
MINUTES of the duly convened Ordinary Meeting of The Hills Shire Council held in the Council Chambers on 23 June 2015

The Acting General Manager replied that it would be a solution but not the only solution. What's been exhibited is a proposal that would reclassify or change the plan and management for certain reserves that would, if adopted, leave it open to Council to be able to use it for sports grounds as well as other uses consistent with the plan and management. So it is a solution but not the only solution.

The Mayor added that with our population of growth, Council are not just talking about four fields here; obviously Council is developing other fields at Caddies Creek, Kenthurst and at Balmoral Road as well. So that argument that it solves that problem is not really the correct answer. Given our population growth, which is significant and around 184,000 residents now, we are talking over 300,000 residents in up to 15 years' time, Council will have to plan ahead and make decisions now and that's why the four additional fields has been placed on exhibition.

Mr Giuliano then asked with regards to the growth going on in the areas right near the current passive recreation areas and moving ahead with developing the sports fields at an alternative site now and later on when the population grows, if it's needed, Council should take the reserves then rather than taking the reserves now.

The Mayor replied that it's not the case. Council does not make decisions lightly in terms of putting this out on exhibition. There will be significant population growth and Council will have to make some decisions around that.

Mr Giuliano then asked whether there is any way to get the other sport fields brought up in line earlier.

The Mayor replied yes. If you go through the Hills Shire Plan, which we are discussing in tonight's Business Paper, there are fields there which Council is planning to move forward, Caddies Creek is still out on exhibition, but there are upgrades at Kenthurst that is certainly in the plan, Balmoral Road at Kellyville is already on exhibition, so if there are residents such as yourselves who I understand are running a campaign against this issue, please don't feel that Council is not developing fields and is trying to get the cheap way out, that is not the case and it's definitely not the intention. There are other fields that will be coming online as well and we know that with the population growth and what's been asked of Council by the State Government, it is critical Council starts making decisions and planning for it now.

7.34pm Councillor Dr Lowe left the meeting and returned at 7.36pm during Item 2.

ITEM-2**REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2012 - INTRODUCTION AND RURAL SECTIONS (FP179)**

A MOTION WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEANE THAT the Recommendation contained in the report be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

301 RESOLUTION

1. Proposed amendments to Part A - Introduction and Part B Section 1 - Rural of Development Control Plan 2012 be publicly exhibited.