

The following questions were submitted by Mr B Sutherland, Burns Beach:

- Q3 Noting the City's Public Participation Policy 2.6.3, did this Council consult with the public in any way in relation to the proposal to develop Lot 2 Burns Beach prior to the listing of Item CJ434-12/99 before the last Council meeting?
- A3 Council's Policy 2.6.3 relating to public participation recognises the City's commitment to actively involve the community in Council's planning, development and service delivery activities. Accordingly, issues such as local scheme amendments, structure plans, and many development proposals that involve Council determination are advertised widely. This particular proposal is part of an amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme which is initiated and determined by the Western Australian Planning Commission and accordingly the Western Australian Planning Commission is responsible for the advertising and public hearings being conducted. Council's role in this matter is no different from any member of the public in that it is able to make a submission in response to the advertising but is not involved in the conduct of the advertising.
- Q6 In 1995, the EPA held a Public Environmental Review on another proposal to develop Lot 2 at Burns Beach. At that time the then City of Wanneroo made a submission to the EPA which highlighted important environmental issues and recommended considering Lot 2 in the context of the City's own Local Conservation Strategy, and other national and international agreements. Also, the City of Joondalup has a Policy, 2.6.4, on Environmental Sustainability that in part says:
- “The City of Joondalup ... will safeguard environmental quality and well-being for its present and future communities.
In establishing the City's strategic direction in supporting and enhancing environmental sustainability, the City will:
encourage the protection and conservation of the natural environment.”
- Why were these issues seemingly ignored in the preparation of Item CJ434-12/99 that contained the Recommendation (part 2) that stated: “It is not considered appropriate to comment on the structure plan for Burns Beach Western Cell at this stage”?
- A6 It is not considered appropriate to comment on the detail of the Structure Plan for the Burns Beach Western Cell at this stage because the relevance of the concept will be determined by the outcome of the Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment process and it will be appropriate for the City to consider this detail prior to making its determination with regard to the Local Town Planning Scheme amendment and Structure Plan.

Q7 In the agenda for the Commissioners' last meeting on 7 December 1999 re Item CJ434-12/99 near the bottom of Page 59 is the comment, taken straight from the developers proposal, that "Perth's Draft Bushplan reviews and replaces System 6". The Ministry of Planning has advised me that the Bushplan is only a draft and as such had not yet replaced anything; also it is only through this MRS public consultation process that the final boundaries that will eventually replace System 6 will be determined.

Also at the bottom of Page 59 is the statement "The most appropriate mechanism for the protection of this Bushplan Site (No 322) to be considered through the public comment period in consultation with the landowners".

Also in that agenda is a section on the Relevant Legislation that clearly shows that this is the only available time for public comment and completely contradicts the statement that "...there is the opportunity later in the process to provide comment". Noting all these things why didn't the City use this public submission period to make comment on behalf of its constituents?

A7 The statement in Report CJ434-12/99 referred to should have read "Perth's draft BushPlan reviews and is proposed to replace System 6". The process for amending the Metropolitan Region Scheme provides for the advertising of proposals for public inspection and comment. The statement in the report about later opportunities to comment refers to the need for further advertising by the City in relation to the amendment of the Local Town Planning Scheme and the adoption of appropriate Structure Plans.

Q8 I refer to the Clarkson-Butler MRS Amendment Report, and note the last paragraph on page vii of the introduction to the MRS that states: "people writing submissions may choose also to attend a hearing ... where you can express your views to a hearings panel". Will Council consider availing themselves of this opportunity to send a delegation to express the City's views on the issue?

A8 It is understood that the Western Australian Planning Commission is programming hearings for people making submissions on the amendment. Council has the option of requesting a hearing and using that opportunity to convey its position to the Commission.