



SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Councillors

Your attendance is hereby requested at the Special Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Southern Downs Regional Council, 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick on **Monday, 9 April 2018** at **3:30PM**.

Notice is hereby given of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

David Keenan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6 April 2018

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	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 9 April 2018
	Acting Director Engineering Services	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council resolve to construct 3 disabled car parks in the area occupied by the former public toilets at the rear of the Warwick Town Hall.

Report

Council approved the decommissioning of the public toilets behind the Warwick Town Hall. The process of removal was extended due to an appeal to the Heritage Council that was unsuccessful. As part of the resolution at the General Council Meeting on 24 May 2017, Council resolved to replace the toilets with RV parking.

The capacity to accommodate RV parking was seen as important as it was suggested that the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Warwick Town Hall would mean that visitors to Warwick would not be able to easily access the Visitor Information Centre. The suggested drop in numbers to the Visitor Information Centre has not occurred, in fact the number of people presenting at the Visitor Information Centre has increased significantly.

Additionally, there have been few complaints about RV visitors not being able to access the Visitor Information Centre. It would appear that the spaces provided for RVs and caravans in Fitzroy and Palmerin Street are being well utilized.

Therefore, given the absence of demonstrated demand for the installation of specific space for these vehicles in close proximity of the Visitor Information Centre, it is recommended that 3 disabled carparks be installed in the area of the former public toilets. If the creation of 3 disabled car park spaces at the decommissioned toilet site were considered, then this option will have an overall net increase of 3 parking spaces.

In relation to access to public toilets, it is noted that during business hours toilets can be accessed within the Warwick Town Hall, at the Warwick Art Gallery and the Warwick Library. The Grafton Street toilets are open 24 hours per day.

Budget Implications

The cost of line marking will not require further budget allocation as this expense will be funded from the existing operational budget under Local Road Maintenance.

Policy Consideration

Provide community infrastructure

Community Engagement

Extensive community consultation was undertaken in relation to the removal of the toilets. In April 2017, Council resolved to seek public feedback on the proposed decommissioning of the facility. In response, Council received thirty-nine (39) submissions, with 87% of the respondents suggesting that the facility should remain.

Legislation/Local Law

Nil

Options

Council:

1. Construct 3 disabled car parks in the area occupied by the former public toilets
2. Construct parking to accommodate 3 RVs in the area occupied by the former public toilets
3. Take no action

Attachments

Nil

5. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

5.1 RFT 18-107 Stanthorpe Waste Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

5.2 RFT 18-108 Panel of Providers for Engineering Support and Enhancement of SCADA and Control Systems

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