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The General Manager  
Port Stephens Council  
RAYMOND TERRACE

Dear Mr Wallis

**Re: TRRA Inc Presentation to PSC Meeting 26 May 2015 - Process for Inviting Proposals for Development of Nelson Bay Car Park Sites**

For your information please find attached a copy of the presentation made by Geoffrey Washington to Council in public access at the meeting held on 26 May 2015.

I would like to confirm that TRRA's interest in this matter is based on our long standing interest in ensuring that development in the Nelson Bay Town Centre is to the highest possible standard. TRRA and other Community Groups made a major commitment over 5 years to the preparation of the Nelson Bay Town Centre and Foreshore Strategy 2020 and other associated planning documents affecting this precinct.

Council has adopted these strategies and we would hope that future developments in the town centre will have early reference to the adopted standards and planning concepts in the course of their conceptualization and subsequently when they are being assessed as DAs.

Against this background TRRA Inc believes that in inviting proposals, the attention of all potential applicants should be notified of all of the relevant background documentation. Not only would this save them time in researching the context of any proposal, it would save Council staff time in personally briefing each interested party on a one by one basis. Most importantly interested parties would be impressed by the fact that there is a long-term strategy in place to achieve orderly and high quality development in the Nelson Bay area where we are inviting them to invest.

It is our belief that there must be clear benefits for the Council and the community if interested parties are advised of the relevant documents and planning



initiatives **even at this late stage**. This ought to result in much better outcomes and a firmer basis for short- listing proponents for further negotiations.

TRRA Inc would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to discuss this in more detail.

Yours faithfully

**Terry Wall**  
**President**  
**Tomaree Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.**

Attachment: Presentation made by Geoffrey Washington to PSC Meeting in public Access 26.5.15

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