

Jenny Close

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Sue Wade

From: Rob McCrossin <robmax2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 December 2017 6:41 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: lake ainsworth eastern road rehabilitation

I would like to make a submission in support of council's planned redevelopment of this area . The delaying tactics of the carpark brigade have gone on for too long.

This lake is 40,000 years [old.It](#) should be cherished.Having oilspill and tyre particles washing into it is a travesty to enable people to park closer to the [edge.It](#) has become way too congested. This development will be a major improvement to the amenity of the area.

Pip Carter and his friends have been hassling tourists daily over the christmas break to sign his petition.He is also spreading misinformation.

Please do not let this noisy minority delay this work for any longer.

yours sincerely

Dr Robert McCrossin
17 sunrise crescent
Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: H  l  ne Gatland <helene.gatland@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 December 2017 5:26 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: What a great lake DA! Thank you

To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank you for proposing such amazing facilities to our community. I have been living in Lennox for 3 years now and I believe the view you have for the lake will make Lennox even more beautiful! I am 100% supporting it! Please let me know if I can help in any way to make this dream come true. Again, thank you so much!

Regards
Helen Gatland

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Sue Wade

From: Sue Orme <sueorme49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 3:10 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: lake ainsworth -part v22 2017

I have used the lake for many yrs with family and children and very much value such a wonderful natural resource, so suitable for children and older people who find the sea/waves difficult and for of course all ages to be able to swim freely and easily without worry of sharks rips etc .With ever increasing use obviously the health of the lake and surrounding vegetation will and is compromised .As more people are coming to this area to live and increased tourism i would like the health of the lake and surrounds protected and remedied before such a time that it may be rendered unsuitable for swimming and recreation and past resurrection .Please do all that is possible to protect this wonderful resource , I therefore i agree with councils plans for improvement of lake ainsworth ,and support the removal of the east road in order to rehabilitate the plant life of the foreshore . thankyou in anticipation of this outcome .Yours sincerely Sue Frances

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Sue Wade

From: Shirley Wittleton <swittleton21@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 January 2018 3:01 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake closure 'partv22.2017/12'

SUBMISSION 'Part v 22.2017/12'

I would like to show my support for the proposed closing of the Lake Ainsworth Rd.
I believe it will make the lake area safe for the elderly and disabled plus families with young children.

It will improve the the foreshore environment and the overall health of the lake which I feel is the main reason to close the road and protect the lake for the future enjoyment of everybody.

Regards
Shirley Wittleton

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Sue Wade

From: Vicki Ross <vicki49ross@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 13 January 2018 6:51 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lake Ainsworth submission

Although sentimentally I would like Lake Ainsworth to stay the same, I understand that, to preserve it for swimming and as a healthy ecosystem, it is necessary to make changes. It is important to have disabled access and enough parking, and I would love it to retain its simple, rustic atmosphere, but my support is behind ensuring the lake itself is preserved for the future, and that necessary changes be made. I am a Clunes resident, but use the area for recreation.

Yours sincerely, Vicki Ross

6 Tildon Drive, Clunes

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To the council / General manager

Re: Part V 22, 2017/12

This letter is to support the
new parkland at Lake Arnsworth.

- Ideally, the telegraph poles and wires would be removed
- Ideally the path would be a little less straight ie slightly more meandering.

otherwise, the plan is fantastic!

Yours Sincerely

Craig Leete (CRAIG LEETE).

58 Pacific Pde Lennox Head

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Sue Wade

From: bubsie554 <bubsie554@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 8 January 2018 8:30 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: V 22 2017/12

I think we need to start looking out for our environment, is it really an inconvenience that the road be closed. Breath fresh air and not petrol fumes. The tourists are here for holidays only and unfortunately they add to the problem. Also we need more bins not enough for peak season. Are the people who are opposed to the road closure picking up rubbish i say not. Perfect example, was walking down the path near the toilets when a man who is fighting to keep it open was empty handed while we were picking up trash. Stop being selfish.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab A on the Telstra Mobile Network

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Sue Wade

From: Tim Hodgson <hodgson.tim80@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 4:27 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Part V22.2017/12

Hi, I'm a resident of Lennox Head, and I support the closure of the eastern road, and the development of a parkland.

The main reasons I support the closure of the road is: pedestrian safety, increasing recreational space, enhancing visual amenity, improving foreshore environments, updated storm water infrastructure, and better access for the elderly.

Thanks.
Tim Hodgson
Lennox Head

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Lake Ainsworth Foreshore: Council Project File Reference: Part V 22.2017/12

Although I have previously written my objections to the closure of the eastern Lake Ainsworth Rd, I believe that Council cannot have been giving due consideration to the views of many ratepayers, residents and visitors who have tried to make clear to councillors that they do not agree with the project proposed for the eastern fringe of Lake Ainsworth.

I have read at least some of the published reports, attended information sessions, listened to the Mayor's justification for the ill-thought out scheme, read the council's Community Connect and studied the drawings displayed in the Lennox Head community centre. I am a regular Lake-and-its-surrounds user as a swimmer, as a grandparent accompanying small children and dogwalker. I have been astounded at the arrogance of the councillors (and the relatively few local proponents) in continuing to peddle the line that the plan will give the community an asset to enhance its recreational experience, even though the community continues to say they don't agree. This seems to me to be akin to the situation of adults acting for the good of children too immature to know what's good for them. How insulting for those who disagree with the council's plan to be treated as children.

'Rehabilitating the Eastern Road' is a miss use of the term 'rehabilitating'.

Objection:

As the road is to be ripped up and replaced with a footpath that can be used for emergency access, the road is NOT being rehabilitated. One of the main points of protest has been the loss of the road. If the road were to be rehabilitated, it would remain accessible to the current road users, but in an improved state. The thing that needs 'rehabilitating' is the lake, its banks and its surrounds.

'Reconstructing the Existing Intersection between Pacific Parade, the Eastern Road and the Southern Road.' I cannot imagine the genius that came up with this idea, never mind the engineer who was tasked with designing it. In the current plan (which I hope will be abandoned or at least amended) the 'intersection' will in fact be a left/right hand corner.

Objection:

As the 'pathway/emergency access road' will, by definition, be used rarely, and the number of vehicles turning into the surf club grounds is minute, there is no conceivable reason for a roundabout. As I understand it, roundabouts are designed to ensure travel in one direction around a central island giving priority to the circulating flow. In this case, there will be no option other than to turn left/right, unless one is driving an emergency vehicle, or perhaps has given up looking for parking already and has decided to turn back. As emergency vehicles demand priority when necessary, the roundabout is obviously redundant, perhaps someone's opportunity to embellish a portfolio.

'Reconstruction and minor realignment of the Southern Rd and formalising the adjoining car park between Pacific Parade and Camp Drew Road'

I speak only of formalising the carpark, as I assume the reconstruction and realignment are the enablers for such formalisation. A vain attempt to make something out of nothing reminiscent of Norman Lindsay's famous children's story, 'The Magic Pudding'.

Objection:

The 100+ (and yes, I have counted the cars parked down the eastern road many times) cannot be replaced by formalising other car parking areas that are already fully used in their informal form. The only 'creation' has been the newish car park opposite the surf club, but this did not add nearly the number of spaces being removed. It is also worth noting that on high use days, this carpark fills up too, suggesting that the removal of the eastern road parking will still see 100+ cars searching elsewhere.

Most, if not all, of the planned 'formalised' parking has/will only direct people to park in specific spaces. It does not add additional spaces as it does not utilize additional land. This could only be achieved by repurposing land currently used in other ways.

Environmental management works, bank stabilisation, landscaping and open space and passive recreation embellishments

If only this item focused on environmental works and bank stabilisation for the lake, which seems to have little to gain from the significant expenditure. (I have read the figures for the components of the plan, but do not have them at hand.) As for 'passive recreation embellishments', how sad it is that the people who regularly use the narrow area under discussion, including me, have repeatedly said they do not want these embellishments. I suspect they are embellishments to someone's boastful pride.

Objection:

The lake itself needs far more than bank stabilisation. The budget would be far more productively spent on the lake itself. The passive recreation area is a dreadful concept because:

- it will be a zone of low passing human presence (particularly at night), which experience shows encourages anti-social behavior, some of which may be criminal.
- Walking dogs to the lead-free beach access through a zone for picnics, food and small children is poorly thought out. Even on the lead, excited dogs, food and small children are not a good mix in close proximity. Furthermore, dogs heading for the beach relieve themselves along the way. The existing short pathway from the carpark to the lead-free beach smells revolting with the buildup during dry periods, even though most owners pick up what is possible.
- The long, narrow nature of the 'parkland' mitigates against families setting up for a day at the lake with all their recreational equipment, food and sun shelter. The problematic, trek is not only the distance from the surf club to the dog beach track, but the additional distance from wherever the family has been able to park.

Wildlife disturbance

Objection: Increased traffic on the western road will place pressure on the wildlife that presently deals with minimal vehicle traffic (once past the caravan park). If the same numbers of people continue to visit the lake, the traffic on this stretch will be more than doubled thanks to the number of people who will reach the end of the 'formalised' parking only to have to turn around to retrace their steps when no spaces are available. Furthermore, frustrated people will push their vehicles into the bush at the roadside, exacerbating environmental damage as they seek lake access. Wildlife will be forced to leave the area as their habitat will be damaged beyond regeneration.

Unintended consequences.

The existing plan appears to have been a pipedream, with a few adjustments along the way in an attempt to address some of the objections raised. The adjustments seem to be knee jerk and piecemeal responses. However, implementation of the plan will realise numerous unintended (to the designers) consequences. Many of the voices raised in opposition are simply stating consequences they foresee. Although some may be a bit farfetched, most are logical, even obvious to those open to consideration of other points of view. All those with a point of view have the right to express their view, courteously, and to be treated with respect by those with differing points of view.

It has been sad to see some of the high profile the road closure supporters adopt (generally) a patronizing, sneering attitude that treats road closure opponents as uneducated, uninformed environmental vandals. It is sadder still that the mayor stated his position early and appears to have taken pride in refusing to listen to other points of view or consider whether they have merit.

Ingrid Hampton
3 Gradwell Dr LENNOX HEAD

24/01/2018