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re: PMHC Draft One Year Operational Plan 2018 – 2019

Dear Craig,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft One Year Operational Plan 2018-2019.

As you are aware the Bonny Hills community has been involved in 4 public meetings with Council in the last six months – three of these as part of Council's trial of its ECWOC process for developing a Community Plan for the village, and the fourth being convened by a local resident primarily regarding concerns about the sewerage system and possible overflows into an adjacent creek.

While yet to be definitively prioritised, the ECWOC meetings have effectively listed the primary concerns of Bonny Hills residents. The immediate opportunity is to take the 'low hanging fruit' and embed these into the 2018-19 Operation Plan (OP); otherwise these issues will not be addressed for at least two years.

Clear examples are to complete short connections between existing pathways; and to address obvious safety issues. (A major concern to BHPA is that beyond the two large coastal pathway projects there is only \$500k¹ allocated for pathways in the OP [4.4.1.03cw] for the entire LGA!!)

Item 3.1.2.2 regarding an assessment of the capacity of land on the corner of Ocean and Houston-Mitchell Drives to serve as light industrial site for Bonny Hills, Lake Cathie and Area 14, received considerable attention at the ECWOC meetings – mainly in the negative because of its restricted size and poor location at the gateway to the villages. Jon Slater suggested a larger alternative site in his submission to Council's UGMS. This alternative should be considered as part of the assessment.

The fourth meeting mentioned above elicited guarantees from Director Alex Fisher that the alleged issues raised would be investigated and remedied, along with improved communication by Council in future. Again, these items should be embedded in the 2018-19 OP (4.1.3.12cw/4.1.4.5cw). We note that items 4.1.6.8cw and 4.1.6.9cw are likely, at least in part, to address storm water issues related to sewage overflows in the Rodley Street area.

¹ For multi-purpose 2.5m wide pathways, we estimate that \$500k will enable less than 2km for the entire LGA
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Of concern to BHPA is that item 4.8.3.1 regarding implementation of Council's Biodiversity Strategy Actions provides no detail and has no budget allocation! To plagiarise - 'please explain'!

Outstanding issues:

Area-wide traffic study (multi-year project) – The BHPA submission to the 2016-17 Operational Plan stated: *5.2.1.4 The BHPA requests that results of the Area Wide Traffic Study be made available to the Association and other Community Groups.* The PMHC response stated: *Access to the Area Wide Traffic Study will be available to all of the community when the study is considered by Council through a future report to Council following completion of study.* The BHPA requests an update on the study and advice as to when meaningful data will be available.

Similarly, BHPA has not been apprised of the outcomes of a project contained in Council's 2017-18 Operational Plan, particularly as they relate to Bonny Hills and surrounds:

4.4.1.32 Commence corridor planning - Kendall Road - Ocean Drive

- Hastings River Drive regional road corridor (MR538 / MR600) (multi-year project)

The results from this study should provide a foundation for a strategic approach to resolving vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian problems along Ocean Drive

We were pleased to note the water supply and reclaimed water projects itemised in section 4.1.1. that should provide improved services in our local area.

The BHPA would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this submission with Council as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary

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