



## Meeting Notes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Community and Landowner Reference Group Meeting</b>	<b>Ref No.</b>	07/798
<b>Project</b>	Mount Peter Master Planning	<b>Date</b>	18 August 2009
<b>Venue</b>	Hambledon House Community Centre (177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton)	<b>Time</b>	6.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on summary content of draft Structure Plan and associated Plans which will be submitted to Council at the end of August</li> <li>• Discussion of key issues</li> </ul>		

### Participants

• Cr. Nancy Lanskey	Cairns Regional Council	• Andrew Greenwood	Landowner
• Cr. Paul Gregory	Cairns Regional Council	• Greg Nucifora	Landowner
• Peter Dall'Alba	Dall'Alba Design	• Ken & Lily Hardwick	Landowner
• Vanessa Maruna	Pregno Family Investments	• Rajinder Singh	Landowner
• Alan Savina	Pregno Family Investments	• David Singh-Mazher	Landowner
• Bruce Corcoran	Mulgrave Landcare	• Don Hussey	Landowner
• John Phillips	Joanma Poultry Farm	• Deb McGurk	Landowner
• David Telford	Cairns Target Shooting Club	• Tracy Fantin	Landowner
		• Cerino Russo	Landowner



## 1 Presentation – Project Update

Members of the Mount Peter Master Planning Group made a presentation which covered:

- Discussion of the technical reports
- An update on the various maps and plans associated with the Structure Plan
- Discussion of next steps in the process.

## 2 General comments and questions from project update presentation

Questions asked and comments made during, and in response to, the project update presentation included:

- Impacts of the cost of infrastructure on housing affordability. How will things like the costs to manage flooding impact on affordable housing?
- Mixed Use Centres – having open space hard against retail. Gordonvale Town Centre has been used as a model
- Question of new design codes being written (FNQ ROC would still apply)
- Question of whether flooding needs to be ‘worked out’ before planning for new development occurs
- What defines the development area near the flood plain – high water mark or is it something else? (It varies)
- Where is the water coming from for 42,500 people? (Mixture of aquifer, other sources plus recycled water)
- Recycled water – what impact does this have on affordability, noting the cost of this infrastructure?
- Water – concern about importing water from other catchments and exporting waste to other catchments. As part of this point a request was made from a reference group member that Cairns Water attend a reference group meeting to speak about water supply and related issues for Mount Peter
- What happens in the creek corridors is critical. Some are highly degraded now and will require substantial costs to rehabilitate



- It was noted by members of the Master Planning Group that there are still some studies currently being undertaken (eg by DMR). The outcomes of these studies could influence the Structure Plan
- Question about the provision of new industries and forms of employment in Mount Peter
- Question about the location of medical facilities in Mount Peter
- Question about the amount of waste generated
- Question about whether technical reports will be made publicly available
- Detention basins – potential for creek corridors to be used as ‘green sponges’.

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### 3 Identified strengths of work to date

- Community involvement
- Self-reliance
- Genuine attempt to get it right
- Awareness raising of departments / agencies
- Lots of green
- Time spent on integrated planning
- The fact we have a plan is positive – as long as it is flexible
- Green space and natural attributes have been dealt with
- Creates lots of opportunities for the area – employment, community facilities
- We have a plan
- Green space – creating place
- Idea that plan will evolve – capacity for the plan to change.

#### 4 Identified items for further consideration / issues of concern

- Reconsider cane rail
- Lack of detail
- Taking too long
- Potential negative effects on Gordonvale and Edmonton – related to staging and timing
- Affordability of housing
- Time taken
- How long for things to happen on the ground?
- Who is going to come to live there?
- Process at the mercy of the market
- Lack of medical facilities
- Cost of delivering infrastructure – especially ownership, management and maintenance of open space (especially creek corridors)
- Delivery of infrastructure
- Process at the mercy of the political cycle