



Mr. David Broyd
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Port Stephens Council

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Dear David

RE: Proposed process to finalise the Nelson Bay 2030 Strategy and a Revised Nelson Bay Local Environment Plan and associated Design Codes and Development Control Plan.

The Management Committee of the Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association at last night's meeting was informed by its representatives on the NBTFAG that the Patrick Partners report posted on Council's website will be the subject of consultations on 12 March 2010. This will involve representatives of member groups comprising NBTFAG, selected community interest groups e.g. Apex, the NSW Land and Property Management Authority, Ardent Leisure (Macquarie Bank) and East Ward Councillors. We are also informed that this meeting is to be preceded by a Business Breakfast where a presentation and discussion is also to take place.

TRRA has not received advice from Council on these meetings and resolved to make this inquiry to confirm details and to inquire as to their objectives, agenda and format and their place in the consultation process relating to this report. Will there be another open public meeting? Our contact with residents, businesses, and visitors indicates a very low level of awareness of what has been proposed and high levels of concern in relation to most of the core concepts.

We would also appreciate details of the process (including for consultation and public exhibition) to be followed in finalizing, the 2030 Strategy and the revision of the Port Stephens Environmental Plan and Associated Development Control Plan to be applied to the Nelson Bay CBD.

In particular we would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. Will TRRA be receiving an invitation to the meetings on 12 March?

2. Will there be any further amendments to the Patrick Partners Report before these meetings? (We noted that the December version had been amended in significant aspects)
3. Will TRRA have an opportunity to explain, in a separate meeting, its own detailed submission on the Patrick Partners Report forwarded in November 2009?
4. Will there be any wider public consultation on the draft Patrick Partners Report?
5. Is it intended to place the Patrick Partners report on Public Exhibition and if so, when?
6. TRRA considers that the Draft Design Codes and Development Control Plan should be tools to implement the broader visions and parameters set out in the 2030 Strategy. Has the Draft 2030 Strategy been progressed over the last year and will it be revised as a basis for finalizing the Patrick Partners Report?
7. Will a final revised draft of the Nelson Bay 2030 Strategy (presumably incorporating the outcomes of the Patrick Partners report) be placed on Public Exhibition?
8. Will there be reports to Council seeking approval for Public Exhibition of these documents, and will these be made available in the Agenda papers?
9. Will there be Reports to Councillors on the submissions received from public exhibition and will these be accessible to the public?
10. What will be the process for drafting and adoption of the revised Local Environmental Plan for the Nelson Bay CBD and any associated Design Codes and a Development Control Plan?

Your advice will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association.