

Addendum

MAYORAL MINUTE

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Councillors,

TUMBULGUM FORESHORE PARKING

At the Council Meeting of 17 August, 2010, Council adopted a revision of the Approved Master Plan for Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum. This revision was adopted after an extensive public consultation process and the consideration of 100 written responses (84 of the respondents lived or owned property in Tumbulgum).

The original Master Plan was adopted in 2005, but during 2010, at the request of the Tumbulgum Community Association, an option was considered that provided more car parking (than the 2005 Master Plan). The Option with more parking was not favoured by the majority of respondents in 2010 and the adopted 2010 Master Plan is similar to the 2005 version, except for the deletion of parallel car parking spaces at the southern end (Near the Hall) and the addition of a formal car parking area in Government Road (around the Hall corner).

Representations recently made to me by representatives of the Tumbulgum Community Association advise that there is now overwhelming support for an option with more parking and that businesses will suffer unless more parking is provided in Riverside Drive.

Whilst more car parking may be desirable, it can only be provided on Riverside Drive, by utilising more of the riverside reserve area. It is a trade off between more car parking versus less riverside park land. I believe there is merit however in exploring an option that has 10 more car spaces (with the loss of 185 sq.m. of riverside park) than the current adopted (August 2010) plan.

Work has already started on construction of Riverside Drive, however I am advised that it will be some weeks before work commences on the river side and changes could be accommodated if a quick decision can be made.

As there has already been a community consultation process which supported the current Master Plan, it would be inappropriate to change it without further consultation to determine if the community has changed its mind.

It is proposed to write to each rateable assessment in Tumbulgum, asking them to advise in writing within 7 days if they support the current Master Plan or if they would support a revised Master Plan that had 10 more car parking spaces and a commensurate reduction in river side park area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. A letter be sent to each rateable assessment of Tumbulgum Village asking them to reply within 7 days of the date of the letter and advise whether they support either
 - (a) the current Riverside Drive Master Plan or**
 - (b) a revised Riverside Master Plan that provides 10 more car parking spaces with a commensurate reduction in river side park area.****
 - 2. Upon receipt of the replies, The General Manager advise results by a memo to Councillors.**
 - 3. The General Manager be requested to defer that part of the works affected by the amended option until Councillors consider the results above.**
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