

## OBERON COUNCIL

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**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor K Sullivan (in the Chair), Councillors M J McMahon, N Francis, C L McCarthy R O’Bernier and Z Handelsmann.

**Staff:** The Acting General Manager, Mr John Chapman; the Director of Development, Mr Ralph Tambasco; the Senior Development Control Officer, Jaclyn Burns..

**Department of Planning:** The Executive Director, Planning Operations, NSW Department of Planning, Mr Neil McGaffin; representing the Western Region Department of Planning, Ms Lois Gray.

The meeting was called to discuss the progress of the LEP and, in particular, proposed minimum lot sizes and the Biddle Subdivision at O’Connell.

During the course of the meeting a bus tour of relevant areas was undertaken. Areas visited included:

- Titania Estate
- Industrial area
- The Reef
- Faugha Ballaugha Road
- Lowes Mount Road and Mutton Falls Road to O’Connell
- The O’Connell area
- Return to Oberon

Councillors McMahon and Francis left the meeting at O’Connell at approximately 1:15pm.

During the course of the meeting, the following matters were discussed and clarified:

- Mr McGaffin advised the meeting that:
  - The land use strategy consultant reports directly to Council
  - The consultant is aware of the policies of the Department of Planning
  - The consultant produces the report for council and council is entitled to modify the report
  - The Department of Planning is willing to look at variable lot sizes, but council needs to be able to provide justification of minimum lot sizes where they are proposed to be less than those recommended by the consultant in accordance with Department’s policies.
  - The Department of planning prefers settlements to be located close to townships
  - Land Use Studies need to involve relevant Government agencies

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- In order to facilitate an acceleration of the completion of the LEP, the Department of Planning will:
  - Contact the Land Use Strategy consultant requesting finalisation of the strategy urgently, setting a deadline for completion.
  - Recognise the need to move forward without undue delay, following completion of the land use strategy, to facilitate early completion of the LEP.

The matter of appropriate declarations of interest by Councillors who participate in the decision-making process and associated with the adoption of the new LEP was raised. The Acting General Manager undertook to investigate the matter and ensure the necessary procedures are in place to protect elected members.

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 2.45pm.

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

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