

5KZ Meeting Sunday 24th February 2019

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 10:00 PM 5m nsw act border zone planning group <5kzplanninggroup@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Abbey,

Thank you for attending the Landowner meeting last night at Sutton Hall. I assure you we all respect the hard work you and the other Councillors do for the people of Yass Valley and we hope we conveyed that sentiment to those present at the meeting.

We admired your handling of the criticism of Council's actions. While the discussion was critical of Council with respect to the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy, it was intended to be constructive criticism and we hope that we can have further discussions with Council on the issues we have with the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy.

At the end of the day, we all want to achieve the best outcome for ratepayers as well as the broader community.

You suggested some details of the presentation were incorrect and we apologize for any errors we made. But as we said at the start of the meeting, we did invite Council, ACT and NSW Governments to the meeting to give accurate information to the landowners.

We did our best to present facts, but we accept that there may be some errors in our interpretation of the many conflicting documents that determine planning outcomes in local government areas.

As we are not experts in planning, we invited an independent expert planner to give his view of the situation we find ourselves in with regards to the 5km zone along the border and I trust you found his presentation insightful.

While we appreciate the effort that Councillors put in to achieve the efficient running of the Shire, we also understand that mistakes will be made despite the best efforts of Councillors. We believe a mistake has been made by accepting the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy as policy. It has too many deficiencies and flaws to be a blueprint for a bright future for the Yass Valley community and broader community.

I hope you that you can inform Council of our concerns and that Council will agree to attend a workshop that we will ask the Department of Planning and Environment to arrange where we review the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy and work out a strategy that is in the best interests of ratepayers and the broader community.

Thank you again for your time and input to our meeting.

Regards,

William Ginn

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