



MEDIA RELEASE

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Mac Group Development Application

The Mac Group have now lodged a Development Application (DA) with Council for the construction of a 400 room mining camp on Cope Road, Gulgong. The DA as lodged was missing critical information and therefore Council has elected not to proceed with the public exhibition of the DA until all information is submitted by the applicant. The further information that Council is seeking includes, but is not limited to; additional demand on water supply, environmental assessment of water and sewer line extensions and heritage assessments. When all the information is received the application will be advertised for 21 days which will be an opportunity for the Gulgong and wider community to make direct submissions to the Council.

General Manager Warwick Bennett stated that "this development application will be determined by the Western Region Joint Regional Planning Panel and not Council itself. Council will have an opportunity to make a submission to the Joint Regional Planning Panel prior to the application being determined".

Council is currently proceeding with the endorsement of a Development Control Plan (DCP) related to Temporary Workers Accommodation which provides detail on the characterisation of the use and guidelines for development. A new planning proposal, which will run parallel with the comprehensive LEP, will go on public exhibition soon. The intent of the planning proposal is to introduce a definition for Temporary Workers Accommodation and to specify the suitable locations close to the major project or mine site.

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