

APPENDIX B

Timeline of The MAC's actions during the preparation and lodgement of the DA and Council's actions in response to the proposal.

DATE	THE MAC	COUNCIL
August 2011	<p>A pre-DA meeting was held between Council and The MAC to discuss development options in the Mid-Western Regional area.</p> <p>The MAC identifies and commences proceedings to purchase the 60-hectare site at 2 Black Lead Lane, Gulgong, having taken into account earlier meetings and discussions with Council.</p>	Council advises the proposal would be defined an 'innominate use' and permissible in the Agriculture Zone under the 2008 LEP with development consent.
7 September 2011		Council prepares and exhibits first Workers Accommodation DCP. The proposed use would remain permissible with consent under this version of the DCP, which encourages proposals proximate to towns and villages.
13 October 2011	The MAC holds a public meeting at the Gulgong Chamber of Commerce to inform the community of its intentions. This results in some negative media coverage.	
22 November 2011		Council advises The MAC, without a DA having been lodged, that their proposal would now be characterised as 'tourist and visitor accommodation', and prohibited under the current LEP.
28 November 2011		The exhibited DCP is reported to Council with 340 submissions. Distance requirements are removed in the revised DCP and a new definition is included.
7 December 2011		Council resolves to lodge a planning proposal, prohibiting 'temporary workers accommodation' outside of a 5km radius of mine sites.
21 December 2011	The DA is initially lodged.	Council refuses to accept the DA, requiring clarification on the authority of the signatory providing owner's consent.

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3 January 2012	The MAC's Gulgong DA is formally lodged.	
16 January 2012		Council requests additional information, delaying exhibition and assessment.
1 February 2012		A final version of the Draft DCP is adopted by Council to commence 10 February. Further amendments are made to reflect new planning proposal.
27 February-19 March 2012	<p>The MAC holds direct discussions with local business operators and owners of adjacent landholdings on 24 February.</p> <p>On 25 February, The MAC hosts a community information session during the exhibition period to answer any concerns or queries members of the community might have.</p>	Council places The MAC's DA on public exhibition.
30 March 2012		Council requests further information in response to the DA.
2 April 2012		Council receives from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure a gateway determination, allowing the planning proposal to be progressed and placed on exhibition.
16 April 2012		Council places the planning proposal on public exhibition until 14 May 2012.
8 May 2012	The MAC lodges a submission to the public exhibition of the planning proposal.	
15 May 2012		The JRPP meeting is confirmed for 14 June 2012.
6 June 2012		<p>The exhibited planning proposal is adopted at a meeting of Mid-Western Regional Council, subject to an amendment to the locational requirements, and forwarded to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for finalisation and gazettal.</p> <p>The planning proposal does not contain a savings transitional provision.</p>