



Appendix 4

ADJUNCT TO 5.1 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS STATUS UPDATE

Response to Public Question Taken on notice at Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 April 2021

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall



5 May 2021

██████████
President, QCA

Via email: gcaqueenscliffe@gmail.com

Dear ██████████

PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

I am writing in response to your second public question that was taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 28 April 2021. The QCA's public question reads as follows:

Public Question 1

Re Proposals Point Lonsdale -Ocean Grove track

By way of background some strong opposition to any proposed tracks particularly through Buckley's Park was aired at a community forum 2 years ago held in Ocean Grove.

It included a submission from the GEC that noted the following (in part)-

'The Vision Statement as written does not give an honest statement of the views of the meeting. I find it inappropriate in the extreme to state that the meeting "Supported sensitively placed and well managed walking paths and bike trails that connect Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale" being translated into support for these to be constructed through the environmentally sensitive Buckley Park and the undeveloped wetland and woodland areas between the two towns.'

The Geelong Environment Council (GEC) has supported the protection of Buckley Park, its management plan, and subsequent restoration and protection through the Management plan prepared by the COGG. This must not be compromised or disregarded.

It was the view of the majority of attendees at the Forum that environmental protection is the highest priority for the area between the two highly developed towns.'

Has Council or its officers been involved in any feedback, discussions or decisions relating to any proposals in relation to tracks linking Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove and if so can they be detailed tonight and, with respect to the important surrounding wetlands has Council sought assurances from the COGG that these wetlands are being fully protected fully given their significance to Laker's Cutting and Swan Bay?

In response to the first part of your question, Council officers have not had any discussions regarding tracks linking Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove.

In response to the second part of your question, COGG are aware of their statutory and environmental responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Martin Gill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER