

Hartley Community Workshop Outcomes

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Kanimbla-vocational, recreational, historical tourism.
- Rydal-tourist trails Railway public access.
- Wolgan Valley-no development 40 ha minimum to stay. Mobile coverage poor needs improvement. Safety aspects and bushwalkers etc.
- Keep zoning as it is.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Rural residential not in my backyard.
- Has been minimised in Cox's River Road.
- Rezone no more than existing 100 acre minimum. Economic viability. Effluent.
- Blanket statement - no more for whole area

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Lithgow needs economic growth to keep young people here.
- More university - Notre Dame medical.
- Encourage business such as Manchester.
- Don't destroy rural aspect.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Telecommunications. Need entertainment for young people. Skate park, skate Rink, Gym, coffee shop etc.
- Building to incorporate all of it.
- Minibus to enable ageing people to shop early AM late PM service.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Stop development along clifftop edges.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Duck farms, goose farms, pig farms. Promote smallholdings in non-viable pastoral lands.
- Ash dams made into parkland.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No nuclear waste.
- No chemical industries

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Participate.
- Have a say.
- Keep informed.

- Demand that we have access to information (not everybody uses Google or e-mails)
- Action groups to keep community interest focused.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Consult the community. What is the timeframe?
- Make their plans known.
- Whose plans. Developers? Scepticism.
- Must be community wishes based. Wary of minority groups.
- Council needs a riding system (Ward) representation from our diverse communities votes to count.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Specialty agriculture viable for small plots and large areas.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Balance in Hartley is okay but variation may be sought.
- Developments on urban fringe

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Further development of Hartley historic village.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Extend limit the Lithgow bus service, mobile service. Promote Lake Lyell.
- TV service.
- Upgrade community hall.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Vistas from Mt Victoria.
- Hassans Walls.
- Remnant vegetation.
- Hanging swamps.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Environmentally sensitive and food producing

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Large polluting industries.
- Truckstops

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Be informed as to what Council and other Government sectors are doing. Do long term studies of rural residential, example other councils.
- To encourage young community members to be parts informed is active in Council etc.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council and government bodies should be unbiased and not be compromised by developers.
- A cost benefit analysis of rural residential developments should be undertaken.
- Qualitative modelling should be applied to such concepts as scenic views and historical areas etc

Vision

- What area (hectares or acres) equals sustainable agriculture? One Thousand acres?
- Lots of smaller blocks in the area already.
- Inconsistencies.
- The titles allow small blocks in village areas such as Hampton where there is a 50 km hour zone. Where a precedent occurs perhaps further blocks example 2 ha could occur.
- Smaller blocks allow for more residents in the area equal more rates equals greater diversity.
- Less mining to facing area and breaking up roads such as the quarry Jenolan Caves Road which operates 6 AM to 10 AM disturbs the area major disturbance.
- High unemployment in Lithgow School leavers need opportunity.
- 50 to 70% to remain rural.
- No loud industries.
- Allow more intensive agriculture such as Oberon hydroponic gardening.
- Internet coverage mobile reception.
- More frequent attention to dirt roads.
- Bus service.
- Post box
- Acceptance of changes.
- Acknowledgement of residential areas within rural settings.
- Minimise noise and disturbance from possible industries in close proximity to houses.
- Very strict regulations on dumping of rubbish particularly in Crown land areas-heavy fines.
- Camping in non-camping areas. What happens to the effluent. We are inspected, water tests etc. Who repairs any diggings?
- Don't need a new highway up Lett River hill to destroy existing productive grazing.
- Speed limits work cameras don't.
- No truck stops.
- Loss of four small arms factory, Berlei etc bad. Need new viable manufacturing industries.
- Rural attributes to be retained.

- Limit on groundwater extraction.
- A flowing Lett River which is not polluted.
- Remnant bushland areas preserved.
- Aesthetic beauty to be retained.
- Quietness.
- Weed control.
- Define community-many areas in region.
- Consider subdivisions on individual basis, precedents etc.

Action

- Be proactive-write to Council, local paper when you have concerns.
- Voice your concerns at these fabulous public meetings.
- Council please listen to us rural people and we are giving you a lot of money to make well thought out decisions.
- Make sure there is transparency at all times. We need feedback and community.
- Limit bores.
- Hartley is very drought prone.
- There should be encouragement in the community to support local business and farmers.
- Federal State and Council should co-operates, coordinate and shareable resources such as information.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Depending on the area and sizes of property.
- 2 ha will be acceptable.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Most would prefer larger properties of 20 to 25 acres.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Need to develop historic sites such as Hartley Village similar to Old Sydney Town.
- Bring people in for more tourism.
- Garbage collection.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Market stalls such as at Adams shed and Hartley diner.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Weeds-tussock and blackberry.
- Help with grants so people can look after their own areas.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- If it looks like a suburb we don't want it

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

None recorded

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Residents meeting in groups to bring your suggestions to Council meeting.
- Start to develop meetings with your neighbours.
- Hartley progress meeting.
- Put progress meeting letters in mailboxes.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council and Government Agencies to listen to us.
- Don't take us for granted.
- Be flexible no blanket decisions made

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- No developments in rural areas less than 100 acres.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Housing developments on the edge of town and moving out as required.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- More jobs to employ young people.
- Encourage new industries to area.
- Better mobile reception.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Hampton Road maintained.
- Grass cutting on the edge of road, a great advantage; it used to happen but not lately; helps to see wildlife.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Keep rural areas rural and not built out.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Grazing areas kept as it is now.
- No wind farms, definitely no nuclear waste dumps.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- As above

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Development that is sympathetic to existing land use.
- Farming, cafes in line with surrounds, bed and breakfast, tourism and co-ordinated. Rural education.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Yes development around existing Villages without interruption to primary producers.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Existing ad hoc, infill developments.
- See question 1.
- Preserve current rural production.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Hartley-safer roads, communications, school, doctors, mechanic.
- Hampton (not much more). Safer roads and communications.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Scenic amenity, rural vistas. Five acre 25 acre hundred acre lifestyle blocks.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Windfarms, home businesses.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No Westfields, bulky goods type developments

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Participate. Foster community. Attend meetings. Community approach. Educate.
- Be clear on what you do want.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Listen to community.

- Engage community.
- Give feedback.
- Better communication and not just digital.
- Make regulation more flexible to accommodate community wants.
- Support vision.
- Better/smarter funding.
- Support existing industries.
- Right to farm.
- Sympathetic to pre-existing surrounding uses.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- More rural residential.
- Should have say in your own land and how it is subdivided.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Owners discretion.
- Nothing to do with anyone else what each individual person wants.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- No way.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Better mobile phone service.
- Internet.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Waterways.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

None recorded

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Uranium dumps.
- Any Sydney waste

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

None recorded

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

None recorded

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Rural land. Create and sustain employment-tourism.
- Population growth-lifestyle-retirement, acreage living, views and animals, quieter lifestyle.
- Developments that involves less Council hassle and Government Department interference.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Demand?
- Are we already part of the Sydney real estate growth?
- Location-suitable land taking into account trees and gradients and waterways. That is don't use our prime agricultural land.
- Areas where people will want to live.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- If we answer question number one we obviously have answered this question.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- For Hartley-a village shopping precinct.
- Greater bushfire reduction around residential areas.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Gradients, waterways, prime agricultural land.
- Treed steep slopes.
- Where applicable to minimise bushfire mitigation

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Rural residential.
- Small home industries.
- Small agriculture or crop (specialised).
- Tourism.
- Landowners being able to cater for tourism without having to obtain specified zoning.
- Localised commercial and business precinct.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Chicken farms and pig farms.
- Industrial waste.
- Motocross or four-wheel drive.
- Windfarm

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Be proactive and get involved.

- Be prepared to compromise with others who have a different view to yours.
- Make sure that Council is prepared to listen, inform and discuss with you.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Listen to landowners via letters, meetings, etc.
- Landowners should have rights.
- Bring back concessional lots for farming families as it gives future security on the future of the farm.
- Federal and State Governments-decentralisation.
- Listen to town development groups and perhaps give appropriate grants.
- Look towards the future and be ready to capture opportunities when they arrive arise

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- No more or low key low impact to environment and landscape.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Located on unproductive rural lands. Lifestyle blocks.
- Close to existing infrastructure.
- How much? Like Dural 20 years ago.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Yes if it is conducive with existing uses such as bed and breakfast, farm stay, ecotourism, nurseries, small industries linked to local production.
- Encourage expansion of artistic endeavours (music festival?)
- Better roads

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Post box for posting things.
- Mountain bike park or BMX track.
- A travelling medical service.
- Faster Internet connections.
- Corner shop?

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Open space, trees,
- Accessibility to environment (such as road to Hyde Park).
- Preserve land on banks of Cox's River.
- Specific facilities for fisherman.
- Promote where four-wheel drive people can drive to discourage them from other areas.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Refer to questions two and five.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Coal seam gas.
- Open cut mining.
- Not massive shopping centre.
- No heavy industrial

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Participate in community groups such as HDP.
- Attend Council meetings and keep aware of matters affecting the local area.
- Lobby Council with our concerns (elected representatives).
- Make representations to state and federal members of Parliament.
- Talk up the area

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Act on our concerns
- Present more local information and community consultation.
- Work with us rather than appearing to work against us.
- Enact legislation to assist our vision.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Rural farming and agriculture.
- We need farming lands.
- Leave things as they are.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- There is already too much rural residential development in the area now.
- Abandon 100 acre and returned to the concessional blocks.
- Also restore the right of landholders (1975?) to be able to cut small blocks for the children.
- Maintain large rural holdings

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- No mines.
- No coal seam gas.
- Nothing to stress the water.
- No quarries.
- No large resorts.
- No McDonald's.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Mobile phone coverage

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Cox's River and water catchment areas surrounding.
- Wildlife.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- No future development is needed.
- We are here for the rural lifestyle.
- Future land uses should be farming and rural only.
- Let tourists experience a rural feel

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- See question three
- Anything which is detrimental to our rural life and water.
- Uranium waste dump or contamination

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Our vision for the future of our area is for it to stay much the same.
- Keep your ear to the ground, watch out for developers.
- Take active participation in local organisations.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Close consultation with rural residents.
- Transition from coal to renewable energy.
- All new housing need to have renewable energy. Solar and batteries, etc

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Roads sealed in Hartley.
- Public transport.
- More diagnostic health services-upgrade of Lithgow Hospital.
- ADSL / broadband
- TV reception (not from Alice Springs)

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- No urban mass development.
- Small acreages (10 acres not less).
- No development at all-no subdivision for housing.
- Subdivision into 25 acre blocks-infrastructure.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Economic growth to support the area.
- light industry close to Lithgow to create jobs.

- Tourism, light industry, agricultural growth-only located after careful planning and consideration of cultural impact, historical significance.
- Tourism, agricultural growth.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Town water, sewerage and gas and green garbage collection.
- Good TV.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Council provision of weed management, tree trimming.
- Increase Council provision of mowing grass verges in residential areas.
- Some sort of preservation of areas - Blue Mountains Heritage listing program.
- Vegetation and its heritage housing.
- Keep and develop national parks and historic buildings in the area.
- Active preservation of wildlife and local native vegetation.
- Allow hazard reduction without interference.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Tourism (controlled).
- Developments of protected habitat for indigenous fauna.
- Clean agricultural growth.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No quarries, CSG, motocross or recreational parks for car racing.
- No tunnel through Mt Victoria.
- No mining

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Community play their part in vegetation and weed management.
- Continue to lobby Council and State Government for improvements.
- Attend meetings and make contribution.
- Get involved in local activities by the community.
- To work together with community independent of Council to get things done.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council management of weed control-difficult to get advice from Council on weed management.
- Prevent overdevelopment.
- Achieve necessary funding to implement suggestions for future development.
- Continue community involvement meetings.
- Let farmers farm. Repeal native vegetation act.
- Upgrade Bells line of Road-speed camera to make it safer but don't ruin it

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Environmentally responsible employment creating industry/agriculture etc.
- Smaller residential lots-close proximity to towns/city.
- Retention of best rural productive land for that purpose.
- Recognition of people's desire for rural residential lifestyle. Generally not on best rural production areas. Generally not in remote or environmentally sensitive areas. Generally approximate to highway and roads with good access and service this

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- See question one.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Yes.
- Clean industry.
- Employment creation.
- See question one.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Adequate road maintenance in areas in which development is allowed.
- Blackspot elimination.
- Pest and weed control.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Many.
- Flora.
- Fauna.
- Water cleanliness and flow.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- See above

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Inappropriate industry on rural land and rural residential land rendering some blocks like scrapheaps.
- Noisy beyond acceptable limits.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Public information evenings as the plans progress.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

Is it possible for three levels of Government to coordinate on this local agenda?

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Remain status quo for rural character of valley.
- The valley is a heritage place and needs to be preserved and protected for future generations.
- Provide 21st century e-businesses.
- Appropriate development of Little Hartley Village

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Retain historic dwelling entitlements only.
- No more rural small lot subdivisions in Hartley-already enough and oversupply.
- More subdivision that means higher rates unless Village or near to existing urban areas.
- Allowed dwelling rights on isolated island blocks.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Tourism-heritage and environmental.
- 21st century e-business.
- Hitech low impact. Not quarry.
- Clean home based business.
- Niche agriculture.
- Carbon sinks and tree farming

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Internet plus mobile reception and TV.
- ADSL telecommunication upgrade. Not enough for area at present.
- Better recycling opportunities for local Government area.
- Better control of weeds.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Heritage vistas in Hartley Valley.
- Escarpment sacrosanct.
- Preserving water quality for catchment (Sydney water supply)

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Intensive horticulture (clean agricultural).
- Clean small farming enterprises.
- Appropriately located windfarms.
- Investigate potential of Hartley granite geothermal.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No intensive animal poultry farming.
- No industry that defaces landscape

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Attend Council meetings and ask questions relating to area.
- More community involvement in local functions where issues can be discussed.
- Engaging Council through local organisations such as Kanimbla recreation and sports and recreation club. Hartley district progress Association. Rural Fire service.
- Further opportunities.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Expect transparency from Government Departments starting with local.
- When seeking consultation with communities need to seek true representation of that particular community.
- Independent Councillors.
- Timely feedback

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Minimal impact development.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Why is this question here?

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Small development.
- Business to enhance the area such as bed and breakfast.
- Improve local attractions for existing area.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Postal box or post office.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Preserve historical sites and improve exposure.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- What is here already not to spoil the outlook.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Any non-rural industries

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Developments is not just subdivision.
- Positive developments on all rural lands any size block.
- Small enterprise of all sorts.
- We are in the catchment of 4 million people.
- Niche agriculture, new products.
- Products and services of 21st century.
- Visitors, tourists, direct, Internet.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Hartley has a big bank of land zoned (unwisely) for rural residential-we don't need any more.
- Supply appears to exceed demand.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- See question 1.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- NBN. Council should campaign for it.
- Council to promote Lithgow for 21st-century economy, environment and lifestyle. Not coal and power.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Great historic continuity and farms.
- Orchard's
- Shale oil,
- Inns
- Spectacular landscape.
- The lot.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- See question 1.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Inappropriate small lot (residential).
- Large commercial highway businesses.
- CSG.
- Mining.
- No purple or green freeway (Great Western Highway)

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

No actions recorded

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- No incursion on productive land presently zoned RU1.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Near or around villages only.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Yes, but farming based.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Road upgrade and maintenance.
- Need control on all blocks.
- Feral animal control.
- NBN.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Water quality.
- No demolition of native forest.
- Weed control to preserve pastures.
- From/ Escarpment/valleys.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Maintain the status quo. That is to preserve the existing agricultural potential (Carbon farming)

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Coal mines.
- Quarries.
- Industrial parks.
- Coal seam gas.
- No expansion of small lot residential subdivision into existing farming land

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Continue farming in peace without negative impacts on others.
- Finding a stable economic base and family lifestyle for future generations.
- Have opportunity for further input in this process before finalisation.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council to be better informed about the economic base of its rural community and its community.
- Cut waste expenditure.
- Develop and implement a plan for educating the community about weed and feral control, particularly for residents new to rural life on smaller blocks.
- Final decisions made by Council recognise the diversity of land use within the rural community

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Commercial and rural residential estates (2 ha)
- Shops similar to existing.
- Reopen post office.
- No commercial.
- Recreational (Arboretum).
- Tourist cabins and ecotourism.
- Green energy.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Match demand.
- 10% more.
- Become a centre for large lot residential.
- Without ruining scenic-no ridge top.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Yes.
- Hazelnut groves.
- Food related.
- No truck stop

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Recreation Park.
- Children's activity.
- Town water.
- Free rural water taps like Mudgee.
- Public transport.
- Mobile phone reception.
- NBN.
- Four wheel drive tracks for tourism.
- Walking trails-link different areas example Lawson to Lithgow.
- Live music venues.

- Greater use of historic village town centre.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Water quality- River Lett and Cox's River.
- Heritage.
- Environmental qualities.
- Views of escarpment and lookouts.
- Forestry versus open-keep some forest.
- Yellow box habitat.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Tourism.
- Commercial.
- Tourist trail accommodation.
- Rural residential.
- Expand increase awareness of small arms factory.
- Film production

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

None recorded

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Involved in rural study.
- Elect good Councillors.
- Promote area.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council should butt out of state law.
- Listen and guide.
- Implement community's wishes.
- Follow-up on requests.