1. CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND AS OPERATIONAL

AuthorDirector GovernanceResponsible OfficerGeneral Manager

Link to Strategic Plans CSP – 3.4.2 Ensure appropriately zoned land that meets

residential needs through the Shire's communities

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to advise the status of the classification of Lot 731 DP 1257214 public land as operational land.

Report

Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 March 2019 that upon purchase of part Lot 7300 DP 1148668 (now registered as Lot 731 DP 1257214) for the purpose of a truck wash facility, the land be classified as operational land.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993, notification was provided on 15 July 2021 in the Daily Liberal and 21 July 2021 in Council's Column with closing date of submissions being Wednesday 11 August 2021.

No submissions on the proposal to classify this land have been received. As such, Council should now formally resolve to classify the land as operational to complete the process,

Financial Implications

Minimal - published in Council's Column

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Sections 31 and 34 of the Local Government Act 1993.

If Council does not classify the land by resolution, the land is automatically classified as community. Community land requires a plan of management.

Risk Management Issues

Compliance with legislative provisions of the Local Government Act 1993

Internal/External Consultation

Public notification

<u>Attachments</u>

Nil

1 CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND AS OPERATIONAL (Cont'd)

RECOMMENDATION

That Lot 731 DP 1257214 be classified as operational land in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURNS

AuthorDirector GovernanceResponsible OfficerGeneral Manager

Link to Strategic Plans CSP – 4.2.8 Implement best practice governance

standards, transparent decision making and a strong

ethical culture

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council in accordance with legislative requirements. All Councillors and designated persons have completed and lodged their returns by due date.

Report

Councillors and designated persons are required to lodge a Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters Return with the General Manager within 3 months of becoming a Councillor or designated person, and thereafter prior to 30 September each year.

The information collected on the returns is to be kept by the General Manager in a register of returns. The General Manager is required to table all returns at a Council Meeting.

All returns for Councillors and current designated staff have been completed.

Financial Implications

Nil

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Code of Conduct – Clause 4.21 and Schedule 2 Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Regulations

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS RETURNS (Cont'd)

Risk Management Issues

Information contained in returns made and lodged is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

Designated persons have an obligation to keep the information contained in their returns up to date. When becoming aware of a new interest that must be disclosed in the return, or an interest previously not disclosed, designated person must submit an updated return within three months of becoming aware of the previously undisclosed interest.

Internal/External Consultation

Consultation with Councillors and Designated Persons

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3. MITCHELL HIGHWAY, DUBBO TO NARROMINE OVERTAKING LANES PROJECT

AuthorDirector GovernanceResponsible OfficerGeneral Manager

Link to Strategic PlansCSP – 4.2.8 Implement best practice governance

standards, transparent decision making and a strong

ethical culture

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider the Notice of Intention from Transport for NSW to acquire land for the Dubbo to Narromine Overtaking Lanes Project.

3. MITCHELL HIGHWAY, DUBBO TO NARROMINE OVERTAKING LANES PROJECT (Cont'd)

Report

Council has received notification from Transport for NSW that they are now acquiring land for the Dubbo to Narromine Overtaking Lanes Project. This project necessitates property acquisitions to accommodate the new pavement width. The project will widen the existing Mitchell Highway to provide overtaking lanes at four specified locations and provide improved shoulders and widened areas at other specified locations between the towns of Dubbo and Narromine.

The Project aims to improve road safety for all road users; reduce travel time across the network; increase safe overtaking opportunities for road users and provide safe passing opportunities for passenger vehicles and freight operators.

Transport for NSW has identified 3 parcels of land required for the Project of which Council is the registered owner.

- 1. Lot 26 in DP 261903 4213 m2
- 2. Lot 27 in DP 261903 4117 m2
- 3. Part Lot 41 in DP 261177 802 m2

All three parcels of land are classified as Community Land under the Local Government Act, with Lots 26 and 27 categorised as Natural Area and Lot 41 categorised as General Community Use. The land is vacant land with no existing Council infrastructure.

Under the Local Government Act, the core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are: -

- (a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- (d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* 1995 or the *Fisheries Management Act* 1994.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public—

(a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and

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(b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Council's Engineering and Planning staff consider that there is no identified long-term operational requirement for Council to retain Lots 26 and 27 or the identified portion of Lot 41. The remainder of Lot 41 is however required for drainage purposes.

Issues

Section 45 the Local Government Act 1993 states that Council has no power to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of community land.

If Council was to reclassify the land from community to operational, it would need to do so through an LEP proposal. This would remove any public reserve status applying to the land, as well as any interest affecting all or part of the public land. In effect this would allow Council to sell the land. Reclassification is however a lengthy process, and given the Transport for NSW would like to commence works mid-2022, it is unlikely this would occur in time.

Under the Roads Act 1993, State Authorities have the right to acquire land that forms part, or adjoins or lies in the vicinity of, other land proposed to be acquired for the purpose of opening, widening or constructing a road or road work. They can acquire it either by negotiation and agreed sale or through a compulsory acquisition process.

Given that Council has no power to sell, exchange or other dispose of community land, acquisition of such must occur through the compulsory acquisition process. Entitlement to compensation is provided by the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

Transport for NSW is now seeking Council's consent to the compulsory acquisition process and acceptance of compensation as determined by the Valuer General. Transport for NSW will be responsible for all costs associated with the acquisition of the property including but not limited to survey plans, subdivision, legal costs etc.

The Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act provides a minimum period of 6 months for the acquiring authority and landowner to reach an agreement before a Proposed Acquisition Notice is served.

Legal Implications

Local Government Act 1993 – Classification and Categorisation of Land

Narromine Shire Property Strategy – Council's Community Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plans, Local Environment Plan and related planning strategies do not specifically identify any future infrastructure or access requirements for these properties, other than drainage requirements for the remainder of Lot 41. The land has however been identified as Community Land for general community purpose and natural area.

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Financial Implications

Compensation is determined at market value, either by agreement between Council and the acquiring authority, or by the determination of the Office of the Valuer General.

Risk Management Issues

Council does not have the right to dispose of land classified as community land, therefore the State Authority must use its powers under the Roads Act 1993 to acquire the land through the compulsory acquisition process.

The land is vacant, and is in close proximity to the existing highway. The portions of land required for road purposes are relatively small.

Internal/External Consultation

Transport for NSW
Executive Leadership Team
Manager Planning

<u>Attachments</u>

- Notice of Intention to Acquire Land from Transport NSW (See Attachment No. 1)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally advise Transport for NSW that the land it intends to acquire from Council is classified community land under the Local Government 1993, therefore the acquiring authority will need to formally acquire Lots 26 and 27 DP 261903 and part Lot 41 DP 261177 (802 m2) in accordance with the (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991 with compensation to be determined by the Office of the Valuer General. All costs associated with the acquisition process will be for the acquiring authority.

4. LEASE FEE – NARROMINE POOL HOUSE

AuthorDirector GovernanceResponsible OfficerGeneral Manager

Link to Strategic Plans CSP – 4.3.4 Ensure Council's property assets are

monitored and well managed

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine a lease fee for the tenancy of the Narromine Pool House.

Report

Council entered into a tenancy agreement for the lease of the Narromine Pool House for the period of 17 November 2020 to 16 November 2021 at a rental of \$260 per week. The property is leased to the pool contractor who has indicated that he wishes to continue leasing for the term of the pool contract.

Financial Implications

Whilst this property may be able to attract a higher rental on the open market, it is recommended that lease fee remain at \$260 per week, as the pool contractor is able to remain in close proximity to the pool operations. The lessee will continue to be responsible for all water usage and electricity charges.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

There is currently a standard residential tenancy agreement in place.

The General Manager has delegated authority to enter into short term lease agreements, however under the Local Government Act 1993, Council cannot delegate the setting of a rate or fee.

Risk Management Issues

Council does not require the residence for its own purposes in the short term. Leasing the property provides income to offset any ongoing maintenance costs.

Internal/External Consultation

Current lessee

Attachments

Nil

4. LEASE FEE – NARROMINE POOL HOUSE (Cont'd)

RECOMMENDATION

That the lease fee for the Narromine Pool House remain at \$260 per week, with annual CPI increments to be applied thereafter for the term of the pool contract.

Jane Redden **General Manager**



22 September 2021

Narromine Shire Council Locked Bag 115 NARROMINE NSW 2821

Attention: General Manager

HW NO 07 - MITCHELL HIGHWAY, DUBBO TO NARROMINE OVERTAKING LANES PROJECT. TOTAL ACQUISITION OF LOTS 26 & 27 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 261903 AND PARTIAL ACQUISITION OF LOT 41 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 261177 FROM NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for NSW is acquiring land for the Dubbo to Narromine Overtaking Lanes Project.

The Dubbo to Narromine Overtaking Lanes Project necessitates property acquisitions to accommodate the new pavement width. The Project will widen the existing Mitchell Highway to provide overtaking lanes at four specified locations and provide improved shoulders and widened areas at other specified locations between the towns of Dubbo and Narromine.

The Project will provide the following benefits:-

- Improve road safety for all road users
- Reduce travel time across the network
- Increase safe overtaking opportunities for road users; providing safe passing opportunities for passenger vehicles and freight operators.

A web page link is included below for your information.

<u>Mitchell Highway, Dubbo to Narromine upgrades - Projects - Roads and Waterways</u> – Transport for NSW

It is Transport for NSW's intention to commence works by around the middle of 2022.

Three parcels of land belonging to The Council of the Shire of Narromine are impacted by the Project and are shown on the attached Property Acquisition Sketches and Deposited Plans.

The parcels of land required for the Project are described as follows:-

- 1. Total purchase of Lot 26 in Deposited Plan 261903
- 2. Total purchase of Lot 27 in Deposited Plan 261903

Transport for NSW

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3. Partial purchase of Lot 41 in Deposited Plan 261177

Transport for NSW is aware the above parcels are classified as Community Land and as such wish to acquire the above acquisitions by compulsory process.

Your written concurrence to the acquisitions by compulsory process in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 would be appreciated as well as acceptance of compensation as determined by the Valuer General.

The payment of the investigation fee associated with the compulsory acquisitions will be processed on the receipt of an invoice.

Transport for NSW will also be responsible for all survey works and costs required for the acquisitions.

Please find attached acquisition sketches, Deposited Plans and Title Searches for your reference.

If further information is required regarding the acquisitions, please contact Mr Adrian Hulsman, Valuation & Acquisitions Manager on (02) 6604 9360 or email adrian.hulsman@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Adrian Hulsman Valuation & Acquisitions Manager Transport for NSW

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AT NARROMINE

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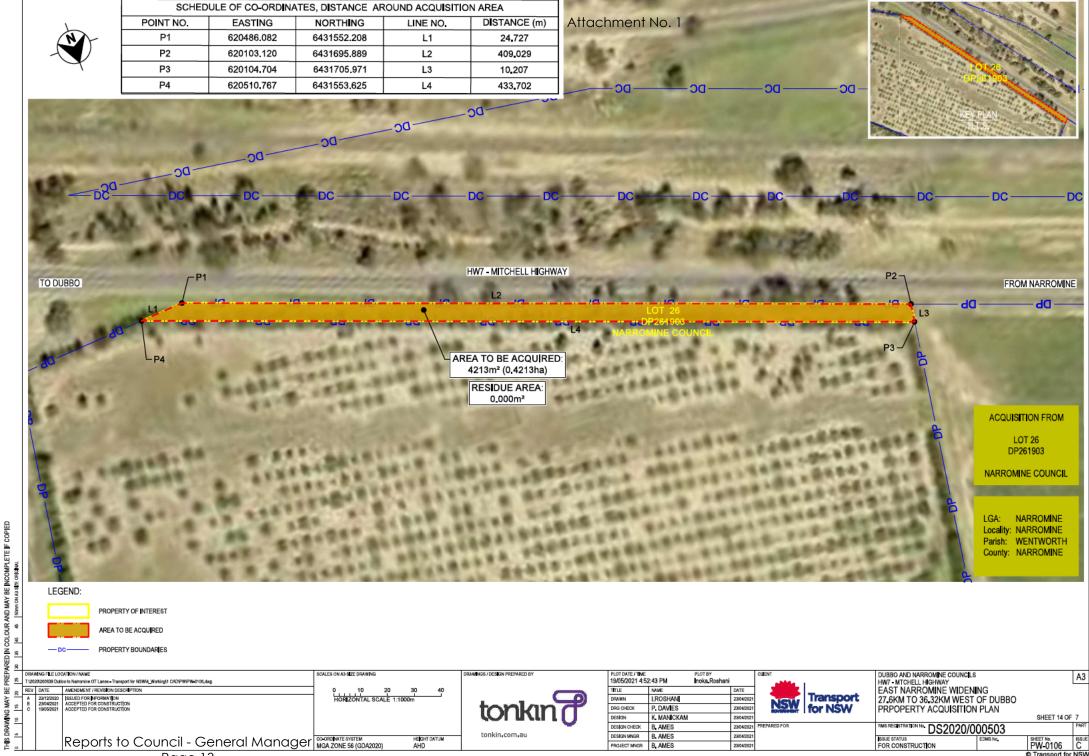
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LAND

LOT 27 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 261903

AT NARROMINE

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FIRST SCHEDULE

THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF NARROMINE

SECOND SCHEDULE (2 NOTIFICATIONS)

- 1 RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN THE CROWN GRANT(S)
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NOTATIONS

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NIL

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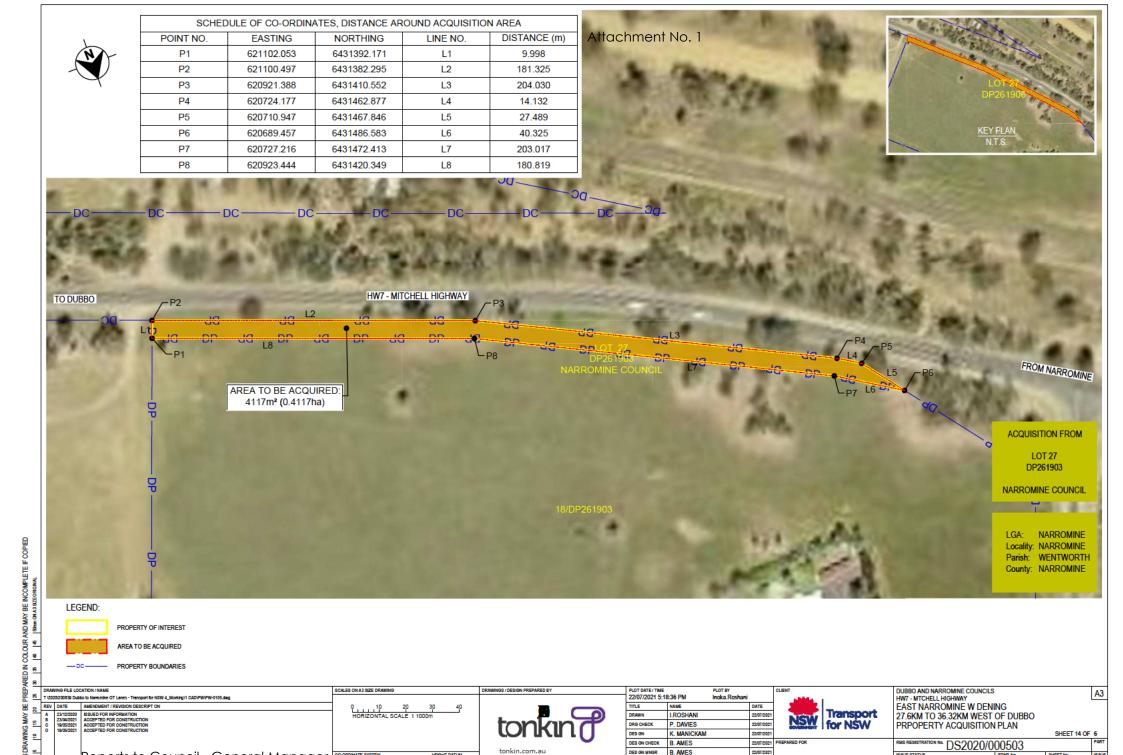
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LOT 41 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 261177

AT NARROMINE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA NARROMINE

PARISH OF WENTWORTH COUNTY OF NARROMINE

TITLE DIAGRAM DP261177

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF TIMBREBONGIE

SECOND SCHEDULE (3 NOTIFICATIONS)

- 1 RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN THE CROWN GRANT(S)
- 2 G990333 EASEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION LINE AFFECTING THE

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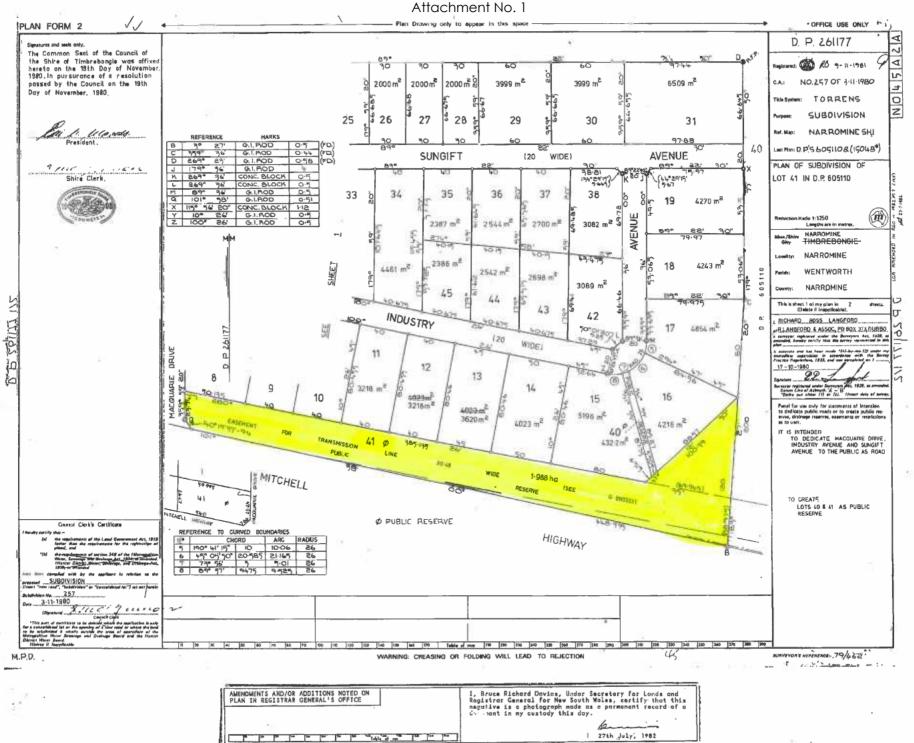
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