

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of seven minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on **8 November 2022**

Name	Subject/Comments	Presentation?	Hybrid
Public Forum – 10.30am			
Rob Gordon	PET11/001 Petition to defer any re-sealing works to Barkala Street and Coastal Court, Dalmeny	No	In person
Patricia Hellier	PSR22/052 Batemans Bay Foreshore and Deep Creek Dam Land - Appointment as Crown Land Manager	Yes	In person

Good morning Mayor, Councillors, General Manager, Staff, Gallery and those comfortable zooming from home my name is Patricia Hellier from Batemans Bay.

I would like to speak on PSR22/052 Batemans Bay Foreshore and Deep Creek Dam Land - appointment as Crown Land Manager.

I have some concerns in relation to some statements on Page 20 of the Agenda headed under the title CONSIDERATIONS Batemans Bay Land
Action 2.7 “**investigate options to relocate toilets**” - and further down in the report –

2) The future of an adjacent toilet block which Council is considering moving to open up the area.

The facts are the current toilet block near the Innes Boat shed are not “**portable**” therefore the choice of works “**options to relocate these toilets**” and the choice of words “**considering moving**” I believe is totally misleading and inappropriate as these toilet are of a **brick construction**. What I believe is being proposed is these toilet are to be **demolished**. These toilets are a much needed facility for both **residents and tourist** therefore there should not be any attempt to **demolish** these toilets until **another toilet block has been erected in a nearby location**. I acknowledge there is a toilet block on the far western side on the new bridge **BUT** for residents, tourist, coach and bus travellers etc it is unrealistic to expect them to hike to that end of town to access a loo.

I note in the **Batemans Bay Waterfront Master Plan and Activation Strategy** (and the concept of this plan in the most part -I find inspiring) – Map 2 Smoke Point Waterfront Concept Master Plan – Point 4 states “ **Consider new toilets** and barbeque shelter servicing the park and Youth Centre”. Councillors note the word “**Consider**” and **not the word proposed**.

For the benefit of the new GM and the Councillors -

In 2015 Council moved a motion to rezone and reclassify the land at Albert Ryan Park with the view of demolishing the toilets and to develop this site. I started a petition to save these toilet. The group I was involved with discovered that Council did not own this land. **It was our group who actually informed Council they did not own this land eventually Council had to rescind this motion. Meanwhile this much used toilet block sits their waiting for an upgrade for disable friendly.** At the time an ex Councillors contacted me and informed me that the ESC had a long term agenda to gradually remove a number of public toilet block in this shire.

The Waterfront Master Plan is attached to PSR22/052 I wish to draw your attention to an item in this Plan and the reason being is due to the increase in the population in our area has result in an increase in traffic.

Map 3 Clyde St Waterfront Master Plan – Point 6 “Move bus parking space forward to retain open views of Waterfront Square and the Clyde River” – I believe this to be unrealistic the facts are anyone who is familiar with this area realises the growth in our area there is more and more traffic congestion at the corner of Clyde and North Street. The buses have problems navigating their way through this area and the facts are the buses need to be relocated to another appropriate area. As a suggestion the car parking area land in the front of the old Bowling Club site is not part of the Bowling Club development site perhaps this land could be used as a bus interchange area.

Mogo Land – I note in this report that Council has quoted a figure of 45,000 visitors to the area (and I for one embrace tourism) with the development of the Mogo Bike Trails – I have been told these trails could amount to 150 to 200 kilometres of trails therefore I ask the question when these bike trails are established will these trails be “user pay” as in the report it has quoted “10 FTE jobs are

expected to be created in the establishment of these trails and another 20 FTE jobs once the trail hub is operational". Is there going to be a "casual membership for weekend visitors and a yearly membership for those residents using these trails" as with every other sporting organisation in this shire be it soccer, football, basketball, aquatic centre etc there is a fee attached to these sports. I am aware the trails in Thredbo the "user pay system is by purchasing a pass for the chair lift". If there is "no user pay system" attached to these "trails" how will the 20 FTE jobs be funded, how will the ongoing costs of maintaining these trails be achieved surely the rate payers of this shire can not be expected to fund this activity? What will Councils liability be if someone is injured on this land will it be Council who is liable or the Crown given this proposal is to seek "Appointment as Crown Land Manager"?.

Patricia Hellier