



PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

BRIEFING PAPER



State and Federal Issues Briefing Paper

Title: New public high school in the North of the Shire and ensuring the Shire's one existing public high school has adequate infrastructure and facilities

Date: August 2018

Key issues (*What problem/issue needs to be resolved?*)

- Wollondilly has a cohort of 4269 12-17 year olds and only 1 public high school and 1 private high school with a joint capacity of 1577
- The Department of Education School Assets Strategic Plan for new high schools does not take into account development and planning data from Local Councils
- Department of Education catchment areas in the North Ward have students travelling up to 2 hours to access high school

Action sought	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council continues to lobby for another high school in the North Ward• Council continues to liaise with Schools Planning staff to ensure ground truthing of data• Council lobbies for a change in policy around the provision of a new high school based on a 7000 lot subdivision, to include infill development• Council continues to advocate for appropriate amenities in high schools such air conditioning in Picton High School	Immediate Future

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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The Briefing note:

Purpose of briefing

To provide information and an analysis of the need for a new high school in the North Ward.

Executive Summary

Council supports the recommendation to have a new high school in the North Ward.

Overview of the issue

Wollondilly has a cohort of 4269 12-17 year olds and only 1 public high school and 1 private high school with a joint capacity of 1577.

Wollondilly Shire has a growing primary school population with 17.6% of the population are 11 years and younger (2016) (communities of change) (*Appendix 1*)

The actual number of primary school aged children is higher than high school aged children at 5219 – so the next generation of students is a fifth larger without taking into account any population growth. This group grew by 421 from 2011-2016. The current 2nd school provision is not catering for the natural growth in the shire. Detailed statistics of the North Ward are available in *Appendix 2*.

Picton High School currently has 1121 students enrolled and is being refurbished to increase the capacity to 1500 students by 2022. Further expansion to cater for an additional 500 students **is possible** in the future. However, this will only keep up with current demand (*Appendix 3*).

Wollondilly Anglican College (WAC) at this point in time has approximately 456 students enrolled. WAC attracts many students from outside the Wollondilly Shire from areas such as the Southern Highlands.

Due to limited capacity of local high schools there is an exceptionally high number of students travelling out of the Wollondilly Shire for high school every day. Every year Council provides a high school high achievers awards night and 27 different schools are represented.

The NSW Government's 2018/19 Budget includes \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million spend as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year.

However, the only new public high school planned for in the Wollondilly Shire is at Wilton Newtown to accommodate 2000 students and is forecast to be completed in 2021 or beyond (*Appendix 4*). There is also one new independent High School planned for Wilton. This is to cater for the population of the growth precinct.

The next closest new high school to the Wollondilly Shire is at Oran Park to accommodate 2000 students and is forecast to be completed in 2020 (*Appendix 5*).

The NSW Government has invested \$500 million to provide a sustainable air conditioning program for NSW schools. A NSW Department of Education media

release in June 2018 stated all new schools and school upgrades will have air conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries.

Why does the issue exist/how did the issue originate?

Population growth, new development and geographical location are the main causes for this issue.

The Department of Education planning catchment areas for schools in Wollondilly such as Glenmore Park (*Appendix 6*) and Camden High Schools (*Appendix 7*) contributes to some Wollondilly students to travel up to 2 hours each way to school on busses.

What are the impacts of the issue?

Travel time to school where children leave early on school buses or parents having longer drop off and pick up times contributes to paucity of time issues for families and places considerable pressure on home life. This issue is compounded by the fact that many parents are also working outside the Wollondilly Shire.

Often young people are leaving at 6.30 am and returning at 6pm due to bus travel times. This leads to a reduction in time young people have to spend on homework, recreation, sporting, peer activities and employment outside school hours. It may also lead to social isolation as peer groups are located out of area.

These issues can lead to young people having limited connections with the local area and limited time to participate in local services. Community services providing outreach services to the area have found it difficult to engage with young people as the hours they provide do not allow for the large travel times to and from school that young people in the Shire have to cope with.

Who is impacted by it?

Students, families, community services, businesses.

Council Resolutions (regarding the issue)

There have been three Council Resolutions in relation to this topic:

1. 36/2017 (*Appendix 8*)
2. 106/2018 & 54/2018 – Council submit a formal submission to the Department of Planning for the Picton High School Redevelopment (*Appendix 9*) and Submission (*Appendix 10*)
3. 80/2018 – Council write to the Minister for Education Hon. Rob Stokes (*Appendix 11*). For the letter and response see (*Appendix 12 & 13*)

Community views on the issue (CSP)

There is strong community support for this issue with many residents directly affected. This issue has also been highlighted in the media. (*Appendix 14*).

State Government view on the issue and statewide significance?

The NSW State Government has developed a School Assets Strategic Plan (2018 – 2031). The Strategic Plan sets the direction and framework for lower level plans and delivery of sufficient fit-for-purpose places for students where and when required up to 2031. The plan includes forecast demand for future learning spaces and schools. The framework for projecting school enrolments includes factors of density/urban form, demographics, past trends/development lifecycle. Data is gathered from the following sources

- Department of Planning and Environment
- ABS
- Medicare data on children aged 0-5
- School enrolment data
- Non-government school enrolment data

The Department has advised that it now takes a 'place based' approach to schools planning and it's staff are in touch with a range of agencies including local government to obtain information on local growth issues to supplement the latest population forecasts from Department of Planning and Environment.

Under the new approach the State Government plans to absorb the significant population growth through

- Increasing the maximum number of students that can be enrolled in each new and developed school
- Increasing the use of demountable classrooms
- Consolidating existing assets
- Improved classroom utilisation
- Building larger schools on smaller sites (vertical schools)¹

Gareth Ward MP responded to Mayor Judith Hannan's letter to the Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Education advised that Glenmore Park High School currently services the North Ward and has sufficient capacity and can be expanded to meet expected enrolment demand if required in the future.

¹ Audit Office, New South Wales Auditor-General's Report, Performance Audit, Planning for School Infrastructure, Department of Education 4 May 2017.

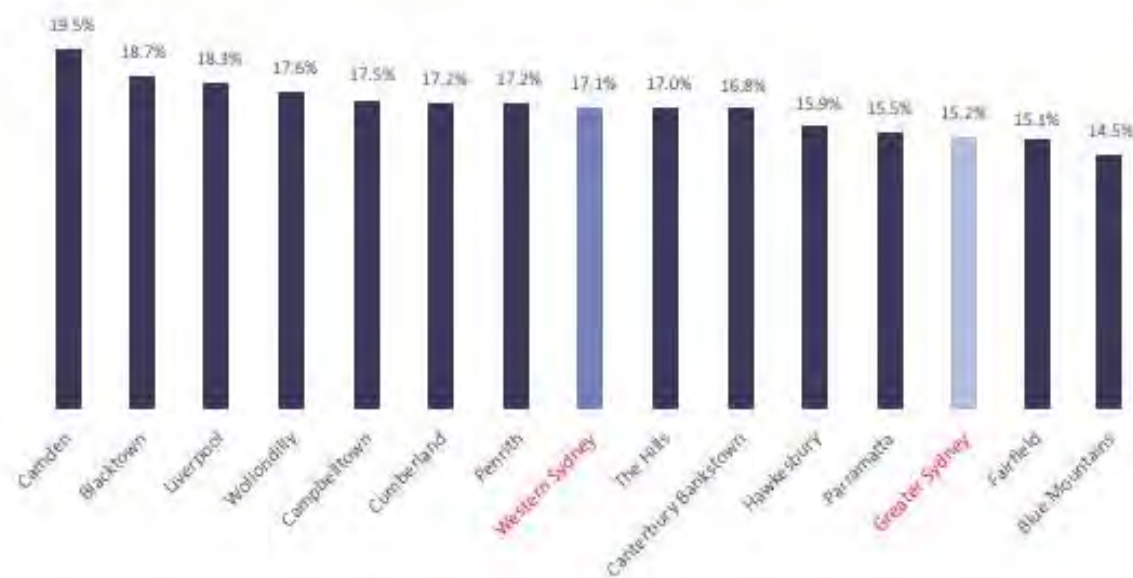
Picton High School's redevelopment is expected to be completed in 2022 and will accommodate up to 1500 students, further expansion of Picton High School is possible to cater for an additional 500 students is possible in the future.

The Western Sydney City District Plan – Connecting Communities has 7 Actions related to high school education. See *Appendix 15* for a summary table of the actions.

Actions

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PROPORTION OF CHILDREN AGED 11 YEARS & YOUNGER - 2016



Source: profile.id, 2017

Age structure - Service age groups

Location	2016			2011		
Service age group (years)	12-17 years	5-11 years	Total Population	12-17 years	5-11 years	Total Population
Oakdale, Natti, National Park	165	212	1914	179	239	1916
Orangeville, Theresa Park, Weronbi	308	343	3129	254	280	2854
The Oaks, Belimba Park, Glenmore	308	358	3216	290	362	3094
Camden Park, Mount Hunter, Cawdor	332	401	3255	270	341	2781
Wallacia, Warragamba, Silverdale	500	577	5218	490	580	5057
Total	1,613	1,891	16,732	1,483	1,802	15,702

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id, the population experts.
<http://www.id.com.au>



Picton High School

Picton High School was established in 1958 as a co-educational comprehensive school and services a semi-rural growing community.

The school has strong links with its local community and feeder primary schools. The school has a tradition of sporting and academic achievement and is recognised within the district for its innovative approach to curriculum, extensive student welfare and learning support programs.

The school has a Trade Training School, Trade Training Centre, multi-purpose hall, modern science laboratories and a well-equipped library. Facilities for photography, information technology, drama, dance and creative arts are well established.

Picton High School seeks to educate its students to achieve excellence in all areas of endeavour through commitment to quality teaching and learning and targeted welfare programs. In 2012 one of our students was awarded the Workplacement Student of the Year Award, with our staff receiving Regional Awards in Curriculum and Assessment, Early Career Teaching and Engagement and Attainment.

Distance

Via roads: 4.5 km

Contact

480 Argyle St, Picton



[Get directions](#)



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Level Secondary School, Year 7 to Year 12

NAPLAN Information is available from the [My School website](#)

Specialty Comprehensive

Special learning needs support

- [Contact this school](#)
- [see general support overview](#)

Enrolment 1121 students

Need more info? [Here's more on Google](#)

Do you have any feedback? [Please let us know](#)

Administrative Info School Code 8215

Contact the school if you require more information about the local enrolment area.

Wilton Junction new school

The NSW Government is spending \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million spend in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

A new school is being planned at Wilton Junction. The size and scope of the school is being determined to best meet the needs of the area.

Progress summary

- The project is in the early planning stage.

Next steps

- Finalisation of scope
- Development of the education model, design brief and education principles
- Commencement of design

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

Information booth details

- Information booths will take place after early planning for the project has been finalised.

Your feedback on this exciting project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au

Project status

- Planning
- Design
- In progress
- Complete

Project type

New school

Funding year

2018/19

Status

Appointment of the project team

Commencement

TBA

Forecast completion

Late 2021

Electorate

Wollondilly

Oran Park new high school

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A new high school is being planned at Oran Park to accommodate 2,000 students. The project is assessing the potential to include:

- 90+ teaching spaces
- core facilities
- a hall to accommodate two basketball courts.

The new high school has been undertaken in consultation with Oran Park Public School to help students transition from primary school to high school.

Delivery of this new high school is being coordinated with the delivery of the upgrades to the adjacent Oran Park Public School.



Image: Artist's impression of the proposed new high school in Oran Park | Credit: Perumal Pedavoli Architects

Project status

- Planning
- Design**
- In progress
- Complete

Project type

New school

Funding year

2017/18

Status

Development application approval

Architect

Perumal Pedavoli Architects

Commencement

Mid 2018

Forecast completion

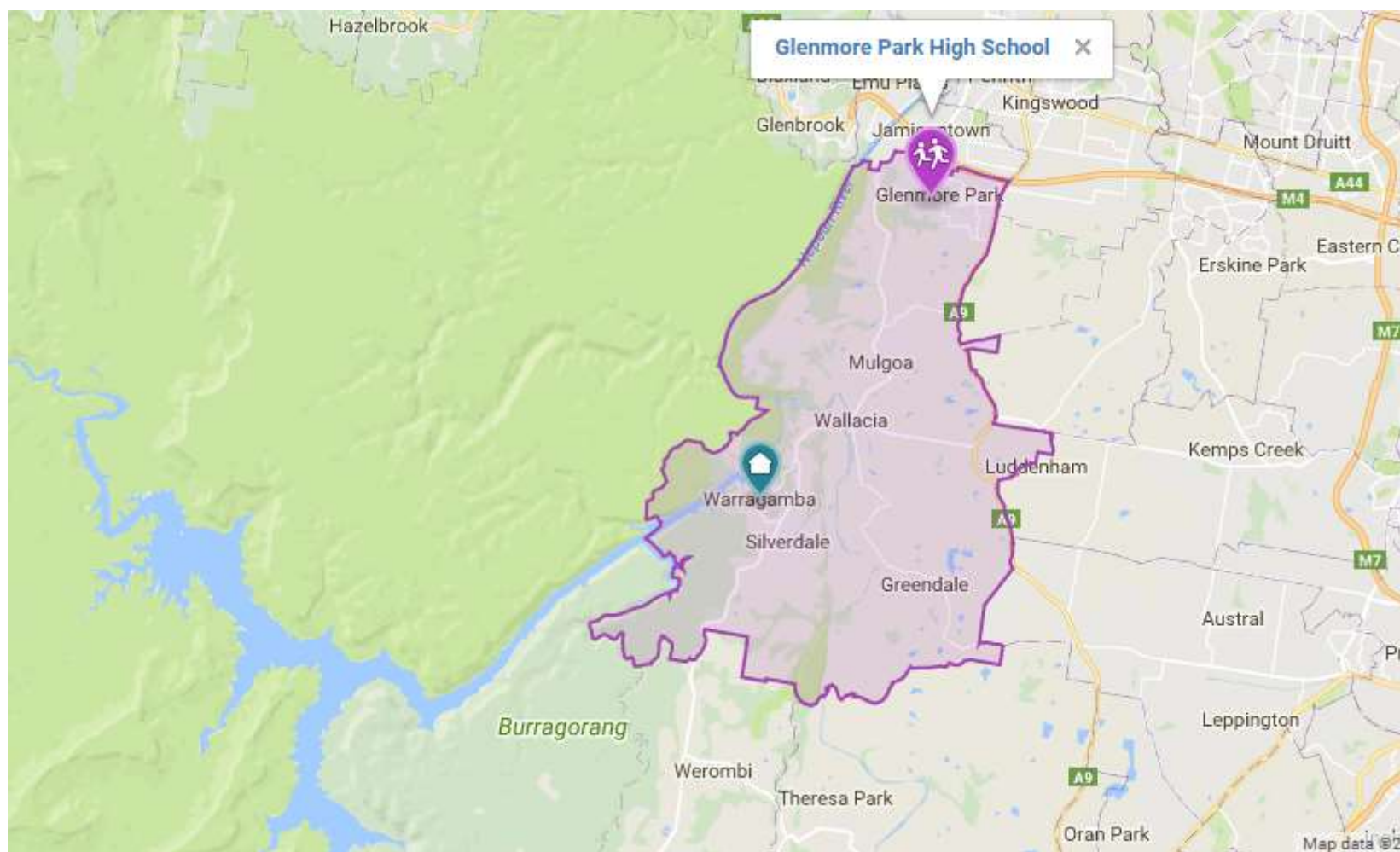
Early 2020

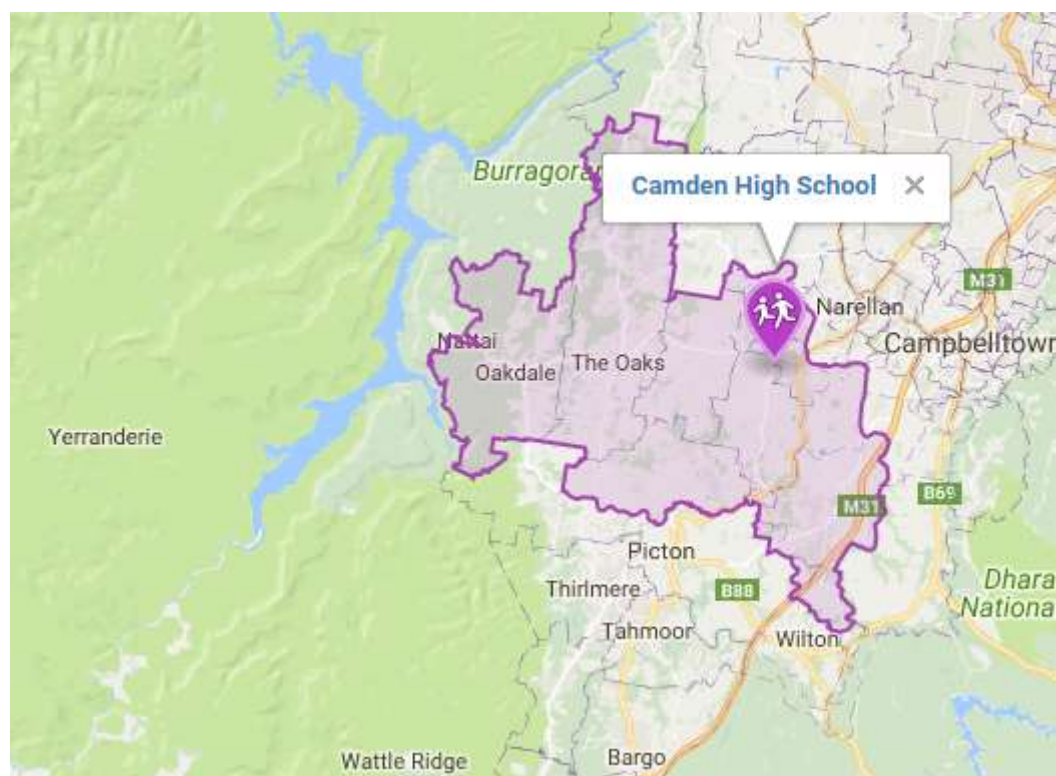
Electorate

Camden

Address

South Circuit Oran Park NSW





WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wollondilly Shire Council held in the Council Chamber, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, on Monday 20 March 2017, commencing at 6.32pm

Planning and Economy

PE2 Draft South West District Plan
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TRIM 9035

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Economy

36/2017 Resolved on the Motion of Crs Deeth and Gould:

That Council make a formal submission to the Draft Southwest District Plan in the form circulated amongst Councillors *with the following listed concerns addressed in the submission.*

- *That Wilton New Town be classified as a 'strategic centre' as it meets most of the criteria set out in the plan for identifying strategic centres and will be constructed within the next 20 years. This will assist in getting the best possible outcome for the new community.*
- *An Appin Bypass and duplication of existing Appin Rd to dual carriageway should be considered as it is a north-south link for Campbelltown residents to employment areas and Wollongong. There is also a significant level of growth in the region with Mount Gilead placing pressure on the existing village and a bypass needs to be put in place.*
- *The district plan should also note the consistent seismic activity in the Appin area and should be a consideration prior to any possible future growth in the area.*
- *Consideration of inclusion of the Picton Bypass as another east-west corridor in our Shire. This could link up with Wilton New Town providing access for Picton, Tahmoor, Thirlmere residents to employment opportunities.*
- *It is critical that the District Plan addresses agricultural assets in and around the M9 corridor to preserve market gardens and farming enterprises from the threat of employment development or housing development.*
- *The health industry is a growing sector of employment in Wollondilly and already provides a substantial percentage of employment with most employed in the sector traveling outside of the Shire. It is suggested that Health related jobs be targeted for retaining within the Shire.*

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- *The proposed high school at Wilton will be primarily for the new population moving in to Wilton. Wollondilly already requires a second high school to service the existing 48,000 residents, therefore consideration should be given by the SWDP to another high school outside of the planned growth area of Wilton New Town.*
- *Council is supportive of the 'Camden Park and Menangle to Georges River Open Space Corridor' because of its significant cultural heritage, concentration of heritage assets and importance as a gateway to Wollondilly.*
- *Wollondilly contains some of the most significant heritage landscapes in the Sydney basin preserving our heritage for future generations. Identification of these key heritage landscapes should be considered by the SWDP when identifying preservation of visual landscapes.*
- *The findings and recommendations of the Heat Island research completed by Swinburne University of Technology (Rayburg and Al Gretawee) should be addressed in the planning of our urban areas. Careful design and consideration of our green spaces can have a significant impact on reducing the heat island effects. These design principles should be considered by the SWDP. Further that an action out of priority 10 should include the provision of a tool on best practice planning when dealing with urban planning.*
- *Request that the need for upgrades to Silverdale Rd as an important link between Wollondilly and the new Airport precinct be noted in the District Plan.*
- *Add R2 blocks over 1000m2 to the list of lot types Council is seeking to have excluded from any policy on affordable housing.*
- *Request that if a housing target is essential that Wollondilly be provided its long term targets as well as its 5 year target to enable better strategic planning.*
- *Notes the increasing population of both Camden and Wollondilly and request that investigation into establishing a Wollondilly LAC be included in the district plan.*

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- *Request an action item be added in the District plan to investigate opportunities for greater access and the development of better walking/hiking infrastructure within the Catchment areas and that a separate page on the Great Wollondilly Trek joining the Southern Highlands to the Blue Mountains be included.*
- *Ask that the district plan places greater emphasis on Wollondilly's key role in managing the MRA within the South West district and on our unique role as custodian of Sydney's water supply.*
- *Remove Warragamba from the list of areas that have already experienced notable residential growth in Wollondilly.*
- *Consider rail electrification from Macarthur to Maldon.*
- *That the Plan recognise the Tharawal National Park and Koala habitats, Thirlmere Lakes World Heritage area and the proposed Bargo Nepean National Park.*

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Vote: Crs Banasik, Briggs, Deeth, Law, Lowry, Landow, Hannan and Gould

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wollondilly Shire Council held in the Council Chamber,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, on Monday 21 May 2018

Notice of Motion

TRIM 6416-8

NOM3 Notice of Motion No. 3 submitted by Cr Banasik on 16 May 2018 regarding a Picton High School Redevelopment

Cr Smith stated that he had just been forwarded a real time picture of a Koala in Appin.

106/2018 Resolved on the Motion of Crs Banasik and Khan:

That Council submit a formal submission to the Department of Planning for the State Significant Development Application for the Picton High School Redevelopment.

Raising the following issues.

1. Adequate parking is provided for teachers and students.
2. Air conditioning is provided in all class rooms and the hall (as per previous NOM).
3. Solar paneling be considered for the project.
4. Water reuse tanks be considered for the project.
5. The upgrades allow joint use for the community, particularly for the hall, library and playing fields.
6. The footpath be expanded on both sides of Argyle St between Wonga Road and Henry St for safety reasons.
7. A footpath be built along Wonga Road on the school side for safety reasons.
8. Adequate parking spots be allowed for buses.
9. A pedestrian or School crossing be installed on Argyle St.
10. That due to the fact that Picton High School has the largest amount of students who catch a bus in the State. The Department of Education financially contribute to the building of a cycleway to Tahmoor.
11. *That Council again stress the importance of upgrading the intersection of Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive.*

Further that:

- a) Council write to the Minister welcoming the upgrades but reinforcing our priority is for additional public high schools within the Shire.
- b) Council staff liaise with the Department of Education for community use of the hall, library and playing fields.
- c) Council, through the framework of the recent Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the Department of Education, investigate joint uses for Council facilities within the immediate precinct of Picton High School.

Notice of Motion

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Notice of Motion

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Vote: Crs Briggs, Banasik, Deeth, Lowry, Hannan, Gould, Landow, Khan
and Smith

Notice of Motion

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62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, on Monday 19 March 2018

Notice of Motion

TRIM 6416-8

NOM3 **Notice of Motion No. 3 submitted by Cr Judith Hannan on 5 March 2018
regarding Picton High School Reconstruction**

54/2018 **Resolved on the Motion of Crs Hannan and Landow:**

**That Council write to the Local Member and the Minister for Education
and Shadow Minister for Education asking for air conditioning to be
installed in the hall at Picton High School during reconstruction.**

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Vote: Crs Briggs, Banasik, Deeth, Lowry, Landow, Hannan, Gould and
Smith

Notice of Motion



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Our Reference: PF: 5007.190P2
 Your reference: SSD 8640

Mr Andrew Beattie
 School Infrastructure Assessments
 Department of Planning and Environment
 320 Pitt Street,
 SYDNEY NSW 2000

14 June 2018

Andrew,

PICTON HIGH SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT 480 ARGYLE STREET, PICTON (SSD 8640)

Council acknowledges the submission of the State Significant Development (SSD) and welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the SSD, which both the Department of Education and Planning and Environment should take into account when assessing the SSD.

Council is supportive of the project, considering the School is currently the only public high school in the Wollondilly Shire LGA. As a result of increased demand lead by nearby residential release areas lacking in infrastructure, the school is in need of improvement to cater for increased capacity from 1,500 to 2,000 pupils, teaching facilities and space.

Please be advised that Council at its meeting of 21 May 2018 discussed the development proposal and foreshadowed the following issues that the NSW government should take into consideration.

1. *"Adequate parking is provided for teachers and students.*
2. *Air conditioning is provided in all class rooms and the hall (as per previous NOM).*
3. *Solar panelling be considered for the project.*
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Traffic and Infrastructure Comments

1. Council has from the outset of discussions with Mace, raised concerns as to the potential impacts from the school on the local road network and the level of detail lacking within the early draft Traffic Assessment Report. In Council's opinion this has led to the need for traffic control measures at the intersection of Argyle Street and Wonga Road. The details submitted with the SEARS clearly shows the intersection performance drops from a LOS B to a LOS F due to the development and this is likely to occur during the temporary school to be accessed

from Wonga Rd as well as the ultimate development. As such this intersection needs to be addressed as a first stage of the project. Council would consider traffic lights or a round-a-bout installed at no cost to Council at this intersection.

2. Council is extremely concerned with the strategy of reliance on on-street parking and the need for pedestrian movements to access the school including safe connections across Argyle St, for which the proponents state is to be upgraded to 4 lanes. Council require detail of pedestrian connectivity including safe access across and alongside Argyle St given the applicants dependency on street parking. This would likely include the need to signalise the bus bay exit or a stand-alone 'pelican crossing'
3. The intention of a round-a-bout at the end of the reconstructed Wonga Road is also taken to be constructed at no cost to Council, and Council in-principal provide no objection to this roundabout and associated land being transferred to Council.
4. Council does not support the transfer of the Argyle St Bus Bay to Council and would also prefer to see the transfer of Road Reserve at the northern section of Argyle Street to the ownership of the Department of Education.
5. That the submission provided by the RMS emailed the Department of Planning dated 12 June 2018 be considered with a view to resolve traffic and mitigation measures for the local road network.

Furthermore to the above, there are a number of comments to be made against the Environment Impact Statement, outlined below.

Volume 1

Section 4.7

- Commentary refers to 'pedestrian crossings', although detail commentary and sketches refers to pedestrian refuges.

Section 4.9

- We note the comments about the boundary adjustment enabling the dedication of the entire bus bay to Council. Throughout the discussions between Council and the Dept, at no time was this agreed to and Council's concerns with this bus bay remains – the bay would need to be built in accordance with Council Specifications and a detailed traffic assessment and road safety audit carried out reviewing the risk to vehicles and pedestrians.

Section 6.3 (& Appendix H & L – Vol 2)

Appendix H

- We note that despite consistent requests from Council and RMS, a traffic impact assessment was not forthcoming and has only been seen with the formal SEARS package.

Section 1

- TDG refers to Council's Development Contributions Plan and Argyle St being upgraded to a 4 lane road, which mitigates any increase in school traffic. We note that the contributions plan is from 2011 and is currently under review – the traffic assessment done, by TDG for Council, for the review indicates no need to upgrade the road to 4 lanes. No comments seen of how pedestrians are to be safely catered for crossing the road across four lanes and further to concerns raised from Section 4.9 of Vol 1 (see above).

Section 4

- Council and RMS have previously expressed concern at the background traffic surveys given the date taken was at the very end of the school term and likely not indicative of normal traffic movements. The further survey was carried out during the Xmas school holidays further raising concerns at the appropriateness of the survey
- Commentary confirming that the existing car parking of 113 spaces is well utilised at 92%, which raises concerns that ultimately only 135 spots are to be provided (yet the school is doubling). This places extra pressure on the on-street parking which is Council's infrastructure, for which TDG are suggesting requires 4 lanes of live traffic – which will remove on-street parking.

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Section 8.

- The SIDRA results are assumed to be for the post construction development and not during the construction – modelling of the 'temporary school' access from Wonga Rd should be assessed and likely result in similar performance to the Wonga/Argyle St intersection, post development, which is shown to go to LOS F. As such the roundabout (or other upgrade such a signals) will need to be constructed prior to access requirements from Wonga Rd commencing.

Section 8.5

- Further to comments above, there are no confirmed or immediate proposal to upgrade Argyle St to 4 lanes by 2028 and this appears to be at odds with Councils most recent modelling performed by TDG (which will be pursued by Council as a separate exercise)

Section 11.5

- Council notes the Dept Policy for on-site parking but it notes 'parking should be kept to a minimum', which would take into context the availability of on-street parking. Given the surveys done at dates unlikely to be normal (refer above), and in spite of the high utilisation of existing parking, a unknown loss of on-street parking from the modifications proposed in front of the school for access and egress, yet a doubling of school numbers plus a potential need for additional lanes on Argyle St, it is unclear how the applicant proposes to cater for increased parking or safe pedestrian movements

Section 11.8

- Reference made to a travel management plan which seems to be replicated in the Conclusions as a 'Green Travel Plan' – seems very noble yet no detail – and the impact assessment clearly states numerous times that existing active transport use is low and unexpected to change

Appendix L

- References are made for the need for a Construction Traffic Management Plan – yet the Plan supplied has no detail to review. There is no investigations or findings detailed in the report or how it arrived at the recommendations made. Councils previous comments still stand on how the works will impact on the broader transport network and how this is to be managed with details traffic movement and control planning

Council Environment Comments

Arboricultural and Tree Management Plan

Council carried out an inspection of the High School site in reference to the Arboricultural and Tree Management Plan (Appendix BB).

Prior to the inspection we read the Tree Identification Assessment Summary, the plan layout for the new buildings (page 67) and Figure 5 (page 49) which shows the location of trees identified to be removed.

The Tree Identification Assessment Summary lists 78 trees for removal. We believe the DA approval should be on the basis of minimizing the removal of trees on the site.

Recognising the importance of trees for the school community and broader community should be emphasised.

Council recommend that the following listed trees NOT be removed:

- Tree 14 Himalayan Cedar at the front of the site. Council disagrees with the "Low" rating in relation to Landscape/ Visual Significance. The tree is prominent in the location for persons living near and passing the site. It appears to be one of the oldest trees on the site and has cultural significance as part of the memorial garden;
- Council does not support the removal of trees 46 to 53 which are outside the new building zone;

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- If an apparently enlarged sports field greyed out on page 67 is not part of the DA we query the need to remove trees 68 to 73;
- Council also queries the need to remove tree 65.

Council recommends the removal of weed trees in the agricultural zone area, namely the camphor laurel, willow and privet.

The loss of native trees on Council land at the proposed Wonga Street turning area should be minimal.

We would appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Landscape Management Plan. Council notes that 45 trees are listed to be "replaced in the landscape upon completion". Council assumes this means within the landscape of the school site and would fully support this replacement of native trees with similar native trees, preferably with some mature stock.

We believe there should be no net reduction on the overall school tree canopy, i.e. replacement of all removed trees. We note that the report on page 2 refers to some out-of-date legislation.

General Feedback

- The land area immediately beyond the back school boundary fence is unremediated landfill. This proposal in respect of access during and after construction would place more people in the area than is currently the situation.
- The Acoustic Assessment noise mitigation measures need to consider the impact of the development on the Animal Shelter.

Resident Submission

The following submission was tabled to Council by Jan and Yvonne Visser from 35 Stilton Lane, Picton, located west of the school. Their comments are reproduced below;

"A few weeks ago we were informed about the new proposed development plans for Picton High School and we strongly object for this to happen, main reason the enormous and lengthy disruption for the students, teachers and staff. Perhaps Years?"

There could be a better option. Our neighbour Mr. Alen Kent from "Stilton Farm" proposed already for many years a development plans for approval by Wollondilly Council which would incorporate land for a new High School the land is 173 Ha in size

Here an article in local paper:

<https://www.camdenadvertiser.com.au/story/4891956/hospital-and-school-proposed-for-picton/>

We have been living right opposite on top of the hill overlooking the High School for more than 40 years. Three of our children were students at the school.

We feel the upheaval by demolition of buildings in successive stages with noise and dust and finding alternative classrooms will be highly disruptive for 1200 students and in future finding more car parking spaces for planned 2000 students which now already is inadequate as it is. All this could be accommodated at the new site!

We suggest the best spot would be only 1 km away at Argyle Street (Remembrance Drive) corner Stilton Lane Picton This land is very slightly sloping and flood free with nice surroundings.

Another advantage is this rural land has been undermined for coal by Tahmoor Mine and would not have much affect for subsidence as in future will be the case for the present site at now Picton High School.

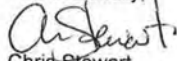
Presently there are not many homes at this location which would object to building a new High School there

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As attachment we provided a map from Google at this location with and overlay of Camden High School as indication. This school was newly completed also on rural land a few years ago. We want the best and cost effective solution for a brand new Picton High School?"

For further enquiries relating to the development proposal, please contact Michael Buckley, Team Leader Development Assessment on 4677 9614.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Stewart

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WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wollondilly Shire Council held in the Council Chamber,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, on Monday 16 April 2018

Notice of Motion

TRIM 6416-8

NOM 5 **Notice of Motion No. 5 submitted by Cr Gould on 11 April 2018 regarding the need for a High School in North Ward**

80/2018 **Resolved on the Motion of Crs Gould and Hannan:**

That Council write to the:

- Minister for Education, the Hon. Rob Stokes
- Member for Wollondilly, Jai Rowell MP
- Shadow Minister for Education, Jihab Dib MP

raising the need for a High School to be built in the North Ward of Wollondilly given the projected growth in the area and the significant distances North Ward students are required to travel to access secondary education and asking for a future high school site to be identified either in The Oaks or Silverdale.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Vote: Crs Briggs, Banasik, Deeth, Lowry, Landow, Hannan, Gould and Khan

Notice of Motion



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RURAL LIVING

Our Reference: TRIM 1346#1105

26 April 2018

Mr Robert Stokes, MP
 1725 Pittwater Road
 MONA VALE NSW 2103

Dear Mr Stokes,

Council is writing to you to highlight the need for a high school in the North Ward of the Wollondilly Shire.

In 2016 there were 4269, 12-17 year olds living in the Wollondilly Shire. Picton High School is the only public school in the Wollondilly Shire and the statistics show the school catered for 1133 students. The Wollondilly Anglican College had 456 students enrolled. This equates to 1589 students in high school in the Wollondilly. While there are a number no longer in school through apprenticeships and unemployment, that still leaves a very high number, approximately 2680 students which travel outside of the area for schooling. This is evidenced through the high school high achievers awards night that Council provides each year. This year 27 different high schools were represented. With long school days and journeys to these schools the impact on young people is considerable for them and their families. Some students leave home at 6.30am and do not return home until 5-6pm daily- family life and wellbeing is being strained.

Given the planned development in the Shire, that number is predicted to increase significantly in the coming years, so we need to consider how we plan now for our young people's future.

We are proposing that The Oaks and Silverdale are considered as potential areas for future high school development to better support our community and provide for their future.

I look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Kind Regards,

Cr Judith Hannan
Mayor
WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL



Gareth Ward MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Education

Cr Judith Hannan
Mayor
Wollondilly Shire Council
PO Box 21
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Dear Cr Hannan,

I write in response to your letter to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education regarding the provision of a new high school in the North Ward of the Wollondilly Shire. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I acknowledge Council's proposal to consider The Oaks and Silverdale for future high school development. I have sought clarification and advice from the Department of Education on this matter and I am advised of the following.

The department monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment demands in schools across NSW. When planning for schools within an area or region, consideration is given to maximising the utilisation of existing sites to distribute student numbers evenly across the local schools in the area.

I am advised that Glenmore Park High School currently services the North Ward of the Wollondilly Shire. I am further advised that the school has sufficient capacity and can be expanded to meet expected enrolment demand if required in the future.

In addition, the Wollondilly Shire community will benefit from the redevelopment of Picton High School. This project is expected to be completed by early 2022 and will accommodate up to 1500 students. Further expansion to cater for an additional 500 students is possible in the future.

The department will continue to monitor enrolment demand in the Wollondilly Shire to provide school infrastructure as required.

Thank you for your interest in public education.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Ward MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Education

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Florist's life-long passion blossoms into 50-year celebration

Florist Gwen Den feels fortunate to still be in business after 50 years. The Chellowdeen Florist owner has thanked her customers for continuing to support her business. The Bargo resident still loves providing flowers for "all the occasions of life", whether good or bad. The key to her success is going above and beyond for her customers. Full story on page 4



PRIVILEGED: Bargo's Chellowdeen Florist owner Gwen Den has given flowers to just about everyone in the small town. Picture: Simon Bennett

High school push

BY ASHLEIGH TULLIS

SILVERDALE father Peter Biggs and Wollondilly councillor Matt Gould have teamed up to put pressure on the state government to build a high school in the shire's north.

The pair want to see the government identify a site so a school can be built in the future.

Cr Gould said neighbouring schools were near capaci-

ty and the population growth expected in the area meant it was now time to start planning for a high school.

"Schools at Glenmore Park, Camden and Elderslie are nearly full and the areas around those schools are growing," he said.

"We are getting close to the point where it is justifiable that another school is built.

"I'm not demanding the school be built now but we need to plan for the future."

Cr Gould suggested The Oaks or Silverdale could be viable towns for the new school but was open to options.

"Some students have to travel two hours to get to school," he said. "The time travelling means students don't have a good school/life balance."

Cr Gould said 1135 high school students all travelled outside of the north ward and that number was set to

double within 10 to 15 years.

"The community expects that with growth comes increased infrastructure," he said.

Silverdale resident Peter Biggs has two children aged three and six. He knows that a new high school will not be ready in time for his children but wanted to help other children in the future.

"I want to raise awareness of the need and put it on the government's radar," he said.

"If we remove our Wollondilly kids from Glenmore Park, Camden and Elderslie schools then it will free up space for those schools to accommodate the growth in Camden and Penrith."

A Department of Education spokesman said the department actively monitored all future education infrastructure needs.

"Glenmore Park High School currently has sufficient capacity and the ability

to expand to meet forecasted enrolment growth," he said.

"The redeveloped Picton High School, which is scheduled for completion in early 2022, will accommodate up to 1500 students with the ability to expand to cater for an additional 500 students."

Wollondilly MP Jai Rowell said there needed to be enough students to justify building a new school and he would continue to talk with department staff.

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THE OAKS



Wollondilly Cr Matt Gould is calling for a new high school in the shire.

Push for a future high school

Daniel Zautsen

PLANNING for future schools in the Macarthur region should include a high school at either The Oaks or Silverdale, according to Wollondilly Council.

Councillor Matt Gould said the NSW Government should be looking now at locations for a future school in Wollondilly shire's northern districts.

Cr Gould said rural areas in North Ward already had large numbers of high school students travelling to reach schools in other council areas.

"We have more than 1000 secondary students in the north ward," he said.

"If you look at what's happening in the Camden LGA with the population, there's not going to be a lot of space in those schools so our students are going to have to go further afield for their education."

"Those long travel times are not good for a healthy school-life balance; how can we expect our kids to do their best work academically when they're not getting home until so late."

Cr Gould said a school didn't need to be built immediately but land should be preserved for a future site.

Cr Simon Landow suggested the council approached a private school providers such as the Catholic Education Office to gauge their interest in setting a school up.

The council will now write to NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes requesting the Education Department look at preserving land for a future school somewhere in Wollondilly's North Ward.

REGIONWIDE



Brett McGrath, pictured at Camden Courthouse, is adding his voice to the NSW Law Society call for significant investment in the Macarthur region's legal facilities. Picture: Robert Pozo

Court revamp needed

Investment needed in local judicial facilities to accommodate population boom

Daniel Zautsen

THE Macarthur region's court system is at breaking point and in desperate need of investment if it's going to cope with booming population growth.

That's the view of Macarthur Law Society president Brett McGrath, who says the local court system is 'buckling' under pressure.

Mr McGrath is backing calls by Law Society of NSW president Doug Humphreys for investment in local courts and the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional court precinct in the area. "With the region anticipated to have about 600,000 people, it means that we need urgent investment in infrastructure for our courts now," Mr McGrath said.

Camden Courthouse currently sits two days a month and only deals with domestic violence cases.

Demand crippling the system

LAW Society of NSW president Doug Humphreys has called for expanded court services in the Macarthur region.

In an editorial published on the Law Society's website, Mr Humphreys said without investment the local court system would be crippled by an increasing population.

"The justice facilities in

Macarthur are overloaded and this is causing unmanageable delays and costs for residents," he said.

"Macarthur is serviced by three court complexes at Campbelltown, Camden and Picton, all of which are clogged with matters."

Mr Humphreys said residents, legal practitioners and community groups had expressed concerns about

the overloaded courts at the recent Macarthur Access to Justice Forum.

"It was agreed the only way to address the urgent need for court resources was to establish a new multi-jurisdiction justice precinct in the Macarthur," he said. "This is a project now vigorously being advocated by the NSW and Macarthur law societies."

"Picton Courthouse has similar restrictions," Mr McGrath said. "The actual physical structure of the buildings is no longer appropriate, which is why we would need a new court facility at a state level for local and district courts."

"Campbelltown is already at capacity for its local and district court matters and is the feeder for Liverpool and

Cabramatta which has some of the highest volumes of violent and gun crime in the state."

Mr McGrath said building a multi-jurisdictional facility should include a federal circuit court for family law cases.

"Anywhere in the Macarthur region would be a win because it would be accessible within 20 minutes to

half an hour for people," he said. "Multi jurisdictional means local and district courts, but also a federal circuit court for family law matters because at the moment it's at least an hour travel in good traffic to get to either Parramatta, Sydney or Wollongong."

People living in the Macarthur region having to go through family law courts

are faced with an 'agonising' experience, according to Mr McGrath.

"Not only are you going through the separation of family and loved ones," he said. "You've also got to take time out of your life to resolve it, and what is exacerbating that problem are the delays in the court. You can wait up to three years for a final hearing which is particularly difficult for matters involving children."

Mr McGrath said establishing a new court precinct would be an economic driver for the community.

"People can stay in the area but you've also got law firms that will come in and all the ancillary services that are provided for a family court once its established," he said.

The NSW Department of Justice was invited to comment.

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9. Deliver social infrastructure that reflects the needs of the community now and in the future	Councils, other planning authorities and State agencies
10. Optimise the use of available public land for social infrastructure.	Councils, other planning authorities, State agencies and State-owned corporations
11. Deliver healthy, safe and inclusive places for people of all ages and abilities that support active, resilient and socially connected communities by: a. providing walkable places at a human scale with active street life b. prioritising opportunities for people to walk, cycle and use public transport c. co-locating schools, health, aged care, sporting and cultural facilities d. promoting local access to healthy fresh food and supporting local fresh food production.	Councils, other planning authorities, State agencies and State-owned corporations
16. Strengthen social connections within and between communities through better understanding of the nature of social networks and supporting infrastructure in local places.	Councils, other planning authorities, State agencies and State-owned corporations
17. Prepare local or district housing strategies that address the following: a. the delivery of five-year housing supply targets for each local government area b. the delivery of 6–10 year (when agreed) housing supply targets for each local government area c. capacity to contribute to the longer term 20-year strategic housing target for the District d. the housing strategy requirements outlined in Objective 10 of the A Metropolis of Three Cities that include: i. creating capacity for more housing in the right locations ii. supporting planning and delivery of growth areas and planned precincts as relevant to each local government area iii. supporting investigation of opportunities for alignment with investment in regional and district infrastructure iv. supporting the role of centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Mountains City Council • Camden Council • Campbelltown City Council • Fairfield City Council • Hawkesbury City Council • Liverpool City Council • Penrith City Council • Wollondilly Shire Council
18. Prepare Affordable Rental Housing Target Schemes following development of implementation arrangements.	Councils and other planning authorities
45. Facilitate health and education precincts that: a. create the conditions for the continued co-location of health and education facilities, and services to support the precinct and growth of the precincts b. have high levels of accessibility c. attract associated businesses, industries and commercialisation of research d. facilitate housing opportunities for students and workers within 30 minutes of the precinct.	Councils, other planning authorities and State agencies