

AMENDED ITEM

Item No: 5.1
Title: Questions with Notice
Department: Governance



9 September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

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5.1 Questions with Notice

The following question was submitted by Councillor Sundstrom:

What progress has been made regarding a redesign for the proposed Winney Bay Clifftop Walk?

Response provided by the Director of Environment and Planning:

An in-house scoping document for the path and viewing platform of the Winney Bay Clifftop Walk has been prepared in accordance with Council's previous resolutions. This document will be used as the basis for the development of a concept design.

Council will seek quotes from consultants, once negotiations regarding funding from Infrastructure NSW (INSW) have finalised and the final endorsed scope of works is known. This has not yet been issued to a consultant with staff being aware of recent further negotiations between Infrastructure NSW and Council.

The completed designs will then be shared with the community for consultation and plans provided to Council for consideration as per resolution arising from the Ordinary Meeting on 10 December 2018.

The following question was submitted by Councillor Sundstrom:

What contact has been made with the local Aboriginal Communities with regards to ensuring that they have the opportunity to have direct input and that there is the appropriate recognition and respect paid to the indigenous heritage of the location?

Response provided by the Director of Environment and Planning:

During the original concept design phase, consultation meetings were held within the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC) including DLALC Planning and Development Officer and DLALC Project Officer Culture and Heritage.

An onsite meeting was conducted with an Indigenous resident of Copacabana and Local Indigenous representatives of the Five Lands Walk, Gavin Duncan and Phil Bligh. Gavin

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Duncan and Phil Bligh, have been continually consulted throughout the project.

An archaeological assessment of the Winney Bay Reserve has recently been completed. This assessment was undertaken with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) from both Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation.

Input has been requested from both Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation and Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation, with no responses received. Further input will be gathered upon community consultation on the concept, as required by Council's resolution arising from the Ordinary Meeting on 10 December 2018.

The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

Potential water restrictions for the Central Coast Council area

What are the current water levels as of this council meeting and what is the current likelihood of the Central Coast entering into water restrictions in the coming months?

Response provided by the Director Water and Sewer:

Central Coast Council's water supply scheme includes three dams – Mangrove Creek Dam, Mardi Dam and Mooney Dam. Mangrove Creek Dam is significantly larger than Mooney and Mardi Dams and is therefore considered to be our primary water storage and for this reason it is the level of Mangrove Creek Dam that our water restriction triggers are based on. The current storage levels in each of the dams is as follows:

Mangrove Creek Dam – 52.5%

Mardi Dam – 87.4%

Mooney Dam – 100%

Total Storage – 54.86%

In February 2019, Council resolved to adjust the trigger for level 1 water restrictions from 42% to 50% storage in Mangrove Creek Dam. It is difficult to predict exactly when Mangrove Creek Dam will drop to 50% as there are a number of operating variables within the water supply scheme. However, we anticipate water restrictions may be imposed towards the end of this year or early next year, based on no major increase in average consumption, no additional rainfall in the catchment and no water quality issues in the dams.

The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

Can Council please provide an explanation of how council identifies potholes and roads most in need of rectification work and how we are currently progressing with these road repair works in the CCLGA at the time of this council meeting?

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Response provide by the Director Roads, Transport, Drainage and Waste:

This question as provided requires resources to prepare a detailed 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 the inclusion in the Business Paper for the meeting of 23 September 2019.

Attachments

Nil