

Notes from Joint CCB meeting 27 Aug 2020

Development and its management

	Votes to be a priority
Many issues relate back to State regulations – most development, roads etc have state regulations that override Council regulation. But there is little to no consultation from the State on these regulations. Responsibility for overseeing some State regulation has also been passed down to Council, for example some of the EPA rules. If complain to the State there is no or little response	8
Scale of development - lack of coordinating with infrastructure development, seeing the consequences of large scale development on existing residents, businesses, again state involvement frequently takes away local control	2
At the last CCB meeting with Council concern about DAs and DCPs was raised and Council agreed to have a whole day explaining the process and listening to concerns. 1 DCP for all towns and villages in the Shoalhaven (but note the chapters often focus on specific towns or areas). Our DCP is based on Sydney codes – which may not be suitable. Wingecarribee has a DCP for each village. DCPs are very weak – don't 'control' development, and state regulations override them.	9
Want to change some of the LEP zoning now we can see what gets built there	3
Character identification and retention in towns and villages; recent character assessment had no consultation. Character is very important to communities	4
Strategic plan for each village, some people questioned strength of these – it needs to be taken notice of if developed	5
Exempt and complying code is not linked to DCP and it should be for clarity and development control	1

Council behaviour

Council famil tours / visits to CCBs are very useful and effective but need to have opportunity to talk with Councillors	5
CCB guidelines – need reviewing	
Continuity of personnel, and accountability across Council – many projects get dropped and don't come to fruition	
Council willingness to be gain more funding (cheap loans, grants) seems low – so no money to undertake many projects (NB budget process starts in March and it would be useful for joint CCBs can input into next budget)	7
Council to recognise it is a service provider; too bureaucratic, need to ensure respectful treatment of all	2
Consultants used for everything, ignore own experts, and is a way of 'consulting with the community'	
Asset maintenance is not adequate eg storm water pipes, budget philosophy, roads, backlog of asset maintenance Selling off parks instead of maintaining them, and not providing adequate overall plan for green space	3
Public land being sold off	2
Devolving power to district engineers worked well	2

Emergency management

LEMO – the Emergency Office in Nowra is not performing effectively from a community perspective	1
Emergency evacuation centres – and broader emergency management. How does a community function in a disaster (could invite RFS to CCB meeting)	4
Post fire issues – clearing, DAs, building/ re-building	

Sustainability

Concern about council's approach to biodiversity management - loss of native habitat – won't be 'Untouched Shoalhaven' for very long (most common bird will be Indian Myna)	5
Sustainability across a broad range of issues	5
Management of crown land, and management of estuaries – there are council committees which have community representatives	7
Shared pathways and bike paths are a priority	5

Funding

Grant funding process is haphazard, not all CCBs have the resources to write grant applications. Where is grant officer in Council?	6
Additionally some CCBs have put in grants with council to find that the Council changed the application. Problem with grant funding is that it is one off – not a source of money that will sustain the activity	1

Tourism

Tourists – number, covid 19 management, adequate infrastructure, funding for services and infrastructure, tension between residents and businesses that rely on tourism if above not managed	10
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CCB challenges

Challenge of engaging with own community; Sussex Inlet is using a new approach and getting much more involvement from the community – see their handout	2
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Issues embedded in the above points:

- More substantive/meaningful consultation

Suggested steps: Confirm notes from meeting

- Rework into clear statements
- Send to council community liaison saying that we'd like to meet (with range of staff and councilors) and discuss
- Potentially meet as a joint CCB group prior to meeting with council to discuss outcomes we'd like from that meeting
- Meet with council

Please comment on these suggested steps.

Draft points for letter to Council community liaison:

- Want to work with council to address key community concerns
- To make more effective / efficient held a joint CCB meeting to discuss common concerns
- Our concerns are as follows ...
- We'd like to meet and discuss these with appropriate staff and councillors

Feel free to comment on the points to be covered in the letter to Council.