



## # 8 Community consultation re Hanging Rock

In examining the proposal for development at Hanging Rock a number of facts were incorrectly stated. We have tried to point these out to you so that Council can make decisions made on the basis of correct information. Stated Council policy is that if an error occurs in documents produced by Council, the error will be corrected at the earliest opportunity.

### **The following statements have been made re community consultation:**

“Each part of the process since 1993 had been developed and scoped in partnership with the Hanging Rock Development & Advisory Committee (HRDAC).” [Bulletin #1]

“The (Community Consultation) framework was followed in that Council made a decision in line with the direction pursued by the HRDAC – a representative group – and with other adopted strategies of the Council.” [Bulletin #2]

Sept 2011 HR Development & Advisory Committee minutes note “AECOM commissioned to produce the HRDIP”, “Kylie and Rod advised (HRDAC) that extensive consultation with all users, community and committee members was to be undertaken”

### **FALSE, FALSE, FALSE – no community consultation occurred in relation to the Master Plan presented to Council on 28th August 2013.**

Between September 2011 and December 2012 there were no HRDAC meetings. There was no discussion of HRDIP (Hanging Rock Development & Investment Plan) at HRDAC meetings on 10/12/12 and 26/3/13 (KL absent)

At HRDAC meeting 23/7/13 KL presentation on HRDIP background and aims. The 'Master Plan' was not shown and no discussion occurred. [PowerPoint presentation included fig 3.7 from HRDIP –Council meeting notes 28/8/13 p52- that shows land ownership only and has all other development detail shaded out]

### **The 'Master Plan' was first shown to community members of HRDAC as part of a presentation on 27/8/2013 – 24 hours prior to Council Meeting at which it was voted on!**

PS: The AECOM presentation to the HRDAC was obtained under FOI in March 2014 – with 15 (of 22) pages redacted, deemed confidential, yet these pages were part of the information given to the Advisory Committee and supposedly were used as the basis for disseminating information to their respective community groups.

The community was not listed as a stakeholder in the consultant brief prepared by MRSC in September 2011 and obtained under FOI that was the basis for the HRDIP.

## **The community was listed under 'challenges'!!**

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

This lack of consultation has been pointed out to Council but to date no acknowledgement of the error has been made and no correction has been provided to Councillors or the community.

Surely Councillors and the Community are entitled to be told directly that an error was present in the HR Information Bulletins #1 and #2.

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

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