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**Subject:** FW: [Fwd: Council Management Plan 2010/2011 Submission]

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and cc John Wiggin, CEN Gosford Planning C'tee

Time has only permitted a 12 point submission on the above Wyong Council Management Plan. Previous years up to 12 pages have been submitted (about 35-40 hrs work). Until the method of Council putting a Management Plan changes the public interest will fall away, and submissions will be small.

I suspect the time is right for Council to review how it puts the Management Plan together, Doug has been examining this currently and Kevin has always been giving good suggestions to Council (Kevin's submissions have been major in the past too). Finally, with David Harris, Secy to CC Minister, continuing to dialogue with our research interests and 7 new Wyong councillors and a new General Manager, the chance should be good of seeing changes to the next Management Plan.

I suspect winning best practice bit-by-bit (town centre planning, lakes improvements, human service planning) and most important Council's new shire wide Local Environment Plan can also be fed into a new approach to the next Management Plan.

David Harris informs me he is also making progress on the concept of a Central Coast growth centre corporation (must be based on sustainability methods we can continue to argue). Kevin Armstrong and others continue to highlight this need to get beyond the two councils for proper regional planning needs, i.e. a transport plan, conservation plan and urban centres plan.

Comments welcome, as we focus on change for 2011.

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----- Original Message -----  
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Bromwyn Rumbel

Bromwyn,

The work that goes into producing a Council Management Plan is huge and its importance is central to Council's decision making. We have been very busy here at CEN this year (with significant work around the new Marine Discovery Centre), thus much smaller amount of time to devote to submissions. I note Council's public meeting on the 29 April was very useful, and all Council staff attending should be complimented (separate letter has been written to the Mayor on that note).

Time will not permit a full submission this year, however CEN makes these points (as a small submission) (CEN would like Council to note CEN's 4-5 previous years' major submissions under the heading: Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Based Fiscal Policies for Local Government):

1. The Management Plan 2010/11 (herein referred to as MP) slimmer document (by 100p less) is a more readable end result from the previous 8-9 years.

2. The referencing of Council 's vision doc was handy (and saved pages).
3. A pie chart of expenses and income would be handy (raised previously).
4. The MP does not sufficiently quantify the reasons for expenditure across the shire (older areas still missing out of needed renewal of infrastructure and community services).
5. The environment budget is too small, given the State of the Shire 2008/09 illustrates the need for more funding to protect and repair the natural environments of the shire.
6. Programs, such as the Shire land care groups, need more funding (based again on a needs analysis and recognising the current Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan and TLEM Program of expenditure).
7. New imposts by the State, i.e. increase in street lighting payments of just under \$1m, needs to be refuted by Council (again by measuring the service provided, which it is mooted is below standards for urban areas).
8. An analysis of how the Council can lessen it's payments and charges to the State needs to be included in the MP. These payments and charges are an imposition on top of the taxes the residents already pay the State.
9. A Section 94 report within the MP is important, given the size of expenditure of this program (\$50m+ in funds held).
10. Sustainability indicators are needed throughout the report, given C has committed itself to adopting a sustainable planning approach in the MP introduction and Vision Plan.
11. Maps of precincts and expenditure of major items within precincts (as Gosford City's MP contains) would be useful.
12. Greater public consultation before the MP is adopted in draft is important, as the public would have a greater enthusiasm in knowing their contributions would be considered at an early stage of C debate on the MP.

CEN hopes these brief comments are useful, and hopes next year there will be more time to compose a full submission.

We wish you and all staff and councillors involved in completing the MP the best of luck in moving the plan to adoption, with changes as appropriate.

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