

Tharawal LALC Briefing: Exhibition

Meeting attendees, summary and meeting minutes



Details

Meeting: Exhibition Briefing for the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Location: Microsoft Teams

Date/time: Friday, 21 August, 10.00 – 11.30am

Attendees

No.	Names	Representing
1	Elizabeth Irwin	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)
2	Tamamo Shimada	
3	Amelia Zavattaro	
4	Marcia Ella Duncan	Marcia-Ella Consulting (MEC)
5	Robyn Straub	Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLALC)

Presentation summary

No.	Topics covered	Presented by
1	Acknowledgement of Country	Marcia Ella Duncan
2	Introductions	All
3	The Plan Overview	Elizabeth
4	What We Heard from NSWALC and Western Sydney's LALC and community	Elizabeth
5	Aboriginal Engagement and Implementation Plan	Elizabeth
6	Next Steps	All

Meeting Minutes

No.	Name	Question / query / suggestion / comment	Response
1	Robyn Straub	TLALC noted that a major concern from TLALC's point of view was that land owned or under claim would be affected by the Plan. TLALC was therefore satisfied to hear upfront that planning controls will not apply to land owned or under claim by TLALC.	N/A
2	Robyn Straub	TLALC asked whether land owned or under claim by TLALC identified by the Plan could be zoned residential/commercial uses or if it would remain an environmental land zoning under the Plan.	DPIE responded noting that no rezoning will occur on LALC land, or any other land outside of the growth areas. DPIE noted that there would therefore be the potential for rezoning of LALC land within the growth areas, however reinforced that there would be no zoning changes outside the growth areas where TLALC's land is located.
3	Robyn Straub	TLALC noted that when they receive the maps (the Plan and draft Viewer goes out on exhibition) they would like to discuss what the Plan means for their land in more detail with DPIE.	DPIE agreed.
4	Robyn Straub	TLALC asked how DPIE anticipated the partnership would be established with Aboriginal Land Councils under the Plan.	DPIE acknowledged they were developing partnerships with other agencies through MOUs, including delivery agreements to discuss opportunities and support objectives on the delivery of the Plan. DPIE noted they are open to talk about that with TLALC once the Plan is out on exhibition.
5	Robyn Straub	TLALC noted that they are invited into MOUs however acknowledge there are often no outcomes from these agreements. TLALC requests for transparent outcomes in the potential partnership, with tailored responses for TLALC in accordance with their land and opportunities.	DPIE acknowledged this request, noting that the department would like to future proof the potential agreement so it is long lasting over time also.

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6	Marcia Ella-Duncan	MEC recommended a potential way forward though the proposed 10-year Strategy under the Plan. Breaking the Strategy up into achievable milestones over the next two years may be the way forward for the short term. This approach could be agreed upon into the interim term also.	DPIE acknowledged that this sounded like a good approach, noting the potential for an embedded Aboriginal identifying officer in G&RP Division would also help to commit to the Strategy.
7	Robyn Straub	TLALC noted that they were happy to hear about the department supporting Aboriginal Land Councils with upfront funding for the establishment of BSAs.	DPIE expressed that Aboriginal Land Councils are interested in biodiversity conservation however funding is a barrier for this. Upfront investment can be recouped over time with the potential for a long-term partnership between Government and Aboriginal Land Councils.
8	Marcia Ella-Duncan	MEC noted the impact assessment process under the Plan provides good technical information to support the biodiversity offsetting process.	N/A
9	Robyn Straub	TLALC asked whether the department was incorporating cultural values for sacred sites as part of the Plan and Aboriginal Strategy.	DPIE explained that the biodiversity offset scheme does not include cultural values in the biodiversity offset scheme calculations.
10	Robyn Straub	TLALC noted that there are sacred sites in their owned or under claim land and that they are not interested in developing those areas.	DPIE noted that public access under Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements would need to be established when formalising the agreement. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust may provide more information.
11	Marcia Ella-Duncan	MEC recommended that all landholders should be encouraged to value the history of the land and sites.	DPIE supported this, stating a collaborative approach would help encouraging the broader community to value the land and the benefits it gives. DPIE noted they were happy to set up a meeting to highlight different points, and TLALC are able to consult further with DPIE or MEC as required.

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12	Robyn Straub	TLALC requested more thought be given to the relationship between NSWALC and the three LALCs subject to the Plan.	<p>DPIE acknowledge that separate agreements would be appropriate.</p> <p>MEC noted that NSWALC have a NSW community branch to support communities and have been autonomous. MEC suggested the department nor MEC should define what this relationship looks like.</p>
13	Robyn Straub	TLALC questioned if there is scope for a standalone agreement between local government councils and if local government agreements could be married up with any agreement with Aboriginal Land Councils to maintain consistency.	DPIE strongly supported this idea as it addresses the heart of the relationship. Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool and Sutherland would apply for TLALC. [Note: Sutherland Shire Council is not in the Plan Area]
14	Robyn Straub	TLALC emphasised that working closely with local government councils would benefit the broader community and would not leave Aboriginal Land Councils out of the strategic planning process.	N/A
15	Marcia Ella-Duncan	<p>MEC requested that TLALC think about any questions and email MEC or the department with comments.</p> <p>MEC noted that the Plan contains a recommendation with commitments to Aboriginal people.</p>	TLALC noted they appreciate the government funding and education opportunities.
16	Marcia Ella-Duncan	MEC queried the next steps for Tharawal LALC and DPIE	TLALC responded that they will start looking at the partnership, what it looks like for drafting and what Government's expectations are for TLALC. The Board will be fed this information at members meetings and the Department will engage in a presentation.

Actions:

- 1) Marcia to send out the Plan's Aboriginal community specific commitment – sent 21 Aug
- 2) DPIE to send pdf presentation to MEC – sent 21 Aug
- 3) DPIE to send the 'What We Heard' report – sent 21 Aug