

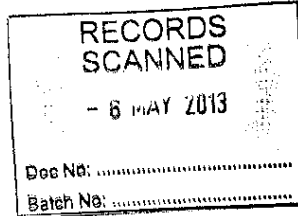
LENNOX HEAD LANDCARE
Working Together for our Environment



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1 May 2013

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



Dear Sir

Attention: John Truman

Re: Lennox Headland

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th April inviting comment on council plans for seating and pathways at Pat Morton Lookout. We believe that the involvement of a landscape architect will enhance the development of this vital tourist attraction.

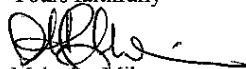
We really find it hard to comment on this specific plan relating to the section in front of the car parking area without having an understanding of council plans for all paths and cycle ways through the lookout site as a whole. Where does this section connect with the cycleway and the recreational pathway for example? Is this the reason for the larger width? Is there a disabled pathway to toilets? The formwork that was laid previously was also prepared for a very wide section of concrete - much wider than the boardwalk section. What other car parking will there be and is there provision for coaches?

The seating style seems to be a great improvement from the current standard model and we welcome the plans to soften the harsh white of the concrete.

It seems unusual for the disabled car spaces to be narrower than the rest but is the spare space meant to compensate? It would seem more prudent to allow for disabled access each side of the vehicle.

We believe that a detailed design for the entire lookout area should be prepared based on the Geolink master plan principles. The plan should also include a review of the lighting installations which are attracting unfavourable comment for their impact on the aesthetics of the area and which are also in conflict with literature relating to adverse environmental impacts.

Yours faithfully


Malcolm Milner
President

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From: Heather and David Walker [heathdave@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 11:39 AM
To: Joanne Cordery
Subject: Re: Correspondence - Lennox Headland

Dear Mr Truman,

I strongly oppose this design. Why can the path not enter at car park. Seating on grass.

Next concrete will go all the way to the steps up the hill. Then back down the point!

Regards david walker.

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From: Tim Harrison [tim.harrison55@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 April 2013 2:18 PM
To: Joanne Cordery
Subject: Re: Correspondence - Lennox Headland

Dear John & Joanne

Thank you firstly for holding off the previous works at Pat Morton and secondly for the opportunity to respond to the proposed works.

I love the timber on the chairs! The large slabs in the photo may need to be substituted with planks for practical purposes and presumably cost but the 'softness' of timber and its thermal properties make it a more pleasant surface to sit upon, in my opinion, than aluminium. What is the possibility of replacing the aluminium seating surfaces with timber on the other seats in the development area?

I notice the path at the front of the parking area is 3.5m. That seems wider than the width of the top of the ramp leading to the carpark and I think that keeping the path at the front of the car park only as wide as the ramp would be most desirable. While I appreciate that areas of concrete are practical from a maintenance perspective I find them hot, hard and uninviting.

I do like the examples of concrete you have included. I like the idea of a tinted/colored concrete to give it an appearance like a natural material. Perhaps with a sponged off surface to give it a gravelly look. I'm not sure any other 'patterning' would be aesthetically pleasing.

Again thanks for the opportunity to contribute. It would be great, if possible, to see the final plans before you proceed. I would also appreciate you contacting me again with regard to future works.

Yours faithfully

Tim Harrison

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From: Shame Wolff [wolffies@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2013 8:24 AM
To: John Truman
Cc: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lennox Headland

Dear Mr Truman,

I refer to your letter dated 15 April regarding the design of the replacement seating at the Headland.

You are already aware that I regard this approach by Council as piecemeal in an area that should be regarded with the highest priority – and not dealt with in such an ad hoc manner.

As to the proposal I agree that the design of the proposed seats are much more in keeping with the area than the current aluminium seating. In my view all the seats in this area should be of a consistent design and I would urge Council to replace the existing seats with Mr Tooby's suggested seating. I would strongly urge Council not to use the seats for 'public artwork'.

As to the remainder of the proposal Council is already aware of my strong views on the matter and I cannot agree that a concrete path (with decorated concrete or otherwise) is in keeping with the area.

In my view the proposed concrete kerb could also be fashioned from timber to retain (what remains of) the original character of the area.

Without completely restating all of my concerns in relation to the Headland area in this letter, I strongly reiterate the matters listed in several previous emails to Council most of which I've summarised in my email dated 3 December 2012. The Council is, in my view, not taking a holistic approach to the planning of this site. The future of the Headland as a scenic icon and sacred space for residents and visitors is at stake. The sign at the Headland states 'Share Respect Preserve'. In my view, the Council is not taking sufficient notice of this mantra.

Yours faithfully,
Sharne Wolff.

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To John Truman

9.5.13

Group manager

From: Jane and Craig [cleete@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2013 7:52 AM
To: Joanne Cordery; John Truman
Subject: Re: Correspondence - Lennox Headland

Dear John,

Re: Lennox Headland

Thank you for your efforts regarding Lennox Headland. I would like to support the proposed timber seating options to replace the aluminium seating on the bike path and at Pat Morton Lookout.

I would like to request that further efforts be made including seeking advice from a lawn expert to regrass the area in front of the carpark at Pat Morton, rather than the suggested concrete option. The grass was fine until it was removed in preparation for the concrete path, and may take some time to re-establish itself. I believe quite significant rain is forecast this winter, so possibly some re-seeding or even re-turfing would have a better chance of success now.

I would also like to request a general principal of retaining as NATURAL a feel as possible to be an overall theme when looking at management options for places of such natural beauty and cultural significance as Pat Morton Lookout and the village of Lennox Head and its surrounds, including any proposed walkways and bike paths.

Unity of colour and design elements, designed to blend with our natural environment, I believe is imperative to maintain rather than distract from Lennox's natural beauty.

Of course it is difficult for those who do not use and love these areas to recognise aspects of great importance to our community. For this reason we very much appreciate the opportunity to comment early and in an ongoing manner throughout the process to achieve a really great outcome on projects affecting our community.

Could you please pass on these concerns and suggestions to Councils Manager of Open Spaces and Reserves Ms Jillian Pratten.

Yours sincerely
Susi Cody