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**I hereby give notice that an Operational Standing Committee Meeting
will be held on:**

Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2019

Time: 5.45 p.m.

**Location: Committee Room, Level 1
Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace
Mount Gambier**

AGENDA

Operational Standing Committee Meeting 13 August 2019

**Andrew Meddle
Chief Executive Officer**

9 August 2019

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGY(IES)

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

[Operational Standing Committee Meeting - 9 July 2019](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Operational Standing Committee meeting held on 9 July 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE



5 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 DEPUTATION - POWER LINE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (PLEC)

Meeting: Operational Standing Committee

CM9 Reference: AF18/497

DEPUTATION

Michael Magin, Executive Officer and representatives of the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) were invited to speak at 5:50 p.m. to discuss possible future PLEC projects for the City of Mount Gambier.



6 REPORTS

6.1 UNDERWATER PALAEOLOGY LINKAGE PROJECT - REPORT NO. AR19/39708

Committee:	Operational Standing Committee
Meeting Date:	13 August 2019
Report No.:	AR19/39708
CM9 Reference:	AF18/497
Author:	Donna Foster, Manager Tourism & Economic Development
Authoriser:	Judy Nagy, General Manager City Growth
Summary:	The report provides information to Council about a collaboration with numerous stakeholders that has the potential to generate benefits for tourism for the Limestone Coast.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People
	Goal 2: Our Location
	Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy
	Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/39708 titled 'Underwater Palaeontology Linkage Project' as presented on 13 August 2019 be noted.
2. That the Operational Standing Committee recommend to Council investment in this project of \$5,000 cash contribution and \$4,000 in kind contribution for three years commencing with the start date of the project in 2020.



BACKGROUND

Through the building of networks and relationships, an opportunity to anchor the Council as actively contributing to product development in the Tourism space is currently in development. Taking the term *Sinkhole* and redefining as *Cenote*, a term with recognition internationally, will be part of the opportunity to work with researchers in the field of paleontology. This project will form an integrated part of our core Tourism and Visitor Services Business Unit activities.

DISCUSSION

Through the active engagement with key stakeholders in this environment, such as the Australian Cave Divers Association, Department of Environment and Water and Naracoorte Caves (UniSA), the City of Mount Gambier now has the opportunity to be a participant in a proposed Research Australia project placing the City of Mount Gambier within an initiative that will drive visitation and has the potential to develop quantifiable economic benefits.

The Project with the working title: *“Lost giants of the abyss: Underwater megafauna fossils of Ice Age Australia”*, will be led by Julien Louys PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Research Center for Human Evolution, Griffith University.

The Linkage Project, written in collaboration with the Cave Diving Association of Australia, The City of Mount Gambier, and the South Australian Museum, as well as The University of Queensland and the University of Adelaide, will allow the team to address three distinct but interconnected aims all centered on the recovery of underwater fossils.

A summary of the project deliverables includes:

- Aim 1:** Develop and test techniques and procedures required for the safe and systematic recovery of fossils from underwater caves. This aim will directly involve the Cave Diving Association of Australia, who will conduct the technical diving. Successfully addressing this aim means that contextual information associated with each fossil is collected, allowing us to determine how the fossil assemblages formed, when, and what agents were responsible. This data is critical for Aim 2 but will also provide the international standard for best practice of underwater fossil recovery.
- Aim 2:** Establish the who, how, why, and when of extinctions in this region. This aim will require us to explore the effects of complete water immersion for the dating techniques commonly used on fossils and associated sediments. The work will focus on dating of the deposits. It will employ taxonomic and palaeoecological analyses to determine which species were present at each site, and the environments present during fossil accumulation. This will inform directly on extinction scenarios, in particular the debate regarding human or climate agency in the disappearance of megafauna.
- Aim 3:** Leverage the unique underwater setting and extraction to promote tourism in the region, increase education of the public and professionals and to disseminate the research to an international audience. This will employ the partnership being developed with the City of Mount Gambier and the South Australian Museum to mount public displays, create books, pamphlets, and posters promoting the science, and capitalising on the high adventure and unique appeal of underwater cave exploration to attract media attention and promotion of the research.



CONCLUSION

To be a partner in this ground breaking research program will benefit our community with opportunities for engagement in the STEM environment and provide opportunities to develop tourism offerings both during and after the project is completed. The project will provide a rare opportunity to engage and learn, meeting scientists and cave divers from across Australia and the globe.

If successful, and this will not be known until 2020, the financial commitment for City of Mount Gambier is \$27,000 in total over a three year period. This is made up of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per year) cash contribution and a notional in kind figure of \$12,000 (\$4,000 per year) for promotion and some space usage over time (the specific details are not yet known).

Any potential agreements for space usage will acknowledge the Visitor Centre may be repurposed in future and that alternative space options may need to be considered.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



6.2 GUARANTEE REQUEST - SOUTH GAMBIER FOOTBALL CLUB – REPORT NO. AR19/41346

Committee:	Operational Standing Committee
Meeting Date:	13 August 2019
Report No.:	AR19/41346
CM9 Reference:	AF18/497
Author:	Jeroen Zwijnenburg, Acting General Manager Council Business Services
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	Introduction of new Policy 'P### Provision of Loans or Guarantees to Community Groups' and assessment of the South Gambier Football Club's request for a guarantee.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/41346 titled Guarantee Request - South Gambier Football Club as presented on 13 August 2019 be noted.
2. The Operational Standing Committee recommends that Council resolves to adopt the new Policy 'P### Provision of Loans or Guarantees to Community Groups'
3. The Operational Standing Committee recommends that Council resolves to:
 - (a) The letter from South Gambier Football Club be received;
 - (b) Agree, on the basis of the request meeting the Policy Assessment criteria, to provide the South Gambier Football Club with a loan guarantee to the relevant financial institution for the amount of \$100,000, with an expiry on 30 June 2022.
 - (c) Authorise the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the loan guarantee documentation with the relevant financial institution; and
 - (d) Advise South Gambier Football Club of the Council's resolution.



BACKGROUND

Occasionally, the Council receives requests to support community groups to provide (partial) loan funding or provide a (partial) guarantee for a third party loan funding arrangement for development proposals.

At present Council does not have a formal policy guiding the assessment and decision-making of such requests. A policy provides a method of ensuring consistency and transparency in decision-making. The advantages for community groups include the ability to get access to more and/or cheaper direct or indirect loan funding and/or increase their working capital. A draft policy can be found attached (**Attachment 1**).

In entering into a loan funding or a guarantee arrangement, the Council increases its financial exposure as it takes on the risk of potential default or deferral in repayments of the loan or guaranteed loan.

Entry into a direct loan with a community organisation increases Council's administrative workload with the need to organise an off-setting loan for the same time-period with the LGFA, as well as the multiple year administration the accuracy and timeliness of both these the loan repayments and related financial reporting commitments related to these arrangement.

Acceptance of a loan guarantee to a community organisation is an once-off arrangement that does not normally require further administrative action once this has been established and is therefore the Council's preferred approach in most circumstances.

Notwithstanding the additional risk and workload, which can both be managed internally, the Council can offer this service as part of its community service and it assists in building a sustainable and thriving community.

The Council recently received a request from the South Gambier Football Club to guarantee a \$100,000 Bendigo Bank overdraft facility for the purpose of working capital for a construction project. This project includes the construction of an update to their home team, away team and umpire change rooms to AFL standard plus the addition of a disabled toilet, a third netball court and a storage shed for the cricket club. The letter from South Gambier Football Club can be found as **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION

Policy on provision of loans or guarantees to community groups

The Council needs a strategic view on how to respond and consider requests for loans and guarantees on loans to ensure it manages its exposure to defaults, manages the equity between the requesting parties and balances the administration workload related to these arrangement.

Historically, Council has moved away from providing loans, with only one loan to a community group outstanding at the time of writing, with a current value of \$17,685.60.

With regards to loan guarantees, the latest provision of a guarantee was approved in November 2012 for \$110,000, for a period of 10 years, signed at 29 January 2013.

The *Policy on provision of loans or guarantees to community groups* will guide future granting of loans and/or guarantees to community groups.



South Gambier Football Club request

An assessment of South Gambier Football Club's request against the assessment criteria of the new *Policy on provision of guarantee for community groups* is as follows:

1. Support of local sporting communities;
2. The \$100,000 request is within the proposed set limit;
3. Cumulatively, including this guarantee, the Council's total issued guarantees amount to \$210,000, therefore under the proposed limit of \$500,000;
4. The guarantee to investment ratio is $(\$100,000 / 2 * \$206,800) * 100\%$ or 24.1%, therefore under the proposed 50% assessment criteria;
5. This is the Council's first guarantee for South Gambier Football Club, therefore compliant;
6. South Gambier Football Club view this line of credit and the related guarantee as short term in nature, mainly to provide them with flexibility over the construction period and into next season. They are working towards a strategic plan for the club and at the moment request a three year guarantee. It is recommended to Council that they set the maximum term of this guarantee at just under three years with an end date of 30 June 2022. Earlier finalisation of the guarantee is encouraged;
7. To be communicated to South Gambier Football Club;
8. The Council will request a financial report of the capital works planned by South Gambier Football Club to be provided before guarantee approval;
9. Confirmation of the South Gambier Football Club they remain a STARCLUB member with the highest level of recognition and will maintain this through the period of the guarantee;
10. Relevant history with the community organisation: subject to consideration by the Operational Standing Committee, and
11. Any further considerations: subject to consideration by the Operational Standing Committee

CONCLUSION

The assessment against the criteria of the Policy result in this request of the South Gambier Football Club being accepted as it meeting Council's proposed Policy criteria.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft - Council Policy Pxxx - Provision of loans or guarantees to community groups - August 2019 [↓](#)
2. Letter from South Gambier Football Club regarding request for guarantee [↓](#)



 <p>City of Mount Gambier</p>	<p>Pxxx PROVISION OF LOANS OR GUARANTEES TO COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>		Version No:	6
			Issued:	August 2019
			Next Review:	August 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the policy of the City of Mount Gambier ("Council") for when requests are received for the provision of guarantees and/or loans to community groups.

2. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

GUARANTEES

The assessment to grant a guarantee to a community group follows the Council Administration putting a recommendation to Council, as a result of a formal request from a community group, including sufficient information to enable assessment against this policy.

In assessing the request, the Council will apply the following assessment criteria:

- Purpose of providing the guarantee:
 - The purpose for the funding for which the guarantee is requested is to be aligned with the Council's community objectives; and/or
 - the funding is considered necessary for its purpose and otherwise not accessible to the community organisation without a Council guarantee; and/or
 - The Council's guarantee will assist in reducing the interest rates charged by the lending provider to such an extent that this now becomes a viable option for the community organisation;
- The limit of the individual guarantee entered into is a maximum of \$100,000 per individual guarantee;
- The overall limit of guarantees entered into by the Council is set at a maximum of \$500,000 at any point in time. This takes into account Council's current assessment of the exposure and financial risk related to these guarantees;
- The limit to the guarantee amount provided, as a percentage of the guarantee compared to the overall investment amount per individual guarantee, is a maximum of 50% for any capital expenditure;
- The limit to the total of the guarantee amounts and/or number of guarantees per community group is \$200,000 with a maximum of two outstanding guarantees at any one point in time;
- The maximum time limit to the guarantee is set at ten years. Where relevant this is aligned with the underlying loan that is guaranteed and therefore subject to the purpose for which the underlying loan is requested (e.g. a shorter period for a guarantee on a working capital loan);
- All direct costs related to the establishment of the guarantee will be borne by the community organisation;
- The final granting of the guarantee is subject to providing the Council with sufficient financial documentation supporting the guarantee request and financial capacity of the community group. This required documentation will be established on a case by case basis;

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9. In the case of a sporting community group requesting a guarantee, the Council will require the community group being a STARCLUB Club Development Program participant for the duration of the guarantee;
10. In its assessment the Council will take into account any relevant history supplied by the community organisation;
11. The Council is able to add further considerations to the assessment criteria on an individual request basis.

LOANS

The Council's preference is not to provide new community loans.

The Mount Gambier community is considered of a size and diversity that viable community organisations would be able to source funding (from community banks / organisational bodies). Therefore, the Council does not consider this to be part of its current role within the community. Where such organisations can demonstrate that they are financially viable, but are unable to access commercial funding, then the Council may consider being the lender of last resort.

4. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

File Reference:	AF11/1747
Applicable Legislation:	Local Government Act 1999
Reference:	
Strategic Plan – Beyond 2015	
Related Policies:	
Related Procedures:	
Related Documents:	

DOCUMENT DETAILS

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1 August 2019

City of Mt Gambier
Jeroen Zwijnenburg
Acting GM Council Business Services
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Dear Jeroen

I refer to our email correspondence of 31 July.

South Gambier Football Club Incorporated was recently awarded a grant of \$206,800 through the Office of Recreation Sport and Racing's Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program. We intend to use these funds to update our home team, away team and umpire change rooms to AFL standard plus add a disabled toilet, a third netball court and a storage shed for the cricket club. It will be the most significant upgrade in the club's history. Our vision is to continually upgrade our facilities towards SANFL and AFL standard for the benefit of our members and community.

To be awarded this amount the club had to prove that it was able to match the grant however construction will occur in the summer months away from football season when the club has less income. We are seeking a loan / overdraft of \$100,000 from the Bendigo Bank to ensure we preserve sufficient working capital and cash over this period. The Bendigo Bank is happy to approve the overdraft however requires a guarantee from the City of Mount Gambier council for the reasons set out below.

The hurdle we have come across is that, although the football club owns the club rooms and viewing area, the City of Mount Gambier council own the land and leases it to South Gambier Football Club. This is a standard relationship for sporting clubs in Mount Gambier however it is a small source of frustration when we have an asset insured for \$2M, cash in the bank, pay all ground maintenance costs yet are unable to use the asset as collateral. Our financial performance clearly demonstrates our ability to save money and to use it wisely in improving our facilities for the use of club members and the community. We have over 100 senior players, 200 junior players and we are a foundation member of the Limestone Coast Women's Football League. South Gambier oval and club rooms are used by many community groups throughout the year and we are delighted to see our asset used this way.

SENIORS PREMIERS: 1974, 1992, 1994, 1996-2000, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2015

MAJOR SPONSORS: Beach Energy, Mick Ryan Painting, Lennons on Lake Terrace, MG Plasterers

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A guarantee from the council will alleviate this issue and allow the South Gambier Football Club to secure a line of credit which we will solely maintain. The club is happy to pay any costs involved.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue. If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Glynn
President

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6.3 PROPOSED EXPLORATION AND DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT – REPORT NO. AR19/41623

Committee:	Operational Standing Committee
Meeting Date:	13 August 2019
Report No.:	AR19/41623
CM9 Reference:	AF18/497
Author:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	A report in response to correspondence from the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance seeking Council to commit
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People
	Goal 2: Our Location
	Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy
	Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/41623 titled 'Proposed Exploration and Drilling for Oil in the Great Australian Bight' as presented on 13 August 2019 be noted.
2. That the Operational Standing Committee Recommend to Council that the matter be referred to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, so that there may a consistent position for the region.



BACKGROUND

Correspondence was sent to all Elected Members and the Council Administration entitled "*Proposed Exploration and Drilling for Oil in the Great Australian Bight*" from the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance. The email was received on 1st August 2019 and requesting consideration by Council. The email and its attachment may be found as **Attachment 1**.

This information appears to be self-explanatory and whilst the City of Mount Gambier is not directly impacted by any decisions offshore, there is the potential for indirect impact. Council has previously considered environmental matters relating to unconventional oil and gas exploration in 2014 and, more recently, a deputation (and future report to Council) regarding the signing of a letter from Fossil Free SA.

At the time of writing there is no consistent position for the Limestone Coast region, with only the District Council of Grant having formally committed to seeking "...a *permanent ban for drilling in the Bight*" as per the final page of **Attachment 1**.

CONCLUSION

This will be a matter for the conscience of individual Elected Members. However. The recommendation is that Council resolve to seek a regional position via the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed exploration and drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight [↓](#)



Andrew Meddle

From: Marilyn Paxton <mpaxton@activ8.net.au>
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2019 3:40 PM
To: City Emails
Subject: Proposed exploration and drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight
Attachments: Bight submission.pdf

Dear CEO Andrew Meddle ,

Please find attached a submission we have prepared because we believe seismic testing and drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight must be permanently banned.

We have forwarded a copy of this submission to every Councillor. Could we please ask you to take the time to read it carefully? We would very much like our submission to be on the Agenda at your next Council meeting for discussion, debate, and hopefully a decision.

I trust that when you have read this submission you will agree with us, and with 14 other Councils, that there should be no further exploration or drilling for oil in the Bight.

Yours sincerely,

Marcia Lorenz
for the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance.
Email: lorenz.marcia@gmail.com
Phone: 08 8735 8418, 0412 122 065



Why there must be no more exploration or drilling for oil or gas in the Great Australian Bight

The Great Australian Bight is home to:

- SA's rock lobster industry worth \$125 million to SA in GDP
- Approximately 30 species of whales and dolphins, including the critically endangered southern blue whale.
- The largest breeding population of endangered southern right whales.
- Some of the last colonies of endangered sea lions.
- Australia's bluefin tuna industry

... and much more

85% of life in the Bight is found nowhere else in the world.





Rock Lobster



Southern Blue whale





Bottle nosed dolphins in the Bight



PHOTO: Southern right mothers and calves come within a 100 metres of Fowlers Bay's beaches. (Supplied: Rod Keogh)

Southern right whales are returning to the winter waters around Fowlers Bay on South Australia's west coast, after avoiding the area for a century.

Southern Right Whales





Sea Lions above and below





Blue Fin Tuna

There are 4 good reasons why there must be no more exploration or drilling for oil or gas in the Great Australian Bight.

Reason # 1

Social, economic and environment effects.



This is the now well- known BP Deepwater Horizon explosion off the coast of Louisiana, USA, in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.



11 workers died. Oil spilled into the Gulf for 83 days, killing 600,000 to 800,000 birds and countless other sea creatures and destroying the livelihoods of thousands of people.

In 2016 Oceana released a new report titled [Time for Action: Six Years after Deepwater Horizon.](#)



Image from Deepwater Horizon Final Report

The Oceana report's key findings include:

- **Mortality rates for common bottlenose dolphins** living in Barataria Bay, Louisiana were 8 percent higher and their reproductive success was 63 percent lower compared to other dolphin populations.
- An estimated **600,000 to 800,000 birds died** as a result of the spill.
- Harmful oil and/or oil dispersant chemicals were found in about **80 percent of pelican eggs** that were laid in Minnesota, more than 1,000 miles from the Gulf, where most of these birds spend winters.
- Oil exposure caused **heart failure in juvenile bluefin and yellowfin tunas**, reduced swimming ability in juvenile mahi-mahi and caused gill tissue damage in killifish.
- The oil plume caused bleaching and **tissue loss in deep-water coral reefs** over an area three times larger than Manhattan.
- Endangered **sea turtles** that had migrated to the Gulf from Mexico, South America and West Africa died in the spill, demonstrating the global scale of impacts.

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- The **50,000 people involved in the spill cleanup** were exposed to chemicals that severely damage lung tissue.
- Clean up workers and their spouses reported **increased depression and domestic disputes**.
- Even Gulf residents indirectly affected by the spill suffered from **increased anxiety and depression**.
- It can take a decade or more for **oil spill victims** to recover from the physical and psychological effects of an oil disaster.
- The impact of the oil spill on **fisheries** could total \$8.7 billion by 2020, including the loss of 22,000 jobs.
- **10 million user-days of beach, fishing and boating activity were lost.**

Why did this happen?

The extensive inquiry by the Deepwater Horizon Study Group into the disaster came to the following conclusions.

- The disaster would have been preventable if progressive guidelines and practices had been followed, but they weren't followed because of common human failings.
- On the afternoon of the disaster BP were celebrating their good work safety record and became complacent.
- They were over time and over budget and just wanted to get the job done as quickly as possible.
- **BP's corporate culture remained one that was embedded in risk-taking and cost-cutting.** The workers were constantly under pressure to cut corners to increase profit.
- **Analysis of the available evidence indicates that when given the opportunity to save time and money—and make money—poor decision making played a key role in accident causation.**
- BP "forgot to be afraid".

See Appendix 1 for full list of causes.

So, did they learn anything?

BP blamed Transocean, the owners of the rig, and Halliburton who did the cementing of the well leak to try to stop the flow of oil.

Ed Markey, a senator investigating the spill in Congress, said at the time:



"Of their own eight key findings, they only explicitly take responsibility for half of one. BP is happy to slice up blame, as long as they get the smallest piece."

In the three months after the spill, BP tripled its advertising budget to £60m, targeting local and national newspapers, magazines, television and social media.

In Australia, a year after the Deepwater Horizon disaster:

Minister for Resources and Energy, Martin Ferguson, announces seven offshore exploration permits. **Four are awarded to BP for exploration in the Bight.** (Offshore Petroleum Exploration Permits Awarded | Resources and Energy | 17 January 2011)

Are these problems confined to BP?

"While this particular disaster involves a particular group of organizations, the roots of the disaster transcend this group of organizations. This disaster involves an international industry and its governance.

"The oil and gas industry has embarked on an important 'next generation' series of high hazard exploration and production operations. These operations pose risks (likelihoods and consequences of **major system failures**) much greater than heretofore generally recognized." From the Final Report into the Deepwater Horizon disaster

As with all petroleum companies, BP "insisted it was instilling a safety culture with high reliability attributes," or as they say in the industry, "world's best practice".

The Bight, in contrast to the Gulf of Mexico, is wild, deep and remote.

You only need one of these oil spills to destroy our southern coastline, our tourist industry and South Australia's fishing industry.

Less than a year before the Deepwater Horizon disaster a similar disaster happened in Australian waters in the Timor Sea.

The Montara oil spill of 2009, that saw thousands of barrels of oil pour into the Timor Sea over 70 days and destroyed the livelihoods of 15,000 seaweed farmers as a result, will go to trial in a Federal Court class action beginning in Sydney today. (17 June 2019)

On 21 August 2009, following an horrific explosion, the Montara oil rig began uncontrollably spewing oil and gas into the Timor Sea, in Australian waters 690km west of Darwin and 250kms south-east of Rote Island, Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia. The oil finally stopped gushing on 3 November 2009.

Australia's leading class action law firm, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, will run a 10-week trial representing over 15,000 Indonesian seaweed farmers in a case against the oil company PTTEP Australasia (Ashmore Cartier) Pty Ltd.

Maurice Blackburn lawyers say, "We are now 10 years on from this environmental disaster and **the oil company responsible and its wealthy Thai parent (PTTEP) continue to deny the**

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devastating impact their oil spewing out uncontrollably for months on end had on Indonesian seaweed farmers."

The current situation in Australia

After BP's disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, and after 3 times submitting an environmental impact statement to the regulator, NOPSEMA, and having it 3 times rejected as being inadequate, BP sold one of its licences in the Bight to a Norwegian company, Equinor, previously Statoil. BP still holds one licence.

Equinor plans to drill in the Bight next year

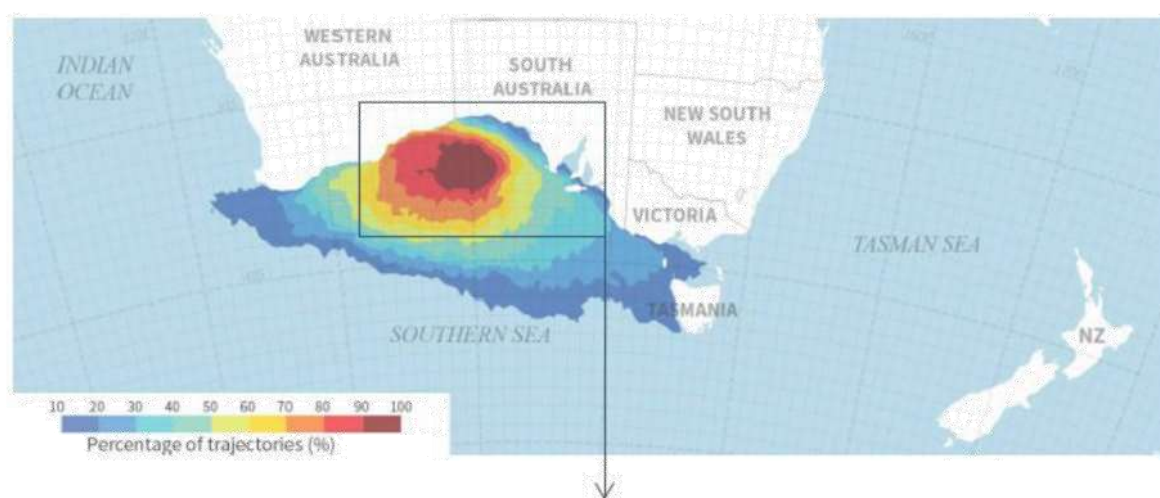
NOPSEMA has also found Equinor's environmental plan to be inadequate. They have been given 2 months to resubmit.

In May this year a group from the Sydney Environment Institute sent their submission to NOPSEMA regarding Equinor's proposed drilling in the Bight. In the submission they say that Equinor's "overconfidence" in its ability to prevent a major spill could lead to catastrophic environmental impacts. **"No matter how many layers of defence there are between a hazard and an accident, accidents can and still do happen."** This submission was co-authored by University of Sydney energy and natural resources law expert [Dr Madeline Taylor](#), with Emeritus Professor Andrew Hopkins (Australian National University), Greg Bourne (Australian Climate Council and former President of BP Australia), and Professor Tina Soliman-Hunter (Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law).

Reports from Norwegian regulators, compiled by Greenpeace, reveal Equinor had more than 50 safety and control breaches, including ten oil leaks, in the last three-and-a-half years.

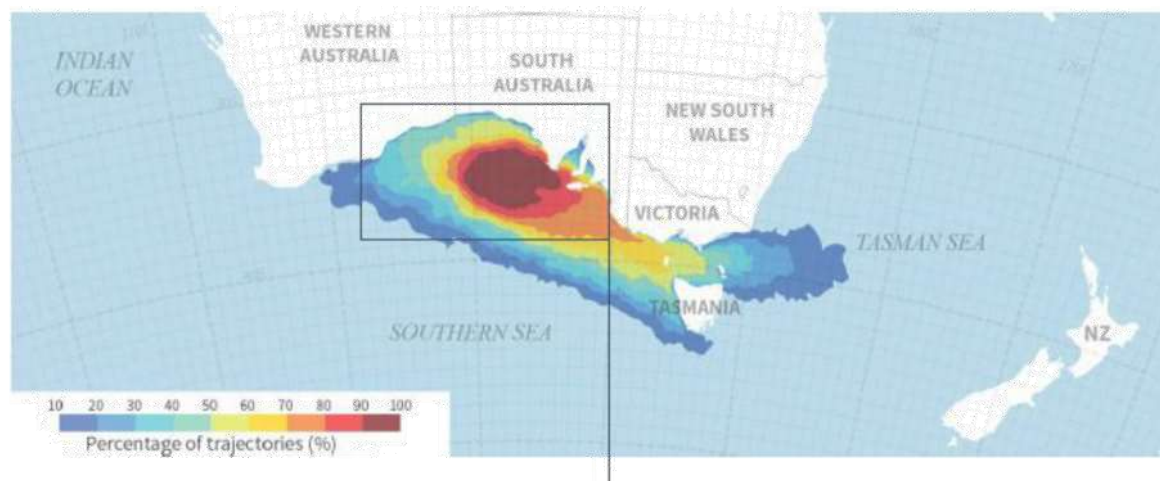
IMAGE 1 and 2, summer and winter maps of possible effects of a major spill and 3, Equinor's own modelling.

Image 1



“Under summer conditions, for a blowout scenario representing a spill of 5,000 barrels of oil per day for 87 days the model predicts that within four months an area of roughly 213,000 km² would have an 80 % chance to have a surface oil thickness above levels likely to trigger **the closure of fisheries**.

Image 2



During winter and within four months under the same spill scenario, this area covers a surface of approximately 265,000 km² from the proposed exploration well to the entrance of Spencer Gulf, reaching the Eyre Peninsula and Kangaroo Island and further around the coast.

(Modelling by Laurent C.M. Lebreton, MSc Oceanographer and coastal scientist. Independent researcher and co-founder of Dumpark, a New Zealand-based agency specialising in environmental data science, numerical modelling and data visualisation.)

We, in the Limestone Coast, will be devastated environmentally, economically and socially, if a major spill should occur in winter, as you can see from the map. You may have heard of the **Bonney upwelling** which brings nutrients up to the surface along our coastline and is vital for the cray fishing industry and also for migrating Blue and Southern Right Whales from Antarctic waters. It is vital that this be protected.

Equinor's own modelling of the possible results of a spill in the Bight which they "inadvertantly" forgot to enter in their first submission.

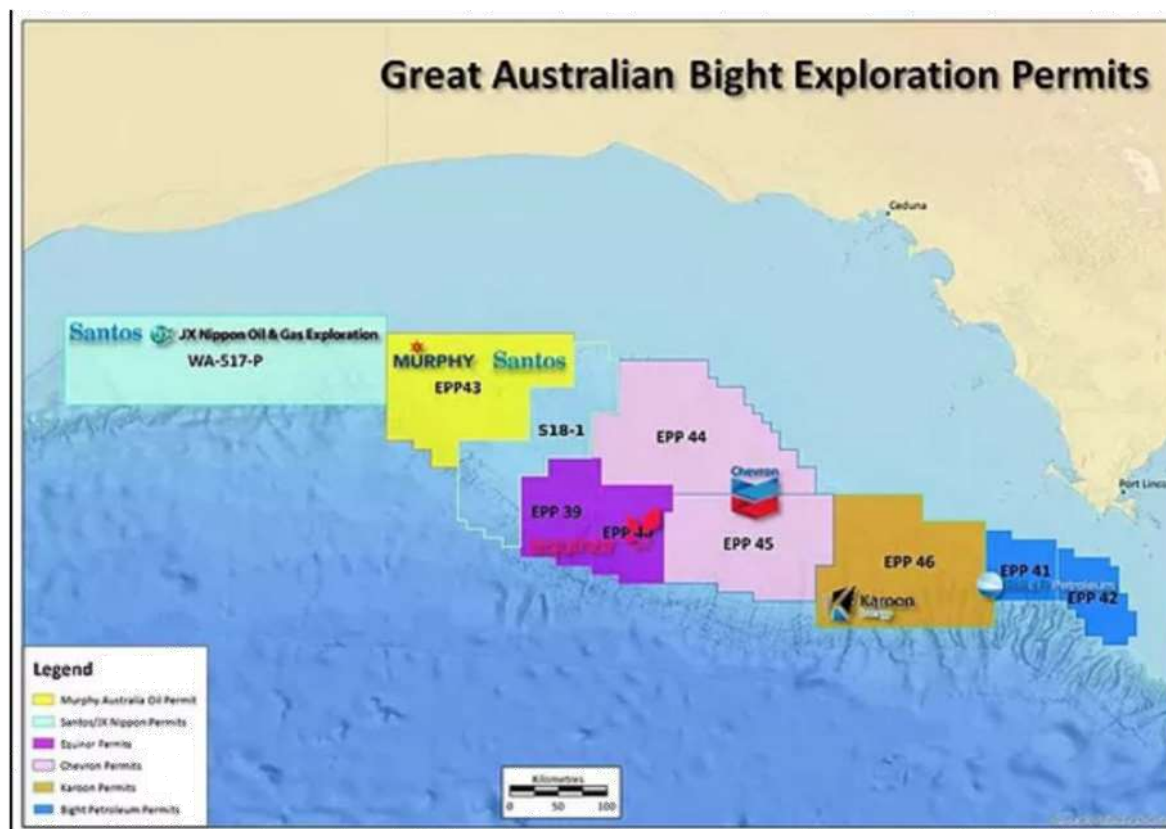


Can you imagine this?

A disaster for the whole Southern Coast of Australia!



Map of licences. Equinor in purple. As you can see, other companies are waiting in the wings. Chevron has pulled out.



Reason # 2

Seismic exploration.

Before drilling begins extensive seismic surveys are carried out to determine where the oil and gas are and the nature of the sea floor.

Blasts occur **every 10-15 seconds, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for months on end**. The emitted sound waves are often intense, up to **260 decibels in water**, roughly 200 decibels in air—for comparison, the first stage of the Saturn V rocket that took humans to the moon in the 1960s and '70s was 204 decibels. Only nuclear explosions are louder.

Fishers have long been concerned about the possible effects of seismic noise on their industry. There have been anecdotal reports of deaths of oysters, scallops, rock lobster and prawns. These reports are now being substantiated by scientific studies.

Associate professor Robert McCauley, of Curtin University, was involved in studies on zooplankton, scallops and lobster, and says **fishers are “wise to be concerned.”**

A scallop mass mortality in Australia’s Bass Strait, in which the fishing industry estimated a loss of 24,000 tons of scallops, was anecdotally attributed to a seismic survey.

Tests conducted by researchers from the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) and Curtin University say, “Testing of scallops after seismic exposure showed a high likelihood that their immune systems and physiology were compromised.....

“The degree of exposure increased the risk of mortality significantly in scallops, and they showed compromised physiology over a chronic timeframe from which there were **no signs of recovery** over the course of our experiments.”

“The surviving scallops would have **reduced tolerance to subsequent stressors**, including environmental, nutritional and pathological stressors such as dredging or temperature changes.”

Associate professor Jayson Semmens, of the University of Tasmania’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies. says the tiny **larvae** of rock lobsters and other invertebrates float in the ocean for up to two years as they mature and the results of other studies suggest there is a risk they could be impacted by seismic surveys, as can the eggs of fish.

Research by the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies in Hobart and Curtin University in Western Australia found rock **lobsters** exposed to the air guns used in seismic surveys had damaged statocysts, an organ similar to the human inner ear. One of the researchers, Ryan Day, said this left the lobsters with an impaired ability to right themselves when flipped over. "They really rely on this ability to right themselves when they are escaping from a predator," he said. They never recovered.

Off the coast of Tasmania a team of researchers shot off experimental blasts from a single air gun that mimicked the sounds of the arrays used to search for oil and gas. The blasts killed the **zooplankton**, decreasing their abundance by 64 percent, with effects seen as far as 1.2 kilometres from the blast site. This, they say, is very concerning as zooplankton are the building blocks of the oceans. Without zooplankton the oceans die.

According to the Australian Institute of Marine Science,

“Seismic surveys and vessel operations create marine noise and can have negative impacts on wildlife. They can change an animal’s hearing structure or their physiology. The noise can also affect an animal’s behaviour such as altering their feeding or breeding behaviours or perhaps their escape responses. Over the long-term (months to years), these impacts may accumulate, affecting the health of individuals and potentially the health of the population.”

While light doesn’t travel particularly well in the ocean, sound does. In fact, it travels at a hyper-efficiency, meaning the level of noise created by airgun blasts are felt to the fullest



extent. **At 259 decibels (dB) per blast, the sound is enough to kill a human.** (Fact check: 150 decibels is usually considered enough to burst your eardrums, but the threshold for death is usually pegged at around 185-200).

All fish and mammals can hear and use sound for everything they do in their daily lives.

Whales' communication depends on loud sounds, which can travel very efficiently over distances of tens of kilometres in the underwater environment. (Australian Institute of Marine Science)

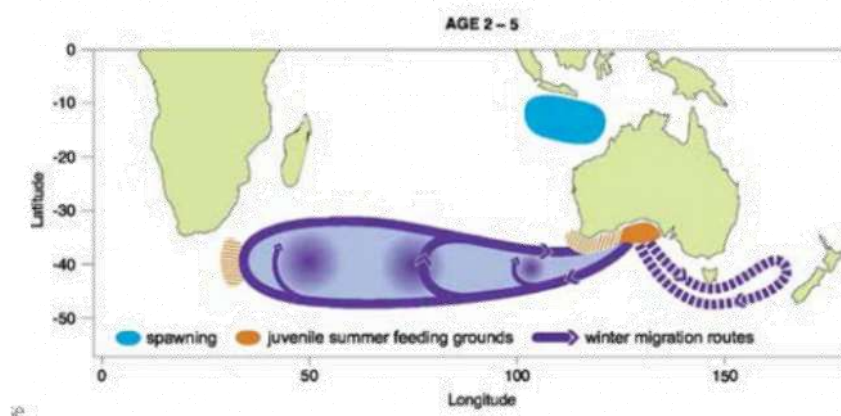
The testing can cause hearing loss, abandonment of habitat, disruption of mating and feeding, beach strandings and even death for whales, sea lions, dolphins, turtles, rock lobster and other ocean wildlife. . (Australian Institute of Marine Science)

Whales migrate to the Bight to have their calves and to nurse them in the warmer waters.

According to Nopsema's letters, the crew on BP's seismic survey saw migrating southern right whales and feeding sperm whales "on a number of occasions". The oil company's environment plan concluded whales may be exposed to underwater sound "at levels within the behavioural disturbance range".

Little is known about the response of **southern bluefin tuna**, or fish in general, to noise generated by human activities. This means that the potential impact on southern bluefin tuna, occupying those shelf and shelf slope areas of the Bight earmarked as the focus of oil and gas exploration, are unclear. (MISA, Marine Innovation South Australia)

The map shows migration of 2-5 year old Bluefin tuna.



"It is the responsibility of the seismic industry to understand the impacts of their activities on the environment, including marine biological receptors and the fishing industry, and then demonstrate to NOPSEMA how those activities will be managed in order to prevent unacceptable impacts."

As is the case for onshore drilling, the petroleum companies do the **testing** themselves and send the results to the regulator.

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) released its report on January 14 approving the oil exploration company, PGS Australia's, application for seismic surveys between September 1 and November 30 this year. Equinor will then begin exploratory drilling next year if NOPSEMA is satisfied with their environmental impact statement.

The **survey area** is located 51 kilometres from Cape Carnot on the southern tip of Eyre Peninsula, and 80km south-southwest of Port Lincoln, across an area of 30,100 square kilometres.

"Since the impact of seismic activities on marine life is not yet fully understood, **Geoscience Australia** maintains its commitment to continue research and provide up-to-date advice."

Matthew Doman, External Affairs Director at the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, APPEA, says seismic surveys are "low risk, well understood technology". He also says the same about fracking.

Reason # 3

Drilling in the Bight goes against climate scientists' warnings.



SE coastal town (DEWNR)

You've no doubt all seen the photos of starving polar bears, immense floods, raging bushfires and terrible Australian drought. What we haven't yet noticed are the millions of refugees displaced by extreme weather events or the wars over food, land and water. These will increase if the world continues to burn fossil fuels. CO₂ and methane emissions are rising. With business as usual, the aim of keeping temperature no greater than 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial temperature now seems impossible and 2 degrees is looking unlikely. Scientists are now saying 4-5 degrees are likely. It is doubtful if mammals, including, of course, humans can survive at that temperature.

The burning of fossil fuels is the main contributor to climate change. Climate scientists say we must immediately halt all **new** fossil fuel extraction if we are to survive as a species.



Spencer Dale, **BP chief economist**, said:

"There is a growing mismatch between societal demands for action on climate change and the actual pace of progress. With energy demand and carbon emissions growing at their fastest rate for years, the world is on an unsustainable path." (BP! And yet they go on extracting oil and gas.)

We must include drilling in the Bight in a ban on all new fossil fuel exploration and extraction.

"The only way to preserve the rich diversity of marine life, and to safeguard the protection and resources the ocean provides us with, is to cut greenhouse gas emissions rapidly and substantially." Inger Andersen, Director General of the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature).

Burning fossil fuels produces carbon dioxide which is the root cause of ocean warming and is also causing **ocean acidification**. Ocean acidification, where there is too much CO₂ in the atmosphere for the ocean to absorb, increases the acidity of the water, making it harder for animals such as crabs, shrimps, molluscs and clams to form their calcium carbonate shells.

Now is not the time to be dredging up billions of barrels of oil to supercharge carbon pollution." (The Australia Institute)

Ian Dunlop, senior member of the Breakthrough Advisory Board and formerly an international oil, gas and coal industry executive, chair of the Australian Coal Association and CEO of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, says

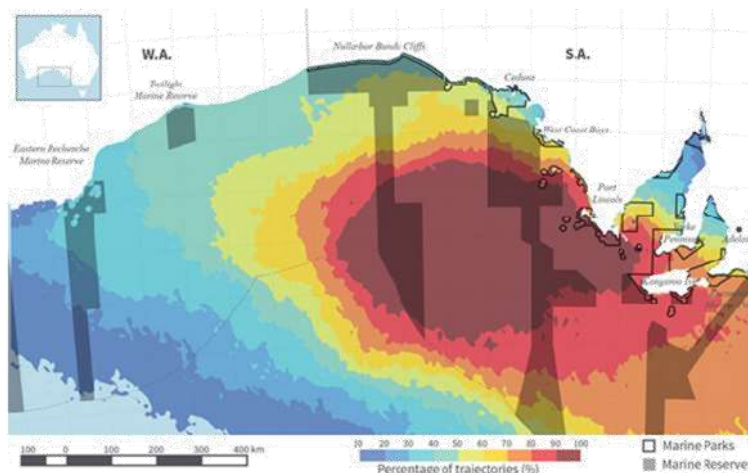
"Given the overwhelming evidence and repeated warnings of the dangers we face, even as a former oil, gas and coal industry executive I find it incomprehensible that proposals for new fossil fuel projects proliferate, encouraged by government and opposition alike.

These projects are crimes against humanity."

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) report recommends expanding protected areas of the ocean and, above all, reducing the amount of heat-trapping gases pumped into the atmosphere.



Map of possible spill scenario and how it may affect marine reserves. Reserves are shown in brown.



As you can see reserves will be useless with seismic testing and drilling.

Reason #4

Not worth it economically

You may say, “But we need the jobs and the money it brings to South Australia.” This is what governments tell us. The facts don’t bear this out.

Decades of subsidy may be necessary before major oil and gas projects provide benefits to state governments.

In contrast the tourism, fishing and aquaculture industries on the SA coast already employ over 9,000 people through locally owned businesses.

Australia is a significant oil producer, but we export 75% of our crude production and import 83% of our refined petroleum. Anthony Richardson Research Fellow, Future Social Service Institute, RMIT University

The economic benefits of oil and gas exploration are minimal. The only benefits are to mining companies.

Australia-wide, the oil and gas industry employs 19,000 people out of a workforce of 11.9 million people. This represents **less than 2 out of every thousand jobs in Australia.** (The Australia Institute)

Most workers in the petroleum industry are FIFO (Fly in. Fly out.) workers, not members of the local community.

Industry modelling shows a worst-case spill would cost the economy \$158 billion, while Equinor's own modelling puts it at \$86 billion.

There is no gas or oil shortage. 85%+ of our gas is exported and our crude oil is sent overseas for processing and returned.

STEVE MASHUDA Managing Attorney, Oceans Program says

"At a time when our oceans are already showing the stresses of climate change, it doesn't make sense to harm whales, dolphins, and other ocean wildlife in service of drilling for more oil we can't afford to burn if we're to avoid the worst harms from climate change."

South Australian Councils who formally oppose drilling in the Bight

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Mayo County Council

City of Holdfast Bay

District Council of Yankalilla

Yorke Peninsula Council

Port Lincoln City Council

City of Port Adelaide-Enfield

Light Regional Council

City of Onkaparinga

Alexandrina Council

City of West Torrens

City of Marion

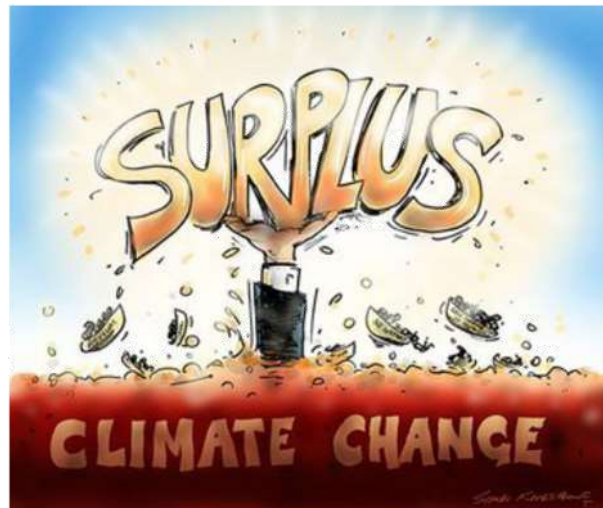
District Council of Grant

District Council of Elliston

and an increasing number of Victorian councils.

**Australia has no leadership,
no national plan,
no vision
and no coherent policies.**





We ask you to ...

- Join with other Councils and call on the State and Federal Government to permanently protect the Great Australian Bight from exploration or drilling by petroleum companies.
- Formally acknowledge that you, as a council, commit to standing for a permanent ban on drilling in the Bight.



Appendix 1

Causes of Deepwater Horizon disaster, from Deepwater Horizon Study Group Final Report

- a) multiple system operator **malfunctions** during a critical period in operations,
- b) not following required or accepted operations guidelines ("**casual compliance**"),
- c) neglected **maintenance**,
- d) **instrumentation** that either did not work properly or whose data interpretation gave *false positives*,
- e) inappropriate **assessment and management** of operations risks,
- f) **multiple operations** conducted at critical times with unanticipated interactions,
- g) inadequate **communications** between members of the operations groups,
- h) **unawareness of risks**,
- i) diversion of **attention** at critical times,
- j) a culture with incentives that provided increases in productivity without commensurate increases in protection
- k) inappropriate **cost and corner cutting**,
- l) lack of appropriate **selection and training** of personnel, and
- m) improper **management of change**.



6.4 MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB - VANSITTART PARK - PROPOSED CANOPY OVER 'B GREEN' – REPORT NO. AR19/42059

Committee:	Operational Standing Committee
Meeting Date:	13 August 2019
Report No.:	AR19/42059
CM9 Reference:	AF18/497
Author:	Nick Serle, General Manager City Infrastructure
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	A report for considering the outcome of discussion with Mount Gambier Bowls Club on options for a proposed canopy over 'B Green' at Vansittart Park.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/42059 titled 'Mount Gambier Bowls Club - Vansittart Park - Proposed Canopy over 'B Green'' as presented on 13 August 2019 be noted.
2. That the Operational Standing Committee recommend to Council that it authorises the Council's Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate a contract with a suitably qualified and experienced Architect to provide architectural drawings and designs for a cover over the Mount Gambier Bowls Club 'B Green', up to the value of \$20,000.
3. That the Operational Standing Committee recommend to Council that the item be included in the First Quarter Budget Review, to reflect the actual additional funding being provided.
4. A report be presented to Council regarding the architectural drawings and designs once they are available.



BACKGROUND

Vansittart Park is owned by the City of Mount Gambier subject to a historical Trust and is community land contained within a Community Land Management Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

A portion of Vansittart Park is leased to the Mount Gambier Bowls Club Incorporated.

This leased portion is comprised of land located on the south western corner of Vansittart Park with road frontage to Victoria Terrace and Commercial Street West. A clubroom building with associated car parking and three bowling greens are located within the leased area.

The current lease is for a five year period that commenced on 1 July 2016 and expires at midnight on 30 June 2021. The permitted use of the land is for the sport of lawn bowling and activities associated with and supportive of the Lessee's use for the sport of lawn bowling.

The Mount Gambier Bowls Club Inc. have lodged a Development Application (DA381/0315/2018) with Council to construct a canopy/shelter over 'B Green' on the site of the bowling club. The canopy is to provide an all-weather cover to enable community activities all year round. The Mount Gambier Bowls Club have secured funding consisting of sponsorship from members and \$100k funding from the State Government. The State Government funding must be utilised by the end of September 2019 or an extension applied for and granted.

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A copy of Council Report No. AR19/390 is attached (**Attachment 1**).

At the Council meeting held on 19 February 2019 Council considered Report No. AR19/4505 in relation to a proposal for the construction of a canopy over 'B Green' at Vansittart Park by the Mount Gambier Bowls Club Inc. and resolved as follows:

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A copy of Council Report No. AR19/4505 is attached (**Attachment 2**).



DISCUSSION

Council Officers have facilitated several workshops with representatives of the Mount Gambier Bowls Club and their preferred builder. Separately Council Officers have met with Council's heritage adviser to discuss the proposed canopy over 'B Green'.

The Mount Gambier Bowls Club have stated that the cost of Council's preferred Greenline design no 8 option is in the order of \$1 million and that particular design with a fabric canopy would require costly maintenance to keep clean. Both the installation cost and the ongoing maintenance prevent the Mount Gambier Bowls Club from pursuing this option.

In order to identify alternative options consistent with the Council resolution a number of changes to the cover proposed by the Mount Gambier Bowls Club such as utilising heritage colours sympathetic to the area, adding overhanging eaves and considering artwork or other treatment to the fascia fronting Commercial Street have been developed. Unfortunately these changes do not move the proposal significantly from that previously presented to Council.

Council's preferred option is not acceptable to the Mount Gambier Bowls Club and attempts to modify the existing proposal with the assistance of the proposed builder have not resulted in changes considered substantial enough to satisfy concerns previously raised by Council. One option is to obtain advice from a suitably qualified architect with experience with this type of development to design an appropriate structure which compliments the character of the subject locality and provides a place suitable for the proposed use. Engaging a suitably qualified architect has been discussed with the Mount Gambier Bowls Club and while they support this as a way forward they have indicated they are not in a position to pay for these professional services with the risk that the development may not be approved.

Council as the owner of the land could consider engaging a suitably qualified architect to design an appropriate structure which compliments the character of the subject locality and provides a place suitable for the proposed use. It is expected this would cost Council up to \$20k for the provision of sufficient architectural drawings and plans to progress a decision on a cover over 'B Green'.

Council needs to be aware that if an acceptable structure for covering 'B Green' is identified it may cost more than the funding the Mount Gambier Bowls Club have available resulting in the situation where additional funding will need to be secured before the cover can be constructed. However, given the heritage status and importance of this area, it is considered that the design must be improved to standard which is acceptable. The architect will also be briefed as to the funding available, so that they may tailor their design to this.

CONCLUSION

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Resolution - 15/01/2019 - Council Report No. AR19/390 - Mount Gambier Bowls Club Inc. - Vansittart Park - Proposed Canopy over "B Green" [↓](#)
2. Council Resolution - 19/02/2019 - Operational Standing Committee - Mount Gambier Bowls Club - Vansittart Park - Proposed Canopy over B Green [↓](#)
3. Diagrams including "Greenline Design No. 8" as referenced in Council Resolution - 19/02/2019 [↓](#)





COUNCIL RESOLUTION 19/02/2019

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COMMITTEE	Operational Standing Committee
MEETING DATE:	12 February 2019
REPORT NO.	AR19/4505
RM8 REFERENCE	AF11/1452
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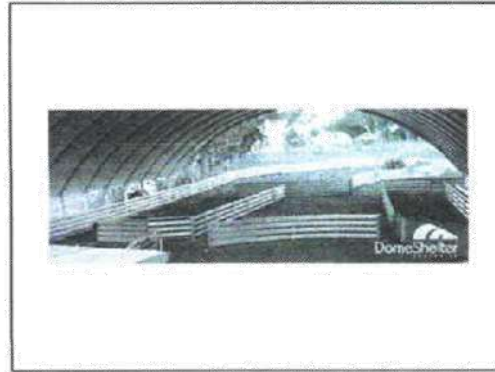
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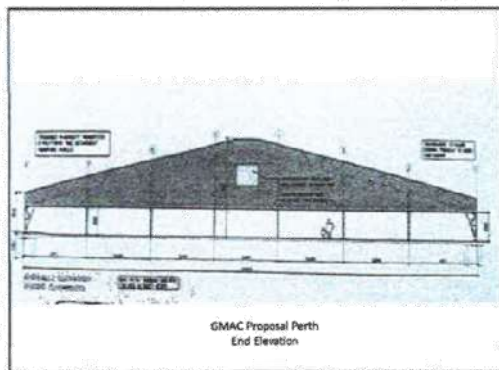
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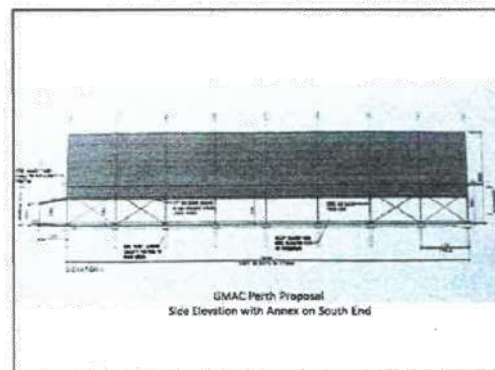
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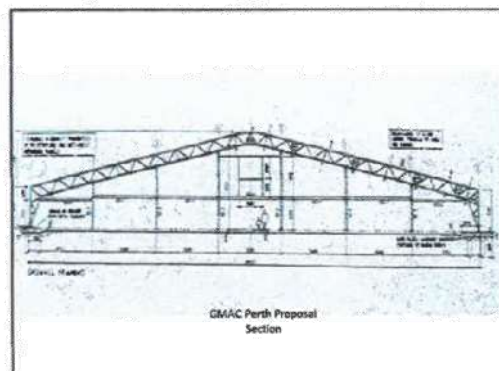
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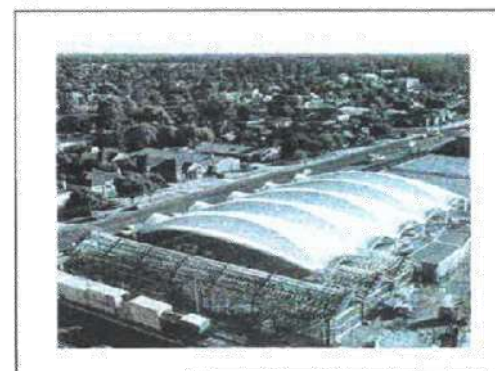
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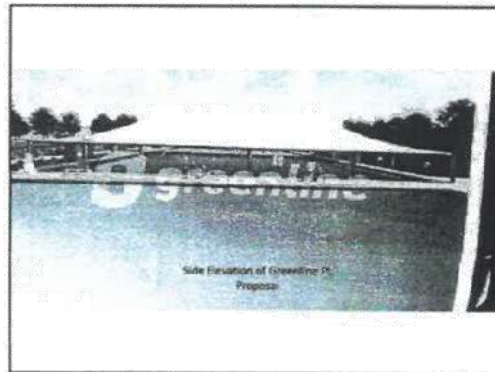


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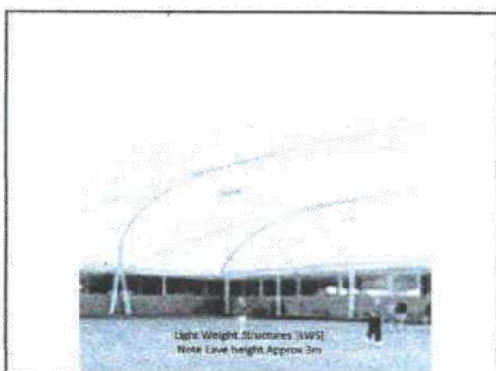
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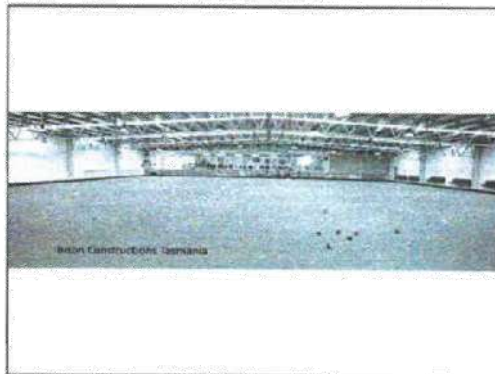


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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
OPERATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE,
MOUNT GAMBIER
ON TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2019 AT 5.45 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Christian Greco (Presiding Member), Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Steven Perryman

OFFICERS IN	Chief Executive Officer	- Mr A Meddle
ATTENDANCE:	General Manager City Growth	- Dr J Nagy
	Manager Executive Administration	- Mr M McCarthy
	Executive Administration Officer	- Mrs F McGregor

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGY(IES)

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

That the minutes of the Operational Standing Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 2019 MOUNT GAMBIER CHRISTMAS PARADE STREET CLOSURE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christian Greco

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/27802 titled '2019 Mount Gambier Christmas Parade Street Closure' as presented on 09 July 2019 be noted.
2. That Council, being of the opinion that the 2019 Christmas Parade is an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies to, pass the following order in relation to road closures for the purpose of the 2019 Christmas Parade on Saturday, 16 November 2019.

ORDER

Council, pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and instrument of Delegation from the Minister of Transport makes the following order to close the following roads on Saturday, 16 November 2019:

- (a) COMMERCIAL STREET EAST - between East side of Davison Street and Bay Road/Penola Road

Between the hours of 7.00 am and 1:00 pm.

With the exception of the Ferrers Street/Mitchell Street intersection, north/south traffic will be permitted to cross Commercial Street East until 8.30 am.

The portion of Commercial Street East between Crouch Street and East side of Davison Street may remain open to 10:30 am.

- (b) COMMERCIAL STREET WEST - between Bay Road/Penola Road and Wehl Street.

Between the hours of 8.30 am and 1:00 pm.

North/South bound vehicles will be permitted to access Commercial Street West intersection until 10:55 am.

- (c) CROUCH STREET SOUTH - between Commercial Street East and Sturt Street
WEHL STREET NORTH - between Commercial Street West and Wyatt Street/Eglington Terrace.

COMMERCIAL STREET WEST - between Wehl Street and Bertha Street

Between the hours of 10:50 am and 1.00 pm.

- (d) WATSON TERRACE - north south leg adjacent to Jens Hotel/Cave Garden

Between the hours of 6:30 am and 5:00 pm.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 59 of the Summary Offences Act 1953 that the following portion of street will be closed to all vehicular traffic on Saturday 16th November, 2019 between approximately 7.00 am and 1.00 pm, as follows:

- (a) VICTORIA TERRACE – being the section of road between Park Street and Jubilee Highway West.

Between the hours of 7.00 am to 1.00 pm

The temporary road closure is to allow for the safety of float vehicles exiting the Vansittart Park grounds at the completion of the 2019 Christmas Parade.

The parking of vehicles in this portion of street during the temporary street closure is prohibited.

Council further orders that persons attending and taking part in the event are exempted from the following Road Rules when on roads (or section of road) closed pursuant to this Order:

1. Rule 221 Using hazard warning lights
2. Rule 230 Crossing a road – general
3. Rule 231 Crossing a road at pedestrian lights
4. Rule 232 Crossing a road at traffic lights
5. Rule 234 Crossing a road on or near a crossing for pedestrians
6. Rule 237 Getting on or into a moving vehicle
7. Rule 238 Pedestrians travelling along a road (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy)
8. Rule 250 Riding on a footpath or shared path
9. Rule 264 Wearing of seat belts by drivers
10. Rule 265 Wearing of seat belts by passengers 16 years old or older
11. Rule 266 Wearing of seat belts by passengers under 16 years old
12. Rule 268 How persons must travel in or on a motor vehicle
13. Rule 269 Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc
14. Rule 298 Driving with a person in a trailer

Conditions on Exemptions from Australian Road Rules

1. Rule 237 Getting on or into a moving vehicle – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/h
2. Rule 264 Wearing of seat belts by drivers – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h
3. Rule 265 Wearing of seat belts by passengers 16 years old or older – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h
4. Rule 266 Wearing of seat belts by passengers under 16 years old – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h
5. Rule 268 How persons must travel in or on a motor vehicle – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h
6. Rule 269 Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/h
7. Rule 298 Driving with a person in a trailer – provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h

CARRIED

5.2 FLAG FLYING - FEAST FESTIVAL**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christian Greco

Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/28659 titled 'Flag Flying - Feast Festival' as presented on 09 July 2019 be noted.
2. That Council endorse the flying of the Feast Festival flag for the period of 9 to 24 November 2019 as per the resolution of Council dated 7 March 2016, which included the Feast Festival into the calendar of special days.

CARRIED

5.3 SPONSORED EVENTS - CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christian Greco

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That Operational Standing Committee Report No. AR19/34018 titled 'Sponsored Events - Contribution to Economic Development' as presented on 09 July 2019 be noted.

CARRIED

6 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.55 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Operational Standing Committee held on 13 August 2019.

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PRESIDING MEMBER