



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

10th May 2005

DSDS5	LOCAL AGENDA 21 TEAM – ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FILE: 298 WEW
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SUMMARY:

Reporting that Council has received additional expressions of interest from persons interested in serving on the Local Agenda 21 Team (Ecological Sustainable Development).



At its meeting of 14th December 2004, Council resolved:

- "A *That Council adopt the ESD Policy.*
- B *That Council seek expressions of interest from members of the community wishing to join the Agenda 21 Team to comprise of:-*
- *Nine (9) Community representatives*
 - *One (1) representative of the Aboriginal Community*
 - *Two (2) Councillors*
 - *The Director of Sustainable Development Services or his nominee".*

Expressions of interest were subsequently received from eight (8) nominees which were reported to Council's meeting of 8th March 2005. Council resolved:-

- "1 *That Council make application to the LGSA to have an ESD Workshop.*
- 2 *That Councillors Howell and Green be authorised to attend the ESD Workshop.*
- 3 *That the LGSA be asked to organise an in-house training program for the community members of the Committee."*

Council further resolved:

“That Council write to each of the people who have nominated thanking them for their nomination and advising that Council is extending the period of nomination, until the 8th April 2005, to seek broader representation from the community for this Committee.”

A second round of invitations for expressions of interest was advertised and three additional nominations were received. Council’s Aboriginal Liaison Officer has consulted with the Kempsey Aboriginal Lands Council (ALC), who has put forward their representative (Mr Gerald Hoskins) for the Team. All of the submissions from the general community may be summarised as follows: [\(Appendix K, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4\)](#)

Nominee	Areas of Interest	Community Involvement	Relevant Professional Experience
Mr RB Gammon	Science and Technology, ESD	DCP22 Planning Committee	Lectured in Environmental Studies with ESD as Principal Focus, Wide range of experience in field of Science and Technology
Ms Riitta Kytola	Architectural Technology, ESD	Macleay Valley Arts Society, Made in the Macleay	Student – Architectural Technology, Ecologically Sustainable Residential Building Design
Mr Michael Hinchey	Law, Environmental Law, ESD	Friends of South West Rocks	Sound knowledge of environmental law and understanding in the processes and structures of local, state and federal government.
Mr Robert Barnett	Applied Science & Environmental Health, Aboriginal and European Culture, Youth, ESD	Wide range of community health programs and education	Trainee Environmental Health Officer (North Coast Area Health Service). Education Programs
Ms Alison Brown	Environmental Science, Environmental Policy & Economics and Environmental Planning	None submitted	Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board, Environmental Planning Consultant.
Mr John Jeayes	ESD, Environmental and Coastal	Has sat on many Council committees - refer	Hon Secretary of the North Coast Environmental

	Management, active in Community groups and committees.	letter. Pres. Crescent Head Ratepayers and residents Association. Recent involvement in ESD Policy and State of the Environment public meeting.	Committee, President of Big Nobby Committee, Tidy Towns committee, MVCC, Environmental Education
Ms Jenny Sproule	ESD, active in Community groups and committees.	Has sat on many Council committees – refer letter.	Former Local Government Representative, Arts Mid North Coast, Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Trevor Scott	Development and Planning Issues, ESD, Coastal Environment	Pres. Friends of South West Rocks, SWR Ratepayers and Residents Association, Tennis and Country Club	Architect
Barry L Ramke	Agriculture, ESD, Environment	NSW Farmers Association, National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Committee, Macleay Flood Risk Management and Kempsey Bushfire Management Committees	Primary Producer, Treasurer of Macleay branch of NSW Farmer Association, Heavy Equipment Repairer and Operator – Diesel Mechanic and Heavy Equipment Fitter
Douglas Head	Business, Forestry/Timber, Environment, Science	Chairman Lyne Electoral Council (National Party), Deputy Chairman of the Cooperative Research Centre – Wood Innovations, Director National Association Forestry Industries. Mid North Coast Regional Development Board, Hastings Hospital Board, Forest and Wood Products Research Development Corporation and Camdem Haven Assoc. for regional Performing Arts.	Managing Director Australian Solar Timbers, Degrees in Medicine and Masters in Health Planning.
Kevin Hill	ESD	President South	None provided.

		West Rocks Ratepayers & Citizens Association Inc.	
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The above submissions received reflect a wide range of experience and expertise.

Environmental Implications

In making a commitment to the principles of ESD Council will aim to protect and enhance biological diversity and essential life processes for the benefit of future generations. The submissions received to date include prospective team members with strong backgrounds in Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Environmental Education, Human Health and an understanding of the principles of ESD.

Social Implications

In making a commitment to ESD and undertaking a Local Agenda 21 program Council will be better able to valuate and serve the social needs of the community. Local Agenda 21 will strive to build a healthy and vibrant community whereby the community embraces and takes ownership of the principles of ESD. The submissions received to date include prospective team members with experience in the preparation of social and cultural programs, including community health and education programs.

Economic Implications

Council will need to appropriately resource the Agenda 21 program that will include, but not be limited to, providing public education and promoting the principles of ESD. In the longer term Council should expect significant cost savings from the efficiencies driven out of the Local Agenda 21 process, while realising sustainable economic development for Kempsey Shire.

Conclusion

It is important that the group be comprised of a wide cross-section of Environmental, Social and Economic interests. The limited number submissions to date do appear to express a significant amount of experience and interest in the areas of environmental sustainability, development issues, social and cultural development, community health, science, agriculture and business.

The Team should represent a broad spectrum of community stakeholders, while maintaining its focus on ecological protection through the promotion of sustainable programs and outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council accept the Aboriginal Land Council's nominated representative for the Local Agenda 21 Team and that a letter be drafted to thanking the ALC for their input.**

- 2 That the nine (9) community representatives be determined by Council.**

- 3 That the nominees from the general community be contacted and advised of the outcome of the selection process and that all are thanked for their expressions of interest.**

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