

Attachment 1 – Summary of Public Submissions

Note – for the purpose of this summary TS refers to Ulamambri Transfer Station.

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No.	Key Issue	Issues Raised
1	Rubbish will be dumped in the creek area	Transfer station originally opened to stop rubbish being dumped. Will once again be dumped and be washed into Baby Creek.
	People won't travel to next transfer station or landfill	Too far for people to travel 40kms to next waste facility, and will lead to increase in scattered dumping.
	Transfer station has decreased rubbish along roadway	The two days it is currently open have assisted to decrease rubbish along the roads.
2	Pay \$111 waste management fee	This is to offset the cost of provision of a transfer station.
	Transfer station assists to limit illegal dumping	Even though open two half days, the present operation is more environmentally friendly than the previous illegal dumping in bushland and along roadway.
	Minimal opening hours	Creates inconvenience, without closing it altogether.
3	Payment of Levy	A levy is paid by all ratepayers for this service.
	Other users of facility	There have always been other users at the facility when using it.
	Distance to travel	Too far to travel to cart waste to Coonabarabran (60 km round trip).
4	Hours of operation	Two days to use TS have been handy as not everyone works 9-5.
	Distance to travel	60km round trip if have to go to Coonabarabran. Could lead to further rubbish being spread if blows out on trip.
	People will dump elsewhere if closes	They will dump it on farm, or on vacant land around the area.

	Roadside pickup collection	Is it available to all residents, and cost effective?
5	TS is a valuable resource to the local community	Rural users rely on the service provided by the TS. Majority of rural users would not gain access to roadside collection service.
	Commercial cost cutting activity	Council removing another service from community.
	Use of Coonabarabran Waste Centre	Not feasible, as extra distance for users makes this an extra cost for already stressed community. Carting household waste through town streets not fitting with community values.
6	Closing TS big step backwards	Would be bad for locals and bad for the environment. Farm tips in gullies and blocks of timber, old oil, pesticides, chemicals etc dumped. Residual finds its way into watercourses eventually.
	Use of Coona waste facility	At least a 40km round trip, and further for those living further out.
7	Inconvenient for all residents	Closure would be inconvenient for residents of Ulamambri and property owners east of Coonabarabran. Transfer of rubbish through town to Coonabarabran landfill would be unsightly and inconvenient.
	Alternate opening hours	Would Council consider the option of opening the TS for 2 hours, one day per week?
8	Oppose closure of TS	Frequently use the TS to dispose of household waste as no kerbside collection service.
	Question low visitation rates, limited use of facility and costs to manage	Usually there is another visitor disposing of rubbish, the bins are mostly full and the TS not manned by a council employee.
	Basic services	For rates don't get to live on a sealed road, no water supply, TS is only basic service provided. Using Coonabarabran waste facility is not convenient.

9	Opening hours	<p>Suggest TS continue to operate at least one day per week.</p> <p>Maybe a resident from Ulamambri could open and close the facility to save money and make site viable.</p>
	Dumped rubbish	Total closure would result in rubbish dumped in adjacent reserve as was the case when closed previously.
	Inconvenience if closed	Residents in Ulamambri district would have to travel many kms to dispose of waste if closes as roadside collection is not an option for many.
10	Travel distances if closed	Already a 50km round trip to go to Ulamambri TS, if have to travel to Coonabarabran will make it a 90km trip, this is unreasonable.
	Opening hours	Ulamambri TS should be opened more regularly. Current hours are unreasonable, if more accessible more people would frequent TS.
	Prior closure of TS	Attempted years prior and resulted in large amounts of illegal dumping.
11	No justifiable reason to close TS	<p>Frequent users of the TS for personal use.</p> <p>The financial analysis doesn't support the closure as cost per hour is the lowest and the cost per visit is within range.</p> <p>At \$36K p.a. the cost is the smallest of all tips. This amount is immaterial to Council's \$45M budget.</p>
	Opening hours set it up for failure	<p>All other tips open longer hours.</p> <p>Hours could be extended on weekends. If extended, likely that usage would increase.</p>
	Data on visitations	No confidence in visitation numbers. If true numbers were used the cost per visit would be lower.
	Issues with community feedback process	Likely won't get many submissions because most people who use it are

	<p>farmers and too busy to write a submission.</p> <p>Most people think Council has already decided to close it and aren't bothered with writing.</p>
Forcing community to defend an indefensible proposal	<p>Proposal should not have been put up for consideration in the first place.</p> <p>Making a determination based on number of responses received is simply wrong-headed.</p> <p>Community have been put on the back foot by Council suggesting this proposal.</p>
Affected persons	<p>Will affect residents east of Coonabarabran right through to Black Stump.</p> <p>Those affected want to see it remain open</p>
Alternative proposal flawed	<p>Any alternative such as windows through which rubbish can be deposited shows a complete misunderstanding of how the TS is used.</p> <p>Farmers leave more than household waste, such as old fencing material, other metal objects, tyres, green waste.</p> <p>Window concept won't work.</p>
Pay a lot in rates	<p>Includes \$111 in Base Residential Waste Management. This is charged so we can take our wheelie bin to the tip once a week.</p> <p>Don't want garbage collected at the gate, as this would incur additional \$372 each year. Can't afford this so visit TS once a week.</p> <p>Farmers don't receive many services for our significant Council fees. Tip is the only service we do receive from Council, now Council wants to take it away.</p>

	Councillors should focus on important strategic issues	<p>Major town will be forever changed by bypass, time should be spent focusing on this issue.</p> <p>Whole shire is shrinking in population, should be creating new schemes to encourage new industries in our towns and villages and boost population.</p> <p>Specific actions could be undertaken to encourage specific ethnic communities to move to our shire and bring new diversity and opportunity.</p> <p>Such a program would be opportune right now with COVID-19 and people looking for tree-change.</p>
	Deficiency in services	<p>Coonabarabran is deficient in services such as restaurants and cafes that it has to offer travellers, particularly on weekends.</p> <p>For example, on Queens birthday holiday Monday could not find any place to have lunch.</p> <p>Council needs to focus on this problem now, stop worrying about Ulamambri TS.</p>
12	Ulamambri TS is convenient	<p>The TS is convenient for many residents in the area and is central to most Purlewaugh – Ulamambri and outlying residents.</p> <p>If bypass proceeds the quick run to the tip isn't there anymore.</p>
	Rubbish in the bush	<p>If close TS rubbish will end up in bush. Countryside is reasonably free of rubbish at present.</p>
13	Low visitation and limited use	<p>Very rare that we are the only persons there.</p> <p>On Wednesday bins are ok, on Saturdays full.</p>
	Kerbside collection	<p>Live 4.5kms from kerbside pickup point, leaving bin at the pickup point is not an option as passing motorists would use them.</p>

		<p>Often clean up garbage from passing motorists.</p> <p>Carting bins down to pick up point would require the purchase of some form of transportation.</p>
	Coonabarabran inconvenient	The landfill at Coonabarabran is considerable distance further to travel and not a convenient option.
14	Happy with current arrangements	<p>Community of Ulamambri, Purlewaugh, Brooks' Road, Napier Lane and Bomera will be devastated with closure of TS.</p> <p>Keeps environment neat and tidy with access to TS.</p> <p>Community happy with current arrangements and would be disappointed if closed.</p> <p>Trip to Coonabarabran costly and time consuming.</p>
15	Distances to travel to other waste disposal sites	60km round trip now to use TS, if have to go to other centres to dispose of waste will be upwards of 104km round trip.
	Rising costs of living	<p>Will land rates be reduced if forced to travel further distances for waste disposal?</p> <p>Dirt roads not in great repair and we need to factor in cost of punctures while disposing of waste.</p>
	Use of service	<p>Often have to wait at TS as other persons are using it as the service is used regularly.</p> <p>Skip bins are sometimes overflowing.</p>
16	Distance to travel	<p>Live 45kms from Coonabarabran, use the Ulamambri TS every Wednesday. If closes would have to cart waste to Coonabarabran which is inconvenient and create smell in car.</p> <p>Pay \$100 in rates to use the service seems exorbitant if this service requires a 100km round trip.</p>

		A kerbside pickup out on Purlewaugh Road would be too far as still 15kms from the closest pickup point at the junction of Sansons Lane.
	Prefer it to remain open	Would be utilised more if open for more days a week.
17	Notification of proposal	Heard about it through neighbour and not from Council.
	Residential Waste Mgt Charge	<p>Pay \$111 annually but have no garbage service.</p> <p>Given live 45km from town, don't really expect Council to provide a garbage pickup.</p> <p>Would be difficult to take bins to and from pickup point at end of Sansons Lane.</p> <p>Periodically use TS or town tip, prefer Ulamambri TS.</p> <p>Expect Council to cater for those ratepayers who live some distance from town.</p> <p>\$111 annually should be more than enough to provide local and uncharged access to tipping and recycling facilities</p>
	Town tip	When take 2 x 240l bins to town tip, been charged \$10 for second bin.
	Council should improve recycling facilities	Instead of closing TS should provide a trailer and cage for dumping plastic IT bulk bags, other plastic containers, drums etc and also sump oil.
	Container Deposit Scheme	More facilities to enable ratepayers to use CDS would be appreciated, eg reverse vending machine at supermarket.