



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8th August 2006

DCS5	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OR PURCHASE OF AIR SPACE OVER CARPARKS
	FILE: 922 SJR

SUMMARY:

Reporting expressions of interest for the sale/lease of air space over Council car parks.



DESCRIPTION:

Council resolved at the November 2005 meeting to invite expressions of interest for the sale or lease of air space over Council owned car parks in Clyde Street, Stuart Street East, Edinburgh Lane and Rankine Street.

Expressions of interest were advertised in the Macleay Argus on Tuesday, 4th July 2006, and notification of the Expression of Interest was placed on Council's web site.

At the close of the Expression of Interest Council received three (3) written expressions of interest which are attached at [\(Appendix D\)](#). Respondents simply registered an interest in the properties and none of the submissions contained any detail of proposals for usage of the areas nor details of a financial offer.

Subsequent to the Expression of Interest process correspondence was received from Mr Andrew Stoner MP making representations on behalf of Mr & Mrs King of Crescent Head who had furnished a petition with sixty eight (68) signatories [\(Appendix E\)](#). The petition objects to inviting further retail shops to the village, allowing high rise and constructing expensive holiday accommodation.

Further discussions with respondents should clarify intended usage for the air space and ensure that any proposals are consistent with

Council's planning process and the community's vision needs for the future.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

No implications until proposals can be clarified.

- *Social*

No implications until proposals can be clarified.

- *Economic (Financial)*

No implications until proposals can be clarified.

- *Policy or Statutory*

No implications

- *General Managers or Directors Review*

The invitation for expressions of interest did not generate any significant response at this stage. Discussions will be held with proponents.

Alternatively, Council may wish to consider the allocation of an appropriate budget for high profile advertising of the investment opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That informal discussion be held with Expression of Interest respondents with a report summarising proposed uses for the airspace submitted to a future meeting of Council.

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