



9 ...that this has been a continuum since 1993

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 based on 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

In the Hanging Rock Information Bulletin #1 in September 2013 it was stated that, “each part of the process since 1993 has been developed and scoped in partnership with the HRDAC.” (Hanging Rock Development and Advisory Committee)

FALSE

The first mention of possible development in the East Paddock only appeared in HRDAC minutes in 2010. A large scale development, as proposed in the Hanging Rock Development & Investment Plan (HRDIP), was never discussed.

This scale of development appears to date from 2010 and a 'gap' identified in accommodation (MR Accommodation Opportunities Study May 2010). It represents a **HUGE** shift in the way council funds community assets and a leap away from 'low impact, low visibility' possibilities being considered previously.

The 1993 Loder & Bayly Management Plan goals, objectives and priority ranking strongly advocate for environmental conservation. The only mention of accommodation at Hanging Rock was of 'possible low level camping' in part of the East Paddock.

The 2008 review of the 1993 Management Plan deemed it “still appropriate for the present time with only some very minor adjustments.”

In the Hanging Rock Business Plan 2011 review of the 1993 Management plan, the aim of the 'East Paddock Master plan / Development was “to formulate a master plan for the development and revegetation of the east paddock considering its role for events, future entry and potential for low impact commercial venture e.g. up market eco-lodges”. It had a costing estimate of \$5,000. The AECOM plan (commissioned in 2011) cost ~ \$115,000 – quite a jump in scale!

Examination of HRDAC minutes shows:

- In the period 2005 - 2009 any discussion of development related to a 'low impact multi-purpose venue' in the position of existing racing club buildings.
- The East Paddock was first mentioned in February 2010 in regards a feasibility study "that would look at the viability of development of the multi-purpose venue and some form of environmentally friendly, sustainable development in the East Paddock".

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 gross exaggeration of the facts has been pointed out to Council but to date no acknowledgement 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 this statement as presented in the Hanging Rock Information Bulletin #1 was incorrect.

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

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