

OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

Public Submissions Received

1. Drina Dixon
Comment: Don't sell the carpark.
2. H. Lang
Comment: Doesn't support sale. Existing parking shortage will be worsened; any new supermarket should be located outside of Maclean (Townsend, Gulmarrad, Taloumbi)
3. Jane Mitchell (1)
Comment: Doesn't support sale, any new supermarket should be located outside the CBD.
4. Jane Mitchell (2)
Comment: Valuable open space, don't sell.
5. Helen Pryor
Comment: Doesn't support sale, will impact on carparking and existing businesses, any new supermarket should be located at Townsend.
6. Anne Lloyd
Comment: New supermarket required, but maximum site area of 3000m². Could incorporate new library. Larger supermarket should be located at Gulmarrad. Carpark and Cameron Park should be kept in public ownership.
7. Graham Bopp
Comment: Proposal is flawed as it would compress development into Maclean CBD, alternative site on the highway at Harwood or Iluka turn-off should be considered.
8. J Wood & I Fina
Comment: Opposed to any encroachment on public space by commercial interests, will attract more people and vehicles into congested CBD.
9. Association of Iluka Residents (AIR) Inc
Comment: Oppose any encroachment on public space by commercial interests, will result in loss of parking and recreational space. Would prefer new development at either end of CBD.
10. Dianne Webber
Comment: Doesn't support proposal, will impact on existing businesses and village atmosphere.
11. Ian Dunbar (1)
Comment: Supermarket required, but should be out of town, e.g. Harwood. Will detract from existing businesses; affect village ambiance and impact on parking.
12. G Coffey
Comment: Objects to proposal, loss of Cameron Park and trees.

13. Pat Cooper
Comment: Opposes sale as other sites are available.
14. Bruce & Megan Walsh
Comment: Support proposed sale, carpark is logical site. Maximum site area should be 4500m² with minimum 360 parking spaces.
15. Una Mackay
Comment: Supports proposal, need more carpark. CVC should retain ownership.
16. Thalia McPherson
Comment: Doesn't support sale of public land, open space is used by community and should be protected, should look at alternative sites (Maclean Library, Boulevard site)
17. Ian Dunbar (2)
Comment: Opposes inviting tenders, should not sell public land which is well used by community, should be located out of town.
18. H & M Johnson
Comment: Opposed to sale of land, park and trees are an asset to village.
19. Maclean & District Bowling Club Co-op Ltd
Comment: Supports proposal 'in principle', subject to site being located further northwards to lessen impact on entrance to Club, carparking should be more evenly distributed north and south of development.
20. Suzanne Monin
Comment: Opposes sale of public land, which will affect heritage and charm of Maclean and result in loss of passive recreational area and carparking.
21. John Woods
Comment: Opposes sale of public land, which will affect heritage and charm of Maclean and result in loss of passive recreational area and carparking.
22. Alen Essex
Comment: Supports sale or lease of up to 6000m²believes Holder Baker proposal is best for town.
23. Bob Little
Comment: In favour of sale or lease of 4500m²specifically for a supermarket. Proceeds should be used to improve/expand open space in Maclean. Council has previously sold public space in Grafton for a supermarket development.
24. Jeff & Judy Maslen
Comment: Don't support sale or lease of public land, do support need for supermarket and speciality shops elsewhere in Maclean or Gulmarrad/Townsend.
25. V Montague
Comment: Supports sale and development of supermarket.
26. F Montague
Comment: Supports sale and development of supermarket.

27. T & K Evans
Comment: Objects to redevelopment of carpark and playground
28. Margaret & Norman Kirby
Comment: Protests at sale of public land.
29. Mrs B Baker
Comment: Objects to sale and loss of green space.
30. Robert Baker
Comment: Doesn't support sale or lease, need to improve supply of carparking and retain playground.
31. Dr A Thakur
Comment: Objects strongly to sale of carpark, will impact on Medical Centre and result in loss of green space and playground. Alternative sites are available.
32. Mackellys
Comment: Supports Holder Baker proposal and favours leasing site over sale as it would provide annual income stream.
33. Ruth Williams
Comment: Does not support sale or lease of public land, will impact on park and playground. Better located outside CBD, Townsend.
34. Phillip McGuire
Comment: Community land should not be sold, supermarket should be located at Townsend/Gulmarrad or private land.
35. John Snape Motors
Comment: Favours development on private land in CBD or combination of existing library site plus adjoining commercial properties. 6000m² is good size as it will allow for future expansion.
36. J P Johnson
Comment: Supports sale and development as part of broader redevelopment of Maclean, deserves Council's full support.
37. Mrs Irene Nowell
Comment: Supports the proposed site and location but believes maximum area should be 4200m².
38. Carolyn Holmes
Comment: Opposed to sale or lease of any public land, will impact on character of Maclean.
39. Magnusson & Towners (5 signatures)
Comment: Object to sale of public land and to any commercial development of proposed space, will destroy character of Maclean.
40. Les & Valerie Kerr
Comment: Opposed to sale of public land, supermarket should be outside CBD similar to Yamba. Will impact on existing shops, carparking, traffic movements (delivery vehicles).

41. Janet Purcell
Comment: Objects to sale of public land, will impact on open space, trees, playground, etc. Adequate.
42. Nicola Cervella
Comment: Opposed to sale or lease of public land, will not benefit the town. Character and unique qualities of Maclean will be affected. Supermarket should be located at Gulmarrad.
43. Jane Beeby
Comment: Opposed to sale or lease of public land, will not benefit the town. Character and unique qualities of Maclean will be affected. Potential impact of heavy vehicles in town, better located at Gulmarrad.
44. Ian McLennan
Comment: Conducted Survey of 91 people in Maclean carpark/Cameron Park. 74 of 91 opposed sale or lease of the site. Survey forms attached.
45. Pat & Janice Battersby
Comment: Fully support sale or lease of a portion of the carpark and construction of a supermarket.
46. Geoff & Denise Worrill
Comment: Support construction of supermarket on tarred area of carpark, doesn't see need for 6000m² and green space should be protected.
47. Maclean Community Markets Inc
Comment: Would prefer supermarket at Gulmarrad but if it is to be provided in town then it should be located to the north of the carpark to protect the park and its facilities.
48. Kirsty Boon
Comment: Favours sale and development of supermarket in town, need competition and additional carparking. Another option is Townsend or Gulmarrad.
49. Phillip Rose
Comment: Oppose disposal of part of carpark and open space, inadequate carparking at present. Unacceptable impact on park/open space. Other sites available in Maclean, though doesn't support Townsend/Gulmarrad. Delivery vehicles would cause problems.
50. Darren & Karen Billet
Comment: Opposed to sale or lease of public land.
51. Bob McPherson
Comment: Opposed to sale of carpark, supports supermarket but at more appropriate site where parking and vehicle access will not be affected. Provides history of alternative site.
52. Maclean Chamber of Commerce
Comment: Process has been drawn out and convoluted, public was consulted during preparation of Retail Strategy which recommended preference for retail development in carpark. All EOIs should be made public. Tender should be in September. Refers to current proposal (Note: there is no current proposal). Chamber supports sale or lease but should be less than 6000m² and located further to the east.

53. Rev Schofield
Comment: Opposed to selling public land.

Summary of a Public Meeting held on 13 August 2008 at Maclean

The public meeting attracted in excess of 130 people. Following an explanation from the General Manager, which emphasised

1. the meeting was to discuss whether or not the Council should sell or lease any part of its carpark for additional retailing in Maclean, and if so, how much land;
2. the meeting was not about a development proposal or a development application. If the Council proceeded to sell or lease part of the site a DA would be anticipated and, when received, would be the subject of community consultation and detailed assessment by the Environment and Economic Services Group of the Council;
3. reference was made to the materials that had been and would be available through the consultation period, the site plan with the 6000m² superimposed, the decision tree which includes timelines and a brief description of the recent history of the matter;

questions were invited from the community representatives in attendance.

The following is a summary of issues raised:

- Acknowledged the need for supermarket to service Maclean and reduce travel to other shopping centres
- Support for a CBD site in accordance with Retail Strategy as this would integrate with existing retail sector
- Some support for out-of-town sites such as Gulmarrad
- Concern that 6000m² was too large and the location was not optimal – relocate either north or south
- Concern that 'blue blob' (graphic representation of 6000m² in the location) plan gave no building design detail
- Impact on carparking
- Impact on existing businesses during construction phase
- Loss of public space, including child's playground, passive open space, trees and rotunda.

No votes were taken and no consensus was acknowledged. The meeting lasted about an hour and a half.