

# OBERON COUNCIL

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**Present:** Ian Tucker (in the Chair); Councillor Clive McCarthy; Stuart Peden, RTA; Snr Const Luke Cole and Grant Sheldon, RTA.

**Visitors:** Rodney Anderson, Visy, Tumut; Julie Lucato, Forests NSW; Phil Mock, FDC, Tumut; Mark Gillespie, FDC, Bathurst and Mike Freeman, Forests NSW.

## Apologies

Councillor Handelsmann and Mr Tim Charge.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 June 2011 were accepted. (Peden/McCarthy).

## Business Arising from Minutes

Item 8 – Carrington Avenue/Rupert Street Intersection – Council did not accept the recommendation that this be referred to the 2012/13 estimates.

Item 10 – Edith Road/Butterfactory Lane Intersection – Stuart Peden will again speak to Bob Walker about any funding which may be available for this intersection.

## Declarations of Interest

Nil

## General Business

### 1. Discussion with Forests NSW and Contractors

Considerable discussions were held with the visitors from Forests NSW and contractors in relation to B-Double routes. This arose from the Committee's consideration of a number of B-Double applications at its previous meeting.

The discussions included:

- Explanation of the controls and checks in place to ensure haulage is conducted only on approved roads.
- Explanation of the factors which determine whether B-Double routes can be approved.
- Discussion of measures which may be taken to improve a route to make it suitable for B-Doubles.

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- Advice from the RTA about the new draft guidelines to be released shortly, and the possible measures to ensure that all property accesses used by B-Doubles are suitable.
- A suggestions that a regional group be formed to look at timber haulage issues in a more holistic manner.

Forests NSW and FDC intend to resubmit some previously rejected applications, suitably modified in an effort to overcome the Committee's concerns, and possibly including upgrading of roads where necessary to comply with the route assessment guidelines.

The visitors then left the meeting.

## **2. B-Double Application – Edith Road**

An application has been received from 2RB's Transport to operate 25m B-Doubles on Edith Road, extending the approved route from "Lochgary" to near Bastard Point Road.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it is considered to be unsuitable due to inadequate turning radius and sight distance at the proposed terminal points.

The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Doubles access on Edith Road, from "Lochgary" to near Bastard Point Road, not be approved (Cole/Peden – unanimous)

The applicant will also be advised that their practice of splitting trucks on Edith Road opposite "Lochgary" may not be safe, and that they should consider other options.

## **3. HML Access – Hazelgrove Road**

An application has been received from the RTA to approve Higher Mass Limits (HML) on Hazelgrove Road, from Albion Street to Oberon Abattoir, for eligible freight operators.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it is considered to be suitable. The critical factor for approval of HML routes is the load capacity of bridges or other structures.

The Committee recommends that the application for Higher Mass Limit access on Hazelgrove Road, from Albion Street to Oberon Abattoir, for eligible freight operators be approved.

## **4. RV Parking**

The VIC Manager enquired about establishing a parking area for recreational vehicles, as part of promoting Oberon as an RV friendly town. The area suggested is on the east side of Ross Street, between Oberon and Queen Streets.

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This would require the parking zone to be altered from angle to parallel parking to allow larger vehicles to use it. The signs should read "RV Parking Only", although whether they could be enforced is doubtful.

The Committee could see little benefit in establishing this parking area. It noted there are many existing parallel parking zones close to the shopping centre where recreational vehicles can and do park.

The Committee recommends that no action be taken on establishing a parking area for recreational vehicles.

## Recommendations

1. The application for 25m B-Doubles access on Edith Road, from "Lochgary" to near Bastard Point Road, not be approved (Cole/Peden – unanimous).
2. The application for Higher Mass Limit access on Hazelgrove Road, from Albion Street to Oberon Abattoir, for eligible freight operators be approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the meeting closed at 3.15pm

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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