

Draft Hassans Walls Mountain Bike Strategy
 Submissions Summary
 June 2021

SUBMITTER/S	COMMENTS	ACTION REQUIRED
Supporters of the strategy.	Supporters of the draft strategy were very enthusiastic, and generally all made reference to the common sense need to progress with the project given the opportunity to position Lithgow well and truly in the recreation/adventure tourism space. A number of submissions noted providing authorised, sanctioned and well maintained trails would limit riders causing damage by constructing and using their own unauthorised trails.	No action required.
Community members with concerns about the strategy.	Those local community members who expressed concerns with the draft strategy generally all made reference to the potential impact on the Reserve's natural environment, flora and fauna with references made to the Purple Copper Butterfly, a number of owl species and native birds and plants, and more passive uses should be championed.	No action required.
Central Tablelands Mountain Biking Club – In strong support. Would like to see more authorized trails.	The intent behind the Strategy is to deliver 3 authorised trails and 1 up track that will direct mountain bikers to areas that are managed, maintained and controlled while, at the same time, looking to stop use of unauthorised trails that do not have those levels of control. It is noted the proposed 4 trails is a small and appropriate number with other parts of the Lithgow LGA potentially being appropriate for the development of future trails. .	No action required.
Lithgow Pony Club – Gave in principle support and asked to be closely involved in future relative to their license and goals.	If and when the strategy gets to the next stage of development the Pony Club should be engaged with.	No action required at this stage.
Council's S355 Environmental Advisory Committee – Noted they would have liked an early conversation on this matter before the draft strategy was produced and Council should prioritize the allocation of resources towards 51 identified	It is noted and correct that there has been no delivery of actions relative to the PoM since its adoption due to funding and prioritisation of other initiatives by Council. The draft strategy has helped to bring some visibility back to the PoM and	Write to and thank the EAC for their submission and advise on the flora and fauna study and

<p>high priority actions from the Hassans Walls PoM that have not be addressed (including flora and fauna study) and development of a masterplan should be next step. Lack of supporting facilities and infrastructure also mentioned (no toilets and limited parking) along with no evidence of inspection and maintenance of the Pony Express, with concerns about the ability to maintain the proposed trails in the future. The EAC also had concerns about Rocky Trail Entertainment having a conflict of interest as given they also run mountain biking events as well as having a trail building part of the company. The EAC also had concerns about potential damage being caused to bushland during construction requiring a high cost to rehabilitate.</p>	<p>the studies recommended to Council will help to address some of the points raised by the EAC. Many of the points raised by the EAC are forward looking; toilets, parking, construction impacts, trail maintenance and the like and these will be addressed in the future. These elements are very important and would all be included in deliberations and assessments leading in to the potential design and construction phase.</p>	<p>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to be the next steps.</p>
<p>Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association – This submission was penned by the same author who penned the response from Council’s S355 Environmental Advisory Committee, with both submissions being almost identical in terms of points raised.</p>	<p>As per above.</p>	<p>Write to and thank the Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association for their submission and advise on the flora and fauna study and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to be the next steps.</p>
<p>Lithgow Environment Group – Noted trails seen as incompatible with other current low-impact and family-friendly community uses, with a focus needed on higher priority (yet to be addressed) actions from HW PoM (inclusive of flora and fauna study). The Group noted the potential for the Green Trail to destabilise areas that have historically been impacted by mine subsidence. Advice trails to be developed elsewhere.</p>	<p>Points are valid and these elements would be included in deliberations and assessments leading into the potential design and construction phase.</p>	<p>Write to and thank the Lithgow Environment Group for their submission and advise on the flora and fauna study and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to be the next steps.</p>
<p>NTSCORP – Requested clarification of consultation process with Wiradjuri traditional owners and when Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment will be prepared.</p>	<p>NTSCORP was presented with the draft strategy to allow it to be disseminated to the Wiradjuri traditional owner and further consultation will occur relative to the development of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and flora and fauna study.</p>	<p>Write to and thank NTSCORP for their submission and advise on the flora and fauna study and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to be the next steps.</p>

<p>Claimant for Warrabinga-Wiradjuri Native Title Application – Client firmly opposed regarding potential negative impact on Aboriginal heritage and on flora and fauna.</p>	<p>The two pieces of work recommended to Council will help to address the points raised by the claimant.</p>	<p>Write to and thank claimant for their submission and advise on the flora and fauna study and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to be the next steps.</p>
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