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General Manager
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Attention General Manager,
Reference LEP2013

Dear General Manager,

Reading the existing Lithgow City Council Environmental Plan, and the current draft Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP2013), there are particular phrases and sentences and words that are consistently mentioned. These are protecting, enhancing and conserving. These words are used in relation to timber, minerals, soil, water quality, stream environment and other natural resources, places of significance for nature or heritage conservation and places or features of high scenic or recreational value.

The main aim in the existing plan, aims to recognise and promote the City of Lithgow as a desirable and viable place in which to live and to visit and invest.

Secondly, the Council aims to encourage the proper management, development and conservation of natural resources and the built environment within the City of Lithgow, by protecting, enhancing and conserving as listed in the documents. (Please to refer to the aims and objectives in your current and draft LEP).

Quoting the draft proposed LEP 2013 "The particular aims of this plan are as follows

- a) to encourage sustainable and planned development that complements the unique character and amenity of Lithgow City and enhances its towns, villages and rural areas...
- b) vi) protects and enhances environmentally sensitive areas, ecological systems, areas of high scenic, recreational, landscape or conservation value and areas that have potential to contribute to improved environmental outcomes

All of these aims and objectives seem to be at odds and in direct conflict with the proposed Coalpac Consolidation Project (CCP). There is not one aspect of that development which fits the terminology, protects, enhances and conserves the natural and man-made environment of the Cullen Bullen village and its surrounds.

I find it difficult to understand that the Lithgow City Council advocates and endorses and promotes such a project which clearly does not fit any of its local environmental plan objectives.

Further to this, according to the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC1) Executive Summary page iii "...there is no example of rehabilitated mature woodland on an open cut mine in NSW." Further on page iv "there are also significant risks to Aboriginal rock shelters."

My question is ...Have all protocols been met in relation to these

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potential archeological sites, involving the Local Aboriginal community as set out in the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974?

In relation to the rehabilitation of the proposed CCP mine site, if the current standard of rehabilitation that exists in Cullen Bullen today is what we can expect of future rehabilitation efforts, then the negative environmental and visual impact fall short of Councils LEP 2013 aims and expectations.

It is clearly evident that the aims and objectives of the current LEP and the draft LEP2013 are diabolically opposed to the proposed CCP.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment .

Yours sincerely

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