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Maitland City Council response to Applicant's Submission of 3/11

In response to correspondence to the Panel Chair from the applicant (McCloy Project Management Pty Ltd, dated 3 November 2021 with reference SL/01/000), the following comment is provided:

- The information provided by the applicant regarding the outstanding issues identified in the assessment report is noted. The intended actions by the applicant to resolve the issues and the nominated time frames are also noted.
- Council's position is the application should be withdrawn or determined on the basis of the amended application as lodged in July. Council is concerned with a deferral on the basis of time frames associated with a complete redesign and compiling a comprehensive package for an amended application (it was previously requested by the applicant for a 6 month extension for lodgement of an amended application). Should the Panel consider deferring the application Council asks that a short time frame be specified for submission of a complete package of information to enable a complete and final assessment.

It is noted the applicant has provided a Gantt Chart outlining time frames for its response to the issues identified in the Assessment Report. Council's preference is to have a complete package of information provided for assessment as opposed to information being lodged separately, particularly as the amended proposal will require re-advertising and re-notification as well as referral to external stakeholders.

Also, the time frames may not contain contingencies to allow additional time for the Christmas/New Year period over which consultants, agency staff and Council officers may be absent and not able to respond within the normal time frames. The time frames also do not allow for any additional information requests or negotiations as required.

- Council has continued to work collaboratively with the new applicant regarding the proposal, endeavouring to provide guidance and detail. This working relationship has and will continue regardless of whether the current application is deferred or a new application is lodged.

Council is able to elaborate on the above comments further at the briefing this afternoon.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Regards,

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