

# AMENDED REPORT



**Item No:** 6.1  
**Title:** Questions with Notice  
**Department:** Governance

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10 February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

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## 6.1 Questions with Notice

The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

### **Poisoning of Vegetation at Mazlin Reserve and Hockey Oval**

*Can Council investigate further reports by residents of poisoning of vegetation at Mazlin Reserve and the hockey oval?*

Response provided by the Director, Environment and Planning:

Since staff last reported to Council on this matter ie, 26 August 2019, a total of three customer requests have been received regarding vegetation health in this general location.

Council staff have also undertaken a letter box drop to households in the area on 1 November 2019 seeking potential witnesses or evidence in regards to tree vandalism that may have occurred. Council staff have had no response to this to date and no further concerns raised since this date in regards to general vegetation health in the Mazlin Reserve area.

In response to this question, staff carried out inspections of both Mazlin Reserve and the hockey field in Norah Head to define if deliberate tree vandalism has occurred recently. Upon inspection, staff have identified some trees and shrubs in both locations which are displaying signs of decline, however, no evidence of vandalism was observed. The decline of the effected vegetation is likely due to the climatic conditions experienced causing stress to various species of vegetation.

Soil nutrition deficiencies have been addressed to mitigate further decline of the existing vegetation and the sites will be monitor for any sign of deliberate tree vandalism. Council has installed signage requesting anyone with information relating to tree vandalism to report these acts to council.

The following question was submitted by Councillor Smith:

**Council planning staff attending monthly meetings of the UDIA**

On its website, the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) NSW describes itself as “the leading industry body representing the interests of the NSW property development sector.”

At the Public Forum of the Council meeting held on 8 July, 2019, the Chair of the UDIA Central Coast indicated that Council sits in on their regular monthly meetings.

How many monthly meetings of the UDIA Central Coast have planning staff attended between June, 2017 and December, 2019 – and what other stakeholder group meetings have planning staff attended on a monthly basis during that period (excluding Council Advisory Committees and external committees coordinated by government entities)?

Response provided by the Director, Environment and Planning:

This is a complex question requiring research and resources to provide an appropriate response.

As a result it is not possible to provide a response for this Council meeting and it is proposed to provide the response for inclusion in the Business Paper for the meeting of 24 February 2020.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Smith:

**Correspondence to Minister for Planning, The Hon Rob Stokes re. Gosford submissions**

*At the Council meeting of 9 December, 2019, in relation to;*

- *The Kibbleplex/Lederer Group Proposal (SSD-9813 136-146-148 — Donnison Street, Gosford); and*
- *The St Hilliers Property Proposal (SSD-10114 – 26-32 Mann Street – Old Gosford Primary School site).*
- *The Central Coast Leagues Club Redevelopment – Concept Application, SSD 10374*

*Council resolved that:*

1235/19 *That Council request that the Mayor, as a matter of urgency, write to the Minister for Planning, The Hon Rob Stokes:*

- a) *requesting that alternate timeframes and referral processes be established in consultation with Council, especially given the*

*short timeframe for comment, the complexity/scale of the proposals, the wide range of disciplines that are required to be considered and in order to allow appropriate engagement with the Council and the community.*

- b) *Formally objecting to the proposals based on the submissions prepared by Council staff.*

*Can staff please advise when this correspondence was sent to the Minister and provide a copy of the letter, and any reply from the Minister, to Councillors.*

Response provided by the Director, Environment and Planning:

Formal correspondence from Mayors Office to the Minister for Planning was signed and issued on 23 December 2019. Attached to that correspondence, for the information of the Minister, was a full copy of the Mayoral Minute. A copy of the Mayors letter is included as at Attachment to this agenda.

To date, no response has been received from the Ministers office, or his delegate.

Please note that, following issuing of the letter to the Minister, staff have also forwarded a copy of the Mayors correspondence to senior staff within the Department of Planning Industry & Environment, including executive departmental officers who oversee assessment of State Significant Development Applications.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

**Federal Sports Grants**

*Did Central Coast Council apply for any Federal Sports Grants in the 12 months prior to the Federal Election, and if so, which grants were successful and which were unsuccessful?*

Response provided by the Executive Manager, Innovation and Futures

This is answered in Attachment 1

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**Attachments**

- 1 Question on Notice - Federal Sports Grants D13796458