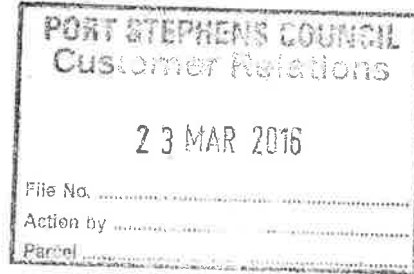


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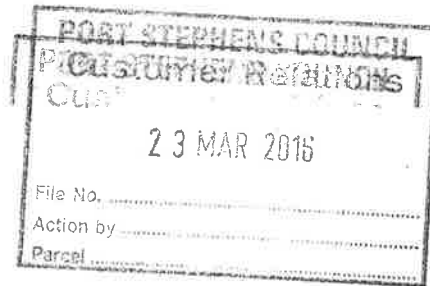
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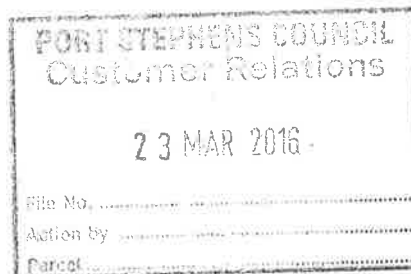
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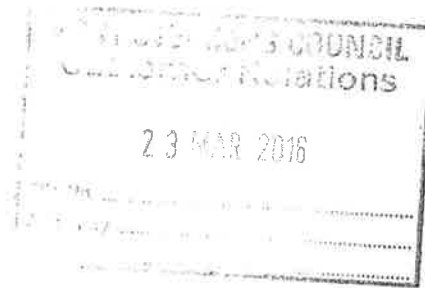
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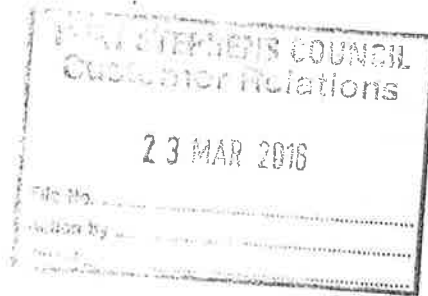
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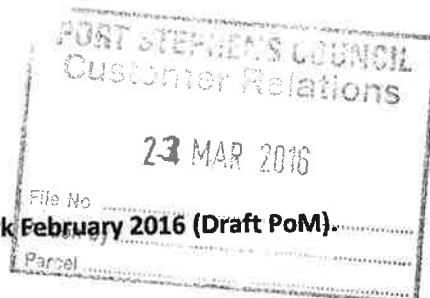
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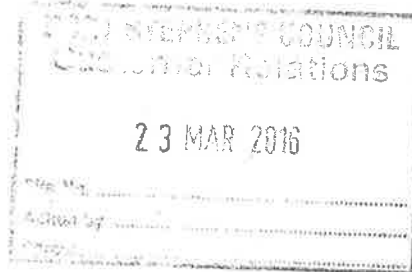
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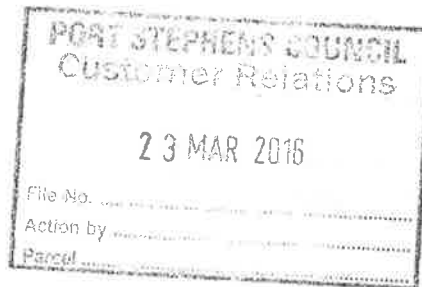
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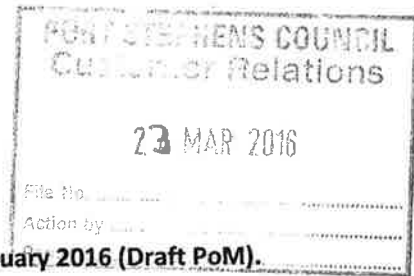
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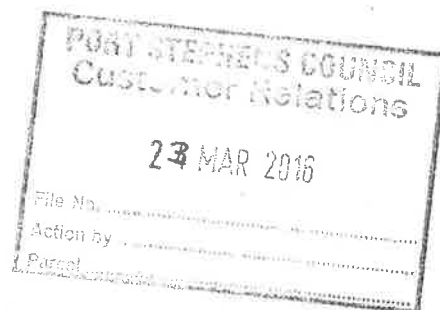
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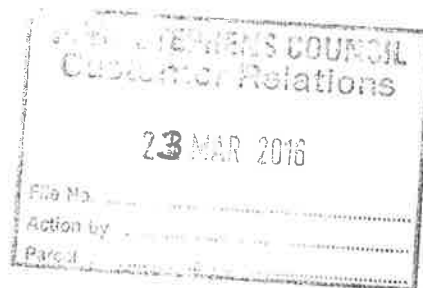
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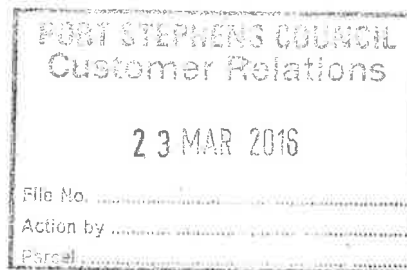
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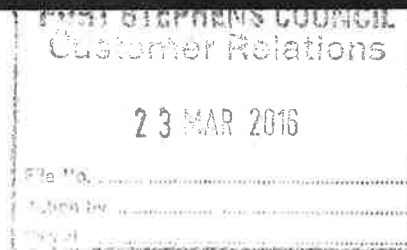
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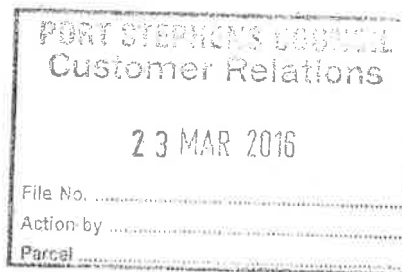
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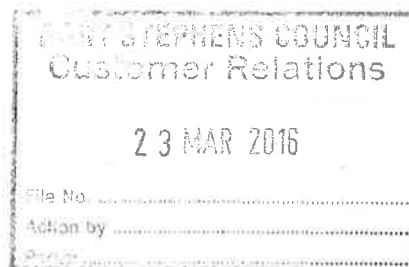
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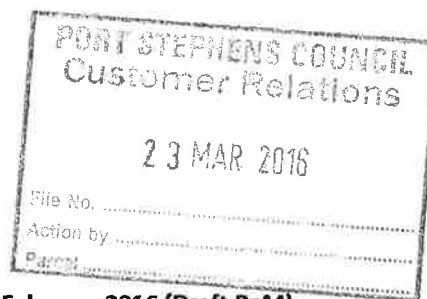
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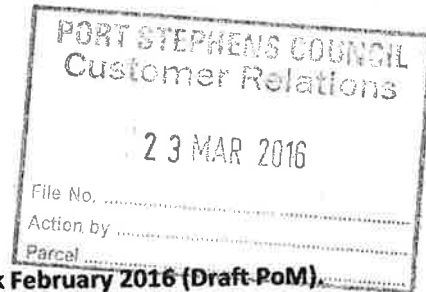
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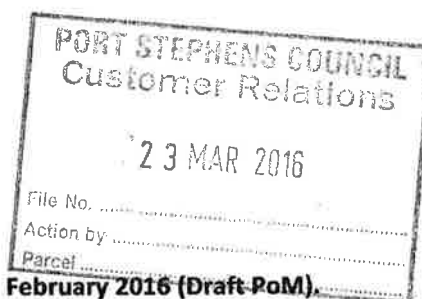
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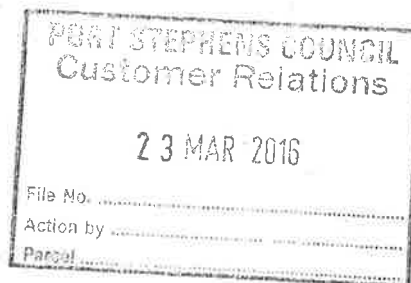
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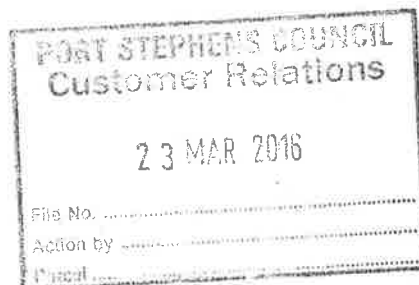
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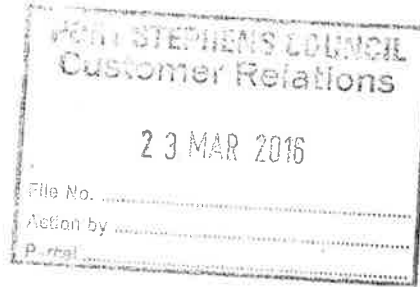
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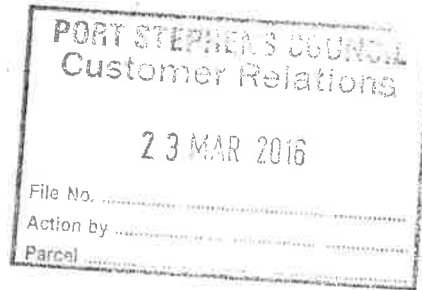
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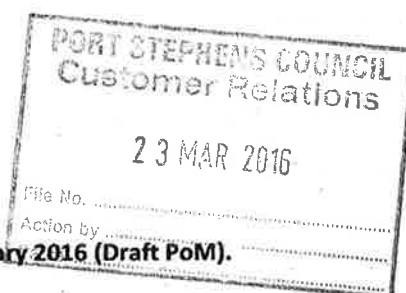
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Council does not appear to understand the need to protect and value one of the most important, treasured assets in our shire and seems to be obsessed with building development despite the irreplaceable loss that would eventuate.

A more comprehensive consultation would have given Council some feedback on how important open space, in our town, is to most of the community.

The Amazon Jungle is a huge natural green space but that doesn't mean that it's "underutilised". Building development would be devastating. Increased building development in Boomerang park would also be devastating.

You only have to look at the older council owned building in the park to see how building development does not improve parkland it just eliminates it. Boomerang Park is still beautiful after 178 years being public land.

The draft plan proposes to change the categories in Boomerang Park to just one category of "park" even though council has professional reports explaining the details of historical and cultural significance. Council gives the impression that its motivation is to make it easier to follow up the category change with a change of classification to operational and put the park in the hands of developers.

The Local government act is in place to protect NSW from this type of behaviour by Councils. Council should be acting in the interest of the residents, not a developer.

We all know that development is essential and I'm not against all development however there is no upside to this plan for the residents of Raymond Terrace.

This draft plan appears to be written so that development can occur instead of being written to manage the park.

I think changing the category of Sports Park to Park is not in the interest of the residents of Raymond Terrace. If we need a sports Park in the future as we surely will, it will be almost impossible to have one in such an appropriate location. This sports Park already has the infrastructure to support future sporting needs. It would help if Council promotes the availability of this sports Park to encourage healthy lifestyles.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2015 3:15 PM
Subject: Proposed Men's Shed, Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace: DA 16-2015-660

Categories: Red Category

Dear Priscilla,

1. This is to confirm our submissions were lodged over-the counter at Council at 11.50 am this morning.

2. By way of further submission,

If the Plan of Management 2000 is amended before the determination of the DA there should be a further period of time in which persons may make submissions to the determining body about the amendment(s), before any determination is made.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Objection to the Boomerang Park Development Plan.

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We have also seen a wide variety of native birds in the park , including grey crowned babblers a threatened species. We have observed the grey headed flying fox and occasionally koalas in the northern area. Long necked turtles and a number of frog species live in the pond.

The new children's play area is well used, but access to the natural environment is also important for a child's development. The huge men's shed, and subsequent planned housing development would spoil the landscape and involve removal of mature trees used by wild-life. Several currently unused buildings in the town (eg the old university aquatic centre , the old pony club building on Newline Road, or the building on the off-leash dog area) could be used and renovated at much lower cost to provide a shed without impacting on the environment.

The proposed development plan goes against both the original park dedication and the environmental and heritage reports submitted to council.

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Submission: Draft Plan of Management: Re-Categorisation of Land – Boomerang Park

Why is the Council seeking to re-categorise land in a park? To sell, to lease, to give away to small groups all of which will deny access to the whole park for all. For some reason this Council sees any public place as theirs to develop, it is not.

At the moment Council are seeking proposals from the public to lease chunks of parks and reserves for commercial use. These expressions of interest are for 5year leases and close on 27 March.
Are there to be 99 year leases granted to a car dealership or a Hungry Jacks? What is to stop them?
Nothing if this re-categorisation goes ahead.

Council seems to think if you label a development,"for seniors" it will be acceptable in these locations. The project at the back of the Soldiers Point Bowling Club is for sale from \$329,000.00, this is not assisted living for pensioners. This kind of money will buy a unit easily in Nelson Bay. Restricting sales to over 55s does not make this any less a commercial for profit venture. Neither should Boomerang Park be used for generating revenue.

The men's shed can do their noble work from any site. I can't help but feel their members have been duped into backing the Council's wishes., The opponents to the destruction of the Boomerang Park are not against them just the location of their shed.

I'm sure if this Council was in Sydney they would be trying to sell Hyde Park and The Domain, after all they are green spaces.

This needs to be stopped now? A re-categorisation is the first step on an unsatisfactory path.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 March 2016 12:29 AM
To: SwitchPC
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: submission on Boomerang Park

I write to oppose any change to the Plan of Management of Boomerang Park.

I attended the meeting at the Senior Citizens centre and was impressed by the number of older people who spoke up for its preservation as it is now.

A very small number supported the changes to get their men's shed.

It is sad that council would set parts of the community against one another like this.

The plan to solve the supposed under-utilisation of the park by plonking a large men's shed in the middle of one part and a housing estate whether for seniors or not on another part is just development for development's sake. The current mayor and councillors WANT to develop the park. They will use any argument they can to do it.

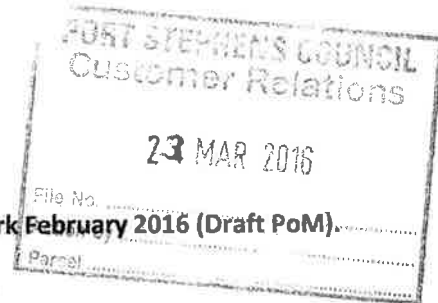
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Thank you.

NAME

[Redacted Name]

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ADDRESS

[Redacted Address]

CONTACT NO.

[Redacted Contact Number]

DATE 21-3-16

10 March 2016

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
PO Box 42 Raymond Terrace 2324



Dear General Manager

RE: Boomerang Park Draft Plan of Management

I write to oppose the changes to the Boomerang Park Plan of Management (BPPoM) on three grounds. First, the case for change is weak. Second, the changes undermine the controls imposed by the plan of management and are therefore contrary to its original intention. Third, the reclassification denigrates the rich cultural heritage of the site and, by extension, the community.

The case for altering the Plan of Management is weak. The justification given by the Council argues that the existing plan of management is "old" and "in need of an update". Along this line of reasoning the nation's constitution is getting a little dusty so should also be torn up. Neither makes sense.

The proposed changes erode the controls imposed by the current Plan of Management, and are therefore contrary to its original intention. The purpose of the BPPoM is to counteract attempts to develop the park. The proposed Draft Plan of Management (DPoM) undermines this purpose by excluding two key clauses from the BPPoM:

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By removing these clauses the DPoM is not fit for purpose, and forebodes the death of Boomerang Park by a thousand cuts.

Third, reclassifying large parts of Boomerang Park denigrates the cultural heritage of the site and, by extension, the Raymond Terrace community. The DPoM reclassifies large areas of Boomerang Park from "Areas of Cultural Significance", "Park" and "Sportsground" to purely "Park". This would reduce development restrictions, opening the possibility of building on parkland in the interest of "improvement". The reclassification undermines the recommendations of independent reports on the indigenous and natural significance of the park. It also denigrates the park's rich indigenous heritage, as a gathering place for men's ceremonies; the civic heritage, as one of the oldest parks in the state; and the military heritage as a marshalling ground during the Boer, First and Second World Wars. Raymond Terrace is not a community without cultural significance. Boomerang Park is not a place without cultural significance. The Council should not treat it as such.

Yours in conservation,



From: Raymond Terrace Seniors [mailto:rtseniors@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 7 March 2016 4:11 PM
To: sara.reese@portstephens.nsw.gov.au
Cc: Joe Gleeson
Subject: Using RT Seniors Carpark

At a meeting today at RT Seniors, concern was raised about using the car park as a drive through access to the proposed men's shed complex. Our concern is one of safety. The average age of the members here would be around 80 years of age and quite a lot of them have mobility issues. We would appreciate these factors being considered before final decisions are made and also we would appreciate some input into this matter as it will directly impact on our members..

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Sue Latimer,
secretary



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 6 March 2016 7:47 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Support Boomaerang Park Draft Management Plan

The General Manager Port Stephens Council,

I am writing to support the Port Stephens Council Draft Management Plan for Boomerang Park 2016. I believe the men's shed proposed to be built in Boomerang Park is desperately needed for our members and will offer greater opportunity for men in our surrounding communities to participate in the many activities a men's shed offers in support of men's health.

The Australian Men's Shed Association prioritizes the well being of all men valuing the role that Men's Sheds play in the prevention of social isolation by providing a safe, friendly and welcoming place for men to work on meaningful projects and to contribute to the wider community. The Raymond Terrace Men's Shed reflects these aims and objectives by encouraging participants to be involved and participate fully in their community, provide social, creative and recreational opportunities, increase participation of retired people in community and volunteering activities and contribute back to their community.

I whole heartedly support the Port Stephens Council, their Draft Boomerang Park Management Plan and the proposed location within Boomerang Park for a purpose build Men's shed.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 4:55 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: BOOMERANG PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

To the Mayor, General Manager and all Council officers,

As a resident of Raymond Terrace for many years, and also a member of Raymond Terrace Men's Shed, I wish to say to council that I fully support all aspects of the Boomerang Park Draft Plan of Management in its entirety.

As a committee member of the Men's Shed I certainly wish the Draft Plan to be adopted and then hope that urgent action can be taken to commence work on the new Men's Shed.

I also would like to state that I am in favour of the senior's housing development proposed by Council.

Also may I add my thanks to those councillors and staff who support the building of the Community Men's Shed.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 11:45 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN BOOMERANG PARK 2016

I have read the documents in relation to the Draft Management Plan Boomerang Park 2016 and support the "Re- Catertorisation " of Boomerang Park and the construction of the Community Mens Shed.

[REDACTED]

02/03/2016

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 12:00 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Boomerang Park Management Plan 2016

Dear Sir,

[REDACTED] member of the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed I can verify the importance and positive impact the Shed has on the lives of the men in our community. I have read the Draft plan of the Management of the Park 2016 and offer my support in the re-categorisation of Boomerang Park, so that construction of the Men's Shed in the park can begin. I am looking forward to the men of this community in having their new shed in the park so that they can thrive in their new central location.
Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2/3/16

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 9:29 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Fwd: Boomerang Park Draft Plan of Management

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 29 February 2016 at 11:18
Subject: Boomerang Park Draft Plan of Management
To: Elizabeth.Akerman@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

I wish to register my full support for the Boomerang Park Draft Plan of Management, especially the plans for the Men's Shed.
As I am unable to attend the meeting on Thursday 3 rd March.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 7:43 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Boomerang Park Plan of Management

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To who this may concern,

I am writing in to give my support behind section 3.14 (Men's Shed) of the current draft of the Boomerang Park Plan of Management and also how it adds to the public facilities noted in 3.12.

[REDACTED] and currently attends the existing Men's Shed [REDACTED] day a week. As he can't get out in the community often, it is his social hub, as it is for a lot of others and is a highlight of his week. There are a lot of men (especially seniors) out there who must be lonely without contact in a mutual interest. A new shed would allow for more guys to visit each other while doing some mutual active pastimes. Traditionally, women have groups like CWA and craft classes to meet and do stuff together. Men need something similar – Mens Shed provides that environment. [REDACTED] also is trying his woodworking skills out with the help and encouragement of the other members. The shed allows the guys to teach and learn from each other.

Also, the shed would add to the available facilities listed in section 3.12. The shed would add more public facilities beyond that of the Senior Citizen's Hall and the (Dog Club) Clubhouse. It is my understanding that a large percentage of the Men's Shed building is a separated room that could be hired out to groups and functions. I do know toilet access is also listed on their DA.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 6:49 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: General Manager - Boomerang Park plan

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I would like to see a new men's shed built in Boomerang Park and approved in the plan of management document part 3.14. [REDACTED] currently goes to the existing shed and from the stuff he brings home that he has done I can see he has fun doing it. A large number of his friends are people he sees at the shed. There are lots of different equipment available and interesting projects available. I intend to join in a few years when I am in a position to take part in their activities and get down to the shed in their opening hours.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 4:48 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: att: General Manager re: Boomerang Park POM

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mr/Ms General Manager,

In the draft Plan of Management, currently on display, I would like to see the Men's Shed (3.14) approved and included in the plan.

[REDACTED] who currently goes to the shed across from the library and have been since it opened. Several members from Medowie take me in, watch over me, and help when asked or if appropriate for safety reasons. It's a place where I am able to try my hand at a skill I had before the [REDACTED] and miss.

Not only do they produce small wooden items for minimal prices and donations, the shed members have been able to help with wooden repairs. The members of the shed have also repaired [REDACTED] too – an example of some stuff they may be able to do with the planned mechanical section of the new shed.

I have also seen a number of younger unemployed men come to the shed too. It provides an environment for the older members to mentor younger ones as they learn new skills. With the new shed more mentoring can happen on more equipment than currently.

The shed will have a minimal impact on the available space in the park. The current development application shows the building will only take up approximately half of one percent of the current parkland. And of that space the building takes, 1/3 is shared hall space but the council can hire out to others.

The guys have been great and patient with me when my [REDACTED] rears its head and they always include me in discussions and in social stuff at the shed. I'm glad I go and intend to continue in the new shed.

with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2016 7:59 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Att. General Manager Development of Boomerang Park

[REDACTED] I am sending this email via the computer of [REDACTED]

I just wish to support the development of Boomerang Park at Raymond Terrace, which whenever I visit Raymond Terrace is either empty and unused or may have the odd person walking through it. It just seems to be an unused empty space which could be put to better use for the benefit of Port Stephens residents.

Also I strongly support the building of a mens shed in the park. Having visited their cramped quarters at Raymond Terrace and seeing the good work they do I feel the construction of the shed will be of benefit not only to men shed members but to the general public as well [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2016 7:51 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Development of Boomerang Park Attention Council General Manager

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I write to fully endorse the development plans for Boomerang Park, which to me seems a large area of land that is seldom used by ratepayers. Any development of the park would be most welcome. I also strongly support the construction of the mens shed in the allocated area of the park which I consider to be of great benefit to the area.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2016 7:46 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Boomerang Park Development Plan. Attention General Manager

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sir,

I fully support Council plans for the development of Boomerang Park .

For too long the park has been under-used by residents and it is time that Council developed the park I also consider that the proposed Mens Shed should be approved.

Section 36(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 clearly outlines what may be conducted in a park and there is no doubt that the construction of the proposed Mens shed clearly fits these guidelines.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 February 2016 5:42 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767

[REDACTED]

Manager Port Stephens Council

Dear Sir I am just writing to to show my full support with Port Stephens Council plan of management for Boomerang Park. I think the construction of the new Community Men's shed being built in Boomerang Park is a great idea.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 February 2016 5:39 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767



Manager Port Stephens Council

Dear Sir

I am just writing to to give my full support the Port Stephens Council plan of management for Boomerang Park. I particularly support the construction of the new Community Mens shed being built in Boomerang Park near the Senior Citizens Hall within Boomerang Park.

Kind regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 February 2016 3:46 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Draft Plan of Management Boomerang Park

Attention: Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council

Mr Wallis

I am outraged that Council proposes to amend the zoning of most of Boomerang Park from the categories in the current Plan of Management 2000 as "area of cultural significance", "park" and "sportsground" to just "park".

Boomerang Park is geographically, historically, culturally and socially the centre of Raymond Terrace and has been since whitefellas arrived. Before that it was of cultural, historical and social significance to Aboriginal people. There is no justification at all for Council to change the zoning in order to make a few dollars by selling off large parts of the park to developers and alienating other bits for the exclusive use of small interest groups such as the Mens Shed.

I urge you to recommend to Councillors that they stop meddling with the park zoning and look to other less culturally significant areas of Raymond Terrace for the commercial gain you seem so desperate to get.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 13 July 2014 1:54 PM
Subject: Boomerang Park Master Plan

Attention:
The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
PO Box
42

Raymond Terrace NSW 2314

Boomerang Park Master Plan
Possible Rezoning of Allotted Land (Areas 27a, 27b, and 27c) for Residential Purposes.

I object strongly to the possible rezoning for residential purposes of part of Boomerang Park. Any rezoning and removal of trees from this section of Boomerang Park would contravene Council's Local Environmental Plan Heritage Section (Sheet HER_002C Heritage Item – General). A twenty-five per cent reduction in park area is unacceptable in light of future population growth which will rely more, not less, on access to open parkland for recreational purposes. While I see great merit in upgrading the playground, I believe there are other options for the provision of other community facilities eg the Mens' Shed and parking in areas of the town not currently zoned General Recreation . This proposal represents yet another attempt by Council to "sell off the farm" to the detriment of future generations.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 10:01 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Draft Plan of Management Boomerang Park 2016

Importance: High

General Manager
Port Stephens Council

Dear Sir

Having read Draft Plan of Management for Boomerang Park 2016 and the appendices.

I am writing to support the Re-Categorisation of the land and the Draft Plan of Management for Boomerang Park 2016. As you are aware this also includes the erection of a new Men's Shed, the current one is bursting at the seams and can hardly accommodate the members.

This plan will support the continued development of Boomerang Park into the future and will allow the council to be proactive not reactive in its management and development of the park for the benefit of everyone not just a few. It will then become a true community park servicing the community from the very young to the old.

If a new shed is not built then these very industrious men will no longer be able to continue their great work in and for the community. It would be a sad day for Raymond Terrace if their Men's Shed no longer existed. The concept of Men's Sheds is to help and improve men's health by providing social interaction, community involvement etc.

This concept is considered so important that both the federal and state governments support them not only financially through grants specifically for their development and ongoing operations but they are also considered to be an integral part of men's health and well being.

Men's health has been neglected for a long time particularly mental health the Men's Shed movement serves to address this problem among others. Traditionally women have formed groups and in them they are able to interact socially whilst talking about a whole range of issues men have never had this type of informal help previously, which is why Men's Sheds are so important particularly if they have minimal support in the community as many men do.

Men's Shed help to prevent social isolation, encourage them to participate in the community particularly following retirement, retrenchment etc.

It is imperative that the Draft Plan of Management for Boomerang Park 2016 and the erection of a new Mens Shed to cater for the current population and the future ageing population.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 February 2016 3:15 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767

General Manager
Port Stephen Council
Raymond Terrace

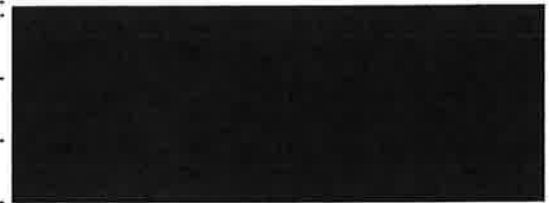
Dear Sir, I have read the Draft report, and give full support to have the Men's Shed position and construction on Boomerang Park

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Cheers, [REDACTED]

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03/03/16

THE GENERAL MANAGER
PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE READ THE DOCUMENTS
IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR BOOMERANG PARK 2016

I SUPPORT THE "RE-CATEGORISATION" OF
BOOMERANG PARK & THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE COMMUNITY MENS SHED

YOURS FAITHFULLY



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 20 February 2016 7:21 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767

I object to the selling off of Boomerang Park. It is my opinion that Boomerang Park is not an asset to be sold, but held in trust for future generations. I played softball and rode horses there as a girl, I walk my dog there now and think the view from the hill is beautiful.

The addition of the kids park is a good thing, it doesn't come up to the standard of the covered park out at the bay, and is not the park rivaling Speers Point Park like the council said they would produce, but it is something that families can utilise.

Stop thinking of the financial gain and think of that wonderful park as something the council can protect for community.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 19 February 2016 9:55 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767 Boomerang Park Submission
Attachments: Petition letter to GM.docx; Port stephens boomerang park idea.docx

Importance: High

Dear General Manager,

I wish to put in my submission for the above Boomerang Park.

In this current economic environment, I feel it is important to look about spending resources extremely with care.

There has been a number of petitions (all lost within the council – never certified) about getting facilities at Boomerang Park to meet a growing community, where they can spend quality time, relax and enjoy the recreational events.

When I first put together a ideas document towards the council I never stated;

- * A massive men's shed and in prime view (definitely no taller than 3m)
- * No mention of a croquet courts.
- * No mention of selling off the park land for development.
- * Another cement skate park – how many do we need in Raymond Terrace.

I would strongly oppose these sorts of development in this park.

- * Upon research with Lake Macquarie Council it was evident that no park land was sold off for development – liaison with them might prove worthwhile.
- * The croquet courts is an idea put forward my Mr Bruce Mackenzie himself to fill the needs of Nelson Bay residents.
- * I feel the Men's Shed was a great idea, however looking around Raymond Terrace industrial sites, there are a lot of unoccupied workshops that could be used.
- * The Men's Shed is a business, they charge appropriate costings on all activities so there is no reason why they can't maintain rent, like other competing businesses.
- * The suggestion by councillors for another skate park (to hush the ferals), is not appropriate and there is already another one in Raymond Terrace.

Let's not waste money on other issues, other than the park.

- * The community need this facility and if it is done correctly on a larger scale it will bring people to Raymond Terrace.
- * You only need to take a look at Speers Point Park and the surrounding business to know the impact this has on their business.

Let's be imitative with the look and use of the park to keep usable for all.

- * An outdoor amphitheatre (grass hill and built up hill) would provide many opportunities for movies, concerts, events etc.
- * A constructed aboriginal landscape to enhance the previous owners would go astray.

I hope the council will prevail in providing the correct facility and not just their own personal agenda.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 27 February 2016 1:47 PM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Pathways Plan PSC2005-2767

Hi my name is [REDACTED] and I live on [REDACTED] I have read the new plan of action for Boomerang Park and I totally endorse it, I think it's a great idea for the council to utilise the park for the benefit of the whole community, I am a member of the local mens shed and so am fully supportive of any council plans to update our shed into new premises seeing we now have upwards of 110 members this will not only benefit the mens shed but the community in general seeing that we also cater for people who are visually disabled and those who suffer from forms of dementure and also pensioners like me who view the mens shed as a intrinsic part of our lives. I truly believe that as we get older mental stimulation is paramount for people of our age and the mens shed is a perfect example of keeping in touch with those around us, regards [REDACTED]

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
P.O Box 42
RAYMOND TERRACE, NSW 2324
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Dear Mr Wallis

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1.8 Community Consultation p.7

Council has not committed to a formally recognisable community consultation process since the idea for the upgrade for Boomerang Park was tabled in Council August 2011. The community has been excluded from having their say in the planning process for their important dedicated community parkland.

In this proposed Draft PoM on p.7 Council is continuing to use the same token community consultation from over 2 years ago to tick a box – this is not genuine community consultation. Council is not sincere about the inclusion of the concerns or the valued contribution that the community of Raymond Terrace plays in the future of Boomerang Park.

Alienation of open space

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Boomerang Park should be left intact with a management plan that acknowledges and respects Boomerang Parks' many overlays of cultural significance and that points the way to future management and conservation of this important public asset. The downgrading of Boomerang Park to just one category, "park", as proposed in the Draft PoM, is not in the Park's or the public's best interests.

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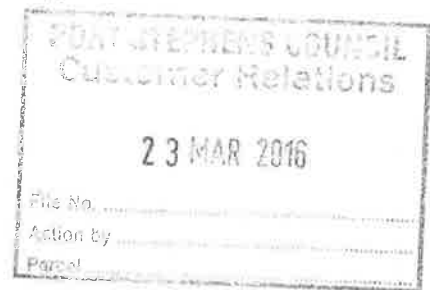
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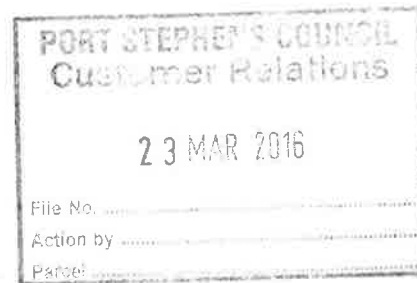
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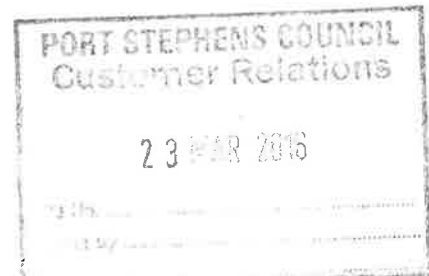
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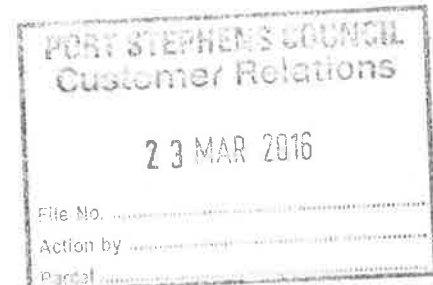
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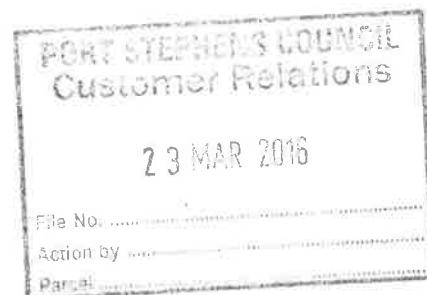
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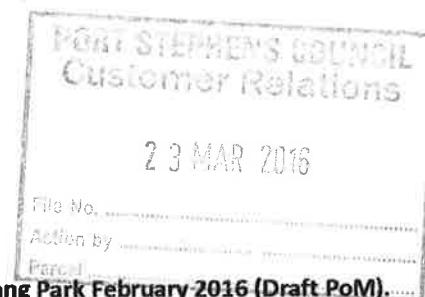
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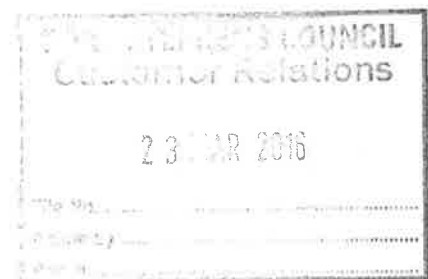
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