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## **re: PMHC Draft One Year Operational Plan 2014 – 2015**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft One Year Operational Plan 2014-2015, a document which is more accessible to the community and a considerable improvement on last year's Draft Delivery Program and Draft Operational Plan.

In addition, Council is to be commended for ensuring that all ratepayers had the opportunity to view the documents and discuss issues with Council staff which has, hopefully, resulted in informed submissions and comments.

Details of the BHPA submission are:

1.5.1.3 The ability, or otherwise, of PMHC to respond appropriately to correspondence is a major challenge and annual monitoring is neither effective nor acceptable. In addition, how do the staff monitoring compliance know if mail/email inquiries have been answered without monitoring them?

2.1.2.2&3 These plans should be communicated to residents via local media, community organisations and networks to ensure awareness and compliance.

3.2.3.9 This site has been suggested for light industrial use for a number of years. However, there are a number of concerns that must be addressed including the proximity to the Queens Lake State Conservation Area, Queens Lake Nature Reserve and established wildlife corridors. In addition to the need for the suitability of this site to be fully assessed, PMHC must conduct a feasibility study of the Laurieton Bayside Industrial Park's ability to satisfy the needs of future residents of Area 14.

There must also be questions as to the suitability/validity of the existing use of the site – surely not an excellent gateway to the beautiful Camden Haven! Finally, given that this site is south of Houston Mitchell Drive, is it Lake Cathie or Bonny Hills?

4.1.1.4&5 The BHPA welcomes the opportunity to be involved with these programs and will provide support, either in kind, financially or manpower where ever possible.

4.7.1.1 The BHPA has supported the development of the KPOM and associated vegetation maps for a number of years will continue to work with Council to ensure that this vital project is completed within the indicated timeframe. A more detailed submission on this issue will be submitted in due course.

5.1.1.3(b&c) The BHPA strongly supports this allocation although we note that large sections of Houston Mitchell Drive, one of the busiest rural roads in the LGA, will remain unsatisfactory.

5.1.1.4 (d) The lack of a footpath on Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and Beach Street (south) has been the subject of many meetings and a large volume of correspondence over recent years. The BHPA urges PMHC to allocate funds to rectify this dangerous situation immediately.

5.2.1.3 The intersection of Ocean Drive and Bonny View Drive has been the subject of many requests for a street light over the years. Although the recently completed work has improved this intersection, it is still dangerous at night especially when travelling south. The installation of a street light at this intersection should be part of the overall program in the area.

5.3.1.1 (a) The BHPA strongly supports the development of these playing fields and urges PMHC and the Department of Education and Communities to work together to ensure that this facility is built in a timely manner.

5.3.1.2 (a) On many occasions, the BHPA has drawn to Council's attention the inadequacy of signage on the Reserves. Many signs are outdated, others are contradictory and some are difficult to interpret. We also note that the Lake Cathie Progress Association has recently made submissions to PMHC re dog signage on Reserves and Beaches. Residents will welcome the updating of all Reserve signs.

5.3.1.4 (b) As this initiative is part of the Bonny Hills Reserves Masterplan, the BHPA recommends that this item read: *Relocate picnic shelters/BBQs as per Bonny Hills Reserves Masterplan and associated works*. This will allow greater flexibility in the usage of the funds while still benefiting the Bonny Hills Community.

5.3.1.4 (o) The BHPA strongly supports this project and is actively working with PMHC and seeking grant funding from government and non-government sources. There has already been excellent progress with improved maintenance and community support.

5.3.1.4 (p) There have been drainage concerns at Rainbow Beach Reserve for many years and the BHPA welcomes the funding to address these issues.

5.5.1.2 (b) The opportunity to create a cycle/walkway above the Trunk Main should not be lost. The infrastructure involved with the Trunk Main will create a corridor from the Pacific Highway to Ocean Drive and PMHC must investigate this option.

In our submission last year, we noted our disappointment at the failure of PMHC to plan any further investigation of the proposed Bonny Hills bypass and no funds have been allocated for 2014 – 2015. A problem arises with the bypass being maintained “in limbo” on Council's books in that it puts other planning decisions on hold. Council needs to resolve this impasse so that other high priority road works can proceed along Ocean Drive and in the wider Bonny Hills area.

Yours sincerely,

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