

EMAIL TO GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS

There are still concerns from the committee regarding the statements;

“Agree to pass all outgoing communication relating to the Lake Hugh Muntz Stakeholder Group via the LHMSG Chair and the City of Gold Coast’s Corporate Communications Branch for prior approval.”

“Following an agreement of the LHMSG on a policy or environmental matter, the member is prepared to publicly express their support for, as a minimum, the process that was used to arrive at the agreement, if requested by the Chair”

The Care Group Committee request that these statements be removed from the terms of Reference.

There is far too much ambiguity over what these statements mean or imply.

The Scope of the group is to “Facilitate an open and transparent exchange of information between the City and members of the LHMSG relating to Lake Hugh Muntz.” As representatives of a group we also need to provide open and transparent information to our groups without censorship by Council.

I regards to public support of an agreement but the LHMSG how is an agreement made? Is agreement by a majority decision or a unanimous vote? What if 4 council employees vote against 2 user groups? Is this classed as an agreement that we all have to support?

As mentioned there is far too much uncertainty on the implications of these terms that have never been a condition of our open and transparent meetings that we have had in the past.

Are the minutes going to be made public? Are the minutes reviewed by attendee’s before being confirmed as correct?

We need to make the wider community that we support including the residents who have the most to lose and who possess valuable local knowledge, that they may no longer have a voice or a say in decisions relating to LHM.

I would appreciate your urgent review of the term of reference and advise so I can put forward to the committee for a decision.

Thanks.