

Additional background information for context

The Shire has recently received an application for Development Approval (and associated Extractive Industry Licence) for an extractive industry at Lot 150 (#792) Clydesdale Road, Grass Valley.

On the 24th of July 2018, the Shire's Planning staff first gave notice of the application to landowners within a 2.2km radius of the subject site, including landowners along the Clydesdale Road haulage route who, in the opinion of Planning staff, might be affected by the proposal. During this time, the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIS) submitted with the application was referred to Main Roads WA (MRWA) for comments. On the 9th of August 2018, MRWA advised the Shire that there are issues with the intersection of Clydesdale Road and Great Eastern Highway (GEH) as the existing intersection layout does not allow correct turning swept paths for heavy vehicles turning left from GEH into Clydesdale Road.

MRWA noted that it preferred the transport route from Lot 150 along Clydesdale / Jennapullin / Keane and Vivian Street to GEH is used as no further improvements would be required. This advice was subsequently relayed to the applicant who reengaged their traffic engineer with a request to revisit the TIS consistent with MRWA's advice. An updated TIS that meets MRWA's advice was submitted to the Shire on the 13th August 2018.

Given the updated TIS constituted material changes to the proposal, the Shire's Planning staff elected to extend the advertising period to include all the ratepayers in Grass Valley townsite, inviting comments until 10 September 2018. 37 objections were received during the statutory advertising period.

An Item was presented to the Council of the Shire of Northam at the Forum meeting held on 14th November 2018, however, was withdrawn from the Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st November 2018 at the request of the Applicants to enable them to investigate the potential for an alternative haulage route via Watson Road.

The Shire's Planning staff have elected to readvertise the revised proposal, the details of which is attached to the advertisement.

We wish to advise that prior formal submissions will continue to be taken into consideration. Comments based on the revised proposal is encouraged.

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