

Wet 'n' Wild Sydney Director-General's Requirements

Section 75F of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Key Issue #19: Consultation

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1.0 Community Consultation Approach

Objective

Wet 'n' Wild Sydney seeks to be a valued and respected part of its community. Prospect Aquatic Investments places great value on positive relationships with its stakeholders and recognises the importance of stakeholder consultation in developing these links with the community. This principle has driven an extensive, pro-active stakeholder and community engagement program throughout the development phase of its Part 3A Concept Plan Application.

The purpose of this has been to gain a thorough understanding of stakeholders' interests to inform the Concept Plan Application process.

Timing

Pre-lodgment consultation commenced on 13 September 2010, coinciding with the announcement that an Agreement for Lease for the subject site had been signed with the NSW Government. The pre-lodgment consultation has continued throughout the period of preparing this Concept Plan Application deadline, and is ongoing.

Stage 1 – Pre-lodgment

Prospect Aquatic Investments has taken a proactive approach during the pre-lodgement phase by consulting with various stakeholders with an interest in the proposal.

These stakeholders include:

- 1) Tenants and nearby residents;
- 2) State and Local Government and associated agencies;
- 3) District heritage groups and environmental groups; and
- 4) Civic and economic development organisations.

Methods used to introduce the proposed project and solicit areas of interest and issues have included, direct mail, door-knocking, formal and informal briefings and Q+A sessions with project personnel.

Throughout the process we have endeavoured to provide accurate, up to date and accessible information to our stakeholders via both direct contact and through the project website <u>www.wetnwildsydney.com.au</u> to ensure that stakeholders have an opportunity to remain engaged with the project.

Stage 2 – Exhibition

Prospect Aquatic Investments intends to exhibit the Concept Plan at the Blacktown City Council and at the Department of Planning Head and Regional offices for the purposes of soliciting public and stakeholder feedback on the Concept Plan. The exhibition will be



appropriately advertised and publicised and will be attended by knowledgeable project staff to engage with interested parties and accept public submissions.

Stage 3 – Response to Submissions

In response to formal submissions received through the statutory consultation process, the proponent will issue to relevant agencies and Blacktown Council the issues raised by particular stakeholder groups, indicate how it proposes to respond to the submissions received and indicate how the proposal has been adjusted to result of the feedback received. The proponent may also, if necessary, undertake follow-up consultations with stakeholders.



2.0 Pre-lodgement Consultation - Summary of Findings

Strong Levels of Support

- Strong public expressions of support from all levels of Government, business and civic groups
- Strong support for economic rationale, tourism potential, employment generating opportunities, particularly for western Sydney
- · Multiple expressions of interest from local businesses to project website

Issues Raised

- Traffic management, site access, on site parking and timing of infrastructure improvements (Local Government)
- Water and energy sustainability (environment and Local Government)
- Social and cultural heritage, alignment of Reservoir road, maintenance of old policeman's cottage and associated pine trees (Prospect Historic Trusts)

Next Steps

- Submit final draft consultation report
- Commence statutory consultation as outlined above.



3.0 Timeline of Correspondence & Meetings

3.1. Correspondence	Data	Beereree
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Media Release Issued	13/09/2010	N/A
Sent Media Release & Stakeholder Letter to Government	13/09/2010 & 16/09/2010	
Stakeholders: Blacktown City Councillors Holroyd City Councillors Fairfield City Councillors Liverpool City Councillors Auburn City Councillors Auburn City Councillors Penrith City Councillors WSROC Local State MPs Smithfield – Ninos Khoshaba Parramatta – Tanya Gadiel Cabramatta – Nick Lalich Blacktown – Paul Gibson Auburn – Barbara Perry Fairfield – Joseph Tripodi Toongabbie – Nathan Rees Granville – David Borger Liverpool – Paul Lynch Newcastle – Jodi Mckay Londonderry – Allan Shearan Riverstone – John Aquilina Mount Druitt – Richard Amery Penrith – Stuart Ayres NSW Government NSW Opposition Leader of the Opposition – Barry O'Farrell Shadow Treasurer – Mike Baird Shadow Minister & Department of Planning – Brad Hazzard Local Federal MPs Macquarie – Louise Markus Parramatta – Julie Owens Greenway – Michelle Rowland McMahon – Chris Bowen Lindsay – David Bradbury Fowler – Chris Hayes 		 Councillor Responses: Ron Moore, former Blacktown City Council Mayor called, 13/09/2010 John Perry, Holroyd Mayor, called 13/09/2010 Scott Lloyd, Parramatta Councillor, replied via email, Izzet Anmak, Auburn, Deputy Mayor, Local State MP Responded yes to briefing: Ninos Khoshaba Nick Lalich Paul Gibson Joseph Tripodi Jodi Mckay Allan Shearan John Aquilina Richard Amery Stuart Ayres Local Federal Member Responses: Ed Husic, MP Federal Member for Chifley,
 Sent Stakeholder Letter to Heritage Trusts Blacktown and District Historical Society Prospect Historical Society Granville Historical Society St Marys & District Historical Society 	16/09/2010	N/A



3.1. Correspondence				
Item	Date	Response		
 Sent Stakeholder Letter to Economic Interest Groups Parramatta Chamber of Commerce NSW Business Chamber Tourism and Transport Forum Royal Cricketer's Arms Tavern WSPT Blacktown and District Environment Group Tourism NSW Department of State and Regional Development and Tourism Western Parklands Trust RTA Goodman Group, CEO 	16/09/2010	N/A		
Sent Letter of Congratulations to Councillor Alan Pendleton	15/10/2010	N/A		



3.2 Meetings and Attitudes to Project		
Item	Date	Attitude to Project
 Government Meetings Blacktown City Council Holroyd City Council Paul Gibson, State MP, Blacktown State MPs Meeting Paul Gibson Joe Tripodi Ninos Khoshaba Nick Lalich Stuart Ayres George Souris, MP, Shadow Minister for Tourism 	20/09/2010 20/09/2010 22/09/2010 22/09/2010 September 2010	Strongly supportive subject to processes being appropriately completed.
 Heritage Group Meetings Prospect Heritage Trust #1 Granville Historical Society Prospect Heritage Trust #2 (included neighbouring residents and representatives from Friends of St Bartholomew's Group) 	16/09/2010 23/10/2010 28/11/2010	Issues raised include: social and cultural heritage management, sustainability, residential amenity, noise, light, traffic
 Special Interest Group Meetings Parramatta Chamber of Commerce Blacktown Chamber of Commerce Tourism and Transport Forum 	14/10/2010 25/11/2010 21/12/2010	Strongly supportive and enthusiastic to be involved in further discussions.