

TABLE 1 DRAFT LSPS SUMMARY OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY/AGENCY SUBMISSIONS

KEY ISSUE AREA	AUTHOR	COMMENTS AND ISSUES RAISED	OFFICER COMMENT/RESPONSE	Changes
Bushfire Risk and Management	NSW Rural Fire Service	The strategic planning principles and planning priorities outlined in the LSPS are supported.	Noted	No changes.
		Planning Priority 12 outlines measures that provide better protection for existing and future development on bush fire prone land.	Noted	No changes.
		In addition, it is recommended to undertake a strategic bush fire risk study to consider the principles outlined in Chapter 4 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 to support future land use decisions in bush fire prone areas.	<p>Council, through the Lithgow Bush Fire Management Committee have prepared a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan in 2015.</p> <p>Council has recently prepared new bushfire mapping.</p> <p>Council will need to partner with RFS to undertake a review of the Lithgow Bushfire Management framework.</p> <p>The actions in the LSPS can be strengthened in this regard.</p>	<p>Added PP12 Action 12.3 <i>Partner with RFS to undertake a review of the Lithgow Bushfire Risk Management framework considering the principles outlined in Chapter 4 of the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 guide.</i></p>
Water Quality and Management	WaterNSW			
Sydney Drinking Water Catchment		<p>Supports LSPS provisions that identifies the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment and the requirements for development to have a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality.</p> <p>LSPS also notes that the health and quality of waterways and groundwater systems is vital for</p>	Noted	No changes.

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		the safe supply of drinking water to Sydney.		
Development Control Plan (DCP)		Council does not currently have a Comprehensive DCP, however LSPS is written as if there is an existing DCP.	Council has commenced preparing a Comprehensive DCP. As it was expected that the DCP would be adopted shortly after the LSPS it was not included as action. The LSPS can be amended to provide clarity.	Added as action 1.3 <i>Develop a comprehensive DCP which will provide detailed planning and design guidelines for future development consistent with the Lithgow LEP 2014.</i> Added a paragraph in the PP1 rationale, Pg. 23 to clarify.
		Absence of DCP limits Council's ability for guiding development in an appropriate and sustainable way to achieve water quality.	Noted and agreed	No changes.
		Water NSW recommends LSPS to have a key action to prepare DCP.	Noted and agreed as discussed above.	Added as action 1.3
Urban Planning		Water NSW supportive of LSPS provisions and planning initiatives.	Noted	No changes.
		Requests Water NSW is consulted when Council is developing strategic planning documents	Council will continue to consult Water NSW and other agencies in the preparation of strategic planning documents in addition to the legislated consultation requirements. PP1 Council commitment statement: <i>Collaborate with agencies and stakeholders for sustainable long-term growth solutions.</i>	No changes

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Water Security, Water & Wastewater Infrastructure		Planning Priority 5		
Planning Principles		<p>Water NSW supports the intention of Planning Principle 3 and makes comment as follows: Need greater clarity of DSP areas and mapping on Pg33</p> <p>Reference requirement for water and wastewater infrastructure to accord to water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles and link with associated additional action</p> <p>Expand Planning Principle 4 to relate to WSUD (if that is the intention)</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Mapping and supporting text will be amended to clarify.</p> <p>Include additional Council commitment statement.</p> <p>This links to Action in PP 10.</p> <p>The intention of this clause was broader to continue to augment water supply delivery methods from Oakey Treatment Plan to reduce reliance on the Fish River Water Supply Scheme.</p>	<p>Mapping has been revised with further explanations Pgs. 33 and 34.</p> <p>Add new Council commitment statement PP5- Pg. 35 <i>Consider water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles in the provision and delivery of water and wastewater infrastructure.</i></p>
Fish River Scheme		Provide greater context to the Fish River Scheme (p.32)	Text will be added to clarify Fish River Water Scheme.	Added text in PP5 rationale Pg. 32
Other water-related infrastructure		Discussion on Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan would benefit from cross reference to Planning Priority 10 and Action 10.1	Agreed. Links will be made.	Added a sentence to link the priorities together in PP5.
		Include new action to develop a DCP chapter for infrastructure related development including stormwater management and water quality protection (WSUD).	An action in the LSPS will support this ongoing work.	Added PP5 Action 5.4 <i>Develop guidelines in Council's DCP and supporting Engineering Guidelines to address</i>

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				<i>water related infrastructure, stormwater management and water sensitive urban design.</i>
Waterways and Water Resources		<p>Water NSW supports Planning Priority 10 and makes comment: LSPS could note that protection of riparian areas also protects hydrological processes, natural paths and water quality;</p> <p>Add dot point under IWCMS relating to protecting riparian vegetation for water quality and ecological benefits;</p> <p>LSPS does not discuss wetlands. Discuss whether and how wetlands are protected;</p> <p>Supports Farmers Creek Precinct Masterplan implementation and initiatives</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Added additional sentences to PP 10 Rationale Pg. 49 2nd paragraph outlining benefits of protection.</p> <p>Added wetlands to relevant areas of PP 10 Rationale, Pg.49 and to Council Commitment statements Pg. 50</p> <p>Added Council Commitment statement PP 10 Pg.50 <i>Engage and partner with Local Land Services and Land Care to manage and protect our natural resources.</i></p>
		Strongly supports Actions 10.1; 10.2 and 10.3 and requests Water NSW be consulted.	Noted	No changes.
		Include additional action – Review and update the riparian and water related provisions of the Lithgow LEP and DCP.	Agreed. Action will be included	Added PP Action 10.4 <i>Review and update the riparian and waterways provisions of the LEP and DCP.</i>

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Flood Risk		Water NSW strongly supports Action 12.1 that seeks to prepare and implement the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.	Noted	No changes.
Liveability		Consider adding another Planning Principle Pg. 22 seeking to improve liveability by linking blue and green grid and open space networks.	Blue grid are the rivers, streams and waterways that flow through our urban areas, it provides the skeleton for the green grid which is the network of our nature reserves; areas of biodiversity, open space and recreational areas and our pocket parks. These areas should be connected. Support adding this new Planning Principle.	Added as Liveability Principle 9. <i>Seek to improve liveability of our urban areas by creating links in our blue and green grids.</i> Linked to PP 6 Actions Pg.35
Public Spaces and Places		Suggest additional dot point Pg. 35 about flooding risk, relating to the need for increased impervious surfaces, effective stormwater management and WSUD.	Agreed. Text will be added.	Added dot point PP 6 Rationale Pg.36 <i>Some open space areas are subject to flooding risk. This will require consideration of increased impervious surfaces, stormwater management and water sensitive design principles in the design and embellishment of these areas.</i>
Other		Recommends collating all actions in one area	Document is a simple structure and is not too large. Links between actions are referenced where necessary.	No changes
		Match pink and purple cross hatchings on structure plan maps with the map legend	Agreed. Mapping will be corrected.	Corrections made.

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Climate Change	NSW DPIE Climate Resilience and Net Zero Emissions Branch			
Planning Priority 12: Adapt to Natural Hazards and Climate Change		Recognises inclusion of climate change in LSPS.	Noted	No changes.
		Recommends minor changes to align with the current NSW government targets. – Net Zero emissions by 2050 no longer aspirational – remove reference pg.52	Agreed. Minor errors and omissions will be corrected.	Errors and omissions corrected
		Acknowledges inclusion of climate modelling data provided by AdaptNSW. Correct dates in text.	Noted	Dates corrected
		Recommends following actions under Planning Priority 12:		
		Consider the regional transition model as outlined in the Western Enabling Regional Adaptation Central West and Orana Region Report (2017) when developing operational policy, undertaking strategic planning, delivering council programs and assessing future infrastructure needs	Council has not considered and developed a climate change policy or action. This is not a direct land use action and therefore should be deferred to the Community Strategic Plan review.	No change
		Assess and manage the impacts of climate change (such as heat, floods, storms and drought) on Council's assets and services. Enable communities and individuals to be better prepared and more resilient.	In 2010 Council commenced the preparation of a Climate Change Risk Assessment Adaptation Report. This report has not been finalised to date.	Added PP 12 Action 12.5 <i>Review and finalise the Draft Lithgow Climate Change Risk Adaptation Report.</i>

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		Assess LGA wide carbon emissions and develop and implement a plan to reduce emissions in consultation with the community. Reference Lithgow's community emissions profile.	This is part of a broader policy area relating to climate change. This is deferred for further consideration in the review of the Community Strategic Plan	No change
		Continue to consider updated climate change information and monitor and report to the community on progress against climate resilience and net zero goals.	Council currently has no strategy or policy position regarding net zero emissions goals.	No change
Planning Priority 6: Community has access to attractive healthy and green public spaces and places		Consider and implement a range of urban design and land use planning strategies to minimise heat in local government areas.	Will be considered in the development of the DCP and operational project planning and design of facilities and infrastructure	No change
Planning Priority 9: Attracting investment and growing local jobs		Consider including the actions from Central West and Orana Regional Plan under Direction 9 – Increase renewable energy generation: Identify locations with renewable energy generation potential and access to the electricity network Facilitate small-scale renewable energy projects using bioenergy, solar, wind, small scale hydro, geothermal or other innovative storage technologies through LEP's Promote best practice community engagement and maximise community benefits from all utility-scale renewable energy projects.	Lithgow is outside the proposed Central West Renewable Energy Zone where major large-scale investment in renewable energy will be focussed under the NSW Government's Energy Strategy. However, the Lithgow LGA does have areas that may support smaller scale renewable energy projects that can be facilitated through the Lithgow LEP and Infrastructure SEPP.	Text added to PP 8 Rationale, Pg.41 to highlight that where opportunities exist in the LGA that there are no planning barriers for these types of projects.

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Planning Priority 11: Protect areas of high environmental value and significance		Consider including action: Protect, enhance and increase natural and green spaces by considering ecosystem change and species shift from climate change, and applying ecosystem adaptation into strategic planning and land protection.	Under Review	No changes.
Skin Cancer Prevention/Shade	Cancer Institute NSW	Well designed, appropriately located and properly budgeted built and natural shade is integral to reducing community exposure to UVR and hence reducing the risk of skin cancer in the community. Local planning strategies/guideline and DCP provisions are key to the practical planning and delivery of shade as does policy that encourages the retention and addition of shade in a range of settings. Suggests text to be included in LSPS.	Noted. Recommendation 15 of the Lithgow Open Space and Recreation Need Study (OSRNS) recommended a play and shade strategy to guide maintenance and development of play areas across the LGA. An audit was also included in the study showing where shade installations would be most effective. LSPS Action 6.2 seeks to review and update outstanding recommendations from the OSRNS. LSPS Action 6.4 seeks to prepare and implement a public realm strategy which can also consider the requirements for shade in our public spaces.	No changes.
Heritage and Local Character	Heritage NSW	LSPS provide an important opportunity for communities to describe the local character of their places and what makes them distinctive and different from other places.	Noted	No changes.

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		Heritage NSW supports the initiatives in the Lithgow LSPS that relate to the identification, protection, promotion of the LGA's heritage items and places.	Noted	No changes.
		Suggest there is an opportunity to provide a greater level of information on Council's heritage and suggest Council consider: the linkages between culture, heritage and tourism and the opportunities culture and heritage bring for economic growth; further articulating heritage as it relates to the character of an area, including potentially identifying clusters of places and items which contribute to the significant character of the place; the linkages between actions and priorities, for example the ways in which heritage and culture contribute to attractive and liveable places as well as local employment and wellbeing.	Noted. Heritage linkages between themes, planning principles and actions will be strengthened. Action 2.3 seeks to integrate local character assessments into the land use planning framework. This is where heritage will be further articulated as one element used to define the character of areas.	Text added to PP4 Rationale to link with PP7 - Increasing the Visitor Economy PP9 Attracting Investment and Growing Local Jobs- Commercial and Retail
Protection and Growth of Agricultural Industries and Resources	NSW Department of Primary Industries (Agriculture)	The Draft LSPS identifies the key advantages Lithgow's industries have to offer and may pursue in the future.		No changes.
		Aware of the urgency for the final Lithgow Council Locally Significant Agricultural Land Report. Should be provided in the near future.	Noted. In October 2017, Council through the Strategic Projects Committee resolved to defer the finalisation of the Lithgow Rural and Rural Residential Strategy pending the	No Change

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			<p>completion of the DPIE Agricultural Lands Mapping Pilot Project estimated to be February/March 2018.</p> <p>This project commenced in 2017, with draft mapping completed but not released in April 2018. The project has not been finalised by DPIE and DPI Ag to date.</p>	
Planning Priority 1: Establish a framework for sustainable growth		Supports Council in its strategic planning of rural residential development that minimises impact on land used for primary production.	Noted	No changes.
		Supports the Lithgow Land Use Strategy and its role to provide clear direction to growth and living opportunities considering the diverse values of rural lands.	Noted	No changes.
Planning Priority 3: Plan and appropriately manage rural lifestyle development		Concurs with the identified ongoing issues related to rural living that threaten current agricultural production and sterilise future opportunities.	Noted	No changes.
		Support rural living opportunities that consider primary production resources, limit land use conflict and contribute to the benefit of the Lithgow community and rural area.	Noted	No changes.

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Economy		Supports Planning Principles 11 and 12 and will continue to support Council in this planning	Noted	No changes.
Protecting economic values of rural areas		Department is currently investigating appropriate tourism provisions in primary production zones that are ancillary and complementary to agriculture	Noted. Council continues to engage with DPI(Ag) and DPIE to investigate the issues associated with tourism land uses in rural areas.	No changes.
		Department notes Council's acknowledgement of the ongoing issues of dwelling entitlement expectations and increased settlement outcomes in rural areas, which impact adversely impact existing and future agricultural land use.	Noted	No changes.
Managing land use conflict		The commitment of Council to provide a buffer to protect sensitive land uses from invasive or disruptive land uses is commended.	Noted	No changes.
Attracting investment and growing local jobs (Agriculture)		The Department supports Council in protecting agricultural industries and resources and encouraging intensive agricultural development and value adding industries where appropriate.	Noted	No changes.
		Concurs that agriculture still has a place in the Lithgow area and provides important economic value to the region.	Noted	No changes.
		There is evidence that small scale activities are being undertaken on some existing small lots in the area and there is opportunity for this to increase	Noted	No changes.

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		without further land fragmentation.		
		Lithgow's proximity to Sydney provides opportunities for the relocation of agricultural and agribusiness industries. This opportunity requires suitably productive and scaled lands, with protection of adjacent land uses, as well as serviced land to support value adding industries that are appropriately located in the rural zone.	Noted	No changes.
		Department notes that the former Wallerawang Power Station are may also be suitable for intensive agricultural developments that are not soil dependent but prefer flat lands and have access to water.	Noted. This area is currently zoned SP2/ IN3. However, Council is working closely with potential investors such as Bettergrow to facilitate appropriate change of land use.	No changes.
Climate Change		The predicted changes associated with climate change also reinforce the need for agricultural land opportunities to be retained in the Lithgow LGA.	Noted.	No changes.
Road Infrastructure Movement and Safety	Transport for NSW – Roads and Maritime Service	Picked up a number of small errors and omissions in document text and mapping and provided comment to improve clarity etc.	Minor errors and omissions will be corrected.	Errors have been amended.
		Consideration should be given to inclusion of the following actions in the LSPS: Consider connections and mass transit options to other town	This action may fit more comfortably within the Community Strategic Plan.	No changes.

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		<p>centres that facilitate the needs of the community;</p> <p>Strategic consideration of compatible and supporting heavy vehicle land uses in locations that are suitable along freight networks/highways that have the capacity to accommodate and provide safe and efficient access of road trains/heavy vehicles.;</p> <p>Strategic consideration and encouragement within land use strategies for the location of sensitive land uses in locations that can support the provision of safe and efficient access to the road network;</p> <p>Identification and preparation of the future road and transport network needs; Consideration of the capacity and funding mechanisms for future road network in line with planned growth.</p>	<p>The three new employment lands are located in areas to enable the creation of safe and efficient access to major transport routes. Further site planning is required to limit the number access points and determine the required intersection treatments to be provided.</p> <p>Action 5.1 seeks to review Council's development contributions framework to ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer.</p>	
		<p>Consider including a movement and place/integrated study in the growth management framework.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No changes</p>
		<p>Provide road connections/networks between developments adjacent to key transport routes instead of a single connection for each development</p>	<p>This has been a real issue in the development of the current residential release area at South Bowenfels.</p>	<p>Added Planning Principle 8 to Infrastructure Theme Pg. 31 <i>Minimise the impact of new developments on key</i></p>

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			<p>Master planning of new significant development areas will respond to this.</p> <p>Inclusion of Planning Principle in LSPS will give weight to this in subsequent planning documents such as LEP and DCP.</p>	<p><i>transport routes through appropriate planning.</i></p> <p>Added as PP 5 Action 5.6 <i>Continue to collaborate with Transport NSW for the upgrade and signalisation of the intersection at Col Drewe Drive and the Great Western Highway.</i></p> <p>Add new Council commitment statement PP5- Pg. 35 <i>Continue to collaborate with Transport NSW to improve the connectivity of new development areas such as South Bowenfels and the Marrangaroo Urban Release Area.</i></p>
		Work with TfNSW to prepare Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prior to finalising Marrangaroo Masterplan/DCP and Contributions Plans	Council will consult and work closely with TfNSW in preparing these plans.	Added as PP 5 Action 5.5 <i>Undertake the Marrangaroo Traffic Study to identify the required road network and transport facilities to support the Urban Release Area.</i>
		Involve TfNSW in the preparation of the Local Housing Strategy. It should inform contributions plans and staged infrastructure plans to ensure road works can accommodate the increased demand on the road network.	Noted. Council will continue to work closely and engage with agencies in preparation of the key land use planning documents.	No changes.

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		Include the significant transport infrastructure and service planning including public transport and active transport needs in the planning and contributions plans for Marrangaroo Urban Release Area.	Development Contributions Plan will include transport infrastructure requirements as necessary.	No changes.
		Reliance on the highway network for local traffic movements will reduce the liveability for Lithgow residents. Identify local connectivity gaps.	Agreed. Council is currently preparing an Active transport plan. However overall traffic planning and modelling may be required to improve outcomes.	No change
		Consider working with largest industries producing high volumes of freight haulage to identify opportunities to connect to rail.	Noted.	No change
		Consider if Lithgow to Bathurst rail electrification and fast rail future transport projects should be a priority for Lithgow	Agreed. Will strengthen reference in LSPS.	Added text in PP 5 Rationale.
		Strengthen the commitments and actions on Page 34 to include transport planning, staging and funding.	Reference to infrastructure in Council Commitments includes road infrastructure.	No Changes
		Involve TfNSW in review of the LEP for the former Wallerawang Power Station Site given its links to the Castlereagh Highway and railway sidings.	Council will continue to engage and work closely with TfNSW in planning for significant new developments affecting transport routes and infrastructure.	No changes.
		Involve TfNSW in planning proposals that have the potential to create traffic generating developments and where it will	Council will continue to engage and work closely with TfNSW in planning for significant new developments affecting transport routes and infrastructure.	No changes

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		have implications for the classified road network.		