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Subject: Local Strategic Planning Statement

Dear Leeanne

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on the LSPS. It was passed on to me by a Coolah resident that was concerned about the content. The document has not been distributed through the local community or put on display at either Dunedoo or Mendooran libraries. I am sure you would have had broader feedback if more people had the chance and time to see the document. For such an important document, distribution to key community members and organisations would have garnered valuable community input

I personally think the overall document to be of a very low standard and unprofessional. It does not do Council or our communities justice. It contains major information gaps, significant errors and outdated information. I hope the huge number of typos and grammatical errors will be corrected. It would have been easier for me to comment on the plan if this had been done prior to community distribution because the errors are distracting, numerous and an embarrassment to Council.

The document in parts, is incredibly Coonabarabran centric. Each town has its own unique character and community and the constant references to CBN dilute this.

The information used in this document needs to be referenced. Some of the motherhood statements in this document are outdated and incorrect. There needs to be clarification if the document is a Local Planning Strategic Statement or Local Strategic Planning Statement as its called both.

Specific Feedback

Page 12: The References to pronunciation of Dunedoo in relation to Dunnys will certainly get the local community offside. The writer of this document seems to have used this reference from Wikipedia There are certainly other key features to Dunnedoo that are not related to toilets..

Dunedoo is 91km from Dubbo, not 61. I dont think a picture of a demountable toilet does Dunedoo justice.....

Page 13 - This focusses on Indigenous history in Warrumbungles and not the whole shire, including Coolah Tops NP and the vast number of significant Aboriginal sites across the region eg Scar Trees in Dunedoo Woodland learning Centre. OEH could provide more info on this

Pages 14 -18 -LLS publication Climate Change in the Central West , 2019 outlines future and current issues facing agriculture in the area, including land use changes. Agriculture being a prime economic force in WSC, implications as stated in the LLS document should be noted here as an issue for the future.... not just continued growth.

This is an important section and needs more detail - current Orana E D plans and Tourism plans should be used and referenced in this [section](#).eg The Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036 and the WERA plan re tourism and adaption to climate change.

Page 19 _ There is a saleyard in Dunedoo. This needs to be included. Actually I believe there is more stock sold privately through for example Auctions Plus rather than the saleyards.

Page 22 -Great to hear CBN High School has a good reputation..but what about the others!!!!?

The Aged Care Facility in Dunedoo is a retirement facility, not aged care...and the info in the document is also misleading due to the lack of construction.....

Page 23 _ Given Tourism is a prime driving factor in the economy, the accomodation list needs to be more accurate and include for eg Caravan Parks, Coolah motel, farm stays etc

ABS Stats section -Needs to be referenced. Would suggest that populations stats for all the towns be included here to show population distribution . It is noteable that some of the towns have populations close to 1000 .

Page 38 - The CMAs were disbanded in 2013. The information in this section is completely outdated.

Climate Change information needs to be included in the LSPS, rather than outdated CMA information.

Climate change will force change in our area and needs to be planned for -eg Increased bushFires risk, intensity and frequency, Water scarcity, rising temperatures, lowered humidity, more extreme temperature days etc

This is available in various current documents such as the LLS Climate Change docs and WERA docs Relevant info on Water availability could be included here. Is there info where major issues for water/sewage etc across the Shire have been identified and should that be included? eg low levels in dams, water shortages during the drought, sewerage facilities at near capacity.....

Page 39 -There are a large number of Endangered Flora, Fauna and Ecological Communities across the Warrumbungles such as The big one, Grassy Box Woodlands. Needs to be a mention of at least some of this and the key degraded landscapes in the Shire such as riparian zones. OEH has many documents and resources on this. The activities of Landcare, LLS and landholders working to address environmental issues could be included, as well as more specific information on the biggest environmental threats and challenges

Page 42 onwards-there is no page numbering so this gets a bit hard...

Where has all this information come from - is it part of the CSP? or something new?

Fig 19 - Its hard to comment on this not knowing if its something already been ratified. Doesnt really make much sense to me

Spirited and Connected Community Section -I would suggest in the actions section that as well as identifying community needs and priorities, there is some action that relates to actually addressing these needs and priorities , other than just relating to community facilities funding.

Page 53 - Would this be an appropriate place to include Crown Lands Management Planning?

Page 54 -Ensure Council encourages private water supply. -what does this mean?

Also an action could be Council has uptodate information on Climate Challenges in the region and uses this information in its planning processes and Emergency Management Plan, for example use the WERA information and plans

I hope my feedback assists the further development and improves the accuracy of the LSPS so it can benefit the whole community.