



Our Ref: CDOC15/29926

Paul Hickey
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Ballina Shire Council
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hickey'.

Dear Mr Hickey

Re: Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Lennox Head

I refer to earlier correspondence and meetings between Officers of Ballina Shire Council and the Office of Sport regarding access to the Sport and Recreation Centre via the east side of Lake Ainsworth.

This is a request to Council to defer any action to close the road to allow the Office of Sport more time to prepare a proposal for Council's consideration.

The Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre has been an integral part of the Lennox Head/ Community for more than 60 years and is committed to working in partnership with Ballina Shire Council and Crown Lands to conserve the environment around the Lake.

We intend to submit a proposal to Council for the access road on the Eastern side of Lake Ainsworth and look forward to the opportunity to work with you to find a mutually satisfactory outcome to this matter.

In the interim and to show good faith I confirm that subject to funding, it is our intention to reach an agreement including the following commitments:

1. The Office of Sport will reconstruct the existing eastern access road to provide access only to the Sport and Recreation Centre.
2. The re-designed road will be developed in consultation with Council to address environmental and safety concerns.
3. The new road will reduce traffic to a single lane including design measures to prevent parking. Any illegal parking will be managed in partnership with Council.

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4. Ballina Shire Council will be responsible for the demolition of the parking area adjacent to the toilet block north of the Surf Club.
5. We will seek an agreement to share the cost to restore and revegetate areas degraded by urban encroachment beside the Lake and Beach with Council.
6. Ballina Council will be responsible for the proposed relocation of the overhead electricity, the existing Surf Club and associated parking.

The Office of Sport is predominantly funded to provide sporting facilities/services and therefore funding applications will be made to Treasury and the Public Reserves Management Fund Program (Crown Lands) to meet the re-construction costs.

We will also work closely with John Truman, Group Manager of Civil Services Group to finalise the details of the proposal to Council.

I hope you will be able to organise a time for me to present an informal briefing to Councillors prior to the next Council Meeting on 24 September 2015.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and please call me on 8754 7930 to discuss any queries.

Yours sincerely



Paul Doorn
Executive Director
Sport & Recreation
11 September 2015

Cc Kevin Cameron, Area Manager, Department of Primary Industries, Lands