



1. Hanging Rock does not make a profit – FALSE

In examining the proposal for development at Hanging Rock it became obvious that a number of facts were incorrectly stated. We have tried to point these out to Council.

Council policy is that if errors appear in documents produced by Council, such errors would be corrected at the earliest opportunity.

In the Synopsis of the Hanging Rock proposal dated 28th August, 2013 it was stated that

“Hanging Rock is unable to financially support itself in the future based on the current model. Maintenance and operating costs are forecast to increase more rapidly than the expected revenue which is a trend which has been recorded since 2008”

Council has acknowledged in an email dated 29 October, 2013 that Hanging Rock has made profits for 9 of the past 10 years thereby rendering the above statement completely invalid and misleading, but has not yet made a public correction.

There is no trend of losses since 2008. There is a trend of profits.

HANGING ROCK FINANCIAL RESERVE SUMMARY from Years 2003/04 to 2012/13

| <i>Year ended 30 June</i> | <i>Actual Operating Income</i> | <i>Actual Operating Expenses</i> | <i>Amount Transferred to Reserve</i> | <i>Amount Transferred from Reserve</i> | <i>Balance of Reserve</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 2003 | | | | | \$119,252 |
| 2004 | \$263,755 | \$228,353 | \$35,402 | \$240 | \$154,414 |
| 2005 | \$284,260 | \$280,173 | \$4,087 | \$81,942 | \$76,559 |
| 2006 | \$291,807 | \$255,084 | \$36,722 | \$884 | \$112,397 |
| 2007 | \$296,286 | \$299,924 | \$0 | \$16,666 | \$95,731 |
| 2008 | \$349,951 | \$296,778 | \$53,267 | \$0 | \$148,998 |
| 2009 | \$289,011 | \$262,412 | \$19,583 | \$28,613 | \$139,968 |
| 2010 | \$335,594 | \$280,299 | \$55,295 | \$10,215 | \$185,048 |
| 2011 | \$357,985 | \$337,028 | \$20,958 | \$0 | \$206,006 |
| 2012 | \$385,779 | \$331,805 | \$53,974 | \$33,843 | \$226,137 |
| 2013 | \$527,551 | \$425,336 | \$102,215 | \$5,000 | \$323,352 |

\$381,503 \$177,403

NB. The amount transferred to reserve each year is the annual profit

The aims of the Hanging Rock Action Group have been consistent.

1. Have Council undertake Community Consultation
2. Distil the real issues and facts of the proposed development
3. Raise community awareness of the issues

None of the three Information Bulletins published by Council have acknowledged that Hanging Rock made profits in 9 of the 10 years up to 2013.

Information Bulletin No.3 was published on 6th November 2013, after the email of 29th October which acknowledged that their figures and conclusions in the proposal were incorrect

Surely Councillors and the Community are entitled to be told directly that a gross error was present in the document presented to Councillors for decision making on 28th August 2013.

Why doesn't Council publish a correction as per their stated policy?