

Attachment 2: Response to Submissions

	INPUT FROM RESPONDENTS	RESPONSE/ACTION
SUBMISSION 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People will move or stay here because of lifestyle and livability. • Refers to council role in creating clean towns, great sporting facilities and well cared for parks. • Would like to see council do more to encourage arts and cultural activities. • Suggesting Savoy Theatre be purchased and serve as a cultural centre and business hub. • Refers to need for residential land and encouragement for eco farms. • Council should review its zoning and planning provisions which currently discourages population growth. • Council should encourage lifestyle blocks and eco farms. Council should also promote and support alternative building methods, that are sustainable and solar efficient. • Council should support owner builders (they circulate funds within the community). 	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Accepted and agreed. Included in Strategy 4</p> <p>Council is currently a member of Orana Arts and Macquarie Regional Library. Arts and Cultural are include under Strategy 4</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Across Warrumbungle Shire there is approximately 21,340 ha of residential land.</p> <p>The LEP for Warrumbungle Shire is currently under review.</p> <p>Planning department supports alternative methods and encourages energy efficient installations.</p> <p>Planning department supports owner builders is governed by legislation through Department of Fair Trading</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to run an alternative building and sustainable lifestyle expo to complement the nature and lifestyle image of the shire. • Council needs to review policies on multiple occupancy or multiple dwellings. • Cycle pathway and cycling routes – rail trails etc. • Gemstone fossicking as a tourism experience. 	<p>Noted – refer to 4.4.3 for action on program of events Specifics of this proposal could be suggested at implementation of action.</p> <p>Council currently has a sound policy on multiple occupancy; the Development Control Plan adopted 2015 regulates multiple dwelling houses</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Gemstone fossicking to be included in the draft strategy as a tourism experience.</p>
Submission 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email suggesting Council <u>NOT</u> link with mining, on prime agricultural land or the Santos Development in the Pilliga; Closing statement about supporting things like “renewables, the other economic activities more in line with the image that should be promoted for the shire.” 	<p>Noted – Renewable energy is included under strategy 6.</p>
Submission 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter to Council about Climate Change and recommending Council joins Climate Councils Power Cities Program. 	<p>Noted.</p>
Submission 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to page 4 highlighting inaccuracy in wording. • Seeks removal of reference from CSG and Mining • Refers to accommodation and gas extraction. 	<p>Amendment to last sentence of para 3 on Page 4 of document. Currently within Warrumbungle Shire there are three with a possibility of a fourth gas license/s still considered active by the NSW Govt.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.3 Refers to Gunnedah Basin mining and construction of coal mines with a suggestion to remove the mention of mining and CSG. • 11.4 Refers to Santos Gas Project in the Pilliga – again suggestion was to remove this from Coal Seam and Gas – refers to international agreements to limit global warming; questions using Cs & G as “strengths” and “Assets” and councils involvement given global warming awareness. 	<p>Amend action 11.3.1 (page 60) to read: Keep abreast of projects occurring within surrounding LGAs and endeavor to participate or encourage local businesses that could potentially provide services to participate. Provide workshops and briefing sessions for local operators to ensure a knowledge of opportunities and requirements.</p> <p>Suggesting change to actions in 11.4.1 with the deletion of “Explore with the Santos” and delete 11.4 so actions flow on from 11.3 and 11.4.1 becomes 11.3.2 etc.</p>
<p>Submission 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle way – positive reaction to proposed suggestion to implement a cycle way with suggestion that Council revisit decision of November 2018 not to action the recommendation related to the project. • Suggestion that WSC establish an Advisory Committee to develop the Cycle way Proposal. • Coal and Coal Seam Gas should not be listed as strength and assets. • Reference also to principles in Ecologically Sustainable Development which require coal mining and CSG to be left in the ground. • Renewable Energy, needs to be embraced and is not given prominence as a major element. 	<p>Noted – Cycle ways are mentions within Strategy 9</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Renewable energy is already included as part of Strategy 10 to encourage and facilitate renewable energy projects</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised about priority and hierarchy of strategies. • 6.3.4 page 54 about supporting the development of renewable energy. • Refers to success of Council Solar Panels. • Need to embrace renewable energy. • Climate Change Refers to Climate Change statement on page 28 as “quiet denialism” evidenced. • Need to have climate change central to Strategy. • Council should join Climate Councils “Cities Power Partnership”. • Sustainability • Refers to statements in Strategy 9.3 about “sustainable land practices. • Page 53 Strategy 4.3 refers to a misuse of language and the importance of development strategies that are integral to any implementation Misuse of word “sustainability”. <p>The principles of ecologically sustainable development should be integral to development strategies.</p> 	<p>There is no hierarchy to the strategies. To amend with a statement on Page 2 Note that this document does not list strategies or issues in priority order. Council will implement actions linked to the strategy and select on an annual basis</p> <p>Noted – Council can only support renewable energy initiatives, not impose them</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Council will investigate.</p> <p>Noted - Document to be strengthened by removing terms like “encourage” and “support” and replace with the words Facilitate where possible.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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<p>Submission 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern at drop in numbers of arrivals at VIC remarking on continued unsustainability. • Requested increased marketing funds with a list of suggested opportunities for promotion. <p>All C & C shows</p> <p>To have stands at: Tamworth Country Music Festival.</p> <p>Parkes Elvis Festival Shopping Centres</p> <p>Agquip</p> <p>Advertise in the “free” papers – Seniors etc</p> <p>Attract Coach groups</p> <p>Famils for journalists etc.</p> <p>Festival of the Stars</p> <p>Partner with Environmental Education Centre in the Warrumbungles.</p> <p>EKKA Promotion</p> <p>Advertise in media to tap target markets.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Shire presence at Sydney, Penrith and Newcastle/Hunter Valley with representation through Newell Highway Promotions at Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane to minimize our costs.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Coach companies are contacted regularly. A guide for coaches and group travel coordinators is distributed and promoted at Gold Coast and ACT to seniors group market.</p> <p>Noted Famils are presented to media.</p> <p>Needs to be community driven event. Previously promoted through the VIC.</p> <p>Noted – WEEC partnership links with school groups.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Already done, but need to strengthen focus more on astronomy, bushwalking, wildlife and birdwatchers (twitchers).</p>
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	<p>Link with proposed Astro Trail.</p> <p>Why promote the Dark Sky Park?</p> <p>Against the “free telescope viewing at night.</p> <p>SSO Guided Tours – not supported by residents.</p> <p>Who will implement this strategy?</p>	<p>WSC was not invited to meeting at SSO in October but the shire is well represented on the Inland Astro Trail IT Committee and attended the meeting in Parkes which established the Inland Astro Trail.</p> <p>While WNP is not in our shire, the Dark Sky Park (DSP) is – Siding Spring and Timor Park are part of the DSP. Financial benefit from promoting as the closest service centre to the Warrumbungles.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Marketing of the SSO Guided tours is an SSO activity WSC can assist but not direct.</p> <p>Primarily driven by council but will need input from communities and government agencies.</p>
<p>Submission 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise and simplify the actions. • Change period of Strategy. • Make concise with Council and Community specific document - refer to Mid Western Shires ED Strategy. • Document needs to be simple and easy to action. • Itemise priorities. • Document is too long and non specific, suggest appendices. 	<p>Council will review the Strategy annually and prioritise action on an annual basis.</p> <p>Amend strategy to 2019 – 2023</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal on page 1 is in – statement relates to what past tense and should be written in present tense. • Suggest specific link to be included under Strategic Initiative 1 – Shire is open for Business. • Real Estate focuses on negative not positive on page 19. • Who is accountable or responsible for action items? • Community Consultation outcomes included. 	<p>Amend goal to future tense.</p> <p>Under 1.2.2 refer to Doing Business with Council initiative through Service NSW.</p> <p>Amend green box on page 19 to a positive solution.</p> <p>An annual action plan will devised with noting those responsible.</p> <p>Noted – can be included with in the Strategy.</p>
<p>Submission 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 15 – Telecommunications – need to improve NBN connections across the shire - no strategy included to address this now or in the future. • Questions future planning to encourage new business to town. • Future planning to encourage new business – planning for Arts and Culture. • How will goals be followed through? • Page 45-46 - interested in plan to see how they will be implemented. 	<p>Is included under Strategy 6.4 to advocate strongly for Coonabarabran Industrial Area. Amend Strategy to improve NBN Connections across the Shire.</p> <p>Is addressed through Strategies 5,12,10 and 13.</p> <p>As above but also refer to Strategy 4.</p> <p>An action plan will be formulated annually.</p> <p>Strategies begin on page 50 and the success of those listed on pages 45-46 will depend on partnerships and the prioritizing and driving of the changes suggested. Reference 4.3 – 4.6 on page 53.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing sentence asked what Council is doing to keep work local. • Suggested plan will sit on a shelf 	<p>Noted concerns. Council has a Procurement Policy that assists local suppliers.</p> <p>This document is to be a living document that can be updated as and when strategies are achieved through implementation of annual actions.</p>
Submission 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for positive leadership – not clinging to the past - Referred to Council as a nest of “ants running in different directions”. • Need for new leadership in Tourism and Business Development role – questions that the role is being performed – “much of the detriment of the whole shire can be attributed to keeping the one person in that position for too long”. • Bypass – sees it as an opportunity – suggest 3 year contract to implement. • Arts and Cultural Office- is a form of future proofing after ag has been expired by Climate Change. • Scholarships to encourage kids back after uni etc. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Coonabarabran bypass is the responsibility of the RMS.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
Submission 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for a reliable water supply • Reliable Electricity supply that does not “brown out” with surges. Suggesting use of CSG gas instead of sending out of area. • Upgrade parking and CBD • Upgrade sewerage 	<p>Noted and being addressed where possible and as funds permit. Refer to Strategy 6.</p> <p>Refer to Strategy 6, focuses on renewable energy.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Refer to Strategy 6.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate showground to Racecourse to release residential building blocks. • Appoint a Publicity Officer in Charge of D & T. • Tourism Website – to be stand alone with links to other towns in Shire. • Apps for mobiles required for tourism promotion. • Need to update other inaccurate websites. 	<p>Re use of Crown Land is not a decision for Council. Showground land is Crown Land and has a separate Trust.</p> <p>Noted – Council has a Communications Officer currently.</p> <p>Website www.warrumbungleregion.com.au is on Council's website and is for Tourism.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – outdated website information is the responsibility of the operator and website owner and may not be something council can directly influence.</p>
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