



Appendix 6

ADJUNCT TO 5.1 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS STATUS UPDATE

*Response to public question taken on notice at
ordinary meeting of Council on 15 December 2021*

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7:00pm

Via Videoconference (Zoom)



15 February 2022

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President QCA

Via email: ██████████

Dear ██████████

PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

I am writing in response to the public question that was taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 15 December 2021. The public question reads as follows:

The recent Rip Rumour highlighted comments made by a BOQ Spokesperson stating the Borough lost more than 100 trees and an estimated 500 damaged in the recent storms. Many trees and habitats in our parks etc were affected. In addition, the loss of Avenue of Honour and Cypress at the Bull ring, 150th Celebration trees at the Boat Ramp and Point Lonsdale foreshore have gone, 4-5 Willow Myrtles in the Bowling Club precinct were recently removed and a mature Boobialla reduced to a stump alongside damage to Moonahs in the Esplanade coastal reserve without permit.

The QCA and no doubt many community members would ask that Council plan thoroughly for a comprehensive revegetation program to be instituted and actively progressed in the next planting season to recover such losses and assist with re - 'Greening' the Borough. Equally important is a positive progression with Powercor to further undergrounding of powerlines to assist with protecting tree and power assets with likelihood of climatic changes continuing to have further damaging results.

The QCA ask or request Council commit to such actions as matters of urgency in 2022 and that such policies are entrenched in the Marine and Coastal Plan as key environmental actions and deliverables.

Further to the above, I provide the following advice.

Council will treat the request above as a submission to the current consultation, recently completed, for the draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan. Council will consider the details of each action included in the request as part of the review of submissions.

Council notes that the Borough of Queenscliffe Climate Emergency Response Plan includes a number of actions which call for revegetation and an increase in canopy coverage.



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Council is also developing a Vegetation Management Policy as part of the Borough of Queenscliffe Climate Emergency Response Plan implementation. The objectives of this policy will guide Council's approach to revegetation which will be picked up in the final Coastal and Marine Management Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Gill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Gill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER