

TABLE 2 DRAFT LSPS SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SUBMISSIONS

KEY ISSUE AREA	AUTHOR/IDENTIFIER	COMMENTS/ISSUES RAISED	PRELIMINARY OFFICER COMMENT/RESPONSE	
Rural Minimum Lot Size	Private 1	Requests lowering minimum lot size to 10ha for the area around Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive South Bowenfels	Action 3.1 seeks to complete and implement the Lithgow Rural and Rural Residential Strategy. This will identify the need for and criteria to be applied to consider further areas for rural lifestyle options. The submission will be kept and considered as part of that strategy development.	No changes.
		Growth in semi-rural living would encourage population growth and allow ageing landowners to stay longer on the land.		No changes.
		Smaller lots would allow for greater landowner maintenance of the Farmers Creek waterways and enhance quality of the water.	Intensified land use in proximity to riparian areas can have negative impacts to water quality and ecological processes.	No changes.
		Encouraging more subdivision would promote lifestyle change and grow tourism.	In appropriate areas rural lifestyle development can have positive lifestyle and economic impacts.	No changes.
Climate Change	Private 2	Cites a range of research findings and opinions on climate change and its impact.		No changes.
		LCC should implement policies in relation to the following: Plan for the likelihood of rising oil, gas and energy prices and shrinking fuel and gas supplies.	Council has not considered a climate change policy or strategy. This is deferred to the revision of the Community Strategic Plan. Council has implemented two significant initiatives being the installation of LED street lighting and solar panels on Council's Administration Building to assist with reducing Council's energy costs and emissions.	No changes.

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		<p>LCC should: Discourage all further long-term activities and developments within the Lithgow LGA that consequently produce high Greenhouse Gas (GHG) anywhere within the earth's atmosphere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourage all coal mining beyond 2030; • Discourage coal-fired electricity generation beyond 2030; • Discourage all long-term fossil natural gas consumption; • Discourage long-term petroleum dependency; • Discourage long-term combustion of wood and paper products <p>Plan for the local consequences of a global mean 1.5degree C temperature rise above pre-industrial age by 2030 Encourage transitions to suitable very low to zero-CHG emissions activities</p>	<p>The Cities Power Partnership is a national program that engages with towns and cities, via local Councils, throughout Australia and incentivises councils to increase renewable energy and efficiency, improve transport and engage in advocacy.</p> <p>Council at this point in time can comply with the initial registration requirements but will need further investigations to meet targets and nominate resources for managing this commitment.</p>	<p>Added in PP 12 Action 12.4. <i>Investigate Council's capacity to become a Power Partner with the Cities Power Partnership.</i></p>

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		Encourage suitable energy efficiency improvements and initiatives Join the Cities Power Partnership		
Planning Priority 3: Plan and appropriately manage rural lifestyle development	Private 3	Rural Residential land opportunities within the LGA are linked to the completion of the Rural and Rural Residential Land Study. This Study was commissioned some 5-6 years ago.	<p>Noted and agreed. The Lithgow Rural and Rural Residential Strategy was outsourced to an external consultant in late 2015. A draft was not forthcoming from the consultant until May 2017. At this time the Draft was considered by Council's officers, the Project Steering Committee and NSW DPIE to be deficient and was unlikely able to be endorsed as a local strategy.</p> <p>In October 2017 Council through the Strategic Projects Committee deferred the finalisation of the strategy pending the findings of the Lithgow Locally Significant Agricultural Report.</p> <p>As this report was extensively delayed, Council in early 2019 requested the Consultant to finalise the strategy without the benefit of the DPI (Ag) and DPIE report.</p> <p>The Consultant did not respond and therefore the contract was terminated in September 2019.</p> <p>The Study will now be completed in house by Council's Strategic Planning Team.</p>	Added in an additional timing to include immediate. This will include works that will be finished by the end of the financial year 2021. This will only move actions forward along the timeline and provide more clarity on priority projects.
Appropriate Management		Council has not appropriately managed rural lifestyle initiatives during this period in that it has not kept the public informed on the	Council has continued to manage rural lifestyle living options in accordance with Lithgow LEP 2014, whilst working towards the completion of the Rural and Rural Residential Strategy.	No changes. Rural and Rural Res Strategy has been moved from short to immediate.

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		delivery of the study nor ensured that the study was conducted in an independent and transparent manner.	As funds to complete the Strategy were exhausted the finalisation of the Strategy is now proposed to be completed in house by Council's Strategic Planning Team. Once a Draft has been finalised the document will be placed on public exhibition and feedback from the community, stakeholders and government agencies will be considered in a transparent manner through reporting to the elected Council. The public have been informed on the progress of the Strategy through Council's Annual Report	
		Council must better demonstrate that entrenched ideology and subjective points of view are not influencing the direction and content of this study. The Study must be based on best practice principles and should seek the view of the community.	The Draft Strategy once finalised by Council's planners will be placed on public exhibition and all submissions will be considered to inform the final Strategy.	No changes.
		Request that the study and background work be undertaken by independent consultant appointed by public tender without undue direct influence by Councillors or Council staff to ensure accountability and transparency.	If Council concurs, an additional budget allocation will be required to be approved in the 2020/2021 budget September budget reviews.	No changes.
		Timeline identified to complete study in LSPS is met with cautious optimism and is an improvement on the "ongoing" that has	Short timeline in LSPS has been identified as 0-3 years. This will be the first action to be undertaken to implement the LSPS. The LSPS can note this.	No changes. Rural and Rural Residential Strategy has been moved

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		prevailed. Short timeline needs to be quantified.		from short to immediate timeline.
Supply and Demand Analysis		Disputes that there is “ample supply...remaining in existing large lot residential areas”. Council has not supported responses previously provided.	Council has kept the supply and demand of rural residential land under review since 2010. The LSPS, Planning Priority 2 has identified that Council will maintain a forward supply of appropriately zone land of at least five years.	No changes.
		Contend that slow uptake of existing large lot residential areas located a Wallerawang and Portland townships is curtailing the release of newer more “Sydney-centric” areas misrepresenting the true market.	Supply of Large Lot Residential Land in the Hartley R5 zone is in excess of 10 years, even if no further subdivision takes place, based on the current demand assessed through dwelling applications of 10 per year.	No changes.
Agricultural Suitability		Rural and Rural Residential Study was put on back burner to enable agricultural mapping to be completed. The results of this mapping exercise should be released to the public.	Agreed. Council is yet to receive the Lithgow Locally Significant Agricultural Report including the supporting maps. Once the report is released it will be made public.	No changes.
		Strongly urge Council to assign a high priority to the completion of the Rural and Rural Residential Study and to release a draft for public exhibition. This will ensure the community is re-engaged with the process.	This body of work is a high priority. The text in the LSPS can be amended to reflect this.	Implemented an immediate timeline as mentioned above.
Refer to Private 3 identical submission	Private 4 -	Refer to Private 3 as identical submission	Refer to Private 3 as identical submission	As above.

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	R Moodie	One objective of the LSPS is to complete and implement the Lithgow Rural and Rural Residential Strategy. This matter has been on the agenda for probably ten years. Its completion needs to be brought forward as a matter of priority in order to facilitate a proper consideration of the issues relating to rural residential development of rural land.	This body of work is a high priority. The text in the LSPS can be amended to reflect this.	Rural and Rural Res Strategy has been moved from short to immediate timeline.
	Rob Paton	The expansion of Lithgow's existing care services for older Australians should be added as a fourth priority business development in Council's LSPS.	<p>The LSPS does address housing for an ageing population in Planning Priority 2 and will be considered within the scope of the Local Housing Strategy.</p> <p>The LEP supported by State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for seniors and people with disability) 2004 provides for the planning environment for this type of development in a large area of our urbanised LGA.</p> <p>Strengthening of the emerging economic sectors through advocacy, marketing and promotion is a matter for the Regional Economic Development Strategy and Community Strategic Plan</p>	No changes.
		Lithgow has sufficient infrastructure to support aged care		No changes.
		Lithgow has land available to develop new retirement living and residential aged care facilities		No changes.

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		Lithgow has a readily available workforce of suitable age		No changes.
		Lithgow has an ageing population		No changes.
		Lithgow can provide a hub for the provision of care services to surrounding areas		No changes.
		Provision of aged care in an efficient location such as Lithgow will be cost effective for Federal Government and they should welcome a joint working approach with Council.		No changes.