

OUR PLACE OUR FUTURE

Community Engagement Strategy Feedback Report

26 April - 28 May 2022



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Community Engagement Strategy

Council, at the Ordinary Meeting of 26 April 2022, resolved to place the Integrated Planning Framework on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 27 April to 28 May 2022.

The Framework consists of the following documents:

- Our Place, Our Future Community Strategic Plan 2035
- Our Place, Our Future Combined 2022-2026 Delivery Program & 2022/23 Operational Plan
- Our Place, Our Future 2022/23 Revenue Policy
- Our Place, Our Future 2022/23 Fees & Charges
- Our Place, Our Future 2022-2032 Long-term Financial Plan
- Our Place, Our Future 2022-2032 Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Our Place, Our Future 2022-2026 Workforce Plan

Copies of the plan were made available at the following locations:

- Councils' Our Place Our Future website: www.ourplaceourfuture.lithgow.com
- Council Administration Centre
- Lithgow Library Learning Centre
- Wallerawang Library
- Portland Library

Council developed a comprehensive community engagement strategy which was designed to enable community members to make informed submissions to the Draft Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework.

- Two Media Releases were distributed to local and regional media on Tuesday 27 April with release dates scheduled to align with promotion of the Community Information Sessions.
 1. Have your say on the 2022/23 Local Infrastructure Program
 2. Proposed Changes to Water Charges
- One video – [An explanation of the proposed water pricing structure 2022/23](#) which was available on YouTube with links from www.ourplaceourfuture.lithgow.com, Facebook and Instagram.
- Radio Advertising on both 2LT and MOVE FM from 13 – 25 May 2022.
- Promotion of media releases via:
 - Council Connections – weekly subscriber eNewsletter – 703 recipients.
 - Lithgow Business & Tourism Matters – Monthly eNewsletter – 1,357 recipients
 - Council Column in the Village Voice
- Attendance at Pop-up Café's by the Corporate Communications Team held in Glen Davis (3 May) and Dargan (17 May) to discuss the IPR (Integrated Planning and Reporting) Suite of documents and answer any questions by residents (2 submissions were received from residents from Dargan).

Posts to Council's Facebook Page				
Post	Post Reach	Reactions	Shares	Link Clicks
It's Our Place, Our Future – Have Your Say!	2,511	33	7	141
You're invited to have your say – Tell us your vision for the future of the Lithgow LGA (Local Government Area).	2,090	11	9	40
Have your say on the 2022/23 Local Infrastructure Program	581	0	0	4
An explanation of the proposed water pricing structure 2022/23 - video	475	0	0	30
Mayor Statham inspected new safety fencing at Hammond Park	2,847	83	7	303
Have you visited the Our Place, Our Future Website	403	47	3	31
Have your say – An explanation of the proposed water pricing structure 2022/23 – video (reposted)	1,597	36	4	156
You're Invited to have your say – Facebook headers (1)	404	49	6	31
\$10m transport program proposed in 2022/23	2,601	25	3	196

- **Reach** - The number of people who saw your post at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your post by the same people. This metric is estimated.
- **Facebook Post reactions** - The number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content: Like, Love, Haha, Wow, Sad or Angry.
- **Facebook post shares** - The number of shares of your post.
- **Link clicks** - The number of clicks on links within the ad that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook. For ads promoting Instagram profile views, link clicks include clicks on the ad header or comments that led to the advertiser's profile. Link clicks were to www.ourplaceourfuture.lithgow.com

Posts to Council's Instagram Page				
Post	Accounts reached	Impressions	Interactions	Likes
It's Our Place, Our Future – Have Your Say!	109	136	3	2
You're invited to have your say – Tell us your vision for the future of the Lithgow LGA.	63	67	0	2
An explanation of the proposed water pricing structure 2022/23 - video	57 Views of the video on Instagram			
Mayor Statham inspected new safety fencing at Hammond Park	126	137	2	5
Have you visited the Our Place, Our Future Website	62	70	0	0
\$10m transport program proposed in 2022/23	133	161	1	8

Video Posts to Council's YouTube Page

Post	Views
An explanation of the proposed water pricing structure 2022/23 - video	109

Website

The Integrated Planning Framework document suite was included on Council's [Our Place Our Future website](#) under [On Exhibition](#). Visitors to the site were able to view the documents of interest to them and make a submission relevant to the document. Below is statistical data from the website showing visits, downloads, and views during the exhibition period of 27 April – 29 May. There were 1,673 website hits during the exhibition period.

Document downloads

- Draft Fees & Charges 2022-2023 – 61 downloads
- Draft Revenue Policy 2022-2023 – 27 downloads
- Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan – 37 downloads
- Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2022-2026– 41 downloads
- Draft Long-term Financial Plan 2022-2032 – 40 downloads
- Draft Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025/26 Operational Plan 2022/23 - 174 downloads
- Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 – 129 downloads

Daily Statistics for April 2022											
Day	Hits		Files		Pages		Visits		Sites		KBytes
1	4	2.09%	2	2.25%	2	2.08%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	0
2	8	4.19%	6	6.74%	2	2.08%	1	1.54%	6	7.89%	0
3	2	1.05%	1	1.12%	1	1.04%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	0
4	5	2.62%	2	2.25%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	4	5.26%	1
5	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
6	4	2.09%	3	3.37%	1	1.04%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	2
7	3	1.57%	1	1.12%	2	2.08%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	1
8	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
9	4	2.09%	2	2.25%	2	2.08%	2	3.08%	4	5.26%	1
10	10	5.24%	7	7.87%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	4
11	7	3.66%	2	2.25%	5	5.21%	4	6.15%	5	6.58%	0
12	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	3	4.62%	4	5.26%	0
13	4	2.09%	2	2.25%	2	2.08%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	0
14	1	0.52%	1	1.12%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.32%	1
15	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
16	2	1.05%	1	1.12%	1	1.04%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	0
17	8	4.19%	3	3.37%	5	5.21%	4	6.15%	6	7.89%	1
18	4	2.09%	2	2.25%	2	2.08%	1	1.54%	2	2.63%	0
19	3	1.57%	1	1.12%	2	2.08%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
20	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
21	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
22	6	3.14%	3	3.37%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	0
23	9	4.71%	5	5.62%	4	4.17%	3	4.62%	4	5.26%	0
24	5	2.62%	3	3.37%	1	1.04%	1	1.54%	3	3.95%	2
25	16	8.38%	4	4.49%	8	8.33%	3	4.62%	6	7.89%	3
26	3	1.57%	0	0.00%	3	3.12%	2	3.08%	2	2.63%	0
27	19	9.95%	7	7.87%	16	16.67%	9	13.85%	11	14.47%	243
28	5	2.62%	2	2.25%	4	4.17%	2	3.08%	3	3.95%	30
29	10	5.24%	5	5.62%	3	3.12%	3	4.62%	5	6.58%	2
30	19	9.95%	9	10.11%	6	6.25%	5	7.69%	7	9.21%	57

Daily Statistics for May 2022												
Day	Hits		Files		Pages		Visits		Sites		KBytes	
1	3	0.16%	1	0.07%	2	0.41%	2	0.60%	3	1.06%	0	0.00%
2	9	0.49%	4	0.29%	5	1.03%	4	1.19%	5	1.77%	0	0.00%
3	14	0.77%	6	0.43%	10	2.06%	7	2.09%	8	2.83%	60	0.13%
4	43	2.35%	19	1.36%	24	4.95%	21	6.27%	22	7.77%	4	0.01%
5	46	2.52%	19	1.36%	27	5.57%	26	7.76%	27	9.54%	0	0.00%
6	15	0.82%	9	0.64%	7	1.44%	6	1.79%	7	2.47%	149	0.31%
7	9	0.49%	5	0.36%	3	0.62%	3	0.90%	6	2.12%	1	0.00%
8	11	0.60%	6	0.43%	5	1.03%	4	1.19%	6	2.12%	2	0.00%
9	55	3.01%	47	3.36%	15	3.09%	14	4.18%	10	3.53%	3135	6.58%
10	28	1.53%	22	1.57%	9	1.86%	8	2.39%	6	2.12%	3697	7.76%
11	32	1.75%	22	1.57%	13	2.68%	8	2.39%	6	2.12%	823	1.73%
12	20	1.10%	15	1.07%	7	1.44%	6	1.79%	6	2.12%	1154	2.42%
13	38	2.08%	18	1.29%	22	4.54%	19	5.67%	19	6.71%	2682	5.63%
14	28	1.53%	21	1.50%	9	1.86%	8	2.39%	7	2.47%	3164	6.64%
15	13	0.71%	10	0.71%	4	0.82%	4	1.19%	4	1.41%	1127	2.37%
16	23	1.26%	14	1.00%	10	2.06%	7	2.09%	7	2.47%	151	0.32%
17	26	1.42%	18	1.29%	10	2.06%	8	2.39%	8	2.83%	3385	7.11%
18	13	0.71%	9	0.64%	4	0.82%	3	0.90%	4	1.41%	261	0.55%
19	3	0.16%	2	0.14%	2	0.41%	1	0.30%	2	0.71%	32	0.07%
20	10	0.55%	7	0.50%	4	0.82%	3	0.90%	4	1.41%	19	0.04%
21	49	2.68%	21	1.50%	23	4.74%	21	6.27%	31	10.95%	801	1.68%
22	9	0.49%	6	0.43%	3	0.62%	3	0.90%	3	1.06%	4	0.01%
23	24	1.31%	12	0.86%	15	3.09%	11	3.28%	11	3.89%	82	0.17%
24	35	1.92%	20	1.43%	12	2.47%	9	2.69%	15	5.30%	1011	2.12%
25	27	1.48%	12	0.86%	8	1.65%	7	2.09%	10	3.53%	103	0.22%
26	329	18.02%	277	19.79%	74	15.26%	43	12.84%	49	17.31%	7228	15.17%
27	402	22.02%	348	24.86%	76	15.67%	36	10.75%	36	12.72%	9005	18.90%
28	176	9.64%	151	10.79%	31	6.39%	15	4.48%	17	6.01%	3679	7.72%
29	127	6.96%	107	7.64%	18	3.71%	9	2.69%	11	3.89%	2301	4.83%
30	139	7.61%	117	8.36%	21	4.33%	11	3.28%	11	3.89%	2574	5.40%
31	70	3.83%	55	3.93%	12	2.47%	8	2.39%	12	4.24%	1002	2.10%

Summary of Community Submissions

The following table provides a summary of the 18 submissions received which are relevant to the Integrated Planning Framework and require the consideration of Council. Matters raised in submissions, which a) can be dealt with through the Customer Request System; or b) do not relate to the Integrated Planning Framework suite of documents are not included below and will be responded to separately.

Community Strategic Plan 2035	Summary of Community Submission	Officers Response
Development and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of information regarding developers and proposed developments. No Detail on current land that is available for development. 	<p>The following information is available on Council's website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Search function provides information on current applications before Council. Major Development Applications currently on exhibition for public comment. Development Assessments that are subject to a report to Council are available for viewing in the respective meeting agenda under the Council Meetings section of the website. <p>Detail relating to land that is zoned for distinct types of development is available in Councils 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement and within the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan.</p> <p>Zoning is only one step in land being "available" for development. Where zoned and vacant land sits within the supply chain is a function of the private market.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developers should be required to install long life infrastructure such sustainable roads, paths etc. New estates are already seeing roads deteriorate which will become a burden to ratepayers. 	<p>Developments are required to be supported by an appropriate level of infrastructure. Council places conditions upon development consents to ensure this occurs.</p> <p>Council also has a development contributions framework in place to meet the infrastructure demands from development that occurs beyond the development site. This ensures that all development that creates a demand for local public infrastructure contributes to its cost.</p> <p>Council has also undertaken a review of its procedures with respect to subdivision development and the contributions framework.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tourism revenue mentioned is not clearly defined. I.e., how did they estimate the figure? 	<p>The Economic Profile data in the Community Strategic Plan is available on Council's website. https://economy.id.com.au/lithgow/tourism-value</p>

Proposed Changes to the Community Strategic Plan by Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District			
Section	Current Strategy	Proposed Strategy	Officers' response
CC1 – to plan and provide quality community and recreational facilities and services for a healthy, vibrant and a harmonious community that embraces challenges and has the resilience to adapt to change.	We will work together to ensure the communities of the Lithgow region feel supported, connected, and united.	We will work together with government departments, NGOs, and community to ensure the communities of the Lithgow region have access to services and feel supported and united.	The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this
		Increase community access to affordable healthy food options.	Council does not currently have programs in place to achieve this and therefore it is not measurable.
		Support local food production.	Planning Priority 9 of the Lithgow Local Strategic Planning Statement - “ <i>Attract Investment and Grow local Jobs – Agricultural</i> ”. The LSPS will implement this through agribusiness and agritourism opportunities. Council has developed “Mary’s Garden” at Eskbank House Museum, a cottage garden established to interpret life in early Lithgow which is maintained by Museum Volunteers.
	We will manage and regulate public places to achieve safe and healthy lifestyles.	We will manage and provide public spaces that promote physical activity and sport and recreational facilities that are accessible to all, to achieve safe and healthy lifestyles.	During 2021/22 Council has further implemented the Farmers Creek Masterplan which aims to increase public use and physical activity along the creek corridor. Several new sections of shared pathway have been constructed, bringing the total shared pathway network to approx. 7.5kms. Further extensions will be constructed in future years as funds allow. The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this.

Proposed Changes to the Community Strategic Plan by Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District			
Section	Current Strategy	Proposed Strategy	Officers' response
P53 – Caring for our Community How will we measure success?	Improved liaison with our local Indigenous and CALD communities.	Increased consultation with our local Indigenous and CALD communities.	Council works closely with local indigenous communities on relevant issues, including support for NAIDOC events. Council also works with CALD and refugee communities including the celebration of Harmony Week. Council is currently consulting with the community to develop and Indigenous Protocol.
SE1 – To provide sustainable and planned growth that supports a range of lifestyle choices and employment options.	We will plan and work in partnership with residents of new and emerging suburbs and towns to connect and evolve their own distinct neighbourhood spirit and character.	To this section add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure new and emerging suburbs have high walkability, cycling infrastructure and green spaces. We will plan new and emerging suburbs which are environmentally sustainable. 	The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this. The LSPS is the document that will deliver this through identified planning priorities, commitments, and actions. Future LSPS documents and supporting documents will become more refined over time.
SE2 – To explore and discover the richness in our society through the pursuit of educational, creative, and cultural opportunities to diversify the economy, skills base, and employment opportunities.	We will celebrate the cultural diversity and rich heritage of the Lithgow LGA. COMMENT: This can also be an opportunity to include Lithgow LGA being a Refugee Welcome Zone, leveraging off and building on Lithgow Council's commitment in 2017 to become a Refugee Welcome Zone. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and celebrate refugees, create awareness of refugee lived experiences. 		Council raises awareness of refugees lived experiences through Refugee Week and Harmony Week. The document suite will be updated to reflect this.
P61 – Strengthening our Economy How will we measure success?	Number of development applications	Number of developments contributing to sustainable, town centres and healthy streets and suburbs. ADD: Number of suburbs that are environmentally sustainable.	All new subdivisions are assessed against a raft of environmental controls (flood, mine subsidence, bushfire, vehicular access, biodiversity etc.), not only the physical environment but also for social impact. Newer subdivisions incorporate, for example, cycle ways and open space in proximity to residents to encourage walking and cycling to access recreational and commercial facilities

Proposed Changes to the Community Strategic Plan by Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District			
Section	Current Strategy	Proposed Strategy	Officers' response
BE2 – To ensure sustainable and planned growth through the provision of effective public and private transport options, and suitable entertainment and to enhance the lifestyle choices of the community.	We will develop quality multi-purpose sporting and recreational facilities which encourage active, healthy lifestyles.	We will develop quality and affordable multi-purpose sporting and recreational facilities which encourage active, healthy lifestyles	The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this.
BE3 - Diverse and affordable housing options are available for our residents throughout all life states.	We will realise more new affordable homes in Lithgow and other established urban centres.	We will realise newer affordable environmentally sustainable homes in Lithgow and other established urban centres.	Council's LSPS Planning Priority 2 addresses this. Council will prepare and implement a Local Housing Strategy and advocate for vulnerable groups in the community such as elderly, persons with disabilities, young and those suffering housing stress.
		Add: Planning and development of new suburbs will incorporate active transport connections.	The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this. LSPS Action 6.7 is to Adopt and implement the Active Transport Plan.
NE1 To conserve and preserve the natural environment whilst balancing the impact of development to ensure a sustainable and healthy community.		Add: Improved air quality by reducing fossil fuel combustion.	Council provides an alternate fuel rebate for residents who replace their coal heaters with cleaner heating alternatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,400 for pensioners • \$1,000 for non-pensioners See NE1.1.2 – Alternate Fuel Rebate Program The IPR document suite will be updated to reflect this.

Transitioning the Economy – SE1.1.1 – Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan (LEEP)	
Summary of Community Submission	Officers' Response
<u>Mining & Power Sector</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mining and power sector contribute by far the most revenue to the LGA. The Mt Piper maintenance outages are worth millions alone. 	<p>Council is currently developing an Evolving Economy Plan to provide an action plan to both the NSW Government and Council with tangible, measurable actions to guide the Lithgow LGA toward a new economy beyond coal mining and electricity generation. Council is also considering options to cover a future loss of mining and power generation rates, e.g., building a reserve of funds for a transition management program.</p>
<u>Tourism/Accommodation Sector</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism will not go anywhere near filling the void when mining and power generation ceases. A huge slice of Hotel/Motel occupancy rates are contractors for the mining industry 	<p>It is true that Tourism in the short term cannot fill a void should mining cease immediately, but the transition phase is critical to this process, hence LEEP. It is also true that contractors do account for a proportion of nights, but there is no reason to believe that new industries will not attract the same number of contractors.</p>
<u>TfNSW – Major Road Infrastructure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council must openly support the major road upgrades from Katoomba to Lithgow. This upgrade alone will be the biggest contributor to the local economy outside of mining and power generation 	<p>Lithgow City Council resolved (Min. No. 22-39) to support the Great Western Highway upgrade between Katoomba and Lithgow and a submission be made accordingly during the public consultation process. While several requests were made, including reductions in speed zones, the highest standards of design and an equal focus on improved rail connections, this submission was well received and clearly elucidated the Council's support of this important project.</p>
<u>Aged Care</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lithgow can be a retirement hub for the Sydney basin if the facilities were available, but this is not mentioned. Aged care is currently one of the biggest concerns in Australia and we should be offering the LGA as part of the solution. 	<p>The Land Use Planning Framework provides for flexibility of aged care, seniors housing and housing for people with disabilities across the LGA. However, this is dependent upon private sector investment and the ability for investors to obtain 'bed licences' which are administered by the Federal Government.</p> <p>Growth industries such as aged care and health sector industries will be further explored as part of the Lithgow Emerging Economy Project (LEEP).</p>
<u>Energy from Waste</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEEP - makes a comment of making Waste for Energy a replacement for Coal Fired generation - this not supported by the city and surrounds and is a poor strategy. Understand that our location limits forms of replacement for 'Wang and Piper' but don't agree on the limited review of potential options for replacement. No energy to waste facilities in the area! Bad for everyone and everything, and not a strategically smart future growth area like sustainable energy. Concern that the Incinerator is a focus when there are so many other options for our beautiful valleys - rather than fill them with micro-plastics, we could be marketing ourselves as a tourist destination 	
<u>Cultural Development Opportunities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a regional area Lithgow should nominate to host a Universal Basic Income trial for artists Lithgow needs its own public art gallery too, to support the growth of The two arts hubs in CBD and Portland, commercial and cafe galleries, and the increasing gravitation of artists to the area. Council subsidised artist studios for contemporary artists will enable vacant spaces to be utilised and enhanced Shops and cafes that support the sale of bespoke local produce 	<p>Council has adopted a Cultural Precinct Strategy that encompasses several facilities including the Union Theatre, Western Sydney University Transformation Hub, History Avenue Heritage walk, Eskbank House and Blast Furnace Heritage Park. This cluster of cultural activities and businesses aims to create momentum and visibility for the cultural sector, for local people and to attract visitors.</p> <p>Council proposes to review the Cultural Precinct Strategy in the coming year.</p>

Transitioning the Economy – SE1.1.1 – Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan (LEEP)

Summary of Community Submission	Officers' Response
<p>Placemaking Council to consider trialling parklets in the CBD so that we can inspire people to utilise the space, activating the streets, increasing dwell times, and enhancing vibrancy. https://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/leisure/parks-and-public-spaces/dean-street-parklet-trial?fbclid=IwAR1PAuB69GrRKVgvalndxpcuV5rT-0XED4LEuTffY4eGBDeBsS9Jj9YPtQ</p>	<p>In the past two years, Council completed an upgrade of Pioneer Park on Main Street Lithgow. This was a Streets as Shared Spaces project. New accessible toilets, landscaping, furniture, and bus shelter have converted a small and degraded parklet into a vibrant and functioning space.</p>

Options for a Sustainable Future

Summary of Community Submission	Officers Response
<p>Concern expressed that when mining and power generation ceases the hit to the local economy and Council finances will be simply horrific.</p>	<p>Consideration is being given to developing pathways to ensure that mines and coal-fired power generators continue to contribute to Council's rating income during their rehabilitation phase.</p>
<p>I strongly oppose any increase in council rates, my street (Old Bathurst Road) is a disgrace and is barely navigable by any non 4wd vehicle.</p>	<p>Council is currently considering the recommendations included in a recent review of rating and revenue. The review report considered potential productivity / efficiency gains, cost savings and opportunities to build Council's own source revenue. Council has achieved over \$1M of short-term savings in the 2021/22 year whilst still delivering quality services. Council plans to engage with the community on long-term financial sustainability options in the second half of 2022.</p>
<p>It only addresses the increases of rates as the major fix to the financial problems and sustainability.</p>	

BE2.4.1.7 – Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project

Summary of Community Submission	Officers Response
<p>Why does the potential industry at the old Wallerawang Power Station need water pumped in from Clarence, instead of water drawn from Lake Wallace/Lake Lyell as the former power station did?</p>	<p>Council is considering a variety of options for servicing the LGA for water and this includes various existing and new sources for potential. The Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy is currently being completed with various configurations being analysed and reviewed for the best possible combination of water sources for Lithgow City Council including those made available by industries no longer in the area such as the water from the Coxs river system</p>
<p>What are the potential effects on Lithgow's drinking water supply from the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme? Will the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme for Lithgow's drinking water continue to operate if the Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline moves ahead?</p>	<p>The proposed project will enable the current water treatment plant to take water from both Farmer's Creek Dam No.2 and from the new pipeline. The Clarence water transfer scheme will still be operational for the purpose of topping Farmer's Creek Dam No.2 for an additional water supply</p>
<p>Our region is transitioning away from the coal economy. This includes the closure of local coal mines in the near to mid-term future. The concept of relying on water supplied from a coal mine to enable Lithgow to transition away from a coal-based economy (i.e., coal mines and coal fired power stations) does not add up. What is the expected working lifetime of the proposed pipeline? Would that pipeline continue to operate after the mine is closed?</p>	<p>The coal mine will send treated water whilst operating into Lithgow via the pipeline with Council able to utilise the water for topping up the Farmer's Creek Dam No.2 and directly into the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant for treatment to Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The pipeline acts as a secondary source of raw water regardless of its level of treatment. The pipeline at closure of mining would be provided to Council with any additional infrastructure required subject to agreement with Centennial. Council would then obtain the rights to draw water from a groundwater source for future usage in perpetuity.</p>
<p>Regarding project funding, of the \$10,000,000 in 2024/25 listed as "Funding/Water" and the \$7,547,395 in 2025/26 listed as "Revenue" how much of this will be ratepayer dollars?</p>	<p>The amounts included in the draft 2022/23 Operational Plan for the Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project are pending the outcomes of the feasibility study and the funding breakdown is yet to be confirmed. Should the project</p>

BE2.4.1.7 – Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project

Summary of Community Submission		Officers Response
		proceed, Council may borrow up to \$10M to ensure intergenerational equity. Council would advocate for the maximum grant funding available from the NSW Government. Water Fund reserves (from prior year surpluses) may be utilised for part of the project cost, however, the fund had only \$2.4M available on 30 June 2021.
If Lithgow City Council intends to commit over \$17 million to this project, there must have been some commitments made around the level of industry that is expected to set up at Greenspot. Please provide additional information to ratepayers regarding the value of the proposed industries including job creation. At the Community Event held by Greenspot in April 2022 Greenspot claimed that their proposed waste incinerator project does not use nor produce water. If this water pipeline is not for the proposed incinerator, what are the industries/projects it will support?		
Assuming most of the water piped to the former power station site will leave the site as wastewater, what is the impact and where will this water be discharged? What contaminants will the proposed water treatment plan be equipped to handle? How will the Cox's River (Sydney Water Catchment) be impacted?		The water, as a part of this project, will be sent to the site as raw water and treated to potable water at a new water treatment plant to serve the LGA and its customers. The treatment plant will be designed to treat any water, from its designated water sources to Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. If the treated water from the mine site is excess to Council requirements, then this water would be discharged to the Cox's system whilst it met the licensed limits of the EPA. If it did not meet the licensed limit, then discharge would cease.
Then the idea of pumping to Wallerawang was [previously] considered problematic from an engineering and environment perspective- due to the distances and topography involved. For me this is still not a valid 'project' because of this and the fact that the Greenspot site is adjacent to a dam designed to provide water for a thermal generator and should be sufficient for the programs at the Wallerawang site.		The project is still in its feasibility stage and being reviewed as a part of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy which will provide a combination of configurations that will best place Council for water delivery into the future. This project allows for both the current water treatment plant to be serviced with another raw water source but in future a new treatment plant at Wallerawang to service the LGA. There are other water sources in the area being considered for this and the licensing involved in accessing these sources.

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BE2.2 – Our roads and other associated infrastructure will ensure connected and efficient movement throughout the Lithgow region.	There needs to be funds allocated to undertaking maintenance of rural Roads. Works need to be undertaken to repair road shoulders that are breaking away and where water is pooling on roads to prevent further deterioration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50km/hr speed limit until rural roads are brought to a safe standard following the wet weather. 	Lithgow City Council is understanding of the funding gap which separates the level of service expected by the community and that which is affordable and sustainable in Council's current environment. Unprecedented and inclement weather has impacted Council's Road network. Hence, Council continues to lobby the state and federal government for increased

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		commitment to untied infrastructure renewal funding. Council also continues its work to improve effectiveness and efficiency through the development of sound asset management plans – a project proposed for commencement in the upcoming financial year.
	council to inspect the road and consider repairing the access Road that runs in front of Dargan properties West from Valley View Road on Chifley Rd (2 submissions received).	Unfortunately, this road is not publicly maintained, nor under the care and control of Lithgow City Council. This is a private right of way which lies within the bounds of private property. While unfortunate, due to limited capacity, all Council resources must be dedicated to the upgrade and repair of public road assets under local government control.
	Girraween Drive and Bundarra Place (Marrangaroo Fields) resealing does not appear in the draft plan. I request that both these roads be included in the resealing works of the 2022/23 Operational Plan as they are in an unsafe condition.	Girraween Drive and Bundarra Place have been objectively assessed as a lower priority compared to those local and regional roads included within the Draft Operational Plan. Both assets and their condition will continue to be assessed and information recorded for consideration in subsequent years, or as other external opportunities become available.
	I noticed that Rydal and Sodwalls upgrades were mentioned, but what about Tarana roads? They need to be fixed, including the bridges. Sodwalls Rd and Tarana Rd get used a lot. The roads and bridges are too narrow, and roads have many potholes.	Sodwalls Tarana Road is actively being repaired as part of the delivery of the 2021/22 Operational Plan. Work will continue on this road into 2022/23 as part of Council's response to the declared natural disasters of Feb/March 2022 (AGRN (Australian Government Reference Number 1012)).
BE2.5.1.6 – Watsford/Conran Lighting and Clubhouse.	Agree with the concept but not the allocated funds. To be honest this looks like a 'slush bucket' for project funds. Saw no explanation in the document.	This project will see the installation of low maintenance park furniture, the formalisation and seal of the carpark and installation of a new irrigation system. It is expected, based on Council's pragmatic understandings built from similar past projects, that this work will result in greater efficiency due to reduced costs of water consumption and maintenance expenditure while also delivering a higher level of service and asset standard.
CC2.2 – We will build resilient and inclusive communities. CC2.2.4 – Support volunteering within our community. GL1.4 Our workforce, systems and processes will support high	Little credit is given to those in the general population who are willing to assist in reducing council costs through volunteering their services. A volunteer who would like to assist council require to fill out sheets of paperwork, complete an induction and	Lithgow City Council recognises that volunteers from the community make a valuable contribution to a range of council activities and acknowledges that we need to review and streamline our volunteer processes. However, the risks associated with volunteering have been brought into

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performance and optimal service delivery for our community.	questionnaire and then have a medical.	sharp focus by a recent case against Camden Council: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/news/safework-media-releases/camden-council-fined-750000-after-mens-shed-member-fatality The governance and administration for volunteering is no less than that for managing contractors and direct employees and in some cases constant supervision of volunteers is required. This is something that must be costed, using volunteers is not always a cost-effective use of resources. Council does, however, have a few volunteers who work at Eskbank House Museum and the Library.
NE1.1.2 – Alternate Fuel Rebate Program	I recommend an education component be included in conjunction with the Fuel Abatement Program. Please consider running a social media campaign, publishing a notice on your website about the program, and having flyers available at the council building, libraries, etc.	There are flyers available at the Administration Centre. We are in the process of updating the website and developing a social media campaign, which will also include email banners and information available through Customer Service.
	Would the Council consider conducting an excessive smoke survey and smoke abatement notice program as well?	Council will consider this as part of the 2023/24 Operational Plan.
NE1.5.2.3 – Main Street/Cupro Street Stormwater Improvements	<p>I would like to submit that Lithgow Council make it a priority to address the street flooding that occurs at the junction of Cupro St and Main St, Lithgow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This flooding prevents road and pedestrian traffic along Main St in both directions. • Affects properties in the region, in worst cases flooding them. • Becomes a health issue when the backed-up storm water mixes with escaping sewer. 	<p>Lithgow City Council understands the pressure placed on aged assets through changing weather patterns, and the impact this continues to have on residents and businesses. As such, Council has been actively pursuing the design of stormwater amplification infrastructure in the vicinity of the Main Street and Cupro Street intersection. Currently the project involves the triplication of the 900mm pipework underneath the rail line which conveys stormwater between Main Street and Farmers Creek. However, Council is also conducting hydraulic modelling of the construction of a pedestrian viaduct adjacent to the trafficked lane. This addition will benefit the community through increased pedestrian safety, but also act as an overland flow path during periods of flooding to allow natural overflow during periods of severe inundation.</p> <p>However, the triplication of subsurface infrastructure is expected to cost \$2M and remains outside the capacity of Council to deliver without external assistance. Applications continue to be made for State and Federal Government programs.</p>

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NE1.3.1 – Implement the Lithgow City Council Waste Strategy.	I applaud the Council for finally including plans for a FOGO service in the Waste Strategy. 1. Who is the intended contractor? 2. Where will the collected material go for processing?	Council is currently developing an implementation plan for FOGO and the contractor and processing facility have not been determined at this stage.
NE2.3.2. – Undertake an Environmental Education Program targeting school aged children.	FOGO education to be undertaken before during and after the program deployment to ensure the community is properly educated to maximise the effectiveness of the program and to reduce contamination in the FOGO system.	The FOGO implementation plan will include education that forms a critical function in the roll-out of a FOGO service. Education will occur before, during and after roll-out of the service.
NE2.2 We will protect and improve our natural areas and ecosystems, including Hassans Walls Reserve, Farmers Creek, and other waterways.	No internal funding or grant funding has been included to continue the bushland regeneration works undertaken over recent years along Farmers Creek and other bushland areas in the Lithgow Valley. No consideration of a dedicated environment management program/position within Council.	Funding opportunities are currently being investigated to enable bushland regeneration and further shared pathway construction.
SE3.2.3 – Develop & activate the Union Theatre	Is a significant sum of money for a really good cause but I am concerned about the potential ROI for such a spend. I don't see anywhere a mention of what plans are in place for the justification of this spend. I understand that the pieces being replaced have reached 'end of life' but what plan is there to increase use of this facility.	The investments that Council has made to date aim to bring the standard of facilities to a suitable level for performers and audiences. Previously there were no back of stage amenities and storage areas for performers. The front of stage areas needed significant upgrades for audience comfort. A recent Opera Gala event was sold out, demonstrating the demand for cultural performance in Lithgow. Planning is underway to attract future performances.
SE4.2.2.1 – State replacement of Main Street pavers.	Is council going to repair pavers and subgrade or replace and, if the answer is replaced, what with? Would disagree totally with a concrete replacement but understand the repair strategy.	Many small businesses operate from Lithgow's Main Street and the surrounding precinct. With scores of service and entertainment providers, retailers and cafes on offer, Lithgow's Main Street is part of our community's lifeblood. To support these businesses, it is essential that infrastructure is provided which is accessible, serviceable and offers good standards of amenity. Existing infrastructure does not meet the needs of today's community and therefore must be replaced.
BE2.2 – Our roads and other associated infrastructure will ensure connected and efficient movement throughout the Lithgow Region. SE4.2.2.1 – State replacement of Main Street pavers.	Both these items reflect the repair or replacement of key assets. What is not noted is the 'prioritisation process for these, and other, repairs.	While funding is secured, detailed project planning is only in its initial stages. Preliminary plans will see the removal of pavers, reconstruction of the underlying stormwater infrastructure and pavement, and replacement with exposed aggregate concrete in 500-600mm panels. Industrial brick banding will also be installed to increase amenity, match Cook Street Plaza and reflect on our industrial heritage. Concrete panels are preferable as this infrastructure must be cost effective and is

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		<p>expected to last for up to 100 years. Paver suppliers can close their doors (existing red pavers can no longer be bought), underlying services must be accessed periodically, this infrastructure must be resilient, and Council must be able to easily clean and replace, as necessary.</p> <p>A robust community consultation process will occur, engaging with both the residential and business community prior to any construction commencing.</p>

Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2026	
Summary of Community Submission	Officers Response
<p>Page 20 - On the list of major investments Lithgow is set to see over the coming years it includes "Mount Piper Energy Recovery Project is a \$170m project which will create 300 construction jobs and 16 permanent jobs".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What plan/application is being referred to in this point Is that plan publicly available for review? If so, please provide it. 	<p>The reference to Mount Piper Energy Recovery Project is outdated and will be removed from the version of the LTFP (Long Term Financial Plan) and IPR Suite of documents put to Council for adoption at the 27 June 2022 meeting.</p>
<p>Where in the Long-Term Financial Plan is the funding for the proposed Clarence to Wallerawang Water Pipeline Project included?</p>	<p>The amounts included in the draft 2022/23 Operational Plan for the Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project are pending the outcomes of the feasibility study. The LTFP will be updated with a funding breakdown if the project proceeds following the completion of the feasibility study.</p>

Water Pricing Structure	
Summary of Community Submission	Officers' Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$71 increase How can you propose any increase until there is a clear plan for the water so rate payer know what the increase will be spent on? <p>I object to this as my water bill will rise by at least \$200 per year, with the fixed charge being the main contributor to this.</p> <p>I feel Council should concentrate on consolidating services currently offered and if water services need more money spent, this money should be redirected form within the budget.</p> <p>It should be noted that the water usage charges that LCC already impose upon residents are some of the highest rate charges in NSW.</p> <p>While I am pleased that there are plans to decrease the water usage charges, I believe it is still not enough.</p> <p>My second concern is the increase to the Fixed Annual Access Fee from \$205.00 to \$380.00, an increase of 85%. I believe councils work on the 'Best Management Practice Guidelines' and that a 75% return is what Councils aim for.</p>	<p>The proposed increase is to account for current rises in servicing the LGA with potable water. This pricing change does not include the provision for infrastructure or changes to Levels of Service in future other than what is currently in place for operations and capital works.</p> <p>Note: increases to water bills raised in this submission will be investigated and a true indication of increase on respective water accounts addressed with the correspondents, respectively.</p> <p>These charges have been compared to some other utilities as well as the differences between Lithgow and other utilities in the infrastructure used to deliver service. Council has changed its methodology for pricing with an increase in access for many reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the WaterNSW charges to Council of 36% WaterNSW charges on an 80% income generated from fixed charges and 20% from usage model Increased pensioner rebate which is subsidised by the community Low water usage across the LGA

Water Pricing Structure	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large amount of infrastructure to be operated and maintained across the LGA. <p>Whilst the best practice guidelines state, "utilities with more than 4000 connections should operate on income generation of 75% collected via usage charges and 25% on Access or fixed charges", this is not indicative of the service Council provides nor the cost recovery available with extremely low usage across the network comparatively to similar or neighbouring utilities.</p>

Draft Fees & Charges (2022/23)	Summary of Community Submission	Officers Response
JM Robson Aquatic Centre	Under the heading of Squad preparation classes at the bottom of page 59, there is no detail to what fees will be charged or the structure of the squad preparation classes.	Council is currently reviewing this fee and liaising with the Lithgow Swimming Club.
Liquid Waste – Septic Tank – Discharge to STP	A fee per kilolitre of liquid waste at \$55 will significantly increase our cost to operate our business. Our fee structure for our pump out service has not changed for a long period of time, but, if this charge is approved, we will inevitably need to pass it on to the customer.	This fee has been amended from \$55 per kilolitre to \$55 per load received.

APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY SUBMISSIONS – REDACTED

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**Have you read the
Draft Delivery
Program and
Operational Plan?**

Yes

**Do you have any
comments in
regards to the draft
Delivery Program
& Operational Plan
and the strategies
and financial
resources allocated
to deliver facilities
and services?**

There need to be fund allocated to undertaking maintainance of rural roads. Works need to be undertaken to repair road sholders that are breaking away and where water is pooling on roads to prevent further deterioration. These roads are 100km/hr zones and given the current deterioration due to the weather, rural roads and repairs need to be prioritised over town roads with 50km/hr speed limit until rural roads are brought to a safe standard following the wet weather. This is a must for prioritisation for the coming financial year. I could not find that there has been any major amount allocated to this.

Have you read the

Yes

Draft Fees & Charges?

What changes do you propose to the Draft Fees & Charges and why?	Under the heading of Squad preparation classes at the bottom of page 59, there is no detail to what fees will be charged and to the structure of the squad preparation classes. It is difficult to make any comment where this detail has not been provided.
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Have you read the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 (CSP)?

What don't you like about the CSP?	So there will be a \$71 increase to plan that the council just said don't exists and is being worked on currently? How can you propose any increase until there is a clear plan for the water so rate paying know what the increase will actually be spent on? At the moment you've just said we are working on it but we will increase it while we do.
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Have you read the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 (CSP)? Yes

What do you like about the CSP? It looks to understand the issues facing the LGA now and in the future.

What don't you like about the CSP? It only addresses the increases of rates as the major fix to the financial problems and sustainability.
Most of the criteria is derived from a very small section of the population who responded to a survey.
little credit is given to those in the general population who are willing to assist in

reducing council costs through volunteering their services.

A volunteer who would like to assist council require to fill out sheets of paper work, complete an induction and questionnaire and then have a medical.

It appears to be repetitive.

Lack of information regarding developers and proposed developments. Developers should be required to install long life infrastructure such sustainable roads, paths etc.

Relatively new estates are already seeing roads deteriorate which will become a burden to ratepayers.

What is missing?

Detail on current land that is available for development.

The mining and power sector contribute by far the most revenue to the LGA. Tourism will not go anywhere near filling the void when Mining and power generation ceases.

The hit to the local economy and Council finances will be simply horrific.

The tourism revenue mentioned is not clearly defined. i.e. How did they estimate the figure?

A huge slice of Hotel/Motel occupancy rates are contractors for the mining industry.

The Mt Piper maintenance outages are worth millions alone.

Council must openly support the major road upgrades from Katoomba to Lithgow.

This upgrade alone will be the biggest contributor to the local economy outside of mining and power generation.

Lithgow can be a retirement hub for the Sydney basin if the facilities were available but this is not mentioned.

Aged care is currently one of the biggest concerns in Australia and we should be offering the LGA as part of the solution.

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G'day,

I submit the following feedback to the strategic and planning documents on the Council website.

Unfortunately the file uploader on the submission forms is not working, see screen shot below.



Please refer to the attachments for feedback on the various plans.

Please acknowledge receipt of the submissions.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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Nurture community. Restore spaceship Earth.



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Submission in regards to:

The Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025-26 and Operational Plan 2022-23

Access

Page 28 of the Draft Operational Plan lists a number of Council plans and strategies. These project titles do not currently operate as hyperlinks in the draft operational plan document's PDF download. Where can these documents be found by the public? Please update the operational plan document to include links.

Page 30 Links to Regional and State Plans do not have functional hyperlinks in the PDF download. Please rectify this and include working hyperlinks.

Due to the lack of access to the above files I request an extension of the feedback period for the Operational Plan to 01 June 2022.

Operational Plan 2022/23

BE2.4.1.7 Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project - Investigation

This project investigation raises many questions:

1. Why does the potential industry at the old Wallerawang Power Station need water pumped in from Clarence, instead of water drawn from Lake Wallace/Lake Lyell as the former power station did?
2. What are the potential effects on Lithgow's drinking water supply from the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme? Will the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme for Lithgow's drinking water continue to operate if the Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline moves ahead?
3. Our region is transitioning away from the coal economy. This includes the closure of local coal mines in the near to mid term future. The concept of relying on water supplied from a coal mine to enable Lithgow to transition away from a coal based economy (i.e. coal mines and coal fired power stations) does not add up. What is the expected working lifetime of the proposed pipeline? Would that pipeline continue to operate after the mine is closed?
4. In regards to project funding, of the \$10,000,000 in 2024/25 listed as "Funding/Water" and the \$7,547,395 in 2025/26 listed as "Revenue" how much of this will be ratepayer dollars?
5. If Lithgow City Council intends to commit over \$17 million to this project, there must have been some commitments made around the level of industry that is expected to set up at Greenspot. Please provide additional information to ratepayers regarding the value of the proposed industries including job creation. At the Community Event held by Greenspot in April 2022 Greenspot claimed that their proposed waste incinerator project does not use nor produce water. If this water pipeline is not for the proposed incinerator, what are the industries/projects it will support?
6. Assuming most of the water piped to the former power station site will leave the site as wastewater, what is the impact and where will this water be discharged? What

contaminants will the proposed water treatment plan be equipped to handle? How will the Cocks River (Sydney Water Catchment) be impacted?

Waste Strategy 2022-2026

Major Projects - Waste - Set up of FOGO Service

I applaud Council for finally including plans for a FOGO service, as it is a key aspect of the NSW Waste Strategy 2041. THANK YOU COUNCIL for making this effort and for taking on this project ahead of 2030 when it will be mandatory for councils. This step will make an incredible impact on reducing our landfill waste.

Who is the intended contractor? Where will the collected material go for processing?

I recommend a portion of the education funding mentioned in NE2.3.1-2 (local education component of Lithgow Waste Strategy 2022-2026) be allotted for FOGO education before, during, and after program deployment. It is imperative the community is properly educated to maximise the effectiveness of the program and to reduce contamination in the FOGO system.

NE 1.1.2 Alternate Fuel Rebate:

THANK YOU COUNCIL for continuing this important program. There are still many cases of fugitive smoke in town and this program supports Lithgow's transition away from coal dependency (and inefficient wood heaters). I recommend an education component be included in conjunction with the Fuel Abatement Program. There has not been any public communications regarding the Fuel Abatement program in well over a year now. The local community will not be able to take advantage of this program if we do not know it exists. Please consider running a social media campaign, publishing a notice on your website about the program, and having flyers available at the council building, libraries, etc.

Would the Council consider conducting an excessive smoke survey and smoke abatement notice program as well?

Submission on Lithgow City Council Long Term Financial Plan

Page 20 - On the list of major investments Lithgow is set to see over the coming years it includes "Mount Piper Energy Recovery Project is a \$170m project which will create 300 construction jobs and 16 permanent jobs".

The latest update on this project given by Energy Australia on 22 November 2021

(<https://www.energyaustralia.com.au/sites/default/files/2021-12/Statement%20on%20Energy%20Recovery%20project.pdf>) stated: "After careful consideration of the project's technical and economic merits, EnergyAustralia has decided to withdraw from the Joint Venture with Re.Group in pursuing the Energy Recovery project at Mt Piper. In light of this, Re.Group is now exploring options to enable a modified version of the project to proceed."

I cannot find any newer updates from Energy Australia/Re.Group on what a modified version of this project may look like. What plan/application is being referred to in the point made on the Council's Long Term Financial Plan? Is that plan publicly available for review? If so please provide it.

Question on costs -

Where in the Long Term Financial Plan is the funding for the proposed Clarence to Wallerawang Water Pipeline Project included?

I strongly oppose the inclusion of energy from waste opportunities in Lithgow's strategic plan. I welcome the news on 24 May as reported by MP Hon Paul Toole that the application for the addition of Wallerawang to the West Lithgow waste to energy precinct was rejected by the EPA. While this may at least delay the proposed waste incinerator at Wallerawang I highly recommend Lithgow Council be proactive about shedding waste to energy as part of Lithgow's strategic plan.

I do not make this recommendation lightly. Australia's waste problem (Sydney and our own) needs to be addressed and I understand the arguments of how waste to energy may have a role in the interim as we transition to a circular economy and reduce our waste.

I am coming to you with my strong recommendation formed by my own lived experience.

For seven years I worked and also lived within one kilometer of a waste incinerator in upstate New York. This incinerator was commissioned by Norlite in 1956 and is located in the town of Cohoes. The incinerator has long outlived its lifespan, and has seen the owner fined numerous times in recent years for appalling negligence and emissions violations. You can read more about those instances here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/121815.html> The operation of this incinerator has led to the relocation of 70 households in public housing immediately adjacent to the site due to pollution and fugitive dust violations. The site experienced two fires in 2020, sending plumes of noxious black smoke over the surrounding towns. (<http://hmean.org/lights-out-norlite/norlite-timeline/>) I understand you may argue that the incinerator I have experience with is old technology, and the incinerators proposed at Greenspot and Mt Piper are new, superior technology.

The waste to energy projects proposed at the former power station in Wallerawang and the dormant RDF project at Mt Piper power station may sound great on paper. There may be new reference facilities that meet current emission standards and seem to be a great solution to a waste problem. Please consider what these machines are built for - high temperature material destruction. These incinerators are feedstock agnostic - while Greenspot/Cleanaway and Energy Australia/Regroup may stay true to their word and burn only pre-sorted municipal waste, the owners that operate these incinerators many years in the future may very well be tempted by higher duties associated with more hazardous materials to be burned.

The incinerator I spent my days next to in New York burns hazardous wastes, liquid fuels, and even PFOA-containing firefighting foam. It is notable that while this incinerator was built for purpose in 1956, burning only its originally approved waste, it did not start burning any hazardous materials until it received a permit to do so in 1977 - **nearly twenty years after it was built!** (<https://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/files/ny-state-haz-waste-plan.pdf> page 1-8)

This is the heart of my concern for our region if we open the doors to waste incinerators. While we may not see obvious ramifications in pollution, health, and our environment in the immediate future, the operations of these facilities can and will change in the course of the infrastructure's life span.

The writing is on the wall already for this to occur at the proposed incinerator at Mt Piper. The EPA's own response to the EIS for Energy Australia's Mt Piper RDF incinerator proposal states

*The primary concern around waste management for the ERP is related to the sourcing, supply and quality assurance of RDF. The feedstocks into the RDF supply are identified as Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Commercial and Industrial Waste (CI) and while sufficient supply quantities have been identified in the feedstock report **there is not currently sufficient production capacity in the market to supply the estimated 200,000 tonnes per annum that the project requires.** Questions remain about how new RDF supply will be secured in the future and moreover, what QA/QC and audit regimen will be relied upon to ensure the composition of the fuel and the subsequent air emissions remain within the design specifications.*

13 March 2020, Pg 18,

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=PAE-1688%2120200313T035945.963%20GMT>

If the operators are faced with a challenge to supply enough intended feedstock for the incinerator, and that incinerator needs to run at full capacity to be financially viable, what do you think the commercial operators will choose as a course of action? They are financially disincentivized to lower the operational throughput of the facility in favor of sticking to its intended feedstock, and the idea of sourcing alternative, (read: more hazardous) feedstock is favourable.

Council, we are naive and negligent to believe this cannot or will not happen with any approved incinerators in our region.

Council actively calling for the consideration of and inclusion of waste to energy projects in our transition from the coal economy is shortsighted. Waste incineration has no place in a true circular economy, and its usable lifespan is limited. Establishing these incinerators today condemns our residents for generations to come, as Council does not have control over the ownership and operational parameters of these incinerators.

Please consider my recommendation and my informed position of this matter. I have the unfortunate advantage of having looked into the crystal ball of the future when it comes to incinerator infrastructure. This scenario is a likely occurrence with any incinerator that is built in our region as well. I do not permit you to condemn my children to these hazards in their future.

Respectfully,



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I live at [REDACTED] Dargan and request consideration be given to reparation of the carriageway which supplies services to our properties West from Valley View Road. Four structures were lost during the 2019/2020 Mt Gosper fire along this stretch and subsequent recovery vehicles/equipment over the last couple of years have left substantial damage. The unprecedented amount of rain that our region has experienced has added to the damage thereby making it difficult for vehicles to traverse, especially the garbage trucks. Several owners have attempted on their own to repair but in some cases have added to the problem by concentrating runoff further down the track.

Regards
[REDACTED]

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Email

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Have you read the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan?

Yes

Have you read the Draft Fees & Charges?

Yes

What changes do

By my calculations, my own water bil will rise by at least \$200 per year, with the fixed charge being the main contributor to this.

you

**propose to
the Draft**

I object to this amount of a rise, the service we currently receive does not equate to such a large increase.

Fees &

Charges

and why?

Some supporting examples:

-I know unforeseen events occur, but a few weeks back we were without water for several days, and when it did return the water was exceptionally bad, requiring me to waste many litres of water to get it to run clear again, and also requiring me to replace my filter cartridge (which cost in the region of \$100) I will be charged for that consumption of water.

-I also still have a massive hole in my yard from Council workers coming to fix my water meter which they stated they would "come and fill in tomorrow". The hole has been there for months.

I have no control over water pricing in NSW. Rather than simply pass the increase onto customers, can Council not lobby to have the government reduce/subsidise/etc costs?

Overall I feel Council should concentrate on consolidating services currently offered and if water services needs more money spent, this money should be redirected from within the current budget.

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Subject: Submission - Draft Fees and Charges 2022/23 - Waste Water

Dear Council

Please find attached scanned copy of our submission in response to the Draft Fees and Charges 2022/23 - Waste Water.


We specifically make a submission in response to the proposed fee listed in the document on page 71: Waste Water, Liquid Waste - Septic Tank - Discharge to STP.

Submissions were requested as per the minutes of Council Meeting held on 26 April 2022, (11.5.1).

Please accept this submission, due today, for review.

Kind regards





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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Draft Fees and Charges 2022/23 Wastewater

Liquid Waste – Septic Tank – Discharge to STP Charged at \$55.00 (inc. GST) Minimum Charge 1 KL

Williams Liquid Waste is a family owned business operating in the local area with 20 years of experience in the septic waste industry. We transport liquid waste from septic tanks to discharge at Council's Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP).

A fee per kilolitre of liquid waste at \$55 will significantly increase our cost to operate our business. Our fee structure for our pump out service has not changed for a long period of time, but, if this charge is approved, we will inevitably need to pass it on to the customer.

The purpose of this submission is to create awareness and understanding of what this fee will represent in real scenarios.

- Standard septic tank of approximately 2000L will increase our current service cost by 45%.
- Aerated Wastewater Treatment System (AWTS) of approximately 6000 - 7000L will increase our current service cost by 75%.

This is a significantly large increase to the cost of appropriate maintenance of a septic system for a household. Especially, as it is difficult to minimise a household's output unlike water usage or garbage.

We suggest that further stakeholder consultation may gain a better understanding of the impact of the discharge fee on operators from our area and the waste water needs of septic tank holders in Lithgow and surrounding villages where septic tanks and liquid waste services are most utilised.

We would hope there are other ways to increase revenue for our local area that do not impact too greatly on local operators administratively, or on the household maintenance budgets of septic tank owners in our community.

Yours sincerely

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Operational Plan 2022/23

To whom it may concern.

As a resident of the suburb of Dargan I would ask the council to look into the condition of the access road that runs in front of Dargan properties on Chifley Rd. This road is used by residents to access their properties. The condition of the access road in some places has deteriorated to a point where it is now dangerous for vehicles using it, especially at night. The road has deteriorated to this dangerous condition over the past 2 years. Reasons for the deterioration include:

- 1: The amount of large plant used by the energy companies to remove dangerous trees and repair powerlines after the 2019/20 fires.
- 2: Large amounts of water running off Chifley road during heavy rain undermining the access road.
- 3: Heavy traffic from contractors who are rebuilding damaged properties after the fires.

If the road continues to deteriorate it will mean resident may lose access to the following services:

- 1: Garbage collection
- 2: Postal deliveries
- 3: Home care agencies
- 4: Emergency vehicles, RFS, Ambulance, etc

I would ask the council to inspect the road and consider repairing the road so it is suitable for reasonable access. I appreciate that the road is considered a private access and is the property of individual properties. However due to the cost and amount of vacant blocks this is not going to be viable.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Name

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Have you read the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 (CSP)?

Yes

What do you like about the CSP?

It is always comforting and good to know that the council is planning for the future and my main concern is that 'agendas' within the elected officials will make this plan a token 'tick box' rather than a principle guide for all decisions made.

What don't you like about the CSP?

BE [2.4.1.7](#) I see the Clarence Water Transfer items is back. I worked on this some yrs ago when working with a local generator. Then the idea of pumping to Wallerawang was considered problematic from an engineering and environment perspective- due to the distances and topography involved.
For me this is still not a valid 'project' because of this and the fact that the

Greenspot site is adjacent to a dam designed to provide water for a thermal generator and should be adequately sufficient for the programs at the Wallerawang site.

This is viewed also with the fact that the current flow into the Railway dams is a great 'buffer' for the Lithgow water supply in times of drought.

BE [2.5.1.6](#) - Watsford / Conran lighting and Clubhouse. Agree with the concept but not the allocated funds. To be honest this looks like a 'slush bucket' for project funds. Saw no explanation in the document.

LEEP - makes a comment of making Waste for Energy a replacement for Coal Fired generation - this not supported by the city and surrounds and is a poor strategy. Understand that our location limits forms of replacement for 'Wang and Piper' but don't agree on the limited review of potential options for replacement. WfE as a concept has been shown to be an extremely dangerous and inefficient option for energy generation and a strategy' to, just, grab this technology without reference to science and public opinion is, to my mind, extremely short sighted and I would prefer to see our council review options rather than just 'jump in' on flawed technology and dangerous options.

What is missing?

SE3.2.3 Is a significant sum of money for a really good cause but I am concerned about the potential ROI for such a spend. I don't see anywhere a mention of what plans are in place for the justification of this spend. I understand that the pieces being replaced have reached 'end of life' but what plan is there to increase use of this facility.

SE [4.2.2.1](#) - Staged replacement of main st pavers - did not see any comment on replacement strategy. Is council going to repair pavers and subgrade or replace and, if the answer is replace, what with? Would disagree totally with a concrete replacement but understand the repair strategy.

BE2.2 - SE [4.2.2.1](#) - I note that both these items reflect the repair or replacement of key assets. What is not noted is the 'prioritisation process for these, and other, repairs.

As an ex-asset manager for major state owned assets I would always make sure I

understood the condition of all assets within my purview. With this detail I could make informed decisions on priorities for repair based on key criteria of use of the assets. I do not see this here instead I see the statement 'as required'. There needs to be a more proactive review of assets to try and make decisions on 'leading indicators' I.e. trying to predict failure and optimise repairs in a timely manner before they occur and then assess anomalies to the decisions.

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Have No
your read
the Draft
Long
Term
Financial
Plan?

Do you	No energy to waste facilities in the area! Bad for everyone and everything, and not a
have any	strategicly smart future growth area like sustainable energy. As a regional area
comment	Lithgow should nominate to host a Universal Basic Income trial for artists - the
s in	Greens are proposing a trial in an inner city and a regional area and Lithgow should
regards	seek this out. Lithgow needs its own public art gallery too, to support the growth of
to the	the two arts hubs in CBD and Portland, commercial and cafe galleries and the
draft	increasing gravitation of artists to the area via gentrification and overflow from
Long	Cementa art festival and the Blue Mountains. Lithgow is the next significant arts
Term	destination between Katoomba and Bathurst and art has a vital role to play in

Financial Plan 2022-2032 and the strategies and financial resources allocated to deliver facilities and services?	Lithgow's creative 'renew' focussed economy. Council subsidised artist studios for contemporary artists based on the models provided by Big CI at Biplin, Wayout Artspace in Kandos and Artspace in Sydney will enable vacant spaces to be utilised and enhanced, and attract and retain more artists to the area - this will work well with Lithgow's new focus on tourism. Shops and cafes that support the sale of bespoke local produce eg. Lidsale award winning goats cheese will help increase creative eco economy, like Bathurst Harvest cafe which is strategically placed next to the Bathurst Tourism Information Centre. Sorry I haven't read any of these documents as I only just saw their availability right now, and comments are due today but I will have a look - great to see! Many kind thanks!
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Subject: Response to proposed changes to water charges

To Lithgow City Council

In response to 'Proposed Changes to Water Charges' reference no: **IPR2022-2026**

The proposal to increase the 'Fixed Annual Access Fee' and decrease 'Variable Usage Charges'.

It should be noted that the water usage charges that LCC already impose upon residents are some of the highest rate charges in NSW as I have previously stated in an email addressed to the Director Water & Waste Water of Council in 2021.

I understand that each Council has their own unique infrastructures for the supply of water, however it still concerns me that our water usage charges are so high. The data supplied on water usage rates has Lithgow as the 8th most expensive in all of the 82 Councils and for our category, 'Large Council' (greater than 10,000) **LCC is the most expensive town** in NSW.

Now, LCC is proposing, to decrease the Variable Usage Charges that they had increased again without consultation by 7.5% in December 2021. While I am pleased that there are plans to decrease the water usage charges, I believe it is still not enough. This still places LCC at the very top of price charges as acknowledged by LCC Director of Water & Waste Water, "***Council usage charges on the other hand are high in comparison to other LWU***" (dated 21/1/21)

My second concern is the increase to the Fixed Annual Access Fee from \$205.00 to \$380.00, **an increase of 85%**. I believe councils work on the 'Best Management Practice Guidelines' and that a 75% return is what Councils aim for. As stated by Council, "***A lot of Councils have moved toward recovering a higher portion from fixed charges as there is less risk and volatility***" (LCC 21/1/21). Is the 85% increase in the Fixed Annual Access Fee higher than what is needed for Council to receive the 75% return that they desire? I trust that you will these considerations on board when reviewing the proposed changes.

Regards [REDACTED]

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Name	
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Have you read the Draft Long Term Financial Plan?	Yes
Do you have any comments in regards to the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032 and the strategies and financial resources allocated to deliver facilities and services?	Concern that the Incinerator is a focus when there are so many other options for our beautiful valleys - rather than fill them with micro-plastics, we could be marketing ourselves as a tourist destination

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Have you read the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan?

Yes

Have you read the Draft Fees & Charges?

Yes

What changes do I strongly oppose any increase in council rates, my street [REDACTED] is a disgrace and is barely navigable by any non 4wd vehicle.

you propose to the Draft Fees & Charges and why?	A Pile of greenwaste that had been booked for council to chip sat and rotted on my roadside for months before I fnly disposed of it myself. Council also has encroached the road onto my property and is stalling on the resolution to this. I understand costs increase, but the service we are getting at the moment simply does not justify it.
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Have you read the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan?	Yes
Do you have any comments in regards to the draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan and the strategies and financial resources allocated to deliver facilities and services?	The Major projects Transport section outlines proposed scheduled resealing and footpath works. Girraween Drive and Bundarra Place (Marrangaroo Fields) resealing does not appear in the draft plan. I have attached photos of the current condition of Girraween Drive clearly demonstrating the unsafe condition of this roadway at present and request Council review current plan to include resealing works of both Girraween and Bundarra Place in this financial years operational plan.
Do you have any other comments in relation to	Council as the authority should also allocate funds to install roll kerb and gutter to control water overflow into private properties of

the draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 Operational Plan 2022- 2023??	roadway in lower section of Giraween drive where dish drains cannot be used. Water run off is causing serious ongoing water saturation issues contributed to by uncontrolled roadway runoff into residents properties.
You can upload documents/images here	https://ourplaceourfuture.lithgow.com/wp-content/uploads/formidable/3/20220527_155312_resized.jpg

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**Have you read the
Draft Delivery
Program and
Operational
Plan?**

Yes

**Do you have any
comments in
regards to the
draft Delivery
Program &
Operational Plan
and the strategies
and financial
resources
allocated to**

I would like to submit that Lithgow Council make it a priority to address the street flooding that occurs at the junction of Cuppro St and Main St, Lithgow. This flooding prevents road and pedestrian traffic along Main St in both directions, as well as effecting properties in the region, in worst cases flooding them. It further becomes an health issue when the backed up storm water mixes with escaping sewer. Council is aware of the problem and has an engineering solution that would upgrade the stormwater from this intersection to Farmers Creek nearby. My submission is that Council prioritise this project and find the funding to do so.

**deliver facilities
and services?**

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Have you read the Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan?	Yes
Do you have any other comments in relation to the draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 Operational Plan 2022-2023??	<p>https://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/leisure/parks-and-public-spaces/dean-street-parklet-trial?fbclid=IwAR1PAuB69GrRKVgvaItndxpcuV5rT-0XED4LEuTffY4eGBDeBsS9Jj9YPtQ</p> <p>Albury Council are trialing parkletts in their CBD. Something to consider for our Main Street.</p>

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Subject: Our Place Our Future

Hi LCC,

I appreciate the deadline was COB Wednesday for input/response to Council's 2022/2023 DPOP, however am hoping the below feedback can be included and considered.

LCC has received very significant amounts of external funding for work on Farmers Creek over the last few years.

External funding provided to Council included EPA Clarence Colliery fines money, significant Drought Relief and Recovery funding, something additional that I can't recall, and more recently EPA fine money to LCC for your caustic Farmers Creek contamination.

All of these funds have made very significant headway into managing highly invasive weeds and a very high weed-load in the Farmers Creek catchment and across the entire Lithgow Valley. This riparian area historically received no attention from Council (as there are no dedicated staff at Council that manage bushland), and has relied very heavily upon external NGOs to advocate, lobby, and prepare and manage grant funds for these lands and these issues; - the development of the Farmers Creek Masterplan being a case in point.

A substantial amount of work and expenditure has been undertaken (as per the Farmers Creek Masterplan) as a result, significantly improving biodiversity values and community engagement. However no funds over the last four years have come internally from Council. All Council has been required to do is manage and deliver these gifted funds.

For the coming financial year Council plans to provide no funding to continue on with, or follow up on any of these works, despite (I believe) an internal bid being put forward. Ongoing financial investment is critical at this stage of bushland regeneration works. It is disappointing to see that Council is investing nothing into bushland management, nor following up on previous investment by external agencies and works.

In anticipation of the above eventuating as an expected and predictable outcome from Council (ie no funds dedicated), LOLA is currently preparing three grant applications to extend and follow-up on the previous years worth of work in order that all sites do not go backwards, and that previous external financial investment has benefit and longevity (and improved environmental outcomes). We'll advise Council the outcome of the applications.

Having managed bushland regeneration works on many of Council's public bushland parcels for the last 25 years, LOLA will continue to do so until such time as LCC sees that dedicated environmental management is important to Lithgow City Council.

Regards,



Secretary | Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association Inc.

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**Have you read the
Draft Community
Strategic Plan
2035 (CSP)?**

Yes

**What do you like
about the CSP?**

Fixing bridges and roads in Lithgow Council area.

What is missing?

I noticed that Rydal and Sodwalls upgrades were mentioned, but what about Tarana roads? They need to be fixed, including the bridges. Sodwalls Rd and Tarana Rd get used a lot. The roads and bridges are too narrow and roads have many potholes.

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18 May 2022

Mr Craig Butler, General Manager
Lithgow City Council
PO Box 19
180 Mort Street
LITHGOW NSW 2790

Dear Mr Butler,

Re: Submission to Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035, Draft April 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Draft Community Strategic Plan* (CSP) recently prepared by Council.

It is encouraging to see this plan addressing social, economic and environmental determinants of health, such as housing, education, and air quality. Also, the inclusion of active lifestyles for the Lithgow community.

Affordable and secure housing is one of the key underpinnings for physical and mental well-being. In order to maximise health opportunities housing needs to ensure it provides for human and environmental health. This includes being energy efficient and complying with BASIX or other relevant energy efficiency ratings systems to be able to meet the challenges of a changing climate. This can be addressed in Objective *BE3 Diverse and affordable housing options are available for our residents throughout all life stages. Page 67 of the Plan.*

Another important aspect of health is communities having access to affordable healthy food. It would be beneficial to include this in the Plan. *Page 51, Areas of Focus, Number 7: Ensure community well-being*, could be an opportunity to add this. It could include a strategy on the promotion of local food production. This can be on a small scale, such as spaces for home gardens in new suburbs, community gardens to larger scale market gardens and provision of farmers markets.

Specific Comments regarding the draft CSP are in attachment A below.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. If you would like to discuss further, please contact Alejandra Martinez on 0407 125 113 or alejandra.martinez@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



Alejandra Martinez, A/Manager Partnerships and Healthy Places
Population Health, Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

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Page 47: How to read this Plan

The layout of this page is a bit confusing. This may work better presented differently. Some suggestions include a logic model style, timeline.

Page 52:

CC1 To plan and provide quality community and recreational facilities and services for a, healthy, vibrant, and harmonious community that embraces challenges and has the resilience to adapt to change.

Strategies:

- We will work together ensure the communities of the Lithgow region feel supported, connected, and united.

This could be: 'We will work together with government departments, NGOs and community to ensure the communities of the Lithgow region have access to services and feel supported and united.'

Would also be useful to add other strategies addressing healthy food:

For example:

- Increase community access to affordable healthy food options
- Support local food production

- We will manage and regulate public places to achieve safe and healthy lifestyles.

Could be:

We will manage and provide public spaces that promote physical activity and sport and recreational facilities that are accessible to all, to achieve safe and healthy lifestyles

Page 53:

How will we measure success?

Improved liaison with our local Indigenous and CALD communities.

This could be [increased consultation](#) with our local Indigenous and CALD communities. Page 3 below provides more information on liaison and consultation with CALD communities.

Page 58:

SE1: To provide sustainable and planned growth that supports a range of lifestyle choices and employment options.

Strategies:

We will plan and work in partnership with residents of new and emerging suburbs and towns to connect and evolve their own distinct neighbourhood spirit and character.

To this section the following could be added:

[We will ensure new and emerging suburbs have high walkability, cycling infrastructure and green spaces.](#)

[We will plan new and emerging suburbs which are environmentally sustainable.](#)

SE2:

To explore and discover the richness in our society through the pursuit of educational, creative, and cultural opportunities to diversify the economy, skills base, and employment opportunities.

Strategies:

We will celebrate the cultural diversity and rich heritage of the Lithgow LGA.

This can also be an opportunity to include Lithgow LGA being a Refugee Welcome Zone, leveraging off and building on the Lithgow council's commitment in 2017 for the Lithgow LGA to become a refugee welcome zone. Look for opportunities to promote and celebrate refugees and to create awareness amongst the community of the refugee lived experiences. Would be good to see Council taking the lead in this space.

<https://www.bluemts.com.au/news/lithgow-celebrates-refugee-week/>

Page 61:

How will success be measured?

Suggestion to add: Number of suburbs that are environmentally sustainable

Number of development applications

Could be:

'Number of development applications contributing to sustainable, town centres and healthy streets and suburbs.

Useful document: Healthy Streets Framework: <https://www.healthystreets.com/>

Page 66:

BE2 To ensure sustainable and planned growth through the provision of effective public and private transport options, and suitable entertainment and to enhance the lifestyle choices of the community.

Strategies:

We will develop quality and affordable multi-purpose sporting and recreational facilities which encourage active, healthy lifestyles.

Page 67:

BE3 Diverse and affordable housing options are available for our residents throughout all life stages.

Strategies:

- We will realise more new, affordable environmentally sustainable homes in Lithgow and other established urban centres.
 - Planning and development of new suburbs will provide for a mix of housing types.
- Could add:
- Planning and development of new suburbs will incorporate active transport connections.

(This includes blocks that are relatively short, a road and pedestrian network that provides numerous alternative routes, mid-block pedestrian access links and pedestrian and bicycle through access for all cul-de-sacs.) p.99

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/urbanhealth/Publications/healthy-built-enviro-check.pdf>

Page 74: NE1

To conserve and preserve the natural environment whilst balancing the impact of development to ensure a sustainable and healthy community.

Strategies:

Possibly add:

Improved air quality by reducing fossil fuel combustion

The strategy 'We will respect and protect the region's Aboriginal heritage assets.'

This is a very important strategy, and it would be good to know how Council will liaise with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Will there be tailored programs and initiatives to achieve protection of Aboriginal heritage assets?

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

Some issues to think about regarding CALD communities:

CALD Representatives

Engaging CALD communities and individuals from diverse backgrounds in service design and evaluation activities can support more equitable access and service delivery. Recruit engage and support CALD to represent diversity at meetings and working groups.

Cultural Competency of workforce

In ensuring equity of access and service provision, staff should complete regular and refresher training in cultural awareness and working affectively with CALD community members. Services can assess the cultural responsiveness of staff and address gaps. This also applies to working with Aboriginal communities.

Outlining Inequity

The CALD population face inequity due to low literacy leading to limited understanding and knowledge of services that can support them, limited access to interpreters and translated material, and limited understanding of the role of council and thus services they provide. Such barriers have a significant impact on outcomes for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) population.

Inclusive service planning

Services can use the Consumer Participation in Service Planning and Decision Making tool from Centre for Culture Ethnicity. <https://www.ceh.org.au/resource-hub/consumer-participation-in-service-planning-and-decision-making/>

Effective Communication

Individuals who are not fluent in English or who are hearing impaired, must be able to participate in and access services that are responsive to their cultural, language and communication needs.

Providing Multilingual Information

Services should be aware of translated resources relevant to the individuals and to ensure translated information is available for community members to help support access to services.

Make mention of some of the key cultural and language groups to better understand and recognise the cultural and language diversity and population mix to then draw on the rich assets and opportunities that this provides for the community.

Useful documents:

Healthy Built Environment Checklist

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/urbanhealth/Publications/healthy-built-enviro-check.pdf>

<https://www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au/resources/active-living-nsw>

