Public Hearing Report

Generic Community Lands Plan of Management

On behalf of Lithgow City Council

1.0 Introduction

Lithgow City Council held a Public Hearing commencing at 10:30am on Wednesday, 6th February 2019 in the Lithgow City Council Chambers, Mort Street concerning an amendment to Council's Generic Community Lands Plan of Management 2013.

This meeting was held in accordance with the requirements of Section 57 (6) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993, a Council must hold a Public Hearing in respect of a Plan of Management if the proposed Plan of Management has the effect of categorising or re-categorising community land under Section 36 (4).

During a Public Hearing, the community can make either a verbal or written submission in person regarding the amended Plan of Management.

Members of the public were asked to register their interest to attend the Public Hearing and make a submission regarding the categorisation of land. This document is intended to comprise the report of the Public Hearing.

2.0 Independent Chairperson

Under Section 47G of the Local Government Act 1993, the person presiding at a Public Hearing must not be:

a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.
b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

In accordance with the above provisions Lithgow City Council engaged the services of Mr. Ray Christison, Managing Director, High Ground Consulting to act as a convener for this Public Hearing.

Ms. Sandra Politi from Lithgow City Council was in attendance to take registrations and make a brief presentation on the proposed amendment to the Plan of Management.

3.0 Public Hearing Participants

No members of the public were present and no submissions were made during the Public Hearing period.

The independent facilitator declared the meeting closed at 11:30 am.