



THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA

COMMUNITY PRECINCT

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Subject: **MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010/2011**

Dear Michael,

On behalf of TEPCP and myself, I wish to welcome you to Wyong Shire Council. We look forward to working with you and intend inviting you to a Precinct meeting in the near future.

TEPCP has spent considerable time reviewing WSC's Management Plan 2010/2011. For a number of years now we have struggled to understand how the items in the Rolling Works Program were selected to received funding. This year was no exception. We did not find the documents themselves to be user friend and express our concern that the average ratepayer would be find it difficult to understand and accept, why funds are being allocated to other Precincts and not in theirs.

TEPCP is pleased to note that WSC has developed a Delivery Program using the Shire's Strategic Vision to focus on a list of priorities to be considered to reflect the Communities aspirations for the future. It must be stated however that the Shire's Strategic Vision, worthy though it is, is only a statement of principles that espouse worthy concepts that few people would disagree with.

We believe that it is not accurate for WSC to conclude that since they had developed the Management Plan using the Strategic Vision, that Community has been consulted. In fact, we understand, the Management Plan relied on a workshop of Councillors and Senior Staff to develop the Delivery Program. We believe that the decisions were made without prior input from the community .

We also note that infrastructure is the biggest ticket spending item in the Management Plan. A rational decision making approach using specific criteria may have been used to develop these documents, however the documents themselves, fail to give any indication of this.

In conclusion, TEPCP recommends WSC as it further refines it's new four year rolling works program, to apply a more consultative and transparent process. As well, we believe that the community should be made aware of the selection criteria used in the decisions associated with expenditure in the WSC Management Plan.

Yours Sincerely

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