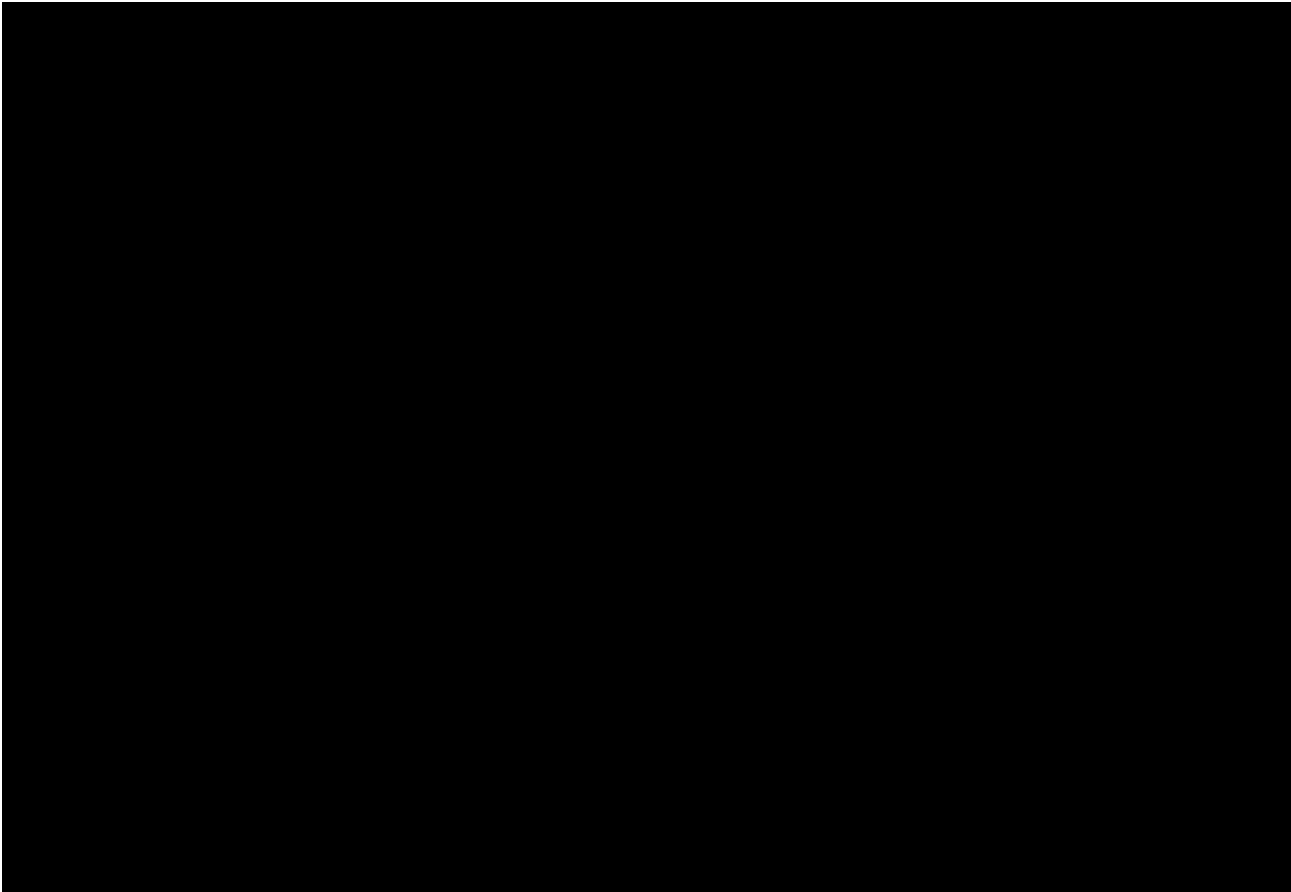




Submission to Lithgow City Council – Reference No 6405

Re: Proposed Road Closing – Part of Tank Union Lane (Proposed Lot 8557)



To the Development Manager, Lithgow City Council

I am writing as an adjoining property owner to lodge a submission regarding Council's proposal to close part of Tank Union Lane and transfer the land (proposed Lot 8557) to Lithgow & District Workmen's Club Limited.

1. Lack of information and transparency

The public notice does not explain:

- the purpose of the road closure,
- the justification for transferring public land to a private entity, or
- the intended future use of the land.

As an affected resident, I am unable to properly assess the impacts without this information. I request that Council provide:

- the reasons for the proposed road closure,
- any reports, assessments, or internal documents supporting the proposal,
- the valuation of the land, and

- the terms of the proposed transfer to the Workmen's Club.

2. Concerns about future development and zoning

The Workmen's Club owns land on both sides of the road, including MU1 Mixed Use land containing the Club and motel, and R1 General Residential land used as a motel car park.

Closing and transferring the road raises legitimate concerns that:

- the Club may seek to consolidate the land,
- the zoning of the closed road parcel may be changed, and
- the Club may extend its motel or undertake other development immediately adjacent to my property.

These potential impacts are significant for residential amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, and neighbourhood character. I request that Council confirm:

- whether any rezoning, development application, or concept plan has been discussed with or submitted by the Workmen's Club,
- whether the Club has indicated an intention to expand its motel or other facilities, and
- whether Council intends to support any future rezoning of the land.

3. Public interest considerations

Tank Union Lane is public land. Before disposing of public land, Council must demonstrate:

- clear public benefit,
- transparency,
- proper process, and
- that the community is not disadvantaged.

At present, the public notice does not demonstrate any public benefit arising from the closure or transfer.

4. Request for ongoing notification

As an adjoining owner, I request written notification of:

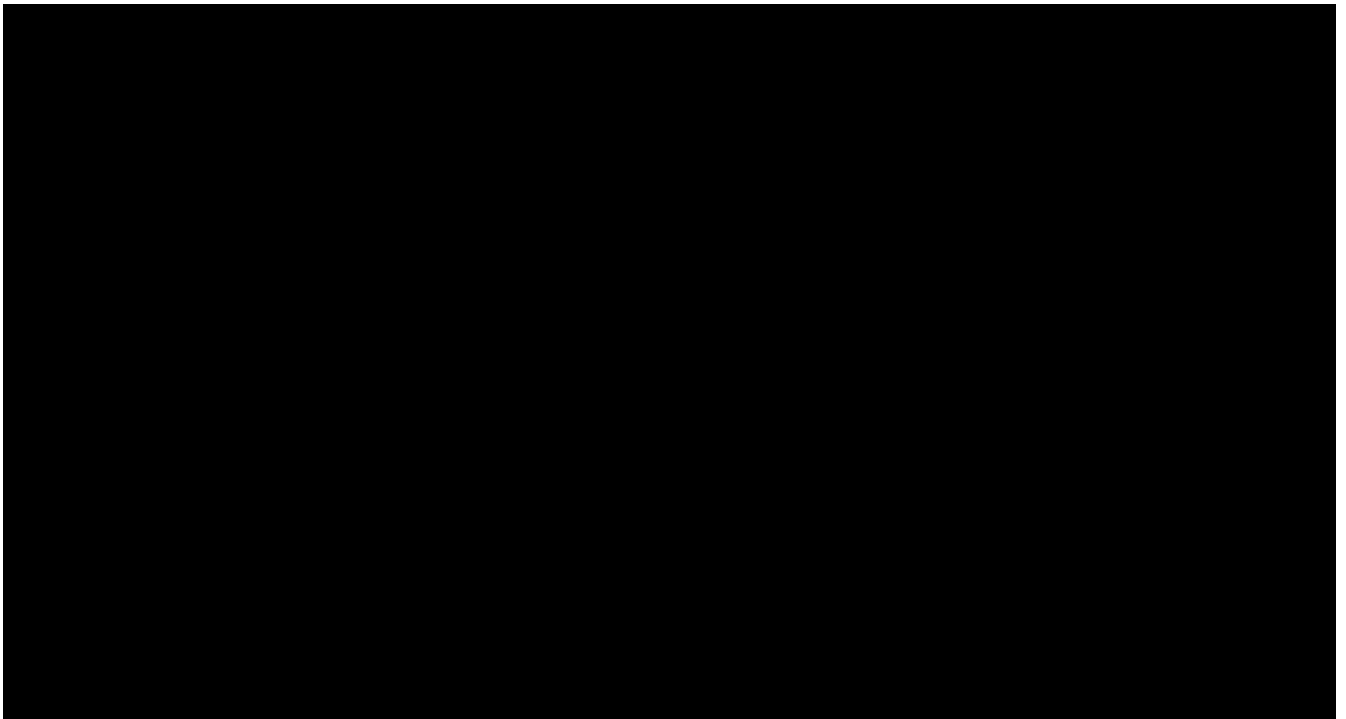
- any future development applications relating to the Workmen's Club or the closed road parcel,
- any rezoning proposals,
- any lot consolidation proposals, and
- any further Council decisions relating to this matter.

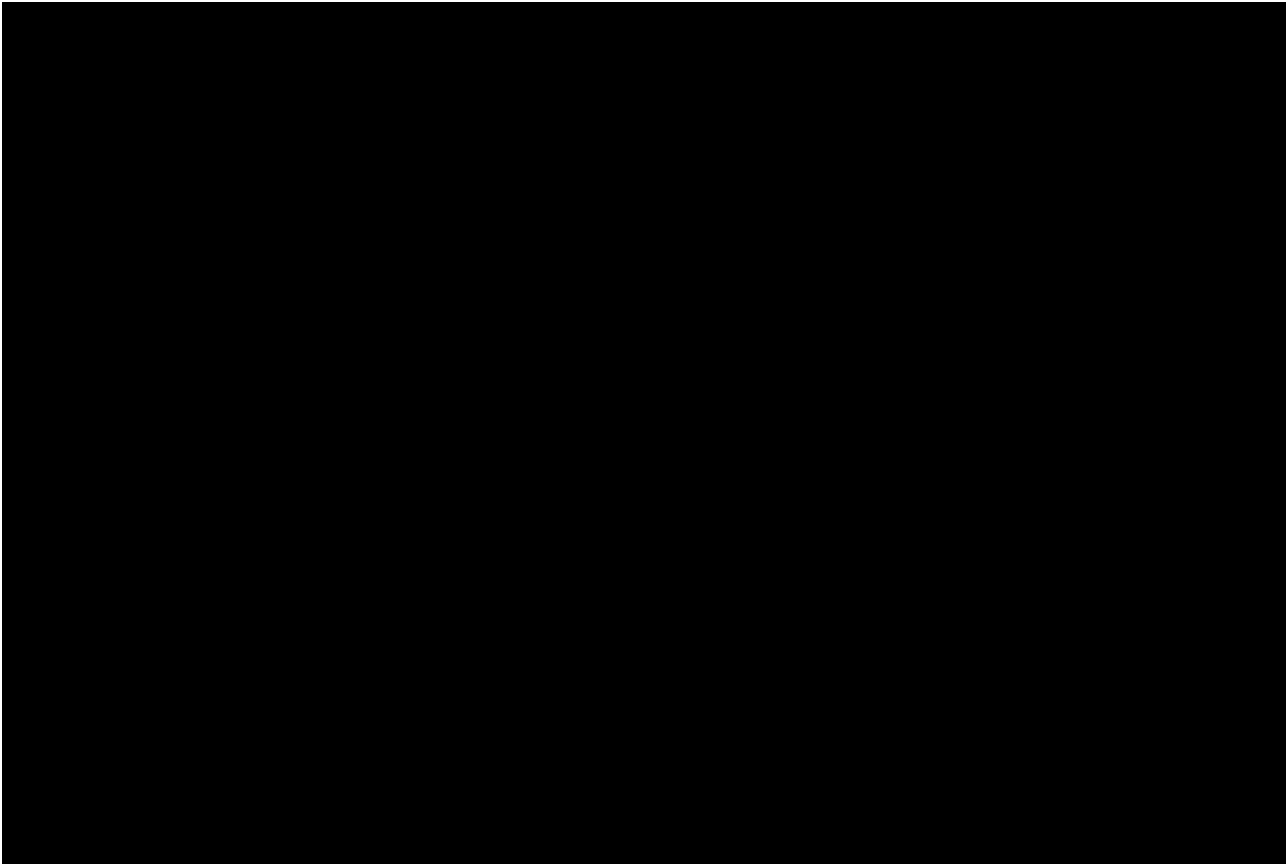
5. Position on the proposal

Until Council provides clear justification, transparency, and assurance regarding future zoning and development impacts, **I object to the proposed road closure and transfer.**

I request that Council defer any decision until affected residents have been provided with the necessary information to make an informed submission.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I look forward to Council's response.





Dear Council,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed closure of the laneway in Tank Street. Whilst I am unsure of the necessity of the need for the closure. It can only be to benefit the Lithgow Workmen's club.

I would urge them to heavily prune the trees blocking the visibility or the crossing for both driver and pedestrians alike.

This closure will create significant inconvenience and unnecessary traffic impacts for local residents. The current arrangement allows for practical traffic flow and helps reduce pressure on what is already a heavily congested intersection at Inch Street and Bridge Street. Forcing additional vehicles into that intersection will only worsen delays, increase driver frustration, and create additional safety concerns.

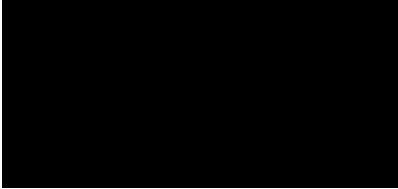
The proposed alternative route requires residents to drive around the block simply to reach destinations that are currently directly accessible. This is not only inefficient but also results in unnecessary fuel consumption, additional vehicle emissions, and wasted time for residents.

At a time when the cost of living and fuel prices remain a major concern for many households, implementing a change that forces people to use more fuel for avoidable detours is unreasonable and out of touch with the practical realities faced by the community.

The laneway currently provides an important access point that supports local traffic movement and reduces congestion pressure elsewhere in the area. Closing it would create more problems than it solves.

I strongly urge Council to reconsider this proposal and properly assess the traffic, environmental, and community impacts before proceeding with any closure.

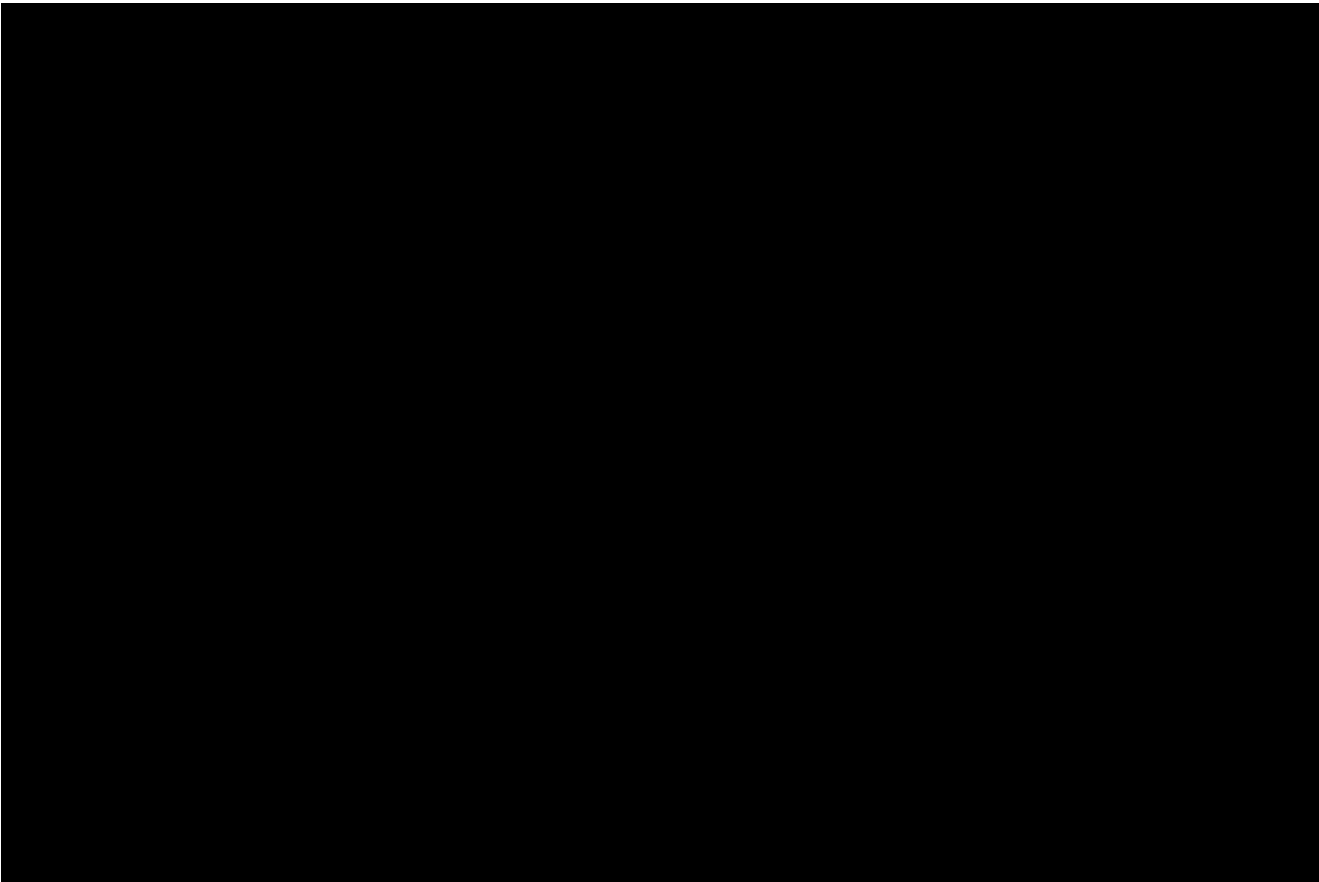
Kind regards,



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Dear Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of the laneway connected to Tank Street.

The closure will have a direct negative impact on local residents by forcing additional vehicles through the already congested intersection at Inch Street and Bridge Street. Traffic in this area is frequently backed up, and removing an existing access route will only place further strain on the surrounding road network.

Residents will also be forced to take longer, unnecessary routes around the block to reach locations that are currently easily accessible. This creates needless delays and increased fuel consumption for everyday travel.

At a time when fuel prices and household expenses remain high, introducing changes that result in additional driving and wasted fuel makes little practical sense. The laneway currently provides a convenient and efficient traffic option for local residents and helps reduce pressure on nearby intersections.

I urge Council to carefully reconsider the proposal and fully consider the impact this closure will have on traffic congestion, resident access, and unnecessary fuel usage before proceeding further.

Kind regards,

